

ACCF

Arlington County Civic Federation

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 1996, 7:45 p.m.

**Place: John T. Hazel Conference Center, Arlington Hospital
(1701 N. George Mason Dr.)**

Program: Consideration of Arlington County FY 97 Budget

ACCF Delegates to Consider County Manager's Proposed Budget

County Manager Anton Gardner has proposed a total budget for FY 97 (including the schools transfer) of \$547.6 million, a 3.1% increase over the 1996 budget. His County government budget calls for \$449.8 million in General Fund expenses with \$440 million General Fund revenues, leaving a shortfall of \$9.8 million.

At our March 5 meeting, Ed McWethy, Chairman of ACCF's Revenues and Expenditures Committee, will summarize the proposed budget and Royce Lowry, Chairman of the Schools Committee, will provide information on the schools transfer portion.

After the initial presentations by Chairmen McWethy and Lowry, a brief question/answer period will follow. After presentation of a joint Committee resolution, the floor will be open for debate and proposal of any amendments.

The resolution, as approved by the delegates, will be presented to the County Board for input as it deliberates on the FY 97 budget. The Board will adopt the budget on April 13.

Please note: Copies of the Committees' resolution will be **available for review by delegates beginning at 7:00 p.m.** in the lobby of the Conference Center. Amendments will be in

order **during the debate period only.** All amendments must be written, preferably on ACCF Motion Forms, which may be obtained throughout the meeting from the Secretary, who will be stationed at the front of the auditorium. Amendments will be sequentially numbered as they are received. Please submit each topic on a separate amendment form.

This annual consideration of the County budget by the Federation is traditionally one of our liveliest and most important sessions. Be sure that your organization's views are represented in our deliberations!

In case of inclement weather on the night of our meeting, phone 522-1506 or 528-2882 for information regarding meeting status.

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Also at the March meeting. . .

Revenues and Expenditures Committee Chairman Ed McWethy will present a brief report and a committee proposal on **VISION 2020**, a long-range capital planning project by four County departments (fire, parks, environmental services, and libraries).

At our February meeting. . .

The main focus of our February 6 meeting was a set of Zoning Ordinance changes being considered by the County. Bill Gearhart, Chairman of ACCF's Planning and Zoning Committee, introduced members of the County Planning Staff who provided a detailed "walk through" of the areas of change, and presented a resolution by his Committee for delegates' consideration.

Delegates voted to accept a portion of the resolution that endorsed the proposed changes that were primarily "technical" in nature and dealt with such matters as accessory structures, side yards, street setback requirements and air conditioning placement.

The delegates voted, however, to postpone until ACCF's April meeting further consideration of additional portions of the Committee's resolution that would have endorsed with provisos more complex proposed zoning ordinance changes dealing with configuration of lots and cul-de-sac street widths in "infill" development.

During the discussion, it was noted that sufficient time was available for Federation input on these changes at a later date and that the delay in consideration of the issue until April would allow an opportunity for further study by delegates.

For Your Information . . .

* **ACCF's Annual Banquet** will be *especially* special this gala 80th anniversary year! Mark your calendar now for **Saturday evening, May 11**, and plan to join us for fine food and good company as we celebrate our past, toast our present and cheer on our future. Our location this year is the elegant **Koran Room at Fort Myer**, and our speaker is former Virginia Senator **Edward Holland**. Invitations will be in the mail in the first week of April.

* **Baseball Advisory Committee.** The County Board has appointed **President Scott McGeary** to serve as the Federation's representative on this new committee, which will act in an advisory capacity on the possibility of locating a major league baseball stadium in Arlington (in the Twin Bridges area). President McGeary urges delegates to send him their comments/suggestions on this subject.

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**Next meeting: April 2, 1996**

**Program: Report by State Legislators and further consideration of Zoning Changes**

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