



**Virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Dale Rumberger called for any corrections to the November minutes as posted on the website.
 - Minutes were approved, no changes.
- **Treasurer’s Report** Larry Clark provided the following account balances:

Sun Trust Checking: \$1,009.52

TIAA CREF Money Market: \$6,732.07

Total funding: \$7,741.59

- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - Casey plans to recognize one of the SFCC members during each SCF meeting. Today he shines the light on the South County PTSO. This group organizes the Lorton Holiday Extravaganza, which is a huge, huge fund raiser for the PTSO and then benefits the Senior class. Because of Covid, this year, they may be able to raise only 1/10 of what is usual, so we could definitely use some community support!



- On the Chamber side:
 - Medicare 101 Webinar -Amazing turnout with students, the Principal, Karen Corbett Sanders, teachers. Still on the Chamber’s website if you’d like to view.
 - Another Webinar featuring the winner of the Workhouse Art project. to come in a few weeks. More info to come.
 - Keith F Shovlin added that “after our email, I checked with the county and they are now moving forward with the development on Silverbrook Road. The County was informed with an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and currently that sets them up for 2 to 3 homes and they are looking for an increase of 4 to 5. There will be a rezoning hearing, likely sometime in January.

III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**

Not present or represented.

- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**

I wanted to start off by congratulating you all for your resiliency and still holding meetings during the COVID 19 pandemic. SCF has passed the test! This is a remarkable time for all of us, even though it’s been by far one of the hardest years that I, personally, have had to experience; and it’s been one of the hardest years for Fairfax County residents, and frankly the entire world. I have been especially proud to serve as your district supervisor this year, and want to thank you all for your continued engagement in the midst of such a trying year.

Despite our challenges, I can confidently say that we have accomplished many things this year in the Lorton and South County area.

Accomplishments and updates include:

- Ground breaking for Lorton Library and Community Center



- Increased river safety responsiveness with new Gunston Fire Boat
- Completion of the Laurel Hill Central Green Park
- Opening of the Lucy Burns Museum, and a very good turnout for observance of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment
- The most ever successful turnout for the Tour de Mount Vernon
- The opening of the National Army Museum
- Hired a new LatinX Outreach Coordinator, Diego Rodriguez Cabrera. Contact info is:

diego.rodriguezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov

or call (703) 619-4339.

We want to increase engagement with the LatinX community in the district and Diego already is having a positive impact in Lorton.

- Hired new Land Use Aide to act as liaison to SCF from my office.
- Solar Panels on I-95 Landfill
- Secured \$600,000 for the final phase of implementation for the Turning Point memorial
- Tourism Task Force - Continues to work on branding “Fairfax South and Potomac Banks” as potential names for the overall effort. The idea is to create a whole new identity (beyond just Mount Vernon). We anticipate bringing findings and an update in the spring of 2021.
- First Quarter budget review (items that would pertain to SCF boundary area) –
 - The state seeks 8 citizens to join the VA General Assembly’s redistricting commission. Applications for people who want to serve on the commission are currently open until December 28th. Senator George Barker is the representative from Fairfax on the commission, who represents much of the South County/Lorton area.



- Replacement for Police Chief Roessler
 - Fairfax County has hired PoliHire, an executive public safety search firm, to reach out to all the Board members to ask them what qualities and qualifications they expect in the new Police Chief.
 - We were also asked to provide a list of community stakeholders who want to be engaged on the search, and they will be sending out a community engagement process survey. My office provided them with the SCF contact information; they should be in touch shortly.

- Alpine X –
 - Board of Supervisors (BOS)voted as an action item during the November 17th Board meeting to enter into Interim Agreement with Alpine X. This allows them to do invasive testing onsite for up to a year
 - Reassurance that this is NOT a “done deal” by any means, as there are still many feasibility studies, public engagement sessions, and continued coordination with County staff that will happen
 - Two of the Alpine X team members meet regularly with the South County Federation leadership and the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and talks are productive. Alpine X remains dedicated to ANS: questions and engage.
 - Alpine X has new advisor on board: former GM of Ski Dubai, Tom Scheffers; and he is very aware of all the newest technologies on how to reduce the environmental footprint.



