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Arlington County Civic Federation

May 1996

80th Year as "The Civic Voice of Arlington "

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 1996, 7:30 p.m.

[*Note earlier starting time!*]

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

Program: **1. Congressional Night**
2. Baseball Stadium Discussion

Federal Legislators to Provide Capitol Hill Report

We'll have our second annual Congressional Night at our May 7 meeting and will hear about national issues of key importance to Arlington and Northern Virginia from our representatives on the Hill. **Congressman James P. Moran, Jr.** has accepted our invitation to speak. As of "press time," we have not yet heard from **Senator Charles H. Robb** and **Senator John W. Warner**, but we're hopeful their schedules will permit their attendance.

After initial presentations of approximately 10 minutes from each of the legislators, Federation delegates will have an opportunity to pose questions to the guests.

Our first Congressional Night last year was a big success and attracted a large audience.

(This segment of the program is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. and will continue until approximately 9:15 p.m.)

Discussion:

Major League Baseball in Arlington?

The pros and cons of building a major league baseball stadium at the old Twin Bridges Marriott site will be the topic of the second portion of our May meeting program. We're planning to have

presentations on both sides of this important issue and will allow ample time for discussion from the floor. (*This portion of the program will be allotted 45 minutes and will end at approximately 10 p.m.*)

Election of Nominating Committee

Also at this May meeting, the Federation will **elect a Nominating Committee** that will select a slate of officers to be presented for consideration by delegates at the June meeting.

Please note earlier starting time: Because of the busy schedule this meeting, we're starting at **7:30 p.m.** Federation business, including election of the Nominating Committee, will be conducted between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. **We urge delegates to be in their seats at 7:30 p.m.!**

Officers of the Federation

President - Scott McGearry
Vice President - William F. Nolden, Jr.
Treasurer - John F. Nicholas, Jr.
Secretary - Tommye Morton

Executive Committee

Frances Finta, Chairman
Timothy Wise, Vice Chairman
Rohan Samaraweera, Sue Zajac,
Larry Zaragoza

At our April meeting. . .

In April we heard from three of our state legislators, **Delegate Judy Connally**, **Senator Janet Howell** and **Senator Patsy Ticer**, who presented a lively and informative report on the 1996 General Assembly. This segment of the Federation's April meeting was videotaped by Arlington Community Television and was telecast on Channel 33 four times during the month.

In additional business, delegates considered a two-part **resolution relating to proposed zoning ordinance changes**. A final vote on the resolution, offered by the Federation's Planning and Zoning Committee, had been postponed from the February meeting.

After division of the resolution and considerable debate, delegates voted to accept the first part of the resolution, which endorses a unified residential development subsection to the zoning ordinance, provided that the subsection contain a site plan review component; that it clarify lot size calculations to ensure that lots are not reduced to substandard size after street dedication; that all reviews of plans take into account such elements as compatibility of proposed dwelling units with those in adjacent neighborhoods; and that proper public notice of requested subdivision is posted on and near the site.

The second part of the resolution concerning changes allowing narrower street widths in new cul-de-sacs was defeated by the delegates.

Gala 80th Anniversary Banquet to be Held This Month!

- ♦ **Date:** May 11, 1996
- ♦ **Place:** The beautiful Koran Room of the Fort Myer Officers Club.
- ♦ **Time:** 6:30 p.m.(cash bar);7:30 p.m. (dinner)
- ♦ **Speaker:** Edward M. Holland,
Former Virginia State Senator
- ♦ **Price:** **\$30 per person**
- ♦ **Proclamations!** Hear honors bestowed to the Federation from Arlington County, from the State of Virginia and from the United States!
- ♦ **Special U.S. Postal Cancellations!** The USPS has approved an 80th anniversary commemorative cancellation stamp. Postal personnel will be at the banquet from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. to hand-cancel your stamped envelopes -- a wonderful collectible for you and your friends!

Plan now to attend this special, gala event to celebrate the Federation's 80th year as the Civic Voice of Arlington! Invitations were mailed in early April; if you need another, wish to reserve a group table for 8 or 10, or would like more information, phone Jennie Davis at 979-1625.

~Don't miss this historical event! ~

Next meeting: June 4, 1996

Program: Public Safety

Election of ACCF Officers; Bylaw Changes

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