



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports
 - February Minutes - A **Motion** to approve the February minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
 - Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark
 - The TIAA-CREF Money Market balance: \$6, 506.30
 - The Sun Trust bank account balance: \$2,234.58
 - TOTAL BALANCE: \$8,740.88
 - South Fairfax Chamber Report – none provided
3. Supervisors' Reports.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity was not in attendance nor represented.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck commented as follows:

- Allison Meissler delivered a healthy baby girl, Sophia Charlotte on March 9
- Honoring Earl Flanagan – Earl (who was not present) is retiring at the end of this month as our Planning Commissioner. He has contributed much to our District and we plan to recognize him in a special way at a reception in May. A room at the Government Center will be named after him!
- Car accident on CSX tracks - This morning, there was a car accident on the CSX tracks, when an Amtrak train struck a vehicle. Luckily, the train only clipped the side mirror on the car, and no injuries were reported, but trains were stopped for several hours.
- 2019 Advertised Budget – On Feb 20th, The County Executive, Bryan Hill, presented the FY 2019 Budget proposal to the BOS. Some highlights include:
 - Full funding of the county's compensation plan – a 2.25 percent market rate adjustment for all employees in addition to performance and longevity increases.



- Funding for the South County Police Station, gang prevention, the Opioid Task Force and Diversion First (an initiative that provides treatment to people with mental health or substance abuse issues instead of putting them in jail if they encounter law enforcement for low-level offenses).
- \$2.26 billion for Fairfax County Public Schools

The proposed General Fund budget is \$4.29 billion, a \$192.32 million (or 4.69%) increase over the current FY 2018 Budget. The proposed budget includes a 2.5 cent increase in the real estate tax rate. Following Budget Committee meetings, public hearings and markup, adoption of the FY 2019 Budget is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1.

- Budget Town Hall Meeting – I’ll be hosting this meeting on March 19th at Walt Whitman Middle School at 7 pm. The budget meeting will be led by Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer. County Executive Bryan Hill will be in attendance, as well as Mount Vernon School Board member Karen Corbett Sanders.
- Lorton Community Center Update – At the last SCF meeting, county staff presented on the Center. Since then, the Lorton Community Center Steering Committee met again and has made a recommendation to move forward with the Lorton Library site.
- South County Police Station & Animal Shelter – After 7 months of going through a site selection process, the South County Police Station & Animal Shelter Steering Committee has met with AECOM (engineering consultant) and with the architects, and has seen preliminary renderings of the complex. The group will reconvene in the next few weeks and a larger community meeting will be held (tentatively) on May 1, here at SCHS Media Center, at 7:30 pm.
- South County Job Fair - This Saturday, my office along with Supervisor Herrity, SCF, SFCC, and the Connection Newspaper will be hosting the Second South County High School Teen Job Fair to connect local students looking for jobs with local businesses looking to hire. It can really help students to improve their resume and interviewing skills.
- Third Ides of Bark – This great event will be on Sunday, March 19, 2017, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Grist Mill Park, located at 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. The past Ides of Bark have been extremely successful. If you own a dog, this is THE event to be at. Lots of free giveaways and a chance for you to meet and visit with many local doggie vendors. The Police K9 crew will be doing demonstrations, and many other doggie events will be held throughout the day. If you have any friends or family members who own dogs, please share with them this great event.”
- There is a rumor which appears true that ESI is in process of being sold to Waste Management, Inc.



4. Legislative Updates - none this month

5. Committee Reports

- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair - We have invited police department representatives for a future SCF meeting

- **Education**, Seeking Chair

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair –

- Intersection Improvements at Terminal Road and Fairfax County Parkway - Dale J led a discussion on a Resolution regarding FCDOT considerations to add an additional left turn lane for the Terminal Road eastbound approach, followed by a traffic study at this intersection. The SCF has been solicited for an opinion. After some discussion, the following **Resolution** was put to a vote:

“Therefore, be it resolved that the South County Federation does not oppose the subject proposed project.”

