



Arlington County Civic Federation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Attendees	Board Role	In Attendance? Yes or No
John Ford	President	No
Nick Giacobbe	Vice President	Yes
Matt Gloudeman	Secretary	Yes
Ben Watts	Treasurer	Yes
David R Smith	Board Chair	Yes
Allan Gajadhar	Board Member	Yes
Dave Schutz	Board Member	No
Jackie Snelling	Board Member	Yes
Jean Henceroth	Board Member	Yes
Michael McMenamin	Board Member	Yes
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 via Zoom, called via email invitation.
Approve Previous Month Minutes	David Smith	Jan 26 minutes approved. 6 yeah 0 nay 1 abstain
Board Meeting Date Reminder	David Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 16th @ 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.• April 23rd @ 7 pm – 8 p.m.
Action Item Review	David Smith	Several new actions were captured: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matt Gloudeman: Convene the communications committee to determine a new chair and review Ron's IT article. Invite: David, John, Jackie, Matt, Adam, Ron• Matt Gloudeman: Follow up with Allen Norton regarding Daughters of the American Revolution membership submittal



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matt Gloudeman: Send Ben latest membership list.• Matt Gloudeman: Send members who have not certified and who have not paid an email indicating their membership will be canceled at the end of February.• Mike McMenamin/ Jackie: Have a meeting with Joe regarding the airport resolution to discuss go-forward plan.• Ben Watts: Look into options for a savings account that has a higher interest rate.• David Smith: Send email to John asking for an update on the Banquet, Nominating, and Awards Committee.• Jean Henceroth: Develop a statement we can add to our newsletter regarding our support for employees who have lost their jobs.
President's Report	John Ford	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working Meeting with the County Board <will add link to write-up that Jackie sends>• March GM: Jackie will discuss plans with John on 2/20. May have resolution from the transportation committee on airport noise and safety.• April GM: Focus will be on public safety and wellness. Anticipated presenters: Sheriff, Commonwealth's attorney, Chief Penn, Health and Human Services (maybe Marcus Alert lead).
Previous GM Vote Re-Cap	Matt Gloudeman	The January GM minutes were approved at the GM meeting by acclamation.
Membership & Dues	Matt Gloudeman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We reviewed Matt's tracker at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NIEJz60KR6KJETNztEmj_ajuS6PRRV1iCPxYaf-C4to/edit?gid=0#gid=0• 7 incomplete in some way (dues or recert).• Matt will send notice to members that did not pay dues or provide cert data that their membership will be canceled at the end of February.
Newsletter Plan	Matt Gloudeman	Deadline: Monday 2/24 President's Report - John 2/26: recap if received in time - John (TBR) GM Recap - Matt Public Preparedness - Jackie



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		Committee Updates
Accounts & Recent Payments	Ben Watts	Ben reviewed the budget and provided the report at: Budget - Google Drive
Citizen Group to examine FoG	Dave Schutz	<p><Provided in advance of the meeting> Three of the five Board members endorsed the idea of a citizen group ('commission' or 'task force') to examine FoG during their organizing meeting speeches. Takis also endorsed again in his speech at his campaign launch. Susan Cunningham has spoken positively about the idea but said she wanted it not to begin until after the turmoil from Trump's initiatives die down. So three out of five for starting things pretty soon. No word on details yet.</p> <p>The Hope bill is making progress - has passed both chambers.</p>
Bluemont Civic Association Request	David Smith	<p>The BCA civic association made a request that we included a statement similar to a statement they published. Jeanne took the action to come up with an equivalent CivFed version.</p> <p>The Bluemont Civic Association stands with the dedicated, hard-working employees of the federal government and its contractors who live in and contribute so much to the well-being of our Bluemont community and to Arlington. We recognize this is a difficult time for many of these neighbors and their families. We extend friendship and support during this challenging time.</p>
Reminder: Elect Nominating and Awards Committees in March	David/John	We discussed the need to discuss our approach for the nominating and awards committee at the March meeting.
CivFed Scorecard Review	David Smith	Not discussed due to lack of time.
Around the Room	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Environmental Affairs committee meeting is 2/20 - looking at the draft climate action resolution that the County Board is reviewing on Saturday.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing meeting on 2/20 - Matt will unveil a model for affordable/attainable house ownership.• Nick got a call from folks who are trying to reestablish the Longbranch Creek Civic Association.• Dick noted Suzanne's assessment of Barcroft costs - \$600K per unit - refer to Housing and R&E Committees.• We agreed we'd do a separate newsletter on the budget.
Meeting Adjourn	David Smith	Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Board Chair on 2/23/2025