

**Virtual Zoom Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 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 September 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**

- A big thank you for community outreach & support of the Workhouse Arts Center’s nomination in the State Farm Grant.
- Distance Learning Town Hall – November 18, 2020
  - Registration required
- Winter at the Workhouse Webinar – December 2020 (date TBD)
- Upcoming Events
  - South County High School Athletic Booster Golf Tournament - October 19
  - Lorton Holiday Extravaganza & Craft Show
    - Going virtual this year



- Date TBD
  - Haunted drive-through at the Workhouse for the month of October
- Follow the Chamber on website & social media platforms for up-to-date information
  - Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn
- **Fairfax County Health Department – COVID UPDATE**
  - Dr. Ben Schwartz – Division Director of Epidemiology and Population Health
  - Fairfax County Trends
    - Relatively stable amount of Coronavirus disease in the past few months
    - Currently seeing about 70-100 cases per day
    - Have done a good job in the county of controlling the disease with a relatively stable infection rate
    - Positivity Rate – represents proportion of all the COVID tests that are reported back as positive
      - Positivity Rate is at its lowest at 3.5%
      - Compared to State at 4.5%, County is one percentage point lower
    - Virginia Department of Health develops a composite index that looks regionally at the amount of the disease
      - Level of transmission in NoVa has been reported back as low, compared with every other region
    - Seeing disparities in rate of infection by racial and ethnic groups
      - Substantially higher rate of infection in the Hispanic populations
    - Areas of the County with the highest rates of infection
      - Seven Corners
      - Bailey’s Crossroads
      - Alexandria & Richmond Highway
        - More than twice as high than South County area
  - South County Trends
    - Average rate of disease is 2 cases per 100 people



- Rate of disease by zip code
  - 22079 is right in line with the average at around 2 cases per 100
  - 22153 is 1.3 cases per 100
  - 22039 is among the lowest zip codes in the entire county at less than 1 case per 100
- Number of factors that contribute to rate of infection
  - Working at Office vs. Working from Home
  - Public Transportation vs. Private Transportation
  - Living in crowded and/or multi-generational households
- Health Department Interventions
  - Containment
    - Using the strategy of testing to identify who is infected.
    - Box-It-In Strategy: Testing, Isolation, Contact Tracing & Quarantine
    - Has been implemented by over 400 staff at the Health Department
    - Over 90% of cases who are identified by a positive test are contacted by the case investigation team within the first day, and the team is successful in reaching over 90% of contacts to inform them about isolation and quarantine
  - Outbreak Response
    - Large outbreaks in Long Term Care Facilities
    - Clusters of cases in businesses, educational settings, and in daycares
    - Working to control outbreaks through investigation, making recommendations for prevention, and sharing information on community mitigation
  - High Risk Communities Task Force
    - Focusing on areas of counties with disproportionately high rates of disease



- In June, the Hispanic community rate was over 15 times as high as the rate in the Non-Hispanic, White population
  - As a result of this task force, that disparity has been decreased from 15 times to 4 times
- Friday from 2-4 pm FREE Testing Event at the Lorton Community Action Center
  - Outdoor Event
  - Targeting people who do not have access to testing from other sources
  - Targeting those who are presenting symptoms or have been exposed to someone who is presenting symptoms
- Regular Communication
  - Mitigation measure communication
  - Created collateral materials, including multicultural community communications
- QUESTION: Do you have any way to identify demographics of cases in the South County area?
  - Disease is disproportionately occurring in the Hispanic population in particular
  - Regarding age groups, most commonly infected groups are working age adults 35-50 years old
  - Greatest mortality rate occurs in population 65+
    - Largely driven by cases that occur in long term care facilities
- QUESTION: There's a lot of concern about the flu season. Can you speak to that?
  - Vaccination for influenza is important
  - The severity of co-infection is still unknown, but it is likely to be high given they are both respiratory diseases
  - The more people who become ill, the more testing that needs to occur which strains ability to test
  - As we get into the Fall & Winter, the kids in the community are going to be developing respiratory illnesses as they do every year. COVID-19 presents in



children as non-specific, so it's very important to protect our children with the influenza vaccine and when children get sick, they should be seen and testing should be done for COVID-19.

