

**Virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 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 June 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**
 - Workhouse Arts
 - Commerce Market
 - Drive-In Movies
 - State Farm - \$25,000 grant
 - Enrollment application period will open soon
 - Website and Instagram are being updated frequently
 - Thank you (from President Rumberger) for the evening meal program through LCAC. Will continue monthly, beginning this Saturday.
 - 50 meals will be distributed July 18 from 2-4 pm at LCAC



III. SUPERVISOR REPORT

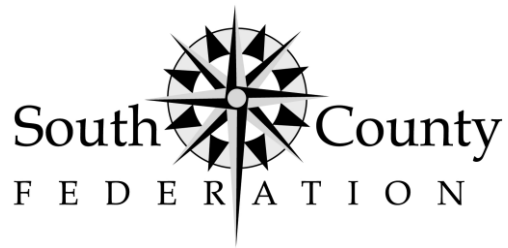
- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - BoS voted today to pass an amendment for Wildlife Rehabilitators to continue to care for wildlife in Fairfax County
 - Very disappointed at Park Authority decision to cancel the summer concert series. Working with Park Authority to postpone the series rather than cancel entirely
 - Public Safety – Major Concern for Supervisor Herrity
 - Intense scrutiny on police department and demands for police reform
 - Many reform requests have already been implemented
 - Always room for improvement
 - Media coverage today on concerns from the unions re: Police Chief Ed Roessler
 - Requesting a leader they can trust (stemming from incident with Officer Tyler Timberlake)
 - Many members of the police department worried about their jobs
 - E.g. Officers scared to restrain a naked man on PCP recently in Mount Vernon
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
 - Introduction of new additions to Storck’s office
 - Nick Rinehart – new Land Use Aide
 - Diego Rodriguez Cabrera – new LatinX Outreach Coordinator
 - Increasing effort to better engage and provide support to the LatinX community
 - Diego.RodriguezCabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - New satellite voting locations approved today – 14 new locations
 - Lorton Library location will be moved to Laurel Hill Golf Course



- Expecting a large turnout this fall for the presidential election
- New Fireboat currently parked at Gunston Fire Station (FS20)
- Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment at Liberty – preliminary site layout and design available at Storck’s office
- Fairfax County is now in Phase 3
 - Fairfax County is at a 3% level of positive testing results for the State (compared to 25% earlier in the pandemic)
- George Washington & Mount Vernon REC centers will reopen Monday, July 27
- Site Specific Plan Amendment Process
 - Mt. Vernon Nomination meeting July 28 at 6 pm (virtual)
 - One nomination: Old Colchester Road; will be discussed September 1
- Community Center/Library is scheduled for June 22, 2022 opening
- Development Updates
 - Lorton fire station (FS19) will be occupied in September 2020
 - Laurel Hill Adaptive reuse permits secured for Phase 2, site plan for retail development going back to ARB on Aug. 13
 - South County Police Station & Animal Shelter - bidding for the project expected early September
 - Gunston Fire Station – in design proposal
- Contact the office at mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-780-7518
- **School Board Chair – Karen Corbett - Sanders**
 - Return to School Plans
 - School year start delayed until September 8
 - Extra time needed for master planning and logistics, as well as data collection and increased professional development
 - 69% of students have participated in request for return to school survey
 - 70,680 opted in-person



- 59,269 opted online
 - 80% of teachers have indicated their preferences
 - 6,209 opted online
 - 5,273 opted in-person
 - Intense work session yesterday about return to school plans. Topics included:
 - 6-ft social distancing between desks and shields put up in appropriate places
 - Continuing music and band programs
 - One child per seat on buses
 - This evening all families will receive health guidance from Superintendent that details pre-screening process
 - Emphasizes requirement for students and volunteers to wear masks while in the buildings
 - Sanitation protocols will also be provided
 - Overview of how we will work with the health department for a child that may be presenting COVID symptoms
 - Students with the last name A-K will attend in-person classes Tuesday/Thursday
 - Students with the last name L-C will attend in-person classes Wednesday/Friday
 - Corbett- Sanders has been appointed to a state task force on Return to School providing recommendations for legislators in Richmond
 - Submitting plan to the State on August 10
 - Include how we open schools and how we pivot based on changes and conditions
 - VHSL guidelines will be released tomorrow that detail how students will be able to participate in after school competitive sports
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- **Springfield District School Board – Laura Jane Cohen**
 - Submitted report that will be posted to the SCF website



