

# Potomac Yard Arlington Civic Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2026; 6:00pm

Virtual / Eclipse Community Room

## Agenda

President's report

Membership Coordinator Report

Old Business

- Formation of committees (Planning/Zoning, Transportation, etc)

New Business

- Arlington Neighborhood Plan
- Neighborhood Block Party planning

## Presidents Report

- Obtaining membership into the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) is a significant short-term goal for the association. Membership will give us more credibility with county stakeholders and put us in a position to influence policy on a variety of issues. Once we reach 20 dues-paying members, we will be able to formally apply.
  - ACCF is a group of more than ninety member organizations dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Many of the improvements in Arlington are the result of actions initiated or strongly supported by the Federation – the County Manager form of government; sewer and water systems; the Central Post Office, better schools, master zoning ordinances.
  - The work of the Civic Federation occurs through its [Committee structure](#). Ten Member Committees and a number of Ad-hoc and functional Committees research issues, work with elected and appointed officials and their staff, and make recommendations to the Federation membership.
    - **Revenues and Expenditures, Planning and Zoning, Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Affairs, Housing, Legislation, Public Services, Schools, Transportation.**
- We are currently collecting dues of \$10 for this calendar year. **Per our updated bylaws, payment of dues confers membership in the Association.** Dues can be paid by Zelle, or check. Reach out if you'd like to pay using another method.
- Please reach out if you are interested in taking over the Treasurer position for the rest of the term.

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- We have an opportunity to join the Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee. This committee is comprised of representatives from 50 of Arlington County's 62 civic associations and is responsible for leading the development of neighborhood plans and recommending neighborhood-initiated capital improvements for funding by the County Board. If we are accepted into this committee, we can select one of our members to be our neighborhood representative on the committee.

### Membership Coordinator Report

- We are in the process of developing the website. We will have a couple of e-mails assigned to it and ensure that we can be found through Google search either through the spelling of our full name, or the acronym.
- In the near future, we will organize a happy hour at Kaldi's which will be an opportunity to launch our website and the organization. We will have lawn signs with a QR code for recurring meetings. Nikki will meet again with the apartment complexes and share the website URL with them. We are very close to launching the website.

### Old Business

- Discussion around the future of the commercial space at 3600 South Glebe Road vacated by Harris Teeter
  - It was noted that the wider area could benefit from having a different kind of supermarket than what can frequently be found here. An alternative option such as H Mart known for having quality groceries and prepared food is attractive not only for what it can provide to the neighborhood, but it can also attract loyal customers who otherwise would have to drive a distance to visit a location. A suggestion was raised to explore outreach to Latin grocers or supermarkets as potential tenants of the commercial space. It was noted that the property's location near surrounding neighborhoods with established demand for diverse grocery offerings could be a potential market consideration for certain retailers.
  - It was suggested that the owner of the commercial space may not be successful finding a replacement tenant so the Association should consider getting involved by reaching out to potential options ourselves. While Artemis may consider underground parking to be a negative, others may not share that view.

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- It was suggested that we should investigate a possible collaboration with the National Landing BID to find a tenant because of their interest in bringing business to the community.

### New Business

- Discussion around planning for a Neighborhood Block Party in the next 1-2 years.
  - It was noted that Arlington County has a Neighborhood Mini Grant Program which seeks to provide Arlington neighborhoods with funding opportunities to encourage civic and community building through a variety of activities, programs, events, and projects. The program gives up to \$20,000 annually and up to \$1,000 per applicant to organizations. A neighborhood block party is eligible to receive funding. At least 5-6 other civic associations received \$500-\$1000 grants from the county. The timeline to apply for grants this year is expected to begin in early April. Anyone with experience writing grants would be helpful.
  - It was noted that neighborhood businesses could potentially be interested in sponsoring.
  - A committee will be formed to assess the possibility of organizing a block party by Fall 2026 or sometime in 2027 at varying potential budget levels.
- Concern was expressed about reckless driving on South Glebe Road and cars driving into the dedicated bus lane. We will investigate whether developing a Neighborhood Plan could be a means to address this.
- Our representative in the Senate of Virginia, Senator Adam Ebbin is resigning his seat to join the administration of Senator Abigail Spanberger. The Special Election will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.

Action Items	Owner
Notify Artemis about the establishment of the civic association	Dorian
Contact National Landing BID about possible collaboration to new commercial tenant for vacated supermarket space	Dorian
Investigate possible solutions to curbing dangerous driving habits on South Glebe Road.	Leadership team