



**Virtual Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 7:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Dale Rumberger called for any corrections to the March minutes as posted on the website.
 - Meetings were cancelled in April and May due to COVID-19.

- **Treasurer’s Report**

- Larry Clark provided the following account balances:

Sun Trust Checking: \$1,237.75

TIAA CREF Money Market: \$6,732.07

Total funding: \$7,969.82

- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - Chamber is renovating their website. Reach out to Casey with any questions: Casey@caseywhitmarsh.com
 - Workhouse Arts
 - Commerce Market
 - Drive-In Movies
 - Saturday Dinner Initiative
 - LCAC and Food Lion partners
 - Giving away 50 meals to families every Saturday.
 - 2-4 pm at LCAC (right behind Lorton Library)
 - Began 5/23/2020 and will run until the end of June
 - Webinar Series are being offered on the Chamber website.



III. SUPERVISOR REPORT

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - Earlier today Virginia was placed into Phase II
 - Disappointed that we were late going into Phases I and II
 - Small step towards normalcy
 - COVID still out there and we still need to be cautious
 - Governor put out guidance for schools today
 - Will start virtually with staggered schedules and 6 ft between desks
 - Mixed feelings about the County's response to the COVID pandemic
 - Disappointed with the closing of the park parking lots
 - Worked hard to get the park's back open
 - Impressed with FFX County teachers
 - While the school system fumbled virtual learning
 - Teachers have been doing outstanding things – driving learning packages to students that don't have the ability to get them, going above and beyond
 - Pet Adoptions are up and there are very few animals available for adoption
 - Board, through an emergency authorization, allowed restaurants to expand into their parking lots with landlord approval. Has allowed restaurants to get back into business and outside is much safer than inside. Many restaurants have taken advantage of that emergency authorization. Authorization will be up again at the July meeting
 - Rise Grant applications open through June 15. May be oversubscribed, then there will be a lottery to determine who will get the grants
 - Budget Highlights
 - Admissions tax and 5.25% increase on average homeowner, but that was not passed.



- Once the pandemic hit, the Board eliminated new taxes and delayed a lot of projects that were not crucial.
- Revised a budget that was a 2.25% increase. Was hoping to get to a flat tax for our homeowners because these are not normal times
- Over 73,000 residents on unemployment
- Board rejected request to review programs we've added over the last 5 years
- FFX County Government is continuing to work hard for residents
 - Land Use, Permits and Zoning has continued
 - Still moving Alpine X and other county projects forward
- QUESTION: Can you share what Fairfax County has to do to reach Phase III by the end of July?
 - It's a bigger step from Phase II to Phase III. Testing numbers and contract tracing need to be in place.
 - Contract Tracing will be third party testing and should be ready by mid-July
 - 75% of County deaths have been in congregate care facilities
- QUESTION: What is the anticipated impact on the county tax revenue? What will you do if there is a shortfall & have there been any changes on overtime use policy?
 - Supervisor Storck: Everything up until this point has been to reduce cost. Biggest issue is minimizing those costs, and overtime may be a necessity. We're hoping that the economy will open up sooner and faster, that will make a huge difference in our tax revenue. We've put a freeze on what we're doing until we better understand what's going on.
 - Supervisor Herrity: The immediate known impact for the 2020 budget is in the \$70M range, could be as high as \$125-\$150M for FY 2021. Long term impact is still unknown, but the commercial tax base is in question and that could leave a big impact on real estate taxes. We did get a CARES act for \$200M, which did help cover some



of the costs. Relooking at the way we're doing business- e.g. doing permit inspection remotely. Hiring freezes are in place. Protests require a big police presence and a lot of that is on overtime as well as the health department and other public safety folks. Still a lot of unknowns.

- QUESTION: Commercial vehicle and Semi-Trailer issues. We need to find some happy medium and SCF has asked for both Supervisors to look at that. Potentially a map overlay so that resident's can quickly identify calls?
 - Work closely with our parking enforcement officers at each District station.
 - You can call the non-emergency numbers for reporting and dedicated officers that deal with those issues. Encouraging reporting so that they're aware of the issue.
 - 703-691-2131 (Non-Emergency Number)
 - If people are finding that they're not getting action when they call that number, then please call the Supervisors office.
 - Officer Storck's office reached out to Officer Tracy about this issue and will update when a response is provided
- QUESTION: Rise Grant: Chamber of Commerce was excited to see that come out, but wants to clarify how lottery will work?
 - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/economic-success/fairfaxrise
 - Everyone who is in by the deadline (it's a shortened application due June 15 at 11:59 PM) will be put into the lottery if it's oversubscribed
 - If you're selected by the lottery you will be notified
 - A Second set will be notified that they're next in line if any of the first set does not qualify when they complete the full application
- QUESTION:

- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**

Supervisor Storck had several topics to address:



