

P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199

**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, July 14th, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

****** MINUTES ******

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Called to order at 7:37

President's Report, Michael Grogan. Will be asking committee chairs to draw up committee priorities. Looking forward to doing more in the way of long term planning for the federation. Attending recent MVCC meeting about APR nominations. Proposing having an APR meeting of our own in the place of the August meeting that we traditionally skip. It will not be a general meeting. Agenda will be APR nominations.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report, Calvin Smith: President Grogan read from an email Calvin Smith sent: general account open=close \$2,521.12, TIAA/CREF open, close, of \$6,472.79, \$6,478.63. Estimate parade expense to federation is so far \$80 [up to \$500 was authorized] Unaccounted for is federation's cost for the "free" food we provide for first responders; we have a tab with the Lions.

Distribute attendance sign-in sheet.

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION

Pat Herrity (Springfield District Supervisor)

Distributed flyer regarding outbreak of lyme disease in the area. Having Town Hall July 22nd 7PM, Centreville HS cafeteria hosted with fellow Supervisor Frey.

Distributed his Supervisor newsletter.

Enjoyed participating in the parade and looks forward to coming back in the future.

Springfield Mall redevelopment approved.

Board of Supervisors' retreat discussions: \$315 shortfall expected in 2011, proposal to incorporate Fairfax County into a city, county struggling with affordable housing, transportation responsibilities of state vs. county.

Question about affordable housing for those who work in the county but cannot afford to live here. Herrity does not expect county taxpayers to pay for non-county residents to move into the county. Current residents come first.

Member read from editorial about HOT Lanes. "Not So HOT Lanes." Editorial mentioned several local officials signing onto a letter opining on the issue. Herrity agreed that the county should provide input.

Question about effects of BRAC in South County. Herrity sees it as an opportunity spur commercial development and to have people live and work locally. He knows some see it as negative.

Question about extension of SULEV waiver for HOV lanes and how soon tolls for HOT Lanes. Herrity expects tolls will not come until project is complete along its length. Expects SULEV waiver to end when HOT lanes are online.

Question about county trying to locate a trash dump in South County. Ensuing discussion of middle school along with dump. It was noted among members that there was discussion, but there was never a public consensus of agreement. Herrity is aware/has heard of recent documents obtained via FOIA but has not seen them. Expressed being disturbed this possible policy or decision was to be set without public input. Impressed upon the members his strong belief that private sector inherently does a better job than government generally.

Member noted that in terms of trash pickup, private sector is much better than DPW, providing about twice the service for less cost. Noted that the county had agreed in the past not to allow DPW to do certain things until private sector is considered.

Herrity closed by saying the public sector should not have taken an idea from private sector and attempted to make it their own and that the federation should have been informed on county action/study within its boundaries.

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President Grogan expressed concern that anyone would see a landfill in our area as an opportunity. Worried that the general public would conclude our community supported a landfill. What the federation supported was securing a date-certain closure of the landfill. Unintended consequence of what we did to obtain the middle school. The county mistook our acceptance of a quite specific agreement regarding only the ESI landfill proposal with pre-conditions, for acceptance of landfill agreements in general. Also thought that someone got it in their head that our community would accept more landfills as the price we are willing to pay to get a sportsplex.

Linwood who has read through much of the FOIA documents that there were county staff that worked under false assumptions of acceptance. If those same competent county staffers had started with the right info on the community wishes, it could have worked out well. Requested Supervisor Herrity to request documents not given in the FOIA documents. Supervisor Herrity agreed to request meeting agendas that were not turned over, but he does not know if there is a reason for the documents to be redacted.

Member noted that the vast majority of volume going to the landfill in our area is from ESI. Does not see who the county sees as the potential customer for new/expanded landfill. Believes the county may mistakenly believe ESI will be that customer, but ESI owns landfills elsewhere. Member noted that should the private sector that would undertake this would also pay taxes, unlike DPW.

Herrity asked Linwood to provide him and/or his staff with the dates of meetings for which he would like to get agendas.

Herrity expected more from the county staff. He referred to a Clifton school where a decision was made without public input.

Member noted that it is astounding that citizens of the county had to resort to a FOIA request to get information from their own local government. Herrity noted that none of what we're discussing was discussed in executive session (of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors).

Supervisor Hyland

Christine Morin spoke on behalf of Supervisor Hyland who was recuperating from recent surgery.

Supervisor Hyland has recently undergone a hip replacement and is already looking forward to working and was in his office this morning.

Supervisor Hyland congratulates the federation, John & Sandi Fedorshik in particular, for another successful Independence Day Parade.

She read a letter from Supervisor Hyland regarding the SportsPlex/landfill issue.

Mount Vernon visioning project: over several months, Hyland and staff will be looking at long term vision of the Mount Vernon district.

She noted an info packet was distributed at this meeting.

South County APR meetings coming up.

President Grogan opened the floor to Earl Flanagan who spoke of the MVCC APR meetings. President Grogan noted the plan to have an APR.

