



# Arlington County Civic Federation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 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	Yes
Paul Holland	Board Member	No
Richard McNamara	Board Member	No
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	Nov minutes approved. 9 yeah 0 nay 1 abstain
<b>Board Meeting Date Reminder</b>	David Smith	Wednesday 22 January 2025, 7p.m. Wednesday 19 February 2025, 7p.m.
<b>Action Item Review</b>	David Smith	We closed three action items: 1) Paul is agreeable to return to his Legislation chair after his sabbatical. 2) Matt added a new newsletter 'hook' at the start of each letter. 3) Jackie added the vote count to the climate adaptation resolution and sent to Adam for posting



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		<p>We noted that board members worked outreach but still more to complete as well as that we have some open data-related questions queued up for the discussion with the Manager at the December GM meeting.</p>
<p><b>President's Report – focus on determining the January and February GM agendas.</b></p>	<p>John Ford</p>	<p>Discussion on Jan and February GM meeting agenda</p> <p><b>January 14 GM Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-John Milliken gave a well-received presentation on form of government to the Inter-Service Club Council. John contacted John Milliken and he agreed to provide a re-cap of his presentation.</li> <li>-Chief Andy Penn for a security update</li> <li>-Takis will discuss County Board operations/organization.</li> <li>-Fire chief invited to discuss staffing and budget issues, given recent vote of no confidence</li> <li>-Housing funding and affordable housing financing - move to February, maybe April</li> <li>-Memorializing Enslaved in Arlington Project</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Tim Aiken about: Contact 5 min presentation, 5 Q&amp;A, ask to write an article for January newsletter.</p> <p>Note: 15 CAs sent a letter on Nov 21st urging the County to get moving with a lot coverage study. A question was raised in the meeting on whether CivFed should show support to the 15 CAs. It was noted that we adopted a resolution that includes support for lot coverage reform, and that the president could convey our support without further input/approval. Note: Bill Richardson provided a briefing to CivFed in Nov on related concern. Ron requested that Alex be included in this discussion to make sure that South Arlington is included in the conversation.</p> <p><b>February 11 GM Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-VHC plans for Carlin Springs Rd project</li> <li>-Will try to get CPHD             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-A question was raised on including CPHD in the Feb 26 work session on planning/zoning but County Board members do not support this approach.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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		<p><b>February 26 GM/Working Session Focus:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Working meeting with the County Board (televised), leveraging CivFed members (5-6) who lead topics of discussion.</li> <li>&gt;need to make sure we stay focused, and questions answered</li> <li>&gt;roughly 20 mins per topic</li> <li>&gt;should this be board to board only? No, will not just use CivFed Board members.</li> </ul>
<b>Previous GM Vote Re-Cap</b>	Matt Gloudeman	N/A – The CivFed Board meeting was held prior to the GM meeting this month
<b>Membership &amp; Dues</b>	Matt Gloudeman	Recert incomplete - 10 Dues not paid - 11 Total orgs not complete - 14 Unknown - Jacqueline Quigley. They paid dues. Possibly DAR?
<b>Newsletter Plan</b>	Matt Gloudeman	President's Report - John GM Recap - Matt January Meeting Plan - John / Jackie Public Preparedness - Jackie Open Government Tracking - Jackie Legislative Committee Resolution on County Board / ACCF Agenda Recommendations - Dave (Note: the Legislative committee plan was to resend last year's agenda, no resolution needed since already approved, but need to announce to members that we are resubmitting our agenda. Should be discussed at the 12/8 GM and added to newsletter.) <b>Action:</b> Dave to send agenda to Matt, David, Allan Committee Updates
<b>Accounts</b>	Ben Watts	A \$5,600 CD matured. Motion: Establish a new CD for highest rate possible for 12 months. Discussion: None <b>Decision:</b> Approved 10 yeah 0 nay 0 abstain
<b>Around the Room</b>	All	<b>&gt;&gt;Ron: IT issues</b> - found two email addresses that have system administration access to our website. Not in pairs.com Action: Ron to remove these two addresses after a check-in with Adam. <b>Action:</b> Ron/David to have synch up on the website



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		<p>configuration. Ron brought up the possibility to request grants, but Jackie noted that these grants do not apply to CivFed: <a href="https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Equity/Equity-Based-Grant">https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Equity/Equity-Based-Grant</a></p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>Jackie:</b> seeing an increase in email span on CivFed, Two senior staff are leaving this week: Dr. Varghese (dir of public health), Demetra McBride (bureau chief for environmental sustainability)</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>Allan:</b> nothing to report</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>Mike:</b> Had a great public safety committee meeting on Thursday. The deputy chief came in and provided a great briefing (1.5 hours). Would need to talk to the Commonwealth's attorney now to get them on an April or May GM agenda. May want to do schools/youth in April or May.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>Jean:</b> Lee Center - Jean met with Ginger Brown, will set up a community center committee for Langston Blvd Alliance as an umbrella for the three community centers along Langston Blvd.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>Dave:</b> FoG is likely going to become a county task force next year. Dave will pull together a package on this topic and provide to John Milliken.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>Ben:</b> Received a Pair.com invoice. Will pay by check.</p> <p>&gt;&gt;<b>Nick:</b> The County staff is recommending denial of a site plan for a project in Crystal City after it had gone through the entire site plan review process without any red flags. Staff justification for the recommended denial is that the developer is not maximizing the full height and density permitted by the sector plan. This represents a huge policy shift. We are inquiring with the County Board to find out if they have made a policy</p>



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<p><b>Request by Tim Aiken to brief federation members about the Memorializing Enslaved in Arlington Project</b></p>	<p>David Smith</p>	<p>The board discussed Tim’s request below and agreed to add time to the January CivFed board meeting agenda.</p> <p>From: Tim Aiken &lt;tim.aiken1@gmail.com&gt; Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 3:49 PM To: bod.chair@civfed.org</p> <p>Dear Civic Federation Chair Smith and Executive Cmte Members,</p> <p>I write to request time at the January civic federation meeting to brief federation members about the Memorializing Enslaved in Arlington Project and its plans to place bronze memorial markers throughout Arlington to commemorate the enslaved. I recommend five minutes for the briefing followed by five minutes for Q &amp; A.</p> <p>To date, the project has identified names of more than 800 enslaved people who lived at one of more than 130 locations in Arlington. With the support of Arlington County and Virginia Humanities, and in collaboration with the Black Heritage Museum of Arlington, the Arlington Historical Society plans to begin placing six-inch circular bronze markers at sites throughout the County. An initial list of seven sites and markers bearing the names of 15 of Arlington’s enslaved have been identified for placement this winter with more planned in the spring and into the future.</p> <p>A number of these sites are located in residential communities where civic associations can play a critical role in providing guidance and support. Placements could involve public ceremonies where a more detailed account of the enslavers and the enslaved will be presented, and the enslaved will be</p>



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		<p>honored.</p> <p>My colleague, Jessica Kaplan, and I would be pleased to brief you and members of the executive committee at your next executive committee meeting that I understand is scheduled for Sunday, December 8.</p> <p>Best regards</p>

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Board Chair on 12/15/2024