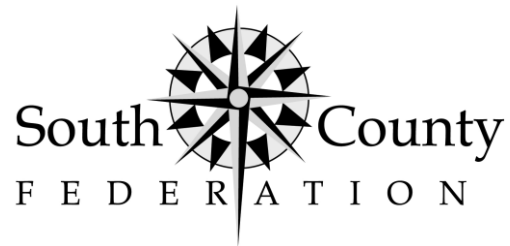
- **Fairfax County Park Authority – Linwood Gorham**
 - Continuing to navigate operation in a COVID environment and aiming to provide as many safe recreational activities as possible
 - Decisions being made by the Park Authority are being carefully considered
 - Train is running at Burke Lake – positive news!
 - SCF REQUEST: Park Bond Referendum update requested in September/October
 - Mt. Vernon’s fair share of the bond is going to the second sheet of ice at the Mount Vernon Rec Center
 - Last time Mt. Vernon received about 1/3 of the bond

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Congressman Connolly**
 - United States Postal Service
 - Supported emergency funding early in the pandemic
 - For long-term viability it was essential that they received debt relief
 - Included authorization of appropriations up to \$250M per year to cover unfunded mandates, including cost of paid parental and family leave
 - requirement that postal employees enroll in Medicare
 - allows post office to conduct non-postal business with state and local governments
 - Included in the Heroes act were postal provisions and a postal preservation act
 - \$25B - will end the Treasury’s blockade of \$10B originally authorized in the CARES act.
 - Virginia Election Year - voting by mail has skyrocketed
 - Census Oversight



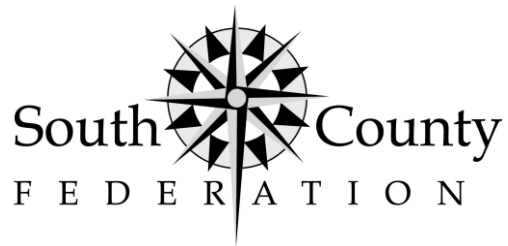
- Mailing another postcard- will receive between July 22 and July 28 if you have not filled out census
- Door knocking will occur for anyone that does not complete census
- As of June 30th, Virginia's completion of census is just over 66%, 11th Congressional district is at 74%
- Justice and Policing Act
 - Congressman's amendment did make it into bill
 - Funds seized through several forfeitures to be redirected to public welfare and community services
- **U.S. Congressman Beyer**
 - House passed the Justice and Policing Act in June
 - Response to many events, including George Floyd and Black Lives Matter movement
 - Driven by the disproportionate impact of COVID on people of color and the lower income quartile
 - Banned Chokeholds (except unusual circumstances)
 - Banned no knock entries
 - Limited qualified immunity for police
 - Trained police de-escalation
 - Promoted the independent reviews of police misconduct
 - Congressman pushed for body cameras on all officers. Legislation for body cams for all officers included in Justice and Policing Act
 - Working on limiting facial recognition policy in law enforcement – not reliable
 - House passed the H.R.2: Moving Forward Act
 - \$1.5B, the largest infrastructure bill in American History
 - \$300B to fix new roads and bridges
 - \$100B for transit
 - Increased low-income housing tax credit
 - Long Bridge project
 - \$25B for postal infrastructure