- Lorton Landfill – Frankly, I expected that we’d be further along, but I realize that some things require more time to be done right in getting all the substantial things originally promised by ESI. We’ll take as much time as needed to do it:
 - County staff from Land Development Services (LDS), Park Authority (FCPA), Planning & Development, and the County Attorney have regular monthly meetings with Christine and Nick Rinehart from my office to work towards ironing out the details (legal access agreement, zoning interpretation) of this ongoing Lorton Landfill project.
 - I have been directing my staff and County staff to work towards having an “access agreement addendum” worked out by the end of this year. I understand from Christine that this is not possible due to the adjustments that are needed to make this a safe park. While I am not pleased with this outcome, I do appreciate the vast resources that are working on this. I will share an updated timeline with you all once I receive it from staff.
 - County staff is also regularly meeting with Waste Management Inc (WMI) on a biweekly basis, specifically to work out the details of an updated access agreement, and the LDS project management team meets with the Mount Vernon district office on a monthly basis to check in on how talks are proceeding.
 - Additionally, Christine and Nick from my office meet monthly with SCF leadership to update them about the minutes and topics discussed at the monthly Lorton Landfill staff meetings. As you can see, we are dedicated to being as transparent as possible on this project because we know how important it is to you.



- Liberty/Laurel Hill
 - Our office recently received the site plan and soils report for Phase 2C of the Liberty/Laurel Hill Adaptive Re-Use project, which Nick Rinehart included in the SCF information packet that was sent on Friday. Please feel free to contact him with any questions.
 - Here is the latest construction update from Jim Perry of Elm Street Developers:

“Land development work at Liberty is ongoing in accordance with approved site plans. The land development work is focused on preparing building pads for the future construction of two retail buildings (including one for the anchor tenant) inside the walls and associated parking lots. Any disruption (starting and stopping) in construction is usually related to weather conditions (we can’t work in the rain or if the ground is too wet). The large excavation inside the walls is to remove and replace unsuitable soils under the building pads. The large cylinders are for buried storm water detention facilities. Land development work is likely to be ongoing during most of 2021.

We are under contract with Lidl for the grocery store anchor. The architecture was recently approved by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR). The National Park Service will review their architecture next. If all the required approvals can be obtained, Lidl is scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2021, with construction complete in late 2022.”

- History Commission
 - Inventory report identifies ZERO landmarks and assets with Confederate-related names across Fairfax County (does not include any federally owned property, public schools, places of worship, or cemeteries).



- Recommendations from the History Commission on the process:
 - That the BOS adopt a process to engage the public in an open dialogue through public meetings and community gatherings followed by a period of deliberation leading to definitive action.
 - Archive all project research at the Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library.
- African American Communities initiative in 2021: Development of an inventory of research materials on African American communities in Fairfax County, to include but not limited to Documents, Publications, and oral histories. They intend to proceed with this effort in full collaboration with African American organizations, churches, social groups, etc. which is what I expect at the very minimum.
- zMOD -
 - At the November 17th BOS Meeting, the Board voted to authorize the Advertisement of public hearings for new and modernized zoning ordinance through the zMOD project
 - The proposed Planning Commission public hearing on January 28, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., and the proposed BOS public hearing on March 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.
 - You can view the newly published consolidated draft Zoning Ordinance at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zmod



- Lorton Visioning update –
 - After some delay in meeting between June and October, three Lorton Visioning Task Force Meetings have been held in the past 2 months. As most of you are aware, this resident task force was convened about 2 years ago to lead and drive the Lorton visioning process and provide recommendations with my office and Fairfax County staff on strategic initiatives to accomplish the goals of the Lorton community.
 - These past 3 meetings have been highly productive in garnering more buy-in from the task force members as far as the strategic approach goes, and for solidifying the core area of the Lorton study. Now, the group is working towards gathering more data and having discussions about where they would like to see the eventual “Heart of Lorton”; that is, the Lorton town center.
 - Feel free to contact my office for any questions about this process, or to contact the SCF leadership to learn more.
 - Thank you very much to Nick Firth and Walter Clarke on their continued leadership, and especially to Nick for the countless hours and cat herding he took on this year.
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) survey reminder - BRT survey to get public input on the proposed BRT station designs are due by December 18th. FCDOT really wants the input of all residents that will be impacted by the future BRT lines along Richmond Highway, and eventually extending into the South County area! The link was included on the SCF information packet sent out to your leadership.
- COMMENT: Dale Rumberger stated, “We are losing Lyn McKinney, our excellent Lorton Library Branch Manager. She is taking a position at the Sherwood Hall Library. Also, two of her library assistants are retiring. I did respond to the BRT station design – is it going to be outdated? Can the arches



somehow be included in the design?