- QUESTION: Potential for the COVID-19 vaccine release program. If that gets approved, what are the parameters around it?
  - Vaccination is something they are currently planning for
  - There will be prioritization of vaccine
    - Health Care workers and public safety first
    - Variety of other target groups, including other essential workers, elderly, teachers, etc.
  - Will initially be administered by the health department, but there will eventually be options for vaccination by private offices and pharmacies
  - Will come back for additional discussion when vaccine is approved

### III. SUPERVISOR REPORT

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**

Not present or represented.

- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour de Mount Vernon
    - Best turnout ever - more than 250 riders
  - Silverbrook Rd & South Run Rd. Development
    - South County Federation approved
    - Request for expedited review process, which BoS approval
  - zMOD
    - Ordinance modernization project
    - Intent is to simplify and make it more user-friendly and internet accessible



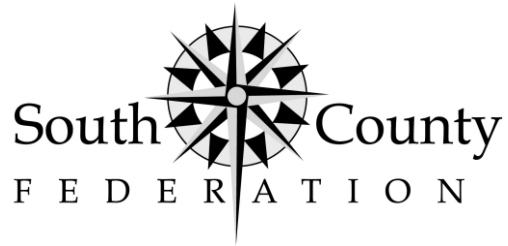
- zMOD draft release was issued June 30. Looking for changes to that now. Will bring forward in early 2021 for a final review process.
  - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/sites/planning-development/files/assets/documents/zmod/zmod-consolidated-draft.pdf>
- Guns in County Facilities
  - BoS approved to ban guns in county facilities following a public hearing Tuesday, September 15 and that has gone into effect
- Hagel Circle Shooting
  - Double Shooting on September 21 that left one person dead and one severely injured
  - 9:30 pm shooting
  - Outdoor community meeting was held
    - Discussed safety and crime prevention
    - Filmed on Facebook live and can still be accessed
  - Looking for more information on the shooting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Carryover – approved at September meeting
  - Approved \$600,000 for the Suffragist Memorial to complete the initial construction
- Voting begins Monday
  - Number of satellite offices in Fairfax County including Laurel Hill Golf Course and Mount Vernon Government Center
  - 1pm – 7 pm Monday-Friday
  - 9 am – 5 pm Saturday
- Election Day Voting
  - Lorton precinct will be at Lorton Station Elementary School
- Action Item at BoS Meeting Today: Alpine X
  - BoS authorized onsite testing and feasibility studies for one year.
  - Many environmental concerns that Storck’s office continues to follow



- Lorton Landfill
  - Continue to be committed to the park there. There will be a park there sometime in the future, though a date is still unknown
  - Waste Management has requested an SEA interpretation from staff, which they have received
- Public Hearing: Sigora Solar to install, operate and maintain at the Noman M. Cole Plant Lab Building
  - Public Hearing at next meeting
  - First tier of solar facilities that will be coming down the pipeline
- QUESTION: Were there meeting minutes between the County Staff and WMI that can be shared from the meeting regarding the park at Lorton Landfill? Also can we see the SEA interpretation?
  - Right now, these are general conversations. These are not FOIA-able meetings.
  - The goal is to ensure understanding and commitment.
  - When they are ready to proceed, they will share all public information
- COMMENT: One modification President Rumberger made for the zMOD is not looking at the 10-year standard for rain. We had three, 10-year storms this summer and the standard needs to be strongly reviewed and changed up front.
- QUESTION: What are the dates for groundbreaking for the new police station and occupancy for Fire Station 19?
  - Police Station – groundbreaking late Winter/early Spring
  - Fire Station 19- potentially sometime this year, but there have been delays so potentially early next year
  - Continue to be concerns about budget, but the focus remains on having a fully staffed police station
- QUESTION: Who is making sure that WMI is staying in compliance with SEA 1? If they are not in compliance, what are the actions taken?
  - Storck’s office gets a report annually from DWP



- If they are not in compliance, then that would be news. Are there concerns?
- Concerns: They were supposed to plant at each level, but then they ran up multiple levels without plantings.
- Storck will go back and get more information regarding compliance.
- WMI is making a presentation next month
  - KEY TOPIC: If they have capped the landfill does that start the 3-year methane monitoring clock (the criteria for human access, which becomes the criteria for Overlook Ridge park)?
  - Storck expects to know something from County staff prior to that time. Storck will also look into the definition of capping and when the clock will start.
- **Springfield District School Board – Laura Jane Cohen**
  - This week's focus: Superintendent's Return to School plans
  - Begun the Principal search process for Silverbrook Elementary School
    - Community members are encouraged to provide their thoughts on the qualities they would like to see in the school leader
  - Responding to the statutory requirement to provide a plan for ensuring more diversity of the student body & teachers at Thomas Jefferson High School
    - Board supported the Superintendent's recommendation to eliminate the standardized test and application fee
    - Board directed superintendent to increase the size of the student body to be in line with the capacity of the building
    - Develop a proposal for a regional board and come back to the Board with recommendations on how aptitude in science, technology, engineering and mathematics can be evaluated in the application process, look at the applicants on an individual middle school basis vs. the region and provide modeling on the approaches proposed



