

A
C
C
F

Arlington County Civic Federation

December 1996

81st Year as "The Civic Voice of Arlington "

Volume 81, No. 4

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 1996, 7:30 p.m.

[*Note: All Federation meetings now begin at 7:30 p.m.*]

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

**Program: 1) Arlington County School Board
2) Crime in Arlington --Statistics and Trends**

Our Schools. Our Public Safety -- Two vital sectors of our community that provide the key to Arlington's future -- these are the two-pronged focus of the Federation's December 3 meeting.

First, we'll hear from the **County School Board**, who have been requested by the Federation Schools Committee, chaired by Roye Lowry, to address a number of questions relating to **academic performance** in the schools, and to the **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**.

Because a disproportionate number of students whose academic performance is below the national norm as measured by standardized tests appear to come from Arlington's African-American, Hispanic or non-English native language communities, the Committee has requested that the School Board consider questions such as:

- ◆ How do they assess the effectiveness of current programs designed to improve the academic performance of these students?
- ◆ What goals have they established to measure degrees of improvement resulting from these programs?
- ◆ Are other efforts being planned to address this problem?
- ◆ Is there an overall, consistent plan?
- ◆ Is there a resource problem?

Questions posed concerning the CIP include:

- ◆ What is the status of improvements to the CIP process?
- ◆ What is the official process for soliciting neighborhood civic association involvement in the planning process for schools within their boundaries?
- ◆ Will civic associations have opportunities for early input in the planning process?
- ◆ Will the joint use of school facilities be considered in the planning for all projects?
- ◆ Will the Parks and Recreation Department participate both administratively and financially in the planning and operation of joint-use facilities?
- ◆ How will we be able to compare facilities we get from our CIP investments with those we expected to get when we voted for school bonds?

(This segment of the program is allotted 1 1/2 hours.)

More about the December meeting on the reverse side.

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

Are crime rates going up or down in the County? What crimes are declining? What crimes are on the increase? Who are committing the crimes? and Where do they come from? What about gangs? What's happening in your neighborhood?

These and other important questions will be addressed in the second portion of the December meeting when we'll hear an interesting report on **crime statistics and crime trends in Arlington** from representatives from the County Police Department. **Deputy Chief of Police Dan Boring** and members of the Crime Analysis Unit, **Mr. Dean Montanye, Detective Robert Kirschner,** and **Sergeant Bill Newell** will present a fact-filled program with essential information for delegates to take back to their organizations. A question/answer session will follow the presentation.

(This segment of the program is allotted 1 hour.)

Also on tap for December: Election of the Annual Awards Committee.

Delegates Adopt 1997 Legislative Package

At the Federation's November meeting, delegates hammered out a mammoth "wish list" of nearly 60 pieces of new or changed legislation. Most of the items in the package are directed toward state

legislation, but some of the items are directed toward federal or local laws. Many of the items are holdovers from previous years. New items passed in the '97 package include support for:

- ♦ Legislation to end the federal tax subsidy for professional sports facilities.
- ♦ Establishment of an Office of Inspector General for Arlington County to audit and review County performance in areas such as contracting, purchasing, land sales, and facility construction to assure appropriateness of expenditures.
- ♦ Repeal of the Virginia Stadium Authority.
- ♦ A referendum on the question of electing County Board members from single member districts with an at-large chairman and vice chairman.
- ♦ No increases in compensation for County Board members.

Copies of the 1997 Legislative Package as adopted will be available to delegates at the December meeting.

Weather Alert

In case of inclement weather on the day of a scheduled Federation meeting, please contact Frances Finta (528-2882) or Tommye Morton (522-1506) after 1:00 p.m. for information concerning cancellation.

Next meeting: January 7, 1996

Agenda: The Arlington County Board

~ Happy Holidays! ~

A
C
C
F

Arlington
County
Civic
Federation

2621 24th St. N
Arlington, VA 22207

D AAUW

FRANCES FINTA

D MYWD

FRANCES FINTA

3317 23RD ST N

ARLINGTON VA 22201-4310

**BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Arlington, VA.
PERMIT No. 25**