



**Meeting at Workhouse Arts Center  
Tuesday, February 9, 2020 @ 7:30 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- **President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:33 PM.**

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - President Rumberger called for any corrections to the December minutes as posted on the website. The minutes were approved as written – no comments or questions.

- **Treasurer’s Report**

- Larry Clark provided the following account balances:

Sun Trust Checking:                      \$1,252.74

TIAA CREF Money Market:      \$6,714.87

Total funding:                              \$7,967.61

- **South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report (SFCC)**

Casey Whitmarsh highlighted:

- Third Thirsty Thursday
- Thirteenth Annual Monopoly Tournament
  - Looking for sponsors
- Annual 2020 Job Fair
  - March 7 at South County High School 2-4 PM
  - Anyone interested in registering - businesses or students- can reach out to Casey directly
- Football Banquet SCFAA



- In conjunction with SCFAA, Casey Whitmarsh (State Farm Agent) provided a \$1,500 scholarship to Jaedan Davis

### III. SUPERVISOR REPORT

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**

Not present or represented

- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**

Supervisor Storck had several topics to address:

- Board Meeting Today
  - Main Topics
    - Lighting changes – in an effort to reduce the brightness and dispersion of lights into the atmosphere and different lumens, working to provide guidance and expectation of what new developments will use
    - Transportation
- Town Meeting this past Saturday
  - More than 250 attendees
  - More than 300 viewers (live feed)
  - Fly Through available [fairfaxcounty.gov/MountVernon](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/MountVernon)
    - Go to town meeting
    - Click on fly through to see all changes in the district over the past year
  - Year of the Woman celebrated
    - 3 suffragist presenters
    - Lucy Burns Museum at the Workhouse Arts Center opening in May
    - Suffragist Memorial at Occoquan Regional Park opening in August



- 100<sup>th</sup> Year of Women Getting Right to Vote  
August 26
- Channel 16 – piece on the history of the suffragist movement
- SSPA (Site Specific Plan Amendment)
  - South County
    - Opportunity to turn in amendments this past year
    - There were 8 nominations in the Mount Vernon District that will go to the committee – appointed by the end of this month – that will make recommendations to the planning commission
      - Next Steps:
        - Community Screening process  
March-May
        - Planning Commission will consider staff recommendations in June
        - Board of Supervisors will review PC approved submissions in July
        - BoS approved submissions will be sent to staff for analysis, who will bring it back to the PC in January 2021
    - Bellevue shopping center one of the biggest nominations – mixed-use opportunity
- Official Census Day – April 1
- Community Budget Forum at the Gerry Hyland Budget Center – February 26, 7 PM
- Friday, 10 PM unveiling of the LOVE sign at the Workhouse Arts Center
  - Lighting will be added at the entrance
- South County Teen Job Fair
  - Job Fair South County High School March 7, 2:00-4:00 pm
  - Job Fair Mount Vernon High School March 21, 10:00 am -12:00 pm



- Job Fair West Springfield High School March 28, 10:00 am -12:00 pm
- Gunston Fireboat is under construction.
  - Last year, we did not have on-river or on-bay water support for our community – fireboats unable to operate
  - Brand new fireboat is being built and will be operational by Memorial Day
  - FFX County Police Boat does currently support and will continue to support
- Thank staff from Fairfax County Planning for Waste Management
- QUESTION: What is the justification for the boat?
  - No capability to provide emergency support on the river
  - No firefighting capabilities either
  - If they are needed, they are pulled from MD
  - Residents here use the water ways and it is a key part of our focus on building the future of Lorton
  - Getting more engaged and connecting to water is a key part of our tourism and what makes us unique
  - This provides the bare minimum capability
  - A police boat does work the river, but they don't have a fire apparatus that could provide support
  - Firefighters and Emergency EMTs have voiced concern
- QUESTION: Where will the boat be kept?
  - It will be kept on the water in Pohick Bay
- There was another pedestrian killed on Route 1 this morning – they were told that they were in the middle of road with a shopping cart. The driver stopped and stayed on the scene. 4<sup>th</sup> pedestrian death in the last 6 months. They are all along Richmond Highway and are all different, but similar – at night, often times wearing dark clothing, and not using a cross walk.
- Supervisor Storck is focusing on working towards policy resolutions to this issue and slowing speed to mitigate this tragic issue
- **School Board Chair – Karen Corbett - Sanders**