- COMMENT: Secretary of Education is going to be proposing a dashboard for tracking of COVID
- **Fairfax County Park Authority – Linwood Gorham**
  - Central Green picnic area is open
    - 4<sup>th</sup> picnic shelter should begin soon
    - Bathroom will be open no later than Spring 2022
  - Vote for the Park Authority bond in the upcoming election. South County is positioned very well in the bond funding.
  - Barrett House
    - Actively working on hooking up utilities
    - Expect to have open house in March or April of next year
  - Upcoming months will bring forward plans for the area between the Barrett House and Nike Site to the Federation for final input. Additionally, Park Authority is proposing solar powered roofs over top of the driving range and starting area at Laurel Hill Golf Course, which will include public meetings
  - COMMENT: There is a barn on the edge of Central Green. Can you do some research on how that can be utilized?
  - COMMENT: There is concern about the bathroom being put in the common green area. We'd like to ensure its placed there.
  - COMMENT: A deceleration lane to get to the park right in front of the Barrett House should be considered.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

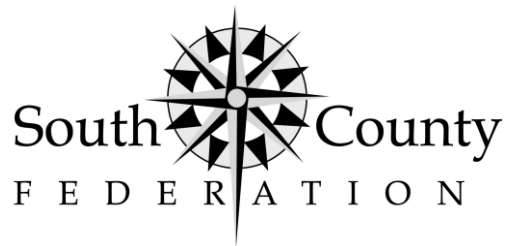
- **2020 Voting Procedures**
  - Early voting at the satellites begins Monday
  - Our precinct's Election Day Voting will occur at Lorton Elementary School
  - QUESTION: Are weapons allowed at polling places?
    - No, if they are county facilities they are banned inside and there must be proper signage
    - Concealed carry permits allow you to drive on the property for pick-up, but not to be taken inside
- **State Delegate Sickles**



- Negotiations currently occurring on interim budget to account for \$2.7B deficit
- Reform in response to Black Lives Matter movement is underway. Many bills are being filtered through now
- Budget Fall Out
  - School Funding
    - \$0.01 on the sales tax that goes to the school division has cost the County \$20M that will be sent back
    - Will pay for many COVID-related school system expenses
    - Money will also be sent for higher education
  - Health Care Funding
    - Hazard pay allotments to front-line workers
  - Sending money to Counties for law enforcement
- Governor will have another revenue estimate in another month or so, and another two-year budget will be put out December 16 to cover the rest of 2021 and 2022.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year budget is always contingent
- System for voter registration went down on the last day of registration. Have already allocated money to replace it.
- **Congressman Gerry Connolly**
  - CARES Act
    - Virginia received \$3.1B
      - \$200M went directly to Fairfax County
      - \$82 M went directly to Prince William County
    - Virginia received \$238M for K-12 Funding
      - \$20M for Fairfax County Schools
  - Heroes Act
    - \$500B for States and \$375B for local governments
      - 2 dispersements between 2020 and 2021
      - States: \$250B each year
      - Local Governments: \$250B year one and \$125B second year
      - 11<sup>th</sup> District would receive more than \$900M to localities between the two years



- Fairfax County \$112M in first year and \$206M in the second year
  - \$60B for K-12 Funding for the State
    - \$80M for Fairfax County Schools
- 2020 Senior Issues Forum: October 21, 3:00 PM
  - Virtual Zoom
  - Reps from SSA, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, Prince William Area Agency on Aging, and VICAP
  - <https://connolly.house.gov/news/email/show.aspx?ID=LQ2OY4W4LJGBE>
- Annual Open Season Event: November 14, 10:30 AM
  - Virtual Zoom
  - <https://connolly.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4124#:~:text=Open%20Season%20runs%20from%20November,2020%20to%20December%2014th%2C%202020.>
- QUESTION: Long Bridge Funding?
  - Will get back to us with more information
- **State Delegate Kathy Tran**
  - Recent Power Outages in the last two weeks
    - Delegate Tran inquired with Dominion
    - Report not yet complete, but preliminary report suggests that lightening and fallen trees were the cause of the last two outages
    - Still working with their reliability team for a more comprehensive analysis that Delegate Tran's office will expect to see in the coming weeks
    - Undergrounding analyses are also in process and Delegate Tran's office will receive quarterly updates
  - Department of Election's Citizens' Portal Outage
    - Wire input went down temporarily
    - Governor's office is exploring avenues to extend the registration deadline
  - Tomorrow is the first day of satellite voting – 14 Locations
    - Updates with locations & times will be posted
    - Sign up for updates at [kathyfordelagate.com](http://kathyfordelagate.com)