Next two months no land use meetings. On the normal monthly meeting date in August, 2nd Tuesday, we will have an APR centric meeting.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Parade (John Fedorshik)
 - Linwood recalled how much work it was when he and his wife organized it when it was about a quarter of the current size.
 - Motion thanking The Fedorshiks for the great job they have done for years with the parade and authorizing a giftcard for dinner at a fine local Lorton restaurant. Passed unanimously.
 - John noted that he spent very little of federation money as is always the goal.
 - In 2010, Independence Day will fall on a Sunday. The parade will take place Saturday, July 3rd.
 - South County Cares provided inflated obstacle course which will replace the big white tent in future
 - Noted Lowell Curtis suggested the possibility of floats
 - With inflatable obstacle course, we will drop moon bounce saving hundreds
 - Linwood noted that next year we may ban distribution along the parade route
 - Numerous water bottles and candy were found in the median
 - Exception for flags; no flags were found on the ground
 - Future vision of Independence Day in Lorton: parade, 10K run, fireworks
 - Linwood noted that many members helped including Gloria Bannister and Clint Herbert

- Land Use (Linwood Gorham)
 - Saturday, July 18th, ballons will fly over the South County Secondary School to mark heights of proposed cell phone towers.
 - Expressed appreciation to Peter Dickinson for authoring a resolution
 - **Resolution 09-21** opposing the current draft master plan for Laurel Hill Adaptive Re-use Unless and Until specific changes are made. Motion passes 39-0-0
 - Peter Dickinson spoke summarizing the background and history
 - He noted some key concerns
 - magnet workforce housing for first responders, teachers, social workers, etc, that the community believed it would get has been turned into Federal low income housing to get tax credits for the developer. It is likely that many of those workers will make too much to qualify and the federal credits require there be no occupation restrictions to get the credits.
 - Variety in housing types: not just row after row of townhomes, but duplexes, single family, garden style condos
 - Ballfield
 - Prison wall
 - Continued public involvement offered by the developer Peter Dickinson spoke summarizing the background and history
 - Member proposed alteration to add language expressing community concerns with the inevitable impact of school children that comes with housing. There was discussion about how full the new elementary school will be. Member said his point was that there was no language at all regarding school enrollment impact. The member presented a letter about his community's concerns to the federation

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- President Grogan is concerned about the sustainability to parts of the project. He agrees that it is the best plan we've seen yet, but he wanted to urge competitive bidding. He believes that currently, the market might be ripe to have more than the two bids that were received last time. He suggested changing the wording to require competitive bidding. Peter noted that the county will in the process choose how to handle the development. They could go with Alexander. They could put it up for bid.
- Tim Sargent noted that the project advisory committee has yet to make a recommendation. He noted that in Supervisor Hyland's handout is a document listing questions the board has for Alexander. The decision on the developer is up to the Board of Supervisors. The county sought a developer with experience with re-use of historical property. The county staff has agreed with the advisory committee recommendation that a 3rd party study the economic viability of this project. He spoke briefly of the estimated school enrollment impact. He noted that there are numerous stakeholders including the federation, the park authority, the school system and historical preservation entities.
- Question, could unsolicited developers have a chance to bid in the roughly 90 day special duration? Chris Caperton noted that an unsolicited proposal may be submitted at any time. An RFP process will add a year to the project horizon.
- Tim Sargent noted that it may be a good idea to examine if the planning horizon should be extended to give more time to consider. This is a very large project and it would be worth the time to do it properly.
- Dale Johnson of the community adjacent to the wall of the prison spoke in favor of the resolution.
- Concerns about the federal income tax credits. It is not a subsidy to tenants, it is a monetary incentive to the developer/landlord.
 - Chris Caperton made available printed copies of the LH Adaptive Reuse Master Plan

OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (5 Minutes)

NEW BUSINESS

- Next meetings
 - There will be no general meeting in August
 - September 8th meeting is at the South County Secondary School
 - October 10

Adjournment at 9:58

Note: South County Federation website is at <http://www.southcountyfederation.com/>

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Members	Member Through	Present	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Members	Present
Afton Glen		yes	Gomolinski-Lally, Eleanor		
Barrington	2009				
Cavanaugh Crossing			Clifton, Irma		yes
Courts of Laurel Crest			Meeker, Rose		
Crosspointe	2009	yes	Dreude, Thomas		
Gunston Corner THOA					
Gunston Manor	2010		Other Attendees		
Gunston Square		yes			
Hallowing Point Civic Assoc	2009		Gerry Hyland (Mt Vernon Supervisor)		no
Harbor View			Marcia Hanson		yes
Hollymeade			Tim Sargeant (Planning Commissioner)		yes
Lake Hill		yes			
Laurel Hill Community Association	2011		George Barker (State Senator)		yes
Laurel Highlands			Conrad Mehan (EnviroSolutions)		yes
Lorton Station	2009		Greg Werkheiser		yes
Lorton Valley			John Fedorshik		yes
Mason Neck Civic Association	2010	yes	Charles Dane (FxCo Fed of Civic Assocs)		yes
McGuire Woods					
Newington Forest		yes			
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Non-Aligned Caucus					
Occaquan Overlook					
Overlook Point					
Pohick Square					
Saratoga Community Association					
Shepherd Hills					
Springfield Oaks					
Shirley Acres					
Silverbrook Hunt	2009	yes			
Southpointe Estates	2009	yes			
Spring Hill		yes			
Stone Manor	2009				
Wildwood		yes			
Williamsburg Square	2009	yes			