

ORDINANCE NO. 3989

AN ORDINANCE to add a new Article 0 (GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE) to Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

WHEREAS, the future of the City of Alexandria is tied closely to its history and tradition; and

WHEREAS, the historical places and events identified with the life of George Washington are prominent in Alexandria's past and present; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the "Father of his Country," the City of Alexandria annually celebrates the birthday of George Washington; and

WHEREAS, this celebration is a community celebration and should reflect the participation of community groups and organizations in its planning and execution; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, city council, by resolution, established a George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee which, since then, has planned and implemented an annual celebration in the City of Alexandria for George Washington's Birthday; and

WHEREAS, city council now wishes to confirm, by ordinance, the existence and responsibilities of the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, and to modify the committee's membership by replacing the designated position for the Colonial Cotillion of Alexandria with a designated position for the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society; therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 4 of Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new Article 0, to read as follows:

[The following is all new language]

ARTICLE 0

George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee

Sec. 2-4-114 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a standing committee to be known as the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee.

(b) The committee shall consist of 17 members who, other than the members identified below in subsections (9) and (10), shall be appointed by the city council. The composition of the committee shall be as follows:

(1) one member to be nominated by the American Legion;

(2) one member to be nominated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars;

(3) one member to be nominated by any other veterans organization;

(4) one member to be nominated the Masonic Fraternity;

(5) two representatives of the city's business community to be nominated by the Chamber of Commerce;

(6) one member to be nominated by the Alexandria Jaycees;

(7) one member to be nominated by the Federation of Civic Associations;

(8) four citizen members;

(9) the city manager or her designee;

(10) the director of the transportation division of the department of transportation and environmental services;

(11) one member to be nominated by the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society;

(12) one member to be nominated by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association; and

(13) one member to be nominated by the T.C. Williams High School Band Boosters.

(c) The members identified above in subsections (a)(9) and (a)(10) shall serve during their tenure as employees of the city. The terms of all other members shall be for two years.

(d) The committee shall receive staff support from the director of the department of recreation, parks and cultural activities.

Sec. 2-4-115 Function; rules; officers.

(a) The function of the committee shall be to plan and carry out the city's annual George Washington's Birthday Celebration.

(b) The committee is authorized to adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure and other matters so long as same are not inconsistent with the city code, including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees through which it may carry on its functions and purpose.

(c) A committee chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the committee members.

Section 2. That Resolution No. 1533 be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

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