



# Arlington County Civic Federation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2024

Attendees	Board Role	In Attendance? Yes or No
John Ford	President	Yes
Nick Giacobbe	Vice President	Yes
Matt Gloudeman	Secretary	Yes
Ben Watts	Treasurer	No
David R Smith	Board Chair	Yes
Allan Gajadhar	Board Member	Yes
Dave Schutz	Board Member	Yes
Jackie Snelling	Board Member	Yes
Jean Henceroth	Board Member	No
Michael McMenamin	Board Member	Yes
Paul Holland	Board Member	No
Richard McNamara	Board Member	Yes
Ron Haddox	Board Member	Yes
<b>Percentage of Board Members in Attendance:</b>		<b>77%</b>
50% required to achieve quorum.		
Other Attendees	Role	In Attendance? Yes or No

Discussion Topic	POC	Discussion
<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>	David Smith	Quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation.
<b>Approve Previous Month Minutes</b>	David Smith	September minutes were approved. 10 yeah 0 nay 0 abstain
<b>President's Report</b>	John Ford	<b>October meeting:</b> Preparations were labor intensive, but the meeting went well and supported with responses from attendees. If we do something like this again (forum on climate change) we need to schedule more prep time. In general, our committees do not have a lot of bandwidth.  <b>Open Government:</b> John reminded Erica Moore about our desire to have a joint meeting regarding open governance. Unclear if the County is interested in engagement on this topic.



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		<p>Ron suggested that the government utilize AI, though it was noted that a key problem is that a lot of Arlington's data is kept in individually owned spreadsheets and so staff members have to search their own files. This is a roadblock to using Open AI.</p> <p>Arlington is trying to institute a single sign-on for Arlington data, but this is a couple years away from completion.</p> <p>Action: Consider a resolution regarding open government.</p> <p>Action: Consider a newsletter article asking members to inform us of their open data submittal requests.</p> <p><b>Tutoring:</b> John and Ron have discussed Sat Nov 23rd (tentative) as a day for IT-related training/tutorial by Ron. The focus will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) communications (example Groups.io)</li> <li>2) building a website</li> </ol> <p>It was suggested that we need to consider taping the training session and ask North Highlands to join.</p> <p>Jackie noted that the county has stated that they are willing to set up a website to host civic associations. This option could have censorship issues.</p> <p>Action: Issue a letter from John regarding training on IT training/tutorial as a member service</p> <p>Matt noted that 'workshops' that produce a deliverable usually get better attendance than 'training' sessions.</p> <p><b>Board Positions:</b> Paul Holland is heading to New Zealand on a Fullbright award, this opens up a spot on the Board and Legislation committee.</p> <p>Action: John, Jackie, and Nick will discuss what to do with Legislation committee chair opening.</p> <p><b>November Meeting:</b> Have received comments that there are a lot of things actively changing in planning and zoning (example: comprehensive plan). We might need an educational briefing on</p>



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		<p>what's going on now in planning and zoning and what the go-forward plans are. Jackie asked Erica Moore if we could get a speaker from CPHD on zoning changes. There is a work session on Nov 13 (TBD) on lot coverage.</p> <p><b>February, April, and May GM Meeting:</b> Agendas are open.</p>
<b>Previous GM Vote Re-Cap</b>	Matt Gloudeman	CivFed members approved the August and September minutes by acclamation.
<b>Membership &amp; Dues</b>	Matt Gloudeman	36 orgs have completed certification, 28 have submitted dues. A third reminder email request will go out this week.
<b>Newsletter Discussion</b>	Matt Gloudeman	<p>Newsletter topics to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>President's report</li> <li>GM recap</li> <li>Public Safety</li> <li>Membership/Dues</li> <li>Open Government tracking</li> <li>November meeting plan</li> <li>Resolutions (ready for vote)</li> <li>Deadline is Oct 28th</li> </ul>
<b>Membership</b>	Jackie Snelling	<p>North Highlands CA has just elected new officers. In 2019 North Highland requested an addition to their boundary. A letter was sent to the County, but the County maps were not yet updated. Jackie sent a letter to Mason (clerk) and he said he'd follow-up.</p> <p>Williamsburg CA is having trouble getting through but did get a contact.</p>
<b>Dues/Accounts</b>	Nick Giacobbe for Ben Watts	No changes to CivFed's overall financial position. CD was opened (see last month's minutes). Deposited \$975 from dues.
<b>CivFed Scorecard</b>	David Smith	This topic was pushed to the next month's meeting due to a lack of time.
<b>EHO</b>	Dick McNamara	Dick asked if there was any sense on what the County's next steps are? Nothing is officially known.
<b>Air B&amp;B</b>	Dick McNamara	Dick noted that developers are buying houses and turning them into Air B&Bs. Ron noted that this is driven by zoning and suggested Dick could look at the zoning ordinance.



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Meeting Adjourn	David Smith	Meeting adjourned 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Board Chair on 11/10/2024