- House passed the Heroes Act
 - \$1 trillion for state and local governments - fixes Fairfax County, Alexandria and Arlington through 2020 and 2021
 - Used to pay teachers, police, firefighters, child protective services, etc.
 - Unemployment insurance extended for an additional 6 months
 - \$100B for hospitals
- Next week will attempt to pass the Defense Authorization Act
 - 3% pay increase for military
 - Also fighting for 3% increase for federal employees
- 11-12 appropriation bills to be done on-time
- **State Senator Barker**
 - Legislative session back in Jan, Feb, early March. Highlights include:
 - Passed the equal rights amendment (38th state to do so)
 - Dealt with a number of issues related to women's rights and racial equality
 - Addressed issues of statues, made a number of changes to the code to bring it up-to-date
 - Surprise billing – health insurance provision for those who receive treatment from a Doctor at a hospital who was not participating as a member of that health insurance.
 - 2nd major transportation bill done in the last 8 years for road issues and transit, \$5M for the long-haul transit providers operating in the urban areas
 - Mental Health
 - Coverage for Dental Care for adults on Medicaid
 - Election law – no excuse absentee voting
 - Budget package passed on March 12
 - Negotiated deal with Administration to pass the budget as-is and put a freeze on certain elements in the budget.
 - 1-2 special session coming up the end of August that will deal with the budget and other issues



- Revenue situation is looking better than anticipated.
Expected \$1B shortage – came short, but only \$236M
- Other Special Session Proposals
 - Criminal Justice reform
 - Police reform issues
 - Coronavirus issues
 - Racial equity issues
- **State Senator Surovell**
 - Passed 32 bills this session. Highlights include:
 - Funding finally passed for long-term planning to look at extending the Blue Line
 - 1-2 year study to extend the Blue Line through Lorton to Woodbridge and to Quantico.
 - Did the same process for the Yellow Line in 2011 that resulted in the Embark rezoning process in 2015-2016
 - Passed legislation prohibiting fracking east of I-95
 - 80,000 acres under lease on the northern Neck for fracking
 - Mason Neck peninsula on private water and anyone who currently taps the Potomac aquifer is at risk of an endangered water supply due to fracking
 - Passed bill prohibiting holding cell phones while driving
 - Senator Barker started this fight in 2007 when he passed legislation making texting while driving a secondary offense
 - 2012 made texting while driving a primary offense
 - Starting January 1, you can't have your cell phone in your hand
 - Passed bill to eliminate Predatory Lending bill (TitleMax/Carmax type businesses)
 - In 2015, there were 21 of these businesses between Alexandria and Quantico
 - Previously allowed by state statute to charge 267% interest rates for car titles



- Now, 36% interest rate cap in place. As a result, most of the predatory lenders are leaving and other lower rate businesses are entering the market
 - Passed bill for Community Solar
 - Buy a piece of a solar panel and net the output of that against personal home meter
 - Heading up criminal justice reform effort during Special Session
 - Fairfax Commonwealth Attorney Steve Descano has endorsed everything the Senate Democratic caucus and the Black Caucus want to do, and even proposed 4 additional things
- **State Delegate Sickles**
 - Joint Finance committee on August 18
 - Legislation highlights from last session
 - Virginia Values Act- passed into law and became effective July 1
 - Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in housing, employment, public accommodations and access to credit throughout the Commonwealth
 - Virginia Health Benefit Exchange
 - State based exchange for the federal Affordable Care Act
 - Will take several years to establish
 - Reform to reckless driving limits
 - 70 mph increased to 85 mph for reckless driving
 - Instead of a Class 1 Misdemeanor between 80-85 mph, fine of \$100
 - Town Hall July 15 at 6 pm
 - Delegates Sickles, Tran, Krizek, and Watts
 - Call in 605-472-5239
 - Access code: 811044
- **State Delegate Kathy Tran**
 - New committee assignments
 - Health Welfare and Institutions Committee



