



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 10 December 2024

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 12/10/2024 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).

MINUTES APPROVAL (John Ford)

- A motion was made to approve the November General Membership (GM) [minutes](#), the motion was moved, and seconded. The November GM minutes were approved by acclamation.

PROGRAM: DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH COUNTY MANAGER MARK SCHWARTZ

ACCF was honored to welcome Arlington County Manager, Mark Schwartz, to our December General Membership meeting. We discussed a range of critical topics from budget and housing to workforce and community engagement. We included time for the audience to ask questions throughout, with membership involvement in the discussion a priority. Discussion topics and questions included:

1. **Community Trust** - Discussed trust between the County Board & the community. Audience questions included:
 - a. Can the Board review and share IT and data systems to support open government and transparency?
 - b. Are there any tweaks the County Board can make to improve community engagement related to Arlington housing policies?
 - c. Are there initiatives to simplify land use planning and improve consistency? Are there plans to incorporate more community input into the site plan process?
 - d. Can you speak to Advisory Commissions and how they're set up?
 - e. Can you help us understand the dynamic of powerful County employees and how they collaborate with the County Board?
2. **Workforce Issues** - Discussed potential impacts of federal workforce changes on Arlington County. Audience questions included:
 - a. Is Arlington County planning for potential federal workforce reductions or relocations?
 - b. What is the impact on open County positions?

- 3. **Budget** - Discussed the County's 2025 budget and potential impacts to Arlingtonians. Audience questions included:
 - a. What is the County planning for the 2025 budget and how will it impact residents?
 - b. Specifics to community requests for new programs or increased funding, how do you collect feedback from the community?
 - c. What are the plans for Lee Community Center?
 - d. How does the County collaborate with communities on the Comprehensive Plan?
 - e. What are the plans for the Marriott site?
 - f. What can the County do to improve parking ratios for a building recently constructed in their community?
- 4. **Residential Housing Tracker Resolution** - Discussed the County's strategies for tracking housing development across Arlington.
 - a. How does the County feel about the idea of a Housing Tracker?
 - b. How can we track the results of the county's housing capacity initiatives and unused housing capacity?
- 5. **County Vision** - Discussed updates on the Board's long-term vision for Arlington County. Community questions included:
 - a. How does the County staff intake and approve new transportation projects such as bike lanes?

ACCF RESOLUTION ACTIVITY

- 1. Vote on Housing Committee's **Housing Tracker Resolution**
 - a. A motion was made to approve the Housing Committee's Housing Tracker Resolution, that was reviewed in the November GM meeting, shared with member organizations, and updated based on ACCF Committee feedback. The motion was moved, and seconded. The Housing Tracker Resolution was approved by acclamation (Yeah = 39, Nay = 1, Abstain = 1). The approved resolution can be found [here](#).
- 2. Vote on Legislative Committee's **2025 Legislative Priorities Resolution**
 - a. After discussion with Committees and Members, we decided the same Legislative Priorities approved in 2024 will apply to 2025. A motion was made to approve the Legislative Committee's 2025 Legislative Priorities Resolution. The motion was moved, and seconded. The 2025 Legislative Priorities Resolution was approved by acclamation (Yeah = 32, Nay = 0, Abstain = 1). The approved resolution can be found [here](#).

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Submitted by: Matt Gloudeman, ACCF Secretary 12/15/2024