Minutes - April 7, 1998

1. The meeting (not held in the auditorium, but in an adjacent meeting room) was called to order at 7:39 p.m.
2. The prepared agenda was amended (there was no membership committee report and by-laws committee report) and then approved.
3. Approval of the March 1998 minutes was approved.
4. The Treasurer reported a balance of $2,494.75, including spending $852 for the banquet.
5. Executive Committee. Randy Swart, Executive Committee chairman, submitted the committee report.
6. Announcements. The Fairfax Civic Federation invited us to a baseball stadium meeting. It was announced that Ed Kelley, former Civic Federation president passed away. Finally, Sherm Pratt noted that Basel Hall House, across the street from Arlington, is the oldest house in Arlington County still in private hands.
7. Program. Elections for the Nominating Committee were held. Elected were Amy Appelbaum (36 votes), Dave Foster (36), Bill Gearhart (31), Ben Winslow (27), and Nancy Graham (26). Other nominees were Mileva Hartman, Robert Atkins, and Jim Pebley. Reid Goldstein led the discussion of housing issues in Arlington. County staff, including Joan Linderman, Wayne Rhodes, Ken Augenbaugh and Fran Lunny. Questions were asked on such topics as SRO's, housing code enforcement, the 1989 business roundtable study which formed the basis of the county's current emphasis on affordable housing, status of the sale of Arna Valley and Park Warren apartments, and economic incentives. The third topic was infill development. Randy Swart, in the absence of Ted Weihe, led the discussion of infill development, primarily through a slide show of especially egregious examples of current infill development. A motion passed asking the County Board to establish a study group to look at infill development and address such issues as scale, setback, and style.
9. There was no new business; the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Recorded by Timothy M. Wise, Secretary

Date Approved: 5/98