- General Laws Committee
- Agriculture, Chesapeake Bay and Natural Resources Committee
 - Chairs Subcommittee on Natural Resources
- Virginia State Water Commission
- State Workforce Board
- Town Hall on Criminal Justice Reform July 22 at 6:30 pm
 - Delegates Tran & Herring, Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano, and NAACP member and 42nd District resident, Marlon Dubuisson
 - Call-In: 605-472-5239
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- Future of Affordable Care Act
 - Passed a bill that dictated if the Affordable Care Act appealed, then insurance plans that Virginia sells will include coverage of pre-existing conditions
- Passed a study for VDOT to examine roads and bridges—specifically focused on infrastructure in disrepair that is impacted by flooding
- Passed a bill on public water quality – requires early and clear communication if there are any changes in water quality
- Budget Requests – made it to final budget
 - Additional staff at Mason Neck state park
 - Record turnout during the pandemic and need to meet educational and visitor needs there
 - Medicaid Waiver Recipients who are also in-home care providers for family members
 - Federal waiver to alleviate the hassles of check-in

Legislative Questions

- **COMMENT:** All Austrian and German Police have an intensive training that requires them to spend three days reading transcripts of the trials from WWII, visit the model concentration camp for the Nazi regime, and have group sessions to learn exactly why the laws are in place and what they do. Can we model that training effort for State Police in Virginia? e.g. Lynching Memorial in Mississippi



- Senator Surovell: Heard many comments relating to this recently. There are many internal concerns about hiring officers without life experience onto the force. For example, Fairfax County has a Cadet Program in place where they hire people straight out of high school into the police force. They don't get a lot of life experience before they are given that type of authority. Considering possibility of extending that duration to allow for more life experience. Legislation also currently dictates that all police officers undergo a psychiatric evaluation before they accepted into the police academy. All these things are being considered. Nevertheless, law enforcement is having a hard time recruiting anyone to apply – both the atmosphere and the pay contribute to this. Agree that education of the country's history is a great lesson that is engrained in the German culture and values the comment.
- Supervisor Herrity: Fairfax County Academy spends a day down at the African American History museum. They are doing many of these things. We must be very careful about what we do to law enforcement. Today we can say we're the safest jurisdiction and it may not always be that way. Mistakes are made in every profession and the police are under a microscope and we are chasing good people away. Cadet program is in fact being used as a recruitment tool. Supervisor has been working for years to try to raise pay. Concerned they will have serious issues filling the ranks of the police department in the near term.
- Clarification: Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer proposal
 - Currently under VA law if assault or assault and battery occurs against a law enforcement officer it's a felony that carries a 6-month mandatory minimum sentence
 - This charge is often asserted by law enforcement officers when there is no one hurt
 - 70% of cases brought in 2019 there was no injury
 - 25% a minor injury
 - 5% serious injury, which is automatically a felony for a malicious wound



- Proposal: If there is no injury, it is not a felony with a 6-month minimum sentence
 - Mandatory minimum was created in 1997 as part of the hate crime compromise
 - Charge has not been shown to reduce assaults on officers
- **QUESTION:** Is there a date set for a National Night Out?
 - October 6
- **COMMENT:** Pohick Estates (a small community on Pohick Rd) is land locked and they have no sidewalk access. Needs to be looked at.
 - Supervisor Storck – aware of the issue and it is on the list of things to do, but there are many unfunded transportation items and that is one of them.
- **COMMENT:** Despite VDOT parking regulations that govern how residential parking works, they are not being enforced and there is a concern that property values are being impacted. How can we approach this differently? One parking enforcement officer for the district is just not sufficient.
 - Supervisor Storck: In Laurel Crest we've met many times. We don't have an answer that is satisfactory to individuals most concerned about it. Parking enforcement would help some but would not dramatically change the frustration.
 - Delegate Tran: Also met with Laurel Crest constituents. Issues seem central to both commuters and commercial vehicles. We've been in touch with VDOT and FCCDOT - while it's a VDOT street, localities have ability to set policies around parking. Working with VDOT, we were able to get No Parking signs to improve site distance. The actual parking situation is something VDOT has been pretty clear that they can't step in and establish policies for Fairfax County. My office considered whether this is something that we could legislate at the State level, but there is a strong desire by many localities to set those policies for themselves making it difficult to push forward. It's been reviewed recently and they will go back to VDOT for increased community and will share with SCF the part of the code that outlines this too.



