

RECAP OF SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2015 CIVIC FEDERATION MEETINGS

September 8, 2015

Attendees included BCA Dels. Suzanne Sundburg and Dean Foster and Alt. Del. Kate Mattos.

The Civic Federation approved three membership-related motions for Columbia Heights West Civic Association (CHWCA): 1) Allow it to rejoin the Federation, 2) to adjust its southern boundary, and 3) to change its name to the Arlington Mill Civic Association. The Civic Federation also approved the application of the Shirlington Civic Association to join the Federation and approved its boundaries.

The Candidates Night forum included the following candidates for contested races: Senate of Virginia, 30th District. Adam P. Ebbin (D), incumbent vs. James "Ron" Fisher (IG); Senate of Virginia, 31st District, Barbara A. Favola (D), incumbent, vs. George V. Forakis (who was absent); House of Delegates, 47th District, Janet H. Murphy (IG) vs. 2. Patrick A. Hope (D), incumbent; School Board B. A. "Brooklyn" Kinlay vs. Reid S. Goldstein; County Board, Audrey R. Clement (I), Kate A. "Katie" Cristol (D), Michael T. McMenamain (I) and Christian E. Dorsey (D). Arlington Independent Media (AIM) videotaped the forum, which can be view at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3SZSg8WY>.

October 6, 2015

Attendees included BCA Dels. Suzanne Sundburg, Dean Foster and David Hughes.

The Civic Federation held part two of its Candidates Night forum for uncontested races, which included the following candidates: Senate of Virginia, 32th District, Janet D. Howell (D), incumbent; House of Delegates, 45th District, Mark H. Levine (D); House of Delegates, 48th District, R. C. "Rip" Sullivan (D), incumbent; House of Delegates, 49th District, Alfonso H. Lopez (D), incumbent (absent); Clerk of the Court Paul F. Ferguson (D), incumbent; Sheriff Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur (D), incumbent; Commonwealth's Attorney Theo K. Stamos (D), incumbent; Commissioner of Revenue Ingrid H. Morroy (D), incumbent; and Treasurer Carla F. De La Pava (D), incumbent.

The vast majority of questions from delegates focused on gun control and regulatory restraints for predatory car-title lenders.

The 100 Year Anniversary Gala Committee reported on its activities. It is actively seeking advance reservations from member organizations and sponsorships from businesses. The gala will be held on Sat., 4/8/16. Tickets are \$40 each or \$320 for a table of 8 or \$400 for a table of 10.

President Pryor reviewed proposed changes in the process for selecting and approving NCAC projects. Several civic associations have already voiced objections to the proposals because they formally shift significant notification, reporting and record retention responsibilities (and thus legal liability) onto civic associations that quite often lack the human, organizational and financial resources to comply. The initial clipboard polling to determine majority support of affected stakeholders for projects has also been eliminated.

The Executive Committee introduced a resolution to amend Article III, Section 7 of the Federation By-laws on the annual dues for member organizations. The Executive Committee will set dues each year, as necessary, to support the Federation's annual budget. If no changes are made, then dues remain the same as in the prior year.

The Schools Committee introduced a draft resolution opposing historic designation for the Stratford School Building. This resolution was routed back to the Parks & Rec Committee and Schools Committee for review.

The Membership Committee reported that the North Highlands Civic Association has applied for a boundary change. Action on this application is on hold until neighboring associations notify ACCF that these boundary changes are acceptable.

For more meeting details, visit www.civfed.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Del. Suzanne Smith Sundburg
October 2015