ANS: We don't have the ability to personalize the stations right now.

QUESTION: Larry Clark asked, "Where are the solar panels for Alpine X?"

ANS: "We're at the beginning in the planning for this. There are no specifics on that. If there is more detailed planning, it has not been shared with our office. Most of the capacity that will be generated in Fairfax County as part of a joint environmental task force group will be located on roof tops and parking lots. There's an expectation that we will generate potentially 5 gigawatts of power, but the details are not yet all there. There are three landfills from east to west: the Overlook, the Organic, and the Ash. We're still talking that area. We expect it to be somewhere along the east side, facing south, but this is based just on general conversations."

- **Mount Vernon District School Board – Karen Corbett - Sanders**
 - School Board had a meeting on the Thomas Jefferson (TJ) admissions policy, and will be voting on the recommendations Dec 17. We are optimistic that the new policy will result in greater access to opportunities for exceptional students who have an aptitude for science and math throughout the county. In addition to revisions of the admissions policy, the Board has directed the Superintendent to ensure that the timeline for access to TJ provides opportunity for compacted mathematics, which xxxxxx, hands-on problem solving, and advanced academic opportunity. The Superintendent has those two options: the ballistic approach to admission or a merit lottery. Both options increase the size of the admitted class to 550 students and eliminate the entrance test and the application fee.
 - They will also be adopting a new Restraints and Seclusion policy on the 17th. Prior to adoption of the policy, they will hold a public hearing this Friday, Dec 11th.



- On Dec 10, the Board will discuss a return-to-school plan. The Superintendent will present metrics for increasing in-person instruction and what conditions will prompt that in-person instruction. Additionally, we will be discussing the impact of the extended closure on learning loss and the plan for returning students to in-person instruction in January. The recently released report of the impact of extended impact to learning on grades will also be discussed.
 - The Virginia High School League has authorized the beginning of competitive sports at schools, and schools will be provided with detailed protocols and adheres to the Athletes Virginia High School League guidelines for returning to play. FCPS follows both CDC and Virginia Department of Health guidelines for health mitigation and masks. will wear a mask while participating in practice with the exception of when they are engaged in high physical exertion activities and direct competition. The first contest for basketball will begin December 23rd and all the winter sports on December 28th.
 - Expanded school safety teams have been established and have begun observations in schools this week. Every week the teams will observe mitigation processes that are in place at each of the schools. This includes reviewing wearing masks, hand washing, etc.
 - Silverbrook Elementary has a new Principal, Dr Pamela Simpkins, most recently the Asst Principal at Wm Halley ES.
- **Fairfax County Park Authority – Linwood Gorham** “The things that we’re all interested in the MV magisterial district continue to move forward:
 - The Central Green and fields are nearly completed
 - Community Garden Plots - “Interest in the Garden Plot area is picking up under Wes’ leadership. I’m committed to making that happen and I’m optimistic that we will! Thank you, Wes!”



Either of those 2 plots (near the middle school or on the former prison grounds) would be good.”

COMMENT by Wes Speer: “I did walk around the Barrett House recently, and it looks like the compostable waste exchanger on the north side of the house is complete and that it is a state-of-the-art thing. I also noticed that there’s a can on top that’s labeled Irrigation, which to me means water, whether brown or not, near that site. SDo, it immediately put into my mind the thought of having the community plot parcels there. Now I know that this might get in the way of the Resident Curator Program, but it’s something that I want to get down there and take some pictures and send them to Sarah and you, as there is plenty of available money for flood management, basically; and I’m just saying that that’s a good thing for it, but I’ll get to the South County School segue where it may be your role in funding the water control and run-off issues that are all through that parkland property there. It’s pretty barbaric and there’s water on-site, fire hydrants, multiple well caps; so that to me looks like it would be the garden plot center.” Wes likes the fact that, “at Barrett House, it would put the plots on land where people can see it; and having something that’s obvious, whereas at the Middle School it’s not exactly hidden, but it’s not on Lorton Road and so (having it near Barrett House) really makes it a more successful endeavor. There’s no over-storage xxx around the Barrett House; there’s little space around the school site, too; but those 2 places really ‘spoke to me’.”