- March occurred this afternoon for “Beyond the Walls March for Justice” organized by a local minister
- Taser incident on Friday. Officers are trained to deescalate and divert first. First officer attempted to deescalate, but another officer arrived on scene and tasered the individual. That person is on administrative leave and charges have been filed by the County - he has been charged with 3 charges of assault
- Graduations have been occurring -thank you public safety officers
- Board Meeting Today
 - One Fairfax – Chairman has identified a task force of economic opportunity
 - Approved a number of items, including land use issues
 - Why is the county no longer publishing COVID-19 statistics?
 - The county is still publishing statistics. There is a dashboard, information by zip code, and a text you can receive with updates.
www.fairfaxcounty.com/covid-19
 - Budget Highlights
 - New police station is on track to be staffed the way it was intended too.
 - Additional officer staffing will be considered in future years.
 - Fire Station is expected to be completed late Summer
 - Animal Control Center project underway
 - QUESTION: Is there an Alpine X update?
 - Monthly meetings occurring with the Alpine X team. There was an interim agreement signed, and another agreement being discussed for additional land analysis.
 - County needs a liability agreement and other things related to this agreement. That will come to the Board for approval.



- QUESTION: Have you heard anything about the RFP for the remaining waterfront property in the Occoquan area?
 - Have not heard any results from that
- COMMENT: Transportation issue – additional sidewalk area from Pohick Estates up to Lorton Station Boulevard on both sides of the street
 - Sally Kidalov from my office will look at it, there is currently no funding for it, but sidewalks are a priority to me.
- **School Board Chair – Karen Corbett - Sanders**
 - Students are being engaged every day with thousands of interactions
 - Virtual graduations have occurred – special moments were created for the students, including being able to hear their name called, receive their diploma, and walk across a small stage. Continuing the celebration with very individualized videos that will be live-streamed so that classmates can participate virtually. June 30th.
 - Governor’s Announcement
 - Public work session on June 15 and June 23 on return to school <https://www.aier.org/article/why-did-the-close-the-schools/>
 - Will be required to submit a plan for the department of education, including migration of Phase II to Phase III, which is likely to happen right around Labor Day
 - Will also have to provide what will happen if we have to go back to virtual learning, which requires significant financial pressure
 - Late March we authorized the superintendent to purchase computers for the 7th and 8th graders and invested in enough computers to ensure there is digital access for K-6, which is necessary to meet the demands for the governor’s plan and also reassuring families.
 - Special Ed students can also resume. Extended School Year plan had been a purely virtual plan, but the



superintendent was urged to have a hybrid available if necessary.

- Governor is calling to modifications that would require 6 ft distancing between desks. Would have a hybrid model that would allow for families that have health/safety concerns, as well as teachers who do not feel comfortable coming back into the classroom.
- Governor established a task force which broke out into 6 separate working groups. Corbett-Sanders will be working on the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of students as an appointee of that task force.
- Budget
 - There was only a \$7M increase in the county transfer
 - \$20M received from the Cares Act
 - State re-benchmarking that resulted in additional funds
 - Governor has called for a special legislative session late July/early August where there may be some adjustments to the budget priorities. Optimistic that there won't be additional cuts, but would like to see additional funding restored.
- Event in the Mt. Vernon magisterial district earlier today was an important event because of the tensions and concerns in the community regarding race.
 - County level and State levels are working on a review of the curriculum to ensure that we address cultural biases and racism in the curriculum
- **Springfield District School Board – Laura Jane Cohen**
 - FCPS return to school task force met this morning and will meet once more before the Governor's school announcement
 - In such a big system, flexibility has been key.
 - Ensuring that we have some benchmarks from the County - what are the criteria under a school might need to close/reopen. How will cohorts work, etc. and transportation.
 - Will ensure we best serve our students, staff and families at the same time.



- This past week, we reached 1.3M meals we've given out since the closure (set to end June 30). USDA has been petitioned to extend that program through the summer (September 30) and they are still awaiting the response from that.
- Senator Warner and Representative Wexton does a call every week that Fairfax County has been a part of and has been very helpful.
- **Fairfax County Park Authority – Linwood Gorham**
 - Parks have been reopened, and they are opening accordingly. Consulting with the Governor, County Attorney, and many other stakeholders to open them as quickly and safely as possible.
 - Central Green is nearly finished. Provided a concept of the remainder of the Central Green area – diagram will eventually be posted on the website and public discussion is encouraged.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **Delegate Kathy Tran**
 - Since the pandemic, frequent electronic updates have been provided about our responses to the COVID pandemic
 - Sign up at kathyfordelegate.com
 - Five tele-Town Halls were organized since the pandemic with all the Delegates in the County. Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Razneck will be answering questions about Phase II in a 6th tele-Town Hall meeting this Thursday
 - State is responsible for administering the unemployment benefits – many constituents have complained about accessing benefits
 - Additional staff have been hired for this historic increase of applications
 - Please continue to reach out to Delegate Tran to liaise with the VEC for any issues.
 - VDOT requests have also been coming in – pothole requests, flooding etc. and Delegate Tran is a reminder that they are happy to act as a liaison for any state agencies.
 - Budget Highlights:



- General Assembly has frozen \$2B in spending that had been appropriated during the 2020 legislative session
- Over the next few weeks, his team will be a reforecast of our revenues and the General Assembly will be called into a Special Legislative Session
- The funding secured by Delegate Tran previously was frozen, so she is continuing to have conversations with her colleagues about the importance of these funds.
- QUESTION: Will state unemployment benefits be extended beyond the 26 weeks?
 - Pandemic Unemployment assistance will go 12 additional weeks
 - Governor’s office has not indicated that regular unemployment benefits will be extended, but if that changes Delegate Tran will continue to update

