



**Meeting at Workhouse Arts Center
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 @ 7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Nick Firth, in President Rumberger’s absence, called meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Nick Firth called for any corrections to the February 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

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



- BoS approved a \$0.03 advertised tax rate today. This is only the advertised rate, where the BoS cannot go higher, but can go lower; the BoS will continue deliberations and public hearings are scheduled for April 14-16. Supervisor Storck will continue to listen to Mount Vernon residents over the next several months.
- Budget Town Hall meeting held last month. Other community budget meetings will be held on March 20 at 7:30 pm at the Braddock Hall and March 21 at 7:00 pm at Springfield Government Center
- It was a great honor to bring South County Football Coach Gerry Pannoni to the board today to celebrate his 40-year career in Fairfax County. Recognized the SoCo Varsity Football Team for their first state championship.
- Chairman McKay & Supervisor Storck authorized a consideration item today for \$600,000 to help defray the higher than expected construction bids that have come in for the Turing Point Suffragist Memorial. More to come in April.
- Job Fair
 - More than 250 students
 - 38 employers present
 - Thanks to Dale and the South Fairfax Chamber for helping bring together the mock job interviews, the SoCo School Administration for their support, and the local businesses.
- SSPA (Site Specific Plan Amendment)
 - South County
 - 8 nominations in the Mount Vernon District that will go to the committee
 - Meetings on SSPA nominations March-April include:
 - Meeting #1 March 17, 7 pm
 - Mount Vernon Government Center
 - Overview of Nominations
 - Meet #2 March 31, 6:30 pm



- Gerry Hyland Center, Second Floor
- Huntington Metro Station
- 2550 Huntington Avenue
- Engleside Trailer Park/Ray's Mobile Home Colony
- 10208 Colchester Road
- Meeting #3 April 7, 6:30 pm
 - Gerry Hyland Center, Second Floor
 - Belle View Shopping Center
 - 2806 Popkins Lane
 - 8160-8208 Mount Vernon Highway
 - Gum Springs
- Meeting #4 April 14, 6:30 pm
 - Gerry Hyland Center, Second Floor
 - Final Votes on all nominations
- Meet #4 April 21, TBD
 - Walt Whitman Middle School Auditorium
 - Carry over if necessary
- Ides of Bark Dog Festival – Sunday, March 29 1-4 pm at Grist Mill Park. Special guest host, QMZQ 98.7
- Official Census Day – April 1
- COVID-19
 - There are no vaccines available to prevent coronavirus, but there are steps you can take to prevent spread of flu and the common cold that will also help prevent coronavirus.
 - Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
 - Reminder to avoid contact with people if you're sick and stay home if you're sick
 - Wash hands often and use hand sanitizer
 - FFX county public school are going to be off Monday



- Text messages from County available at FFXCOVID to 888777
- Office Hours this Saturday at Lorton Library starting at 9:00.

- **School Board Chair – Karen Corbett - Sanders**

Not present or represented

- **Fairfax County Park Authority – Linwood Gorham**

- Park Authority is taking expected precautions for COVID-19
- Particular risk areas are the recreation areas with liberal refund policies and advanced cleaning measures. Encouraging all employees to stay home if they are sick.
- Central Green is moving along well. At this point, there is in fact, funding for the promised bathroom there. The bathroom is not going to open at the same time as the park, it will be delayed by about one year.
- The Park Authority is in search of participants for a friend’s group for the Nike Missile Site. Anyone interested in history with the possibility of a future walking tour. Call 703-550-2777
- Brainstorming for things to do in the south area of the park district. Looking for ideas.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **Delegate Kathy Tran**

- Introduced 39 bills with 20 of them passing.
- Adjourn on Thursday. All Legislative matters have been finalized, however, but still need to vote on the final budget.
- Highlights that affect our community:
 - \$250,000 is secured for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial on Regional Park
 - 2 full time additional staff members at Mason Neck State Park
 - Study will be commissioned to connect Mason Neck State Park to public water



- Restored a significant portion of funding for the Northern Va. Transportation Authority
- The Va. Department of Health is the lead on the response for COVID-19. They work with the state and the CDC. Delegate Tran is in close communication with the administration.
- VDOT believes that they have completed the renovation to barrels/rail
 - Request by Nick: Southbound 123 right before the Occoquan River there was a similar accident to the one on Lorton Rd that bashed in the rails and barrels that were there. Request to fix.
- QUESTION: Is there any update on minimum wage? Delegate Tran supported it but did not raise the effort. Minimum wage will go up to \$12. Minimum wage is \$9.50. Studies for a \$15 minimum wage increase
- QUESTION: Any update on Solar Panels? We have passed two significant bills that complement each other. Solar Freedom Act which breaks down a lot of barriers to solar, as well as Virginia Clean Economy Act – have our energy grid on renewable energy by 2025.
- QUESTION: Is there anywhere we can obtain the details? Yes, <https://www.kathyfordelegate.com/legislation>
- QUESTION: Gunston Hall Preschool? It is not moving forward.
- QUESTION: Firearms? There were many bills that were introduced, but not by Delegate Tran. You can see bills that were supported by Delegate Tran on the link above.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs**
 - Two meetings tomorrow with NoVA Transportation Authority. The meeting is sold out so there will not be SCF representation.