Linwood agrees that either site would be good, and although they would not normally want to put something in the Barrett House historic area, “I don’t think that it’s a mountain too high”

- Barrett House (in the Residential Curator Program), is almost finished, except for its septic system.

COMMENT by Dale Rumberger: “It’s good to hear that Barret House is moving forward as a reclamation project including updating the septic system. I think that the whole area can lend itself to a lot of unique projects, and I think that with the increased traffic to the Barrett House and the Central Green, I



just appreciate the FCPA staying on point with getting that done. QUESTION by Dale Rumberger – Over next to the Central Green, adjacent to Hole #11 or #12, is an old barn, and I noticed that fencing has been moved out and there has been bush cutting right up to the barn. . . what’s going on? ANS: by Linwood: I don’t really know but I’ll look into it. COMMENT by Larry Clark: “Regarding that barn, what’s the chances of finding maybe \$20 - \$25K, to rehab the barn to make it look more like the barn that was refurbished by Hole 12 on the golf course? It would stabilize it.” ANS: from Linwood: “I really can’t say as it’s been a couple of years since I was in the barn area. But the Hole 12 area was in bad shape when we got it and it’s still not great now, but it looks nice. So I don’t think it’s a bad idea, and frankly I think that I could find money, if there’s a will and interest to do that, in the price range you’re talking about anyway.

- Mount Vernon Rec Center is going out for bids in February as a \$40M project
- Overlook Park – “FCPA is definitely not planning anything on Overlook right now, but if anything comes up to me from the FCPA perspective regarding Overlook, I would absolutely inform the SCF because it’s important to you. All of the FCPA meetings are open to the public on line and easy to observe.”
- Kirk Kincannon retiring- “We are shocked but happy for Kirk’s retirement as the Executive Director of the FCPA. A search will begin for his replacement.”
- COMMENT from Dale Rumberger: “Congratulations to the FCPA on their projects and complexity of their planning process. If you look at the 2018 – 2023 five-year park plan, you will find in there things that are aspirational goals and some of them are specific deadline goals for financial management; and I’d like to second your comments about Kirk Kincannon, who seemed to bring a lot of lines of business to the FCPA.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS



• **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs**

- Update on the pathway along Pohick Rd between Rte 1 and towards the I-95 walkway. We've heard back that it is partially funded. It is very dangerous and slick. So we put in a request to Fairfax County and they have \$1.5M is available but \$2.5M is needed, so we're \$1M short. In working to complete the scoping process, we need to request a recommendation from the Architectural Review Board; also need a site plan for the limits of disturbance, and will turn over to the Transportation Design Division for final design and construction. Additionally, we did a letter that was primarily sculpted by Amy and Marty contributed, as well as myself and Dale. The letter will be presented / uploaded to Sally Kidalov.
- Parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas: Dale Rumberger states, "This is something we've kicked back and forth for at least 2 months, and I think that the partnership between Amy L. and Marty Schermacher on behalf of their developments showing two separate issues, both connecting in:
 - What do we do with residential parking of commercial vehicles? . . . and
 - How does the parking of commercial vehicles impact neighborhoods' safety and property values?
 - I intend to, after the meeting, to ask Dan Storck's office to address it, and then sending the letter on to Supervisor Herrity as well; because this is not just our community. It is a County-wide issue and I appreciate all the effort and the word-smithing. The pictures are compelling.



- **South County Focus – Larry Clark:** We’re introducing the South County Focus tonight as a periodic update on three issues of special interest to the community. This PPT briefing is on the SCF Web site. The three things we have tonight are
 1. Shoppers has closed
 2. Liberty enters Phase 2B with Lidl as their “Anchor” Tenant
 3. Fairfax Peak is NOT a “Done Deal” – BOS only approved site access for engineering tests

MORE DETAILS:

1. **Shoppers** - Although it has closed, the mall owner has stated that there is another grocer who will occupy this space at a later date, hopefully in late 2021.
2. **Liberty Phase 2B** –
 - Construct additional parking in the south prison yard to support the uses established in the cell block buildings and dining hall
 - Construct additional parking in the north prison yard to support uses established in the historic buildings and future retail buildings
 - Extend White Spruce Way through the openings in the north wall
 - Install traffic signal at the intersection of White Spruce Way and Silverbrook Road if signal warrants are met and approved by VDOT (Phase 2C)
 - Working with Lidl to obtain architecture approvals from the National Park Service, Virginia Department of Historic Resources and Fairfax County Architectural Review Board. VDHR approved 12/4 and has forwarded to NPS
 - *Lidl can exit the deal if satisfactory architectural approvals are not received.*
 - If approvals are received, plan to start construction of the store next summer. They anticipate an 18-month construction



schedule, so a grand opening would occur in late 2022 or early 2023.