The **Resolution** (attachment #1) **was approved** by voice vote with no objections or abstentions.

- Removal of Giles Run segment from Master Plan - Six years ago, then-Supervisor Hyland authorized a Plan Amendment to allow the removal of a segment of Giles Run from the Fairfax County Transportation Master Plan. The segment is currently noted as a dotted line from the former District of Columbia maximum prison to the Laurel Crest. Action has never occurred to execute the transfer; so the SCF sent a formal letter on March 2 to Supervisor Storck requesting prompt action in this regard. After some discussion, Dale Johnson asked Dale Rumberger if he would like to have a Motion to approve this action; and Dale R’s decision was to give Staff some time to accomplish the removal, but to follow closely.



- **Environmental & Parks, Howard Bishop, Chair**

Lake Accotink’s Future.

Howard prepared this briefing primarily so that the SCF can see and learn about how the county approaches a “lake closing/scale down” operation. As with other man-made lakes in the County, Lake Accotink suffers from a perpetual flow of sediment from upstream; and there is an anticipated loss of recreational value of the lake by Year 2025. Even devoting the ENTIRE funding of the Fairfax County Storm Water Planning Division to restore this one lake would be inadequate, let alone meet the needs of the many other local waterways needing restoration. The affected communities must consider one of five alternatives for Lake Accotink’s “Way Ahead”; including leaving it as-is, two dredging models (costing \$29 to \$45M), , and two Single Channel options (costing \$11.5M to \$13.2M). The Fairfax Park Authority recognizes that the Lake Accotink Closure is a very complex issue, including the potential for complex construction/remediation actions, and may include Other-than-Fairfax County landownership involvement issues.

- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair –**

ESI Update from County Staff

Larry Clark began the discussion with a brief history of ESI and the fact that, since the SEA-2 was voted down, the SEA-1 (with 56 provisions) remains the governing document for the landfill. He pointed out that the community needs information on the Bond status. In addition, we passed a Resolution in January requiring that DPWES provide an update today to the SCF to include:

- A detailed, chronological plan that identifies any and all actions that will be needed to ensure that the closure takes place on the date specified or earlier should fill levels be reached.
- That the County Legal Department make a detailed presentation . . . regarding Overlook Park and provide an explanation clearly and concisely (as to) whether or not there will ever be an Overlook Park.
- That the County Legal Department provide an explanation of the courses of action available should ESI dba Furnace Associates default on their closure performance.

Before yielding the floor for the main briefing, Larry further mentioned that, while the VA DEQ is responsible for reviewing and approving the solid waste permit, DPWES contracted for an external Permit Review. Larry asked the following questions in regard to the contract:

- Why wouldn’t the staff do this review in-house?
- What specific specialties / expertise, if any, are lacking in the resident staff?



- When was the RFP advertised / posted?

The assembled team of County experts included:

- James Patteson - Director, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services
- John Kellas - Deputy Director, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Solid Waste Management Program
- Doug Sawyers - Senior Vice President at ARCADIS US, INC.
- Tom Faha - Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
- Richard Doucette - Program Manager Hazardous & Solid Waste

James Patteson began his briefing with comments about the rumored purchase of ESI by Waste Management, Inc. He said, “If Waste Management Inc. becomes the new owner, it’s a good thing. They have a lot of experience with landfill issues, compared to ESI.”

He then began the main briefing, working through a matrix entitled, “Status of Work to Respond to SCF Questions/Concerns” (attachment #2). Mr. Patteson methodically addressed and answered questions regarding about half of the 52 provisions of SEA-1. It was a foregone conclusion that he would not be able to get through all of them. Also, Mr. Patteson said that DPWES is setting up a dedicated webpage, and it will be active within one week. The future of Overlook Park is still hazy.

Doug Sawyers (Sr. Vice President at ARCADIS US, INC.) also addressed us. He has many years’ experience in waste management, and ARCADIS was contracted to compare the 2006 SEA-1 closure plan with the proposed modification plan of