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs**
 - Issues currently being monitored include:
 - Widening of Rolling Road from FFX County Pkwy to Old Keene Mill
 - Request to build sidewalks from Pohick Estates to Lorton Station Blvd
 - Residential parking issues with commercial vehicles in neighborhoods
 - Impact on Alpine X
 - Impact of Panera Bread project at Lorton Station
 - Lane Changes at Lorton Rd. and Silverbrook
 - Next Northern Va. Transportation Authority Meeting will occur on June 11 (Zoom Meeting). Nvta.com
 - QUESTION: Mowing – who is responsible?
 - VDOT issue. Supervisor offices will also jump in as needed (per Supervisor Herrity) Safety issues are flagged with importance.



- Delegate Tran’s Office: They have funding to do two cuts of grass in the median per year. Grass can impact sight lines, and those are quickly addressed. Pictures will help.

- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**

- **Panera Bread Update**

- All real estate efforts have been put on hold as a result of the pandemic. Will continue to monitor as things move forward

- Shell Station

- Project on hold as a result of the pandemic

- **South County Police Station and Animal Shelter**

- Freeze on the hiring of personnel for this year, but will be picked up next year.
- Still on track for construction.

- **Lorton Central Green**

- New Diagram will be posted to the website.
- Opening date is still undetermined due to ongoing construction
- Shelter installed in the fall and playground sometime after
- Number of athletic field is still not defined, but is looking to be closer to three
- Parking is also just an estimated number
- Survey will take place this summer

- **WMI Landfill Update**

- Waste management remains on track to complete closure activities
- Expect to go to DEQ for transition to closure late this year, entering post-closure in 2021
SCF will be reviewing the site plan and amenities to ensure all required amenities will be provided

- **WMI Landfill Update**

- Liberty has an anchor tenant under contract, in due diligence



- An announcement will be made once the meet all mandatory thresholds
 - Liberty is also working to lease the remainder of the retail area.
 - Regarding the former cell blocks inside the maximum prison walls, an artist print shop, Dance Studio and Marital Arts studio are under lease. These business may be ready to open by the end of this year
 - Phase IIB is about to start. Adds parking, and connects parking lots with roadways. It does not include the traffic signal at White Spruce Way and Silverbrook, but the necessary VDOT and FCDOT approvals have been received and must be operation before the anchor tenant can open its doors for business
 - Van Metre has sold and settled their last unit, completing a successful program of 83 town homes and detached homes
 - Brookfield and Craftmark are building the 72 townhomes in the final phase. These homes opened for sales late last year.
- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**
 - Fire Station 19 is expecting occupancy in late October, early November
 - Community Center Library & Park – Construction anticipated June 2020 – currently anticipated completion in August 2022 and contract has been awarded for that work
 - Park work will be completed first, and then some of that park will be available during the remainder of the construction period
 - Series of break-ins in automobiles, in particular in the parks around the Meadowood area in Mason Neck
 - Half dozen thefts from cars that involve breaking windows



- Police believe that one or more individuals may be surveying and monitoring the area, locating potential valuables that are being locked in cars when people leave their vehicles. Police are monitoring the parking lots.
- Requested that signs be posted. They are working on that request and hope to have signs up shortly.
- We're entering hurricane season. Recommend reviewing Fairfax CERG – Preparedness Information <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/cerg>
- COMMENT: Newington Forest and South Run have had a number of sheds (locked) that were broken into, and some experienced stolen items.
 - Encourage reporting to police. Looking for patterns, and any information provided is helpful.
- **Education, Seeking Chair**
 - No Update
- **Parks, Howard Bishop, Chair**
 - No Update
- **Environmental, Wes Speer**
 - There was some concern that our facility was not as energy efficient as European Covanta facilities. Covanta reports have been reviewed and meetings have revealed that when the 4th boiler/generator come online it will become the most energy efficient and cleanest plant worldwide.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- COMMENT: LCAC sites specific foods that they need. They have listed on their website and are in desperate supply for. They also have



specific hours for when donations can be made. Thrift shop is currently closed and not taking donations, but they're hoping to continue that operation again soon. Also hosting a virtual Gala, online auction is occurring.

- COMMENT: Election Update- Primary election on the 23rd. Last day to request an absentee ballot is the 16th.
- QUESTION: Pools. Who is opening, or not opening and has any guidance been issued on liability issues?
 - Expecting Saratoga to open, even partially this year. Will know more specifics after meeting this Saturday.
 - Supervisor Herrity. Page 23 of the Governors report today did have guidance on pools. Suggestion to determine if there is any guidance on liability issues?
<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorviriniagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Virginia-Forward-Phase-Two-Guidelines.pdf>
 - Park Authorities in this area do not plan to open pools or water parks this year.
 - Crosspointe pools are open for lap swimming.

ENDING COMMENTS

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

NEXT MEETING: July 14, 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