- Received approval from VDOT for the design of the future traffic signal at White Spruce Way and Silverbrook Road. That signal will only be authorized for construction when (*and IF*) the anchor tenant opens for business.
- Signed leases with Adamson Editions (local lithographer) and Capital Mixed Martial Arts (fitness and martial arts school) for space in building P-2 (the southeast cell block building). Working now on interior improvements to the building, and these tenants are trying to open for business in the first few months of 2021.
- A local church has expressed interest in one of the cell block buildings and a local brewery is considering the dining hall.
- Were unable to come to final agreement on terms with the church that was interested in the Chapel building; continue to actively market this building.
- COMMENTS from Casey Whitmarsh and Dale Rumberger were made and agreed-upon, that contact information for the lithographer and martial-arts studio should be forwarded to Jim Perry at Elm Street, as well as INOVA's Melissa Riddy and Roberta Tinch (for any physician wanting to set up shop at Liberty). Larry then expanded on Elm Street's modus operandi in building and leasing. However, if a certain time passes without successful marketing of (for instance) the Cell Blocks or the Power House, they can go over the County and build apartments, 6 or 8 apartments for each cell block and 12 for the Power House. We thought originally that would become the craft brewery with beer garden. So I'll call Jim Perry, and we need to stress that these buildings need to be built out for commercial.



3. Fairfax Peak – This is a grand undertaking! The Construction of an indoor ski facility, hotel and commercial development and other complimentary recreational facilities would have all the bells and whistles!

- Multiple ski slopes, inside a structure, at approximately a 20-degree angle
 - A specially designed area for skiing and snowboarding with a variety of ramps, jumps, rails, boxes and other features.
 - A bunny slope for beginners, snow tubing run and area for skiers and snowboarders to perform tricks;
 - Restaurants, ski shop and dining terrace at the summit;
 - A 100-plus room hotel at the base of the indoor snow facility;
 - A gravity-powered, mountain coaster that will slide from the summit to Occoquan Regional Park; and,
 - A ropes course and other outdoor activity areas. Due to the complexity of the Project, the Developer needs to perform feasibility and other studies to confirm the construction viability of the Project on top of what has been an ash landfill.
 - And they want to be carbon-neutral (LEED certified) on the site. To that end, the County approved a Right of Entry Agreement on May 11, 2020 (ROE) to permit the Developer and its contractors to enter onto portions of the Property and to perform limited initial due diligence work on the site through December 31, 2020.
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- **What the county actually approved for Fairfax Peak**
 - The proposed Interim Agreement establishes certain additional terms to allow the Developer to advance its due diligence for the Project. Those include:



- Extends the term of the ROE until December 31, 2021;
- Confirms the potential area of study for the Project;
- Provides an exclusive negotiation period in which the County agrees to not convey nor lease any portion of the Project Area to a third party before December 31, 2022;
- The County and the Developer may mutually agree to extend the exclusive period, as well as the ROE term, for up to one year, through December 31, 2022

- **Bottom line:** The county has approved Fairfax Peak’s ROE to the property to allow the developer to determine the engineering feasibility of the site – in other words, for the developer to determine that the proposed buildings and other improvements can actually be built on the site. Remember, this would be on top of an ash landfill!

COMMENT by Keith: Is there any chance that the Guard Towers could be open to the public?

ANS: Yes . . . but . . . The towers have all been refurbished, and initially it was thought that they would open one guard tower. They are very interesting, and the one by Lidl, when you go up in it, it is probably the highest point in this whole area so the view is beautiful. Cast iron spiral staircases go up to the bottom level, and then there’s a ladder up to the top level. I’ll try to ask Jim Perry about your question, and see if that’s in the plans as well.