- Supervisor Herrity: If you have any specifics, please send them to me.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Attended Town Hall on the VRT – Phase 1 and 2
 - Phase 3 in the South County Federation
 - Still about \$140M out on the funding
 - Phase 3 will not be looked at, and has not been approved by BoS. Earliest date would be 2030.
- **COMMENT:**
 - Senator Surovell- The multimodal plan for Rt. 1 was finalized in 2014, adopted by BoS in 2015. FFX County staff was adamant that the overall timeframe should be 25 years. Elected officials, however, were all adamant it should be a 15-year time frame, not 25. Supervisor Highland, when the plan was endorsed by the BoS, inserted language into the County ordinance that the timelines needed to be sped up. Pressure needs to be continued to speed up the process.
 - Supervisor Storck: Agree with all the points being raised, but the issue is about money. It's about the money and about being ready when the money is ready. You do need someone to drive it, and we have not had that. It would serve us better
 - Congressman Beyer – The HR2 that we passed last week was the coming together of years of work to identify exact what we want to spend the money on. It's not paid for in the House version – the funding source has to come from the President. Two plausible situations
 - This President, who has promised again and again for infrastructure, needs a political win between now and November, and might say here is the funding source
 - There is a change in Administration, and a new President once again promises to do infrastructure with a Democratic Senate and Democratic House



- Notification: Widening of Rolling Road – Hunter Village Drive to Old Keen Mill Road has been funded at \$27M
- Congressman Wittman and Beyer introduced the Long Bridge Act of 2020 that will hopefully:
 - Reduce road congestion along the I-95 corridor
 - Allow the National Park Service to convey property
 - Authorize necessary federal funding for Long Bridge over the Potomac River to allow pedestrian traffic and additional trains
- Realignment of Rt. 1 South in Woodbridge is progressing
- Gunston Rd on Mason Neck was restriped today
- Fairfax Connector is resuming some services
- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**
 - Series of automobiles break-ins and car thefts seems to be close to resolution. Perpetrator identified.
 - Lorton Library and Community Center Project - today fences going up around the park area and for the moment, some parking has been left intact for LCAC
 - **COMMENT:** President Rumberger reminder that there will be a big push on HOAs connecting for National Night Out.
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**
 - **Indiana Floor**
 - Would like to open a distribution center (sell commercially to contractors) at the corner of Telegraph Road and Richmond Hwy.
 - 30,000 sq ft warehouse, 30 ft tall, with 20 deliveries per day
 - Odd site for ingress/egress, but will begin conversations
 - Lorton Visioning 2040 Continues
 - Website on Supervisor Storck’s site – slowly moving
 - Community outreach planned
 - Home Depot
 - Interest in building between Ft. Belvoir and the Occoquan River



- Reached out but did not hear a response
- ARB entertaining the Liberty anchor grocery store identified as Lidl

- **Education, Seeking Chair**
 - No Update

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

- **Environmental, Wes Speer**
 - CECAP - Representing the Mount Vernon District
 - Wide scale project that will help to influence the FFFX County Government and community at large to address the environmental needs of South County and the larger community of Fairfax
 - Covanta Update
 - Covanta, as part of summer project, upgraded baghouses and stripped out many of the pollutants
 - Boiler Retrofits are scheduled to be completed this year. Once completed, Covanta’s NOx emission levels will be less than 5% of the region’s total inventory
 - Comet Neowise will be observable for the next few days. Next opportunity to see it will be over 6,000 years for now. It will be down below the handle of the big dipper on the Horizon.

 - **COMMENT:** President Rumberger suggestion. Depending on how the budget goes during Special Session, perhaps we can generate legislative support for DEQ monitoring

- **Education, Seeking Chair**
 - No Update

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS



ENDING COMMENTS

General Comments:

- No meeting in August, next meeting as September 8. May be moving to the 15th to avoid conflict with the County's first day of school.
- Will post on the website the absentee ballot process for the general election.

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tentative: September 8, 2020 to be held virtually through Zoom Meetings

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2020:

- August (No Meeting), September 8, October 13, and November 10
- December 8 at the Workhouse Arts Center

Recorded by Angelina Fuller