- Highlighting letter – 4 issues we want to track
 - CSX Bridge at Rt. 1
 - Direct access to the Transurban Hot Lanes at Lorton Road
 - There is a potential to get both a north bound and south bound land that would be reimbursed at 85%
 - Planned “layover” section of track for the VRE
 - Alpine X – Fairfax Peak indoor ski resort and destination to be located on Fairfax County landfill space between Furnace Road and Rt 123.
 - Hot focus – intermodal transportation through the area
 - PUBLIC COMMENTS:
 - Exit directly to Alpine X? Yes, there are going to thousands of vehicles per day traveling there.
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**
 - **Resolution regarding the McDonalds Gunston Plaza**
 - Request for a “face lift,” upgrading technology and adding 554 ft of additional seating in the restaurant
 - QUESTION: Why choose the word “support” instead of “do not oppose?”
 - In the past there may have been some confusion, as it’s not expressly stated in the resolution what it means to “not oppose it”
 - Does this meet the plan language in the Comprehensive Plan? Does the Comprehensive Plan support that? Yes, it does
 - Linwood makes a Motion to move for approval with the language “the South County Federation does not oppose”
 - Discussion: Earl: Would discussion being in favor of something because it’s an improvement. The organization will be ineffective if you just collapse in front of every issue that is just an improvement.
 - Larry: Opposes the “do not oppose.” We either support or do not support. Anything else is just waffling.
 - Motion is withdrawn



- Linwood makes a Motion to approve it as written. Cathy seconds. One abstention, motion carries.
- Updates on Police Station and Animal Shelter, Lorton Community Center
- **South County Police Station and Animal Shelter**
 - The documents have been submitted to Fairfax County Land Development Services for the building and site permits
 - Meetings with the Police and Animal Shelter staff continue to develop the documents in more detail with discussion on the building security systems, interior finishes, etc.
 - Utility company coordination is occurring
 - VDOT Traffic Analysis has been submitted to VDOT for the new median cut on Lorton Rd
 - The team has also been working on finalizing the LEED requirements
 - The advertised for Bid for the construction is anticipated in May 2020 (dependent on permitting approval)
- **Lorton Fire Station**
 - The exterior envelope work continues with the air barrier, insulation, and brick installation
 - On-going interior finish work includes drywall, flooring and MEP rough-ins
 - Roofing installation is almost complete
 - The project is approximately 75% complete
 - The projected substantial completion date for the new building is August 2020.
- **Lorton Community Center and Library**
 - The 100% Construction Documents are complete
 - The advertisement for Bid for the construction of both the Lorton Community Center and Lorton Library went out in January 2020
 - Bid opening is scheduled for March 19, 2020
 - The Ground Breaking ceremony is scheduled for March 27, 2020



- The Notice to Proceed for construction is anticipated for the end of May 2020
 - Library closing for renovation on Saturday, April 11 – projected 21-month project. After we close, everything else goes into motion. The design is posted on the South County website, and it's also posted in the library. The library is being increased by 6,000 sf – a 60% increase. There will be a shared lobby with the community center, and they are currently working on collaboration by understanding the businesses amongst each organization.
 - COMMENT: The transition period is likely to be fairly painful because the construction site will take over the entire property, with the exception of a narrow path to LCAC and hardly any parking beyond the employee parking needed for LCAC. Some of those growing pains will need to be worked out once the GC is selected.
 - QUESTION: How are we going to keep the youth occupied that are currently utilizing the library? There was discussion about opening some of the school gyms, but there is still no identified solution.
 - QUESTION: Who is our representative to the library board? Gary Russell.
- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**
 - COMMENT (Marty, Shirley Acres): Extremely concerned with police enforcement – patrolling the neighborhood. Issue with people speeding, but the patrol was only stopping for not stopping at a stop sign. They put a speed board up, which only made it worse. There was an accident, requested a police report and no one came out. Looking for guidance at what to do to get the proper police support and enforcement.
 - QUESTION: Who are you talking to? Franconia Station non-emergency line was called to request an incident report for the accident. Sally at Dan Storck's office who says they are promised by police to do additional enforcement.



- Shirley Acres resident spoke in support, expressing her anger with Fairfax County about the lack of enforcement as it is directly impacting her. Not only for the speed, but also for the trash and abandoned cars. Her husband, who has memory impairment, collects the mail and she is constantly worried about the speed.
 - Fifth Place (road) is suffering with terrible speeding, despite being promised that the traffic would be diverted to another road.
 - Speed average 40-41 mph on a 25 mph road
 - Crime Prevention Officer & Community Liaison – recommend calling them and invite them to come down to a community meeting. Get the residents together to collectively raise some of these issues. In addition, you should continue to lean on Storck’s office.
 - Request to email Dale & Nick to put additional pressure on Storck’s office/transportation commissioner and the police department.
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- **Education, Seeking Chair**
 - No Update

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

 - **Environmental, Wes Speer**
 - Looking for volunteers to contribute to the environmental committee. If anyone is interested in joining the Environmental committee, please contact one of the chairs.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- **Michael McGrath, Director of Wastewater Treatment Division
Noman Cole Water Treatment Plant**



- Landscape Screening along Old Colchester? Updating disinfection process – changing from chemicals to UV lights that reduce our greenhouse gas footprint. Due to come online by the end of this calendar year, and the landscape screening will be the last part of that.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- **Residential Street Commercial Vehicle Parking**

- Resolution drafted March 10 and is currently in review.

ENDING COMMENTS

Nick Firth adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2020 in the South County High School Media Room

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2020:

- 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