

BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Approved Minutes
June 26, 2013
Arlington Traditional School
EXECUTIVE BOARD

Attending: George Rovder, President; Mark Haynes, First Vice-President; James McMullin, Secretary; Nancy O'Doherty, Treasurer; Larry Smith, Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Representative; Suzanne Sundburg, Civic Federation Delegate; David Hughes, Civic Federation Alternate; and Alan Sundburg, Bylaws Review Committee Chair.

Rovder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Rovder called for and received a motion to approve May 22 Executive Board minutes, which was seconded by Mark Haynes. The minutes were approved unanimously as prepared.

Summary Reports of Officers:

President: Elections to be held tonight during the general membership meeting. Rovder will review procedures with the membership, appoint a head and subtellers, and then relinquish the chair to the head teller. The tellers will distribute ballots, invite those nominated to give statements, announce opening and closing of polls, solicit feedback, secure ballot box, and then tally the ballots. The head teller will provide a report to Rovder who will resume the chair at that time.

Nominee statements will be limited to two minutes per person. There are presently 14 people on the ballot, with one open slot for a Civic Federation alternate. While votes are being tallied the meeting will proceed with committee reports. [See the meeting procedures attachment appended to the general membership 6/26/13 meeting minutes.]

1st Vice President: None

Treasurer: See attached report dated 6/26/13 [Attachment 1], which was submitted electronically to the Executive Board by O'Doherty prior to the meeting.

Secretary: None

Civic Federation: S. Sundburg reported that she did not attend the 6/4/13 Civic Federation meeting. However, she remarked that Alternate Delegate Dean Foster had attended the meeting and had submitted a report to the board electronically [see Attachment 2]. Rovder noted that he received an invoice from the Civic Federation stating that BCA owes its \$50.00 annual dues payment. Rovder presented the Civic Federation notice and a printing invoice (for ballot printing) to O'Doherty for payment.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: McMullin noted that he had not been receiving copies of the mailed newsletters at his home. S. Sundburg promised to follow up with O'Doherty to identify and correct the problem.

Safeway Letter: Rovder distributed a draft of same [see Attachment 3] for approval. If approved, the letter would be sent to Safeway. Rovder received a motion to approve; it was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Candidate Statements: Rovder noted that should any candidate not be available or wish to speak, Nominating Committee Chair Barbara Wein could read the biographical information she had collected from the candidate in place of a candidate statement. [See candidate bios attachment appended to the general membership 6/26/13 meeting minutes.]

Rovder adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.

**BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT - FOR THE Y/E 12/31/2013
AS OF JUNE 26, 2013**

	Actual	Actual YTD	Actual YTD
	FYE 12/31/11	FYE 12/31/12	FYE 12/31/13
INCOME			
Newsletter Ads	\$1,360.00	\$1,654.87	\$0.00
Membership Dues	\$4,347.10	\$3,811.66	\$2,971.50
Misc. Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,707.10	\$5,466.53	\$3,071.50
EXPENSES			
Annual Expenses			
ACCF Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
PO Box	\$140.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Annual Expenses	\$190.00	\$230.00	\$0.00
Community Support			
Ashlawn	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Neighborhood Day	\$146.43	\$195.72	\$0.00
Other	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Community Support	\$346.43	\$445.72	\$0.00
Newsletter & Meeting			
Graphic Designer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$383.33
Postage	\$766.48	\$387.00	\$563.90
Printing	\$2,376.83	\$3,062.96	\$1,985.05
Supplies	\$277.04	\$84.09	\$0.00
Subtotal - Newsletter & Meeting	\$3,420.35	\$3,534.05	\$2,932.28
Other			
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.00
Gifts	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Pay Pal Fees	\$0.00	\$19.66	\$38.48
Tiller	\$0.00	\$94.85	\$0.00
Unknown	\$0.00	\$305.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Other	\$0.00	\$519.51	\$42.48
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,956.78	\$4,729.28	\$2,974.76
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT/DRAWDOWN)	\$1,750.32	\$737.25	\$96.74
CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD			
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT/DRAWDOWN)	\$7,866.16	\$8,879.23	\$9,616.48
CASH ON HAND AT END OF PERIOD	\$9,616.48	\$9,616.48	\$9,713.22

Current Member - 283

VA Commerce
PayPal A/C\$9,108.41
604.81

Attachment 2—6/4/13 Civic Federation Meeting Report

----- Original Message -----

From: [Dean and Marilyn Foster](#)

To: exec@bluemontcivic.org

Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 2:03 PM

Subject: Civ Fed Meeting- June 4th Report

All, This is my report on the June 4th meeting of the Arlington County Civic Federation. For your convenience, I have embedded links to articles in the Sun Gazette which give greater detail of the subjects mentioned than this summary report.

