



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2024

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 9/3/2024 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Hybrid meeting held in-person at the VHC Hazel Auditorium and virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation, web notification, and Facebook post.

ATTENDANCE

- In-Person: Member delegates checked in and were provided a voting ballot.
- Zoom: Member delegates registered in-advance, and were recorded via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER (John Ford)

- Called to order at 7:00 p.m. with quorum met with 1/10th of member delegates (required 26).

CANDIDATES FORUM (John Ford)

- ACCF held the annual candidates' forum at the September GM meeting. This years forum included candidates for the Arlington County Board, the Arlington County School Board, and the candidates for the Virginia candidates for the US House of Representatives. Questions were developed from member and committee input prior to the forum.
- The Arlington County Board candidates were:
 - JD Spain
 - Madison Granger
 - Juan Fierro
 - Audrey Clement



- Discussion questions for the Arlington County Board candidates included:
 - General Land Use Plan



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- Crime & policing
 - Taxes
 - Arlington's form of government
 - Emergency preparedness
 - EHO / Missing Middle
- The Arlington County School Board candidates were:
 - Paul Weiss
 - James Rives
 - Kathleen Clark
 - Zuraya Tapia-Hadley



- Discussion questions for the Arlington County School Board candidates included:
 - Structural issues with the budget
 - Operating budget vs facilities and boundary planning
 - School Board's role in overseeing instruction
- Candidates for the US House participated in the September Candidates' Forum.
 - Jerry Torres - R
 - David Kennedy - I
 - Bentley Hensel - I
 - Donald Beyer – D



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- Discussion questions for the House candidates included:
 - What are the most serious problems facing Arlington County and how would they be addressed in Congress?
 - Recent national legislation and why the candidate supports or opposes it.
 - How is Arlington distinct and unique, and how should our congress person represent those differences?
 - How would you influence decisions in congress?
 - Top two legislative priorities?
- Following the candidates forum, a walk on candidate for the House of Representatives, Steven Leon - I, was provided 2 minutes to introduce himself and his platform.

NEW MEMBER REQUESTS (Nick Giacobbe)

- Following the candidates forum, the upcoming CivFed Calendar was reviewed for September and October.
- Nick Giacobbe (CivFed VP) provided an introduction to a new member request from the Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV). Alice Hogan (NVAHA) provided an overview/introduction to the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA) which had also applied for membership.
- The CivFed members approved membership of Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV). See write up in the appendix.
 - 37 yeah
 - 0 nay
 - 2 abstain



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- CivFed members approved membership of Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA). See write up in the appendix.
 - 29 yeah
 - 0 nay
 - 0 abstain

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and approved by acclamation.

Meeting Video Link: [Arlington Cty Civic Fed \[ACCF\] \(vimeo.com\)](#)

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Board Chair 9/7/2024



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APPENDIX

Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV)

- Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV) was born from discussions among a small group of friends on how to remain in the community they love as they aged. Since 2014, ANV has grown from an idea among friends to a thriving village with over 440 members and more than 300 volunteers directly serving members. Volunteers provide rides to medical appointments, perform errands (grocery shopping, medication pickup), are friendly visitors and walking buddies; help with technology, and many more activities to reduce social isolation and form meaningful connections.
- ANV serves all of Arlington with members ranging from 58 to 102 years of age, living in neighborhoods throughout the county, and with a diverse range of interests and needs, cultural and racial backgrounds, and economic circumstances.
- Our mission is to enable older adults to continue living safely, independently, with an enhanced quality of life in their own homes and communities as they age. You can find more information about ANV at its website (ANVarlington.org) or by contacting ANV at 703-509-8057 or by email at info@ANVarlington.org.
- In 2023, the Alliance for Housing Solutions, a 20-year-old Arlington non-profit and member of Civ Fed, and NVAHA, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, decided to combine forces and merge as one NVAHA. They had been 'sister organizations' for many years, with NVAHA doing work similar to AHS, but in all 5 NOVA jurisdictions, including Arlington.

Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (NVAHA)

- As of January 2024, AHS was dissolved and AHS's Arlington-specific work continues, under the new name NVAHA-Arlington Housing Alliance, or just NVAHA-Arlington. NVAHA-Arlington is a branch of the larger NVAHA, where we cover all the housing-related and affordable housing activity in Arlington County.
- Affordable housing is about so much more than housing. At NVAHA, we approach our housing work through the lens of its broader societal impact at the local, regional and state levels. From advancing social equity to promoting shared prosperity, we know that public policies and financial investments to develop and preserve housing that's affordable yield returns that benefit us all.
- NVAHA's mission is to increase the supply of and equitable access to affordable housing in Northern Virginia through education, advocacy, and community partnership. Our work includes public education about the need and benefits of affordable housing and overall housing supply in our community, housing policy development and consultation, convening of housing professionals and advocates, and policy advocacy itself. We are working to meet the diverse housing needs of Northern Virginia communities through alliances that are locally responsive and regionally united, such as here in Arlington.