- **AAAA Co. Site Update** - Nick Rinehart (Development & Land Use Aide) introduced two briefers: Brandy Mueller (Environmental and Land Development Services [LDS]) and Charles Smith (Storm Water Plant Division of the Department of Public Works). Brandy spoke first.



- Overview – I was one of the inspectors who issued a violation against the property that we call 4ACo, also known as Northern Virginia Auto Recycling. Located at 10212 Richmond Hwy at Lorton. Originally, we issued Storm Water and Erosion Sediment control violations in late 2016. The ultimate non-compliance led to litigation, with the County Attorney’s Office representing the BOS and the Dirt Mine Director of LDS. And it ended with the execution of an agreed final court order that was executed in late Nov 2020 and as part of that agreed order, they were required to pay a penalty of \$125K and had to restore the site by removing all of the unpermitted asphalt milling that was illegally placed within a flood plain, conservation easement and research protection area(RPA). As part of that removal, they would have to submit the necessary approval to our department and then mitigate accordingly. So to give an update on all of the compliance efforts,
 - They obtained an improved Water Quality Impact Assessment for the work to be done in the research protection area Jan 2020, which included the re-establishment of approximately 108,000 sf of the RPA buffer, requiring an extensive number of plantings, about 700 trees, and 2700 shrubs as part of the final mitigation of that RPA.
 - Next, they had to submit a grading plan for removal of the asphalt milling, including the necessary erosion and sediment control measures that they have to do for the construction piece of that, while they remove all of that fill from the RPA and then the final restoration. That plan was just approved on Oct 30. So the owners are currently working with their representatives on the bonds and permit package.
 - The last thing they are working on this week is the necessary conservation escrow deposit, which we hold for surety while the project commences. And once our bonding group approves that package, they can move



forward to getting the grading plan issued and the LDS permit. So, the target date for that bonding package approval is the end of this month. And then we would issue the LDS grading plan, and they have about 30 days to initiate the plan.

- The estimated start is early 2021. The projected completion date must be within 24 months of the date of permit issued. If they do not meet these requirements, we have authority to go back to the courts and collect a penalty for every day they are outside of the dates.
 - It was important to Supervisor Storck that the \$125K penalty be applied to a project in a way that is meaningful to our community. And so we consulted with Charles Smith to see what projects are available in your area. There were some general criteria that we used to nail down projects: proximity to the actual violation site, ensuring a benefit to water quality, significance of the penalty contribution to the overall project, and we wanted a timeline that would not take years and years; something that would be relevant to a community in a respective time frame. So, we have a project which Charles is going to discuss.
- Use of the \$125K penalty. Charles Smith picked up the briefing at this point.
- The proposed Project is a pond that is adjacent to the landfill and the USAR urban search and rescue site. It was built by the prison for unknown purposes. There are about 50 acres that drain down to this site with a lot of debris. There's an old dam at the pond with a massive breach; and there's been no maintenance of this facility for decades. The current plan was to rebuild the pond, treat the storm water, and create a Level 1 pond. Using the \$125K project money here we could create a Level 2 pond, which provides a wetland component.



- COMMENT and DISCUSSION Larry Clark: What you've got here, from our point of view is, you want to take \$125K of ordinary money and throw it towards what is, in essence, a County project to repair what is below the Urban Search and Rescue site (controlled by the Fire Marshall). This gives no benefit whatsoever to the Lorton community. So the question becomes, what other storm water or stream deficiencies are in the South County area that we could put \$125K towards remediating, rather than just paying for a county project that was already planned and already slated to go into a future project, and you just came across some "found money".

Larry pointed out the boundaries of South County as "Basically from Rte 1 at the Occoquan up Rte 1 to the Fairfax County Pkwy, up the parkway to Lee Chapel Rd and follow that down to the Occoquan. That is what we consider to be the Lorton area. Are there no other projects within this area that could benefit? Or a stream restoration project that could be done with \$125K that would benefit the residents rather than the Fire Marshall and stormwater?"

Charles countered by quoting the high cost (\$1300 per linear foot) of restoring a stream saying that \$125K just wouldn't buy very much.

Dale backed up Larry and pointed out that the USAR site is within our boundaries and (when in operation) has a (negative) effect on the community and we receive no benefits from them. Because of USAR, we've lost 50 acres of potential park land. And we do not charge fees for USAR's use. Would using this \$125K for USAR improve water quality? Perhaps. Will we see that water quality? No we won't.