- 8 new board members were sworn in and first orientation and retreat has occurred, as well as a joint retreat with the BoS
- Proposed budget was sent to board of supervisors last Friday \$3.2B budget.
  - There is growth due to need to keep teacher's salaries competitive
  - Instructional Assistant & Public Health Technician salaries brought up to achieve 50% of the teacher's salary
  - Increase in counselors at elementary, middle and high school levels
    - Expect legislature will adopt a SOQ that will increase the number of counselors in Fairfax County
  - Role out of FCPS On, a 1:1 Computer Program
    - Creating the opportunity and allowing the students to take computers home and access broadband
  - Increased environmental sustainability support
  - Adopted Capital Improvement Program
    - Sent to board of supervisors and incorporated in their overall CIP
    - As a result of the joint retreat, there will be much more collaboration on capital improvement programs
  - Put money aside to do a full review of the special education programs in Fairfax County
    - Best practices nationally are considered
    - Special Education population is growing at a faster rate than General Education
- In addition to the CIP and budget work collaboration, there is also a greater collaboration with BoS on workforce development
  - What do we need to do in our curriculum?
  - What do we need to do with our businesses – partnerships for internships, etc.



- Here in South County, met with PTO
  - Discussed creating a more integrative and collaborative approach for transition from elementary to middle, and middle to high school
  - Working to support schools that are overflowed
  - RAMP – external review of counseling work for schools – that includes certification
    - Hayfield received accreditation
    - South County has had it for a couple years now
  
- Mount Vernon College Access Program
  - Initially at Mount Vernon High School
  - Partnership between Fairfax County public schools, NVCC and George Mason that allows us to leverage policy changes to have more flexibility in recruiting teachers who teach highly specialized, career-oriented courses – do not have to have a K-12 licensure
  - Allowed us to offer early college classes in a high school
  - All of the schools in South County can take advantage
  - Students can take up to 13 college credits for free and if they maintain a minimum GPA, they will be guaranteed acceptance to George Mason
  - PUBLIC COMMENT re: Guaranteed acceptance at NOVA and then George Mason
    - Son took 3 computer classes at NOVA that were not accepted at Mason
    - “Bootcamp” classes were required as a result
    - The classes were known to be unpassable
    - Asked to ensure this was addressed
  
- COMMENT: President Rumberger



- Halley Elementary School: finalists in a coding competition for Samsung
  - South County Middle is the Northern Va representative for Math Counts – competition in Mathematics
    - Team is going forward to the competition in March
  - recently had accolades as well
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- **Fairfax County Park Authority – Linwood Gorham**
    - Multi-Departmental process is happening right now. Park Authority has always been a willing participant at the table – cooperative, transparent and inclusive.
    - Greater Park Authority – board was elected for the year.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **Congressman Gerry Connolly**
  - Census coming up
    - Report from Jeff McKay’s office- FFX county has a bigger population than 8 states
    - Roundtable was held with SCF and other stakeholders on the census
    - Connolly’s Office is on two committees that oversee the census so it’s of the utmost importance
  - VA is the #1 employer of STEM sector jobs, without the proper number of employers to support those companies
    - Upcoming discussion: Changing education in workforce development
    - How do we make different options going into post-secondary life. Trade School, Certificates, etc. and will support filling this sector jobs that we need



- Melanie Stover, Director of Corporate and Workforce Engagement at NVCC will be on a panel with the Congressman
- COMMENT: President Rumberger
  - Official looking document was received by President Rumberger and it's a political survey. Uninformed citizens may not realize the materials were a scam. Provided copy for Congressman's review.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs**
  - SCF attended the transportation study called the Corridor Improvement Plan last week
  - Highlighted a number of issues for this area – there are many changes with the Long Bridge deal between CSX, VRE and Amtrak
  - Rail line purchases will increase the capability and have a lot of impact
  - Issues with the third track at Franconia and Furnace Rd. Lorton- a layover track where freight trains can pull over to let high speed trains go by
  - Will pursue Hot Lanes access in Lorton
  - Hot lanes will eventually become bidirectional
  - Fairfax Peak – Alpine X/Waste Management Park
    - Represented that it will be accessed off 123, so this will be pursued in the upcoming study
  - Ingress secondary roads, need to understand how ramps will impact our neighborhoods
  - Reported Gateway high speed rail down to North Carolina last year
    - Gateway is now “old terminology”
    - Looking at “I-95 corridor” is the new terminology
    - Lorton was underrepresented in Transportation Study