The Arlington County Civic Federation met on June 4th at 7:30 pm. Attending from BCA were Delegate Bob Adkins and Alternate Delegate Dean Foster. Following the pledge of allegiance, President James Schroll reminded the membership that due to the customary summer recess, the next general meeting of the Civ Fed will be September 13, 2013 at which the organization will hold its County Candidates' Night Forum.

Officer/Member Reports: Martha Moore noted slow progress with the county on the draft noise ordinance due to the county budget process. Martha stated that should the county staff bring the draft to the county board while the Civ Fed and its planning and zoning committee are in summer recess, the committee will request a special meeting of the Civ Fed.

John Vihstadt, who is chair of the county board's Urban Agriculture Task Force, announced that the Task Force Report will be presented to the county board at an open to the public meeting on June 11th. While a range of topics are addressed in the Report, most attention will likely be on the issue of allowing hens in backyards as proposed by the Arlington Egg Project. A group, "Backyards, Not Barnyards" has been formed in opposition to the proposal. John did not give details of the Report but indicated the majority of the Task Force had reached some compromise on the issue.

http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/report-of-urban-agriculture-task-force-headed-to-county-board/article_eee064ae-ce9c-11e2-a4c9-0019bb2963f4.html

Scheduled Program: County board member Jay Fisetle presented a thirty minute slide show on the voluntary TAP program which aims to discourage purchase/use of single plastic water bottles in favor of reusable containers which can be refilled with municipal tap water. Mr. Fisetle stated that of the estimated 50 million single plastic water bottles purchased annually in the U.S., only 30 percent are recycled. He cited other impacts of the widespread use of these bottles such as consumption of petroleum in their manufacturing, that it takes 450 years for such bottles to decompose when they are disposed of, and that municipal tap water is safe and regulated to EPA standards unlike commercial bottled water and is considerably less expensive than commercial bottled water. The local TAP is promoting a voluntary pledge by county residents to forego bottled water in favor of tap water with a goal of signing up at least 5% of the roughly 210,000 county residents. He also noted that the county board in 2009 passed a resolution that, whenever possible, the county would end the purchase of single use commercial bottled water with taxpayer money. [http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/fisetle-takes-his-water-bottle-](http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/fisetle-takes-his-water-bottle-quest-to-civic-federation/article_e808a9ae-cdeb-11e2-8b69-001a4bcf887a.html)

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Civ Fed Officers/Executive Committee Election. The following were elected unanimously by the membership to serve as Civ Fed officers and directors for the 2013-2014 year.

http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/civic-federation-ratifies-leadership-team-for/article_c161ac3c-cdd3-11e2-9138-001a4bcf887a.html

Old Business: Burt Bostwick presented for consideration and vote, the Civic Federation Civic Awareness/Engagement Resolution which had been introduced at last month's meeting. The resolution, with two minor "friendly" amendments was approved by the membership on a vote of 34 for and 3 against. Simply stated, the resolution is an effort to promote civic interest and participation by county high school youth by offering cash awards or grants for individual and group civic activities, such as essays, neighborhood and community projects and programs. This is a pilot project which will be funded up to \$2000 by the Civ Fed for the initial year, renewable annually at the discretion of the Civ Fed membership. http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/civic-engagement-effort-for-youth-to-come-with-cash-inducement/article_4a7a94c4-ce9d-11e2-b04f-0019bb2963f4.html

New Business: It was announced that the Civ Fed would not be participating at the county fair set for August 7-11 because of apparent lack of return for effort expended.

http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/civic-federation-plans-to-skip-county-fair/article_ab69063c-cdd3-11e2-93b1-001a4bcf887a.html

In closing, it is noted that our outgoing president, James Schroll was the 2013 recipient of the Sun Gazette Distinguished Meritorious Service Award. http://www.sungazette.net/arlington/news/for-schroll-a-year-journey-from-relative-unknown-to/article_94b085de-cf66-11e2-90f5-001a4bcf887a.html

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Foster



Bluemont Civic Association

Representing Neighborhoods in and around Arlington Traditional School, Lacey Woods Park, Bon Air, Fields Park, Balls Crossing, West Ballston, and all along the former Bluemont Division of the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad

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June 26, 2013

Ms. Avis Black
Area Real Estate Manager
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Dear Ms. Black:

In a June 6th conversation with BCA Vice President Mark Haynes, Craig Muckle confirmed that Mark Silverwood had decided not to further pursue his bid to redevelop the Safeway site at 5101 Wilson Blvd. in Arlington. During that conversation, Mr. Haynes reconfirmed the BCA's support for Safeway, our support for the redevelopment of the Safeway store at that site and our desire to work closely with Safeway to arrive at a redevelopment plan that works best for all parties.

To that end, we request that you and/or other representatives of Safeway meet with representatives of the BCA to discuss redevelopment plans going forward. We can be very flexible with regard to time and venue. Please feel free to contact me directly or otherwise let me know how you wish to proceed in terms of scheduling a meeting.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

/s/

George Rovder
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cc: Craig M. Muckle
Michelle L. Shelton