



Arlington County Civic Federation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17, 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	Yes
Michael McMenamin	Board Member	No
Paul Holland	Board Member	No
Richard McNamara	Board Member	Yes
Ron Haddox	Board Member	No
Percentage of Board Members in Attendance:		69%
50% required to achieve quorum.		
Other Attendees	Role	In Attendance? Yes or No

Discussion Topic	POC	Discussion
Welcome and Call to Order	David Smith	Quorum was reached. The meeting was called to order. The meeting was held virtually in person at Arlington Mill Community Center and via Zoom, called via email invitation.
Approve Previous Month Minutes	David Smith	October minutes approved. 9 yeah 0 nay 0 abstain
Board Meeting Date Reminder	David Smith	10-Dec GM 15-Dec Board
Action Item Review	David Smith	Previous month action items reviewed. We agreed we'd follow-up with Marcy Foster regarding Arlington positions. Open Government: Some discussion on the open positions request to the county. The County indicated that our request was a FOIA (but provided an excel sheet at no cost) because it was a 'document'. CivFed attendees generally disagreed that the



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		<p>request was for a document. There is some concern with the county's IT system because each department manages their own data. This effects ability to make Open Government requests and easily see information that cuts across departments.</p> <p>IT Training Workshop: Jackie will send Ron contact information for N. Highlands. The plan remains to have Ron do a session. The idea is to do a workshop that is recorded on our Zoom. Will work with Ron to structure the front end of the workshop. This will help CAs with website setup and member communication.</p> <p>Legislation Chair: Dave Schutz will be the acting chair until Paul returns.</p>
<p>President's Report</p>	<p>John Ford</p>	<p>October GM Re-cap: The meeting was well-received by the audience. The session represented an advance from last year's forum, covering relevant topics. John noted that he's seeing an uptick in interest in CivFed.</p> <p>A comment was made that some civic association people don't realize they can attend GM meetings even if they are not a delegate. John will add a note on this concern in the next newsletter. An idea was offered to consider asking civic associations to forward on the newsletter or possibly sending a summary newsletter. Need a 'what's in it for you' Action: Matt will come up with a format for the newsletter with a 'hook' at the beginning.</p> <p>Open Government: We will submit an article to request that members send us their issues on open government.</p> <p>Dec GM: The focus of the meeting will be the County Manager. Meeting is Dec 10th. We will request questions from the members in an article that goes out prior to the meeting. The Deputy Chief of Police will join the December meeting.</p> <p>Jan GM: Meeting with the Arlington County Board (post meeting update: this meeting is moved to Feb 26).</p> <p>Feb GM: Jackie proposed two topics for Feb, CPHD presentation re Comp Plan and planning and something re the budget. If we</p>



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		<p>want to get CPHD, we need to do an invite now. 1) CPHD staff presentation on Comp plan and selected P&Z topics, and 2) internal review of budget – if we can get R&E and Committee assistance. Or go for a couple of panels that include our committee reps and commissioners on topics such as climate adaptation (trees, heat, green infrastructure, stormwater) and housing, and human services? We should be timing now on how to do the budget but this may not fit in February. We could consider asking the Manager come do a presentation.</p> <p>March GM: School Board</p> <p>April GM: Consider a 'student forum'. Also consider RFP for climate action.</p>
<p>Previous GM Vote Re-Cap</p>	<p>Matt Gloudeman</p>	<p>October Minutes approved by acclamation.</p> <p>Resolution on Climate Adaptation & Resiliency yeah - 39 nay - 2 abstain - 5</p> <p>Action: Jackie to add vote count to resolution and send to Adam for posting. John will send to the county.</p>
<p>Membership & Dues</p>	<p>Matt Gloudeman</p>	<p>17 orgs have not finished recert, 21 have not paid dues, total of 26 orgs that are incomplete.</p> <p>Action: Board members do perform assigned outreach to member orgs who have not yet completed dues or recert.</p>
<p>Newsletter Discussion</p>	<p>Matt Gloudeman</p>	<p>President's Report - John GM Recap - Matt December Meeting Plan - Jackie/John Public Preparedness - Jackie Open Government Tracking - John IT Workshop Notice? Committee Updates & Legislative Agenda Recommendations? Public Safety - Dec 5th meeting with the chief Article requesting questions for manager and board.</p>
<p>Membership</p>	<p>Jackie Snelling</p>	<p>Nothing to report</p>



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Dues/Accounts	Ben Watts	Not present
CivFed Scorecard	David Smith	David introduced a draft scorecard for County action for recently passed CivFed resolutions.
Student Forum	David Smith	David brought forward idea of a 'student forum' as the focus of the April GM meeting.
Vacancy Analysis	Jackie Snelling	Jackie suggested that we ask board members to ask the Manager for an analysis of vacancies as part of the financial report and budget this year.
Legislation	Jackie Snelling	Jackie sent the legislative agenda that was briefed on 11/16. We need comments provided by Nov 25th from the committees provided to the legislative committee. This information will inform a legislation committee resolution, submitted as an emergency in the December meeting. This resolution would request topics that the county should add to their legislative agenda, to be adopted before the county's Dec 14 (tbr) meeting.
Church Reuse	Dave Schutz	Dave Schutz noted that he'd like to see the County consider purchasing churches that are going out of business, to be used for community meeting space.
Meeting Adjourn	David Smith	Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Board Chair on 11/29/2024