- Inquiries regarding Delegate Tran’s position on Amendment 1
  - Delegate Tran is encouraging citizens to vote “no”
  - Full statement on her position can be requested through her site

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- On a State level we don’t seem to be getting enough attention based on the size and scope of our area
  - Metro Funding for extension of metro to Quantico
    - Study has not made it through the budget
  - DPRT is concerned about insufficient population for our area
  - Will stay on top of this as more information comes in

- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**

- No Update

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

- New application for residential development behind the Lorton Valley Community (possible townhomes)
  - Talking to Lorton Valley and will be back to talk to SCF in the near future
- QUESTION: Can we get a compilation of the applications that have been approved in our boundaries in the last year/15 months?
  - Yes. There is a lot that is also by-right but Nick will attempt to get a tally.

- **Education, Seeking Chair**

- No Update

- **Parks, Howard Bishop, Chair**

- No Update

- **Environmental, Wes Speer**



- Community Garden Plots
  - Recruiting an active volunteer force to support this effort
  - Goal is to secure a Fairfax County Park Authority parcel near the South County MS
  - Reach out to Wes Speer at [lortongardens@gmail.com](mailto:lortongardens@gmail.com)
- CECAP
  - Creating an active goal of trying to be carbon neutral
  - Wes will provide more detail as information becomes available
- QUESTION: The northern section of Giles Run Road, now the northern section of Snowden Ashford Rd. Did the Park Authority deed that area to FCDOT? If not, that might be an ideal place for the community garden.
  - Preliminary favorite is the area just north of the Middle School, because the middle school parking can be used for it.
  - Linwood will look into it and agrees it is a valid spot to consider
- **Education, Seeking Chair**
  - No Update

## V. OLD BUSINESS

- **Fairfax Peak/Alpine X**
  - Executive Committee of the Federation will take each of the 5 charter areas (Committees by Charter) and have them submit what they see as the potential impacts on our South County area
  - Is there anything that the committee members believe should be submitted as part of this as community concerns?
    - COMMENT: It is going to be the catalyst for unregulated sprawl and construction in that area. Too many McDonald's, tourist destinations, etc. There are a number of people who elevate that concern every time at their community meetings. In addition, many are concerned about traffic.



- COMMENT: Affordable friendly vs. high-end retail. There is a juxtaposition between the community and county desires. Demographic realities of affordability need to be balanced with the community's desire for higher end retail options in the area (following fall-out of Lidl as the potential anchor grocer in Liberty)
- COMMENT: R-1 Classification needs to be thrown to zMOD because it sounds like an erroneous zoning

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **• Parking on Laurel Crest Drive**

- Requesting Chair of SCF to join community in letter to the Board of Supervisors to review the parking issues discussed over the last several months
- President Rumberger agrees to join. Needs to go to the Chairman of the Supervisors, as well as Supervisor Storck and Supervisor Herrity. Peter Weyland will join President Rumberger. Will review the draft and share with the Executive Committee once submitted by the community.

### **• Dead Trees**

- Many trees are dying in our community. Their community has spent at least \$89,000 taking down dead trees, and they still have a lot more to take out.
- Curiously, trees that were fine this Spring have now died. And our skyline is changing as a result. Is there an environmental concern?
- Concerns about air quality, noise, etc. as a result of these losses.
- COMMENT: Will you draft a letter for Urban Forestry Management that requests them to review the issue? SCF will review and send it on.
  - Ken will email
- COMMENT: There has been bad insect infestation locally as well. If they are dying that quickly, that could be the culprit.

## **ENDING COMMENTS**



General Comments:

- November meeting will include an update from WMI's Overlook Park
- No elections this year

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2020 to be held virtually through  
Zoom Meetings

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2020:

- November 10
- December 8 – Annual Holiday Meeting

Recorded by Angelina Fuller