- **BOTTOM LINE:** Charles says that they will look for and send us likely projects (even if not yet approved), and then we will go out and seek the money/resources. There is no deadline for the funds, only in how it can be used, as detailed by Brandy.

- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**
 - No Update
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair** introduced two INOVA representatives to provide an update on the hospital and the role INOVA plays in our community.
 - Melissa Riddy, Director, East Region Government and Community Relations, **Inova** Alexandria Hospital.
 - Roberta Tinch, President of **Inova** Mount Vernon Hospital and System Administrator of the Musculoskeletal Service Line.

Some of the main points from 30 PPT slides included:

- All 5 INOVA hospitals have received the highest national ranking (only such system in the nation). 18,000 team members serve 2 million annually
- Only ambulance-access ER in Lorton
- COVID response –over 4,000 hospitalizations. Set up a team (before COVID-19 entered the USA) to plan for a robust response for what was unfolding on a day-to-day basis. In March alone, spent almost \$34M on PPE, new equipment, ventilators, and construction. Currently, almost \$100M just for PPE related to COVID.
- **COMMENT** by Dale Rumberger– “Can you give us a 2 or 3 year look at the future for the Lorton INOVA area?
ANS: “Short-term plans aim at revitalizing the Surgery Center.”
COMMENT by Dale encouraged surveying the community at large to determine trends and asked, “will there be outreach through Lorton-INOVA to underserved communities with the



Covid shot?”

ANS: “At this time it is unknown if we will be able to administer community doses anywhere in the system. Has not yet been discussed as to how it will be administered throughout our communities because we don’t know the time that the immunizations will be received.”

COMMENT by Dale: “I’d recommend that you coordinate with the new LatinX outreach aide, Diego Rodriguez Cabrera. Melissa stated they are prioritizing immunizing their front-line care providers, and that they’ve done a lot of testing and outreach to those in need.

- COMMENT by Marty Schirmacher: “I live very close to the Healthplex. “What’s the potential for moving forward with expansion in our facility?”

ANS: “We are mostly looking at maximizing the space that is currently there. There is still surgical space there that we need to maximize. We find that many people are driving to the Fairfax Hospital, or Mount Vernon Hospital instead of staying closer to community locations. We have to show a need in order to open/expand another facility.”

COMMENT by Marty: “Are you talking about hospital beds? Our facility is a healthplex and not a hospital. As far as the application, there’s no plan for hospital designation.”

ANS: “We are talking heavily about getting office space for physicians in the area to make it easier/more attractive for doctors. From what I know, you will not see any buildings coming up in the next couple of years.”

COMMENT by Dale: “What Marty is talking about is what the community is talking about, because of not having to go farther away for diagnostic tests, etc. Physician space within the complex will help drive the diagnostic testing that they are going to be requesting. This is good for us to know, because as developers come in and want to develop commercial space etc, it’s good for us to know in the 20-40 Visioning task force about the things we’re looking at and what people would be interested in, and I would like to second the recommendation of taking



surveys within the community to determine what other services people would be interested in.”

- **Education, Seeking Chair**
 - See Karen Corbett Sanders’ comments on page 9

- **Parks, Howard Bishop, Chair**
 - No Update

- **Environmental, Wes Speer**
 - See comments regarding Garden Plots on page 10

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS - Dale Rumberger comments

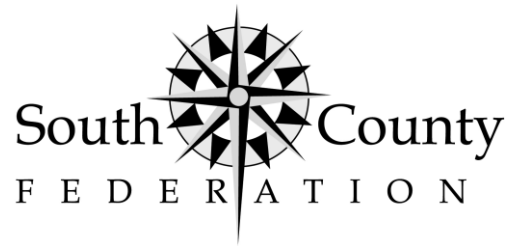
- Dale mentioned there was a fire in a bin at Covanta , and Don let us know. It has not diminished their power output.
- Future meeting focus
 - January - will probably be devoted to an Alpine X presentation.
 - February – Speed mitigation
 - March – legislative update
 - April – FX County budget (huge impact by Covid)

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2020

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2021:

- January 12



- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August (no meeting)
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14

Recorded by Cathy Bonnefil