- Requesting any comments from SCF members that need to be pursued beyond those addressed
- Interesting metrics
  - 9 Million trucks with 3,700 accidents on I-95
  - On I-95 from Springfield bypass to North Carolina, the highest rate of accidents occurred in the city of Richmond at the intersection of 95 and 64.
- Nothing is 100% funded as of now, however, they say when projects are approved moving forward, they will be 100% funded
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:
  - Alban Rd. dip – can it be remedied?
  - Are the side roads able to take traffic that is redirected from I-95 if there is an accident?
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**
  - McDonalds Gunston Plaza will be back this month to meet with SCF
  - Lorton Vision Task Force is gearing up for its second public outreach. The task force has formalized its charter and is close to formalizing its guiding principles. The second public outreach is due to occur in April.
  - QUESTION: Any update on Shoppers in Lorton Market Station?
    - Shoppers is pulling out of retail food industry
    - A public announcement was made that in June of 2020 that they will close all retail stores. Kingstown and Burke have announced closures, but Shoppers has not revealed any plans for the Lorton location.
    - SCF continues to push for answers
  - Question: Panera
    - They were due to open in April of this year, but they are not yet under construction.
    - They were in the permit process, and SCF is reaching out to a new contact there for answers.



- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**
  - Fire Station 19 will become operational this summer & an opening ceremony will be planned
  - Franconia Police Department held community meeting at Lorton Library about one week ago
    - They are very interested in meeting with folks in the community. If you reach out, they are happy to come out and tailor conversations to group's needs.
  - New Police Station is scheduled to open in 2022 (police station/animal shelter)
    - Department across the county is increasing staff so that when it's open it will already address the staffing needs
    - New district lines will be identified as a part of that
  
- **Education, Seeking Chair**
  - No Update
  
- **Parks, Howard Bishop, Chair**
  - No Update
  
- **Environmental, Wes Speer**
  - No Update

### **PRESENTATION: Waste Management Update on Landfill Closure**

Background by President Rumberger: Partners from Waste Management Incorporated are providing an update on where they are in the closure process for the old ESI landfill. They've been outstanding in getting back to SCF with all inquiries.

John Dottellis with Waste Management

- Waste intake ceased 12/31/2018, actual 8/2/2018



- 60,000 cubic yards will be removed to close it. They are about 50,000 into it.
- Permit issued by DEQ
- December 2030 tentative date for post closure period to terminate.
- Timeline
  - 2019 – completed 40 acres of final cap, stormwater (E&S), landfill gas, cleaned several ponds, removed petroleum tanks
  - 2020- complete remaining final cap area 26 acres, stormwater (E&S), landfill gas, additional needed maintenance, clean last pond (completed January), remaining demo site
  - Q4 2020- request to enter the post closure period (minimum 10 year period) and begin monitoring activities
- Overlook Ridge Park
  - Some details still worked out and discussed
  - Interim access plans will include temporary closure of the park for maintenance
  - Construction of the park amenities will require additional approvals that they still continue to work on
- Started tree plantings (to meet requirements and coordinated through FFX urban forestry)
- QUESTION: What is the final elevation?
  - Final elevation for waste is 412', and with all capping 420'.
- QUESTION: What is the likelihood of settlement?
  - It will settle, we're putting 600,000 yards of dirt on it. Because it's a construction and demolition debris landfill, it doesn't settle as much as other landfill sites
- QUESTION: Do you generate methane gas and burn it off?
  - There is a little, and it is burnt off with open flares.
- QUESTION: Membrane over the top?
  - Previously identified two options: use soil to cap landfill, or membrane
  - They decided not to use the membrane option and will cap with soil
- QUESTION: What type of soil?
  - It's a clay like material – there are requirements (environmental and structural specs)



- QUESTION: What is the plan on the top surface regarding trees, grass, bushes
  - Most of the trees, planting sequence is on the side slopes, not a lot of planting on top. Top is generally flat with a little bit of crown – it’s grass and the bulk of the amenities will go there
- QUESTION: What are you doing as far as the park amenities?
  - DEQ needs to approve closure, moving into the post-closure monitoring period. They have intention to build the park as approved, with minor modifications that are currently being discussed.

### **William Marsh with Land Development Services**

Background: Working in tandem on follow-through on closure and then what was promised through special amendment. LDS is responsible for overseeing sight conditions, site inspection reports in conjunction with solid waste and department of environmental quality. The LDS Team helps with Project Management – Supervisor Storck requested assistance from LDS, who is acting as a liaison.

- Start of post-closure period – End of 2020 (when cap should be complete)
  - That is the pivot point for Land Development Services. Completing site work is described in the special amendment as estimating one year from closure , the end of 2021. Working back from that, they have been helping ensure that the timeline lays out correctly from there.
  - Currently in discussions with all stakeholders to clarify schedule and draft any needed site amendments.
  - Park Access and Availability, no sooner than 2023 would it be safe for visitors to use the park service.
- QUESTION from President Rumberger: Clarification, is the usage of the park dependent on 12 consecutive quarters of gas monitoring?
  - Yes. That’s true
- QUESTION from Larry Clark: Lots of people may want to take advantage of the views. Has the park authority thought about the



additional parking? Will the “dawn to dusk” procedure work here – and how do you manage that?

- Dawn to Dusk – normal operation for unstaffed, managed parks
  - Parking is currently depicted in SEA, and what is on the approved site plan – additional parking would open up the SEA
  - They don’t have the bus or staff to provide a service for bus transportation, but they could offer it for large event or for an case by case basis
- QUESTION: Why would additional parking open up the SEA?
- Supervisor Storck: Changing the SEA was a major challenge that took years to resolve. There is a lot of concern about opening it up again. To achieve the conditions in the current SEA, there is already a heavy lift and we need to stay focused on that. There is no doubt about the importance of activating that site as a park. We will never accept any outcome that doesn’t involve that land use being a park. That commitment stands, but we still have a number of steps to get to that point. When we get very close to that, we can talk about “what else can we do,” but we need to keep our focus.
  - We still haven’t fully realized the vision for executing the agreement that we have. The focus needs to be on getting what was originally promised, and ensure it is realized. Once we get to that point, I’ll be sure to talk about the next level.
  - William: We have a site plan and the goal is to get everything lined up to have site plan approval in 2021 and to be in a place to begin construction of the park. There is an effort to complete the site related work by 2021.
  - Larry: There is no question in my mind that there is not going to be enough parking there.
  - Supervisor Storck: There is no disagreement on that, but we just don’t need the distraction while we try to get to the vision of realization.



- Public Comment: Maybe it should be seen as an option, while not taking the focus off it, there is potentially the opportunity for discussion without requiring an SEA amendment
- Public Comment: Yes, there was an area shown as additional parking.
  - There are 22 parking spots at the elevated level, with the rest at “ground level.” At the bottom, there are about 50 or so (total of 74).
- Supervisor Storck: Let’s go back and review to see what was approved. It will be sent out and we will attempt to mitigate any miscommunication.
- President Rumberger: There is an expectation from the community that this issue is brought forward and resolved. Additional conversations and collaboration is needed. We need to know exactly where we are with the park. The sooner we understand all of the amenities and all of the timing, the sooner we as a community can coalesce around it.
  - **SCF requested a Fall (September/October) update**

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

President Rumberger: Library will be closed April 11. Closed for 22-24 months. LCAC may be shifting donation drop off hours at the house and pantry as construction begins. As more information is made available, LCAC will bring it forward.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Residential Street Commercial Vehicle Parking**

President Rumberger:

Laurel Hill HOA has had several discussions surrounding issues with parking of commercial vehicles. These issues, however, aren’t exclusive to Laurel Hill. There are also issues in Shirley Acres, Hooes Road, and several other areas. Laurel Hill has kicked it off, but the goal would be to take this initial information and pull additional content



(photos/comments/etc.) from the community. SCF is asking for this additional content by **February 21, 2020**. SCF and others will then ask district supervisors to bring it forward to the BoS for study. There are many issues combined in this – most importantly safety on our roads and property values.

Comment from Laurel Hill: Abuse of the current code. Because they're not in violation of the current code there is a big loophole. Enforcement is not exactly aggressive and there is no ownership of the issue. The code just continues to get more lenient as changes are made. As a result, streets are used as free storage and need to be viewed differently for "repeat offenders." These Commercial Vehicle parking area on Laurel Crest is so widely utilized and abused that users are saving spaces by parking their personal vehicles temporarily, taking out and driving their work vehicles, and then swapping them after their shift is over.

Comment from Summit Oaks: Someone calls the non-emergency number every day. Utility vans will park and block sight – especially because it's an area where buses are dropping off/picking up.

Public Comment: Resident Parking Only signs? If VDOT owns the road, it can't be done. Perhaps a state level issue.

Public Comment: There was talk about taking the 3-way stop off Gunston road to alleviate traffic concerns due to commercial vehicle parking. What we need is a do not block sign, not a 3-way stop.

## **ENDING COMMENTS**

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:52 pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2020 in the South County High School  
Media Room

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2020:



- April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August (No Meeting), September 8, October 13, and November 10 in the South County High School Media Room
- December 8 at the Workhouse Arts Center

Recorded by Angelina Fuller