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Arlington County Civic Federation

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1, 1996, 7:30 p.m.

Note earlier starting time!

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

**Program: County Bond Issues, County Budget Planning Factors,
State Constitutional Amendments & Federation Bylaw Amendments**

County Bond Referenda Top October's Busy Agenda

Delegates at the Federation's October 1 meeting will hear information on the four proposed **County bond referenda** scheduled for the November 5 general election ballot and will consider resolutions on each of the issues.

The proposed general obligation bonds, which total \$72,905,000, are for: the Metrorail system (\$9,560,000); public school projects (\$29,120,000); local and regional parks and recreation (\$12,920,000); and streets, highways and community conservation (\$21,305,000).

Revenues and Expenditures Committee Chairman Ed McWethy will lead the program, assisted by Schools Committee Chairman Roye Lowry, Transportation Committee Chairman David Jones, and Environmental Affairs Committee Chairman Larry Zaragoza.

Five **proposed amendments to the Virginia state constitution** also will be on the November ballot, and Amy Appelbaum, Legislative Committee Chairman, will provide to Federation delegates at this upcoming meeting a brief informational program on the proposals. The amendments would: establish the independence of the Virginia Retirement System; establish rights for crime victims ; broaden the commonwealth's right to appeal in certain criminal cases; revise voting regulations allowing voters who move within the state to vote in former precincts for

up to a year after the move; and allow incorporation of churches and religious denominations.

Additionally, Revenues and Expenditures Chairman Ed McWethy will present a brief informational program on **County Budget Planning Factors**.

Topping off the busy evening, Delegates will consider and vote upon several **proposed amendments to the Federation's Bylaws and Standing Rules**. Bylaws Committee Chairman Bill Munson will present the amendments.

In accordance with requirements of the Bylaws, copies of the proposed changes were made available to delegates at the September meeting. Delegates wishing additional information may contact Chairman Munson (524-8565). The Bylaws were last amended in June 1994.

*** Please Note Meeting Begins at 7:30 p.m. ***

In the hope of earlier adjournments to accommodate early-rising delegates, the Executive Committee has decided to begin *all* Federation meetings at 7:30 p.m.

Officers of the Federation

President - William F. Nolden, Jr.

Vice President - Larry Zaragoza

Treasurer - Edward D. McWethy

Secretary - Tommye Morton

Executive Committee

**Frances Finta, Chairman; Timothy Wise, Vice
Chairman; Rebecca Gray, Robert Nester,
Rohan Samaraweera**

At Our September Candidates Night...

We heard from candidates for the 8th District Virginia seat of the U.S. House of Representatives (R. Ward Edmonds, Reform Party; James P. Moran, Dem., Incumbent; John E. Otey, Repub; Dr. Sarina J. Grosswald, Indep., and Charles S. Severance, Indep.); for the Arlington County Board (James B. Hunter III, Dem., Incumbent); and for two seats on the Arlington School Board (E.T. "Libby" Garvey, Indep; Ricardo A. "Ric" Roca, Indep; and Frank K. Wilson, Indep, Incumbent).

Next Month: Our Legislative Packet

Should there be a law? At our November 12 meeting, ACCF's Legislative Committee will present its proposed Legislative Package for consideration by the delegates. Traditionally, state issues make up the majority of the ACCF legislative proposals, but a few federal and local issues are often included.

The Committee wants your input! Do you have a suggestion for legislation you'd like to see included in the Package? Forms for recommendations will be available at the October meeting, or phone Legislative Committee Chairman Amy Appelbaum (241-8446) with your suggestions. **New members to the Committee are always welcomed!**

...which reminds us...

Get in on the Action: Join a Committee!

All of the Standing Committees of the Federation have important work ahead this year, and every committee needs and welcomes new members! Please alert members of your organization about this exciting opportunity to get involved in Arlington affairs while ensuring optimum input from your own group. Sign-up sheets will be available at the October meeting. For further details about one or more of the committees, phone Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta at 528-2882.

Most committees' primary duties are to study, report on and make recommendations, when appropriate, to the Federation on

their particular areas of interest. The Standing Committees and those areas of interest are:

- ***Bylaws** (Federation's structure and function; drafts bylaws amendments)
- ***Community Relations** (informs press and other community representatives of Federation activities on a regular basis)
- ***Cultural Affairs** (all cultural affairs matters, i.e., public libraries, higher education facilities)
- ***Environmental Affairs** (all environmental matters and concerns)
- ***Housing** (all housing matters except zoning)
- ***Legislation** (all matters relating to State and Federal legislation affecting welfare of Arlington County)
- ***Membership** (determines eligibility of applicants for membership to ACCF and reports to Federation)
- ***Parks and Recreation** (all matters pertaining to parks and public recreation facilities and programs)
- ***Planning and Zoning** (matters relating to zoning, land-use plans and long-range community planning.)
- ***Public Services** (matters relating to public services such as utilities, health, welfare and human resources and public safety.)
- ***Revenues and Expenditures** (matters relating to revenues and expenditures of the local government, including annual budget proposals, long-range fiscal planning.)
- ***Schools** (matters pertaining to County schools, including budgets)
- ***Special Events** (arranges for ACCF's annual banquet and Federation's participation in public events)
- ***Transportation** (County transportation matters, including air and rail transport, streets, highways, sidewalks, parking, and bus and taxi services)

Next meeting: November 12, 1996

(note date change to second Tuesday of month because of Election Day)

Program: Federation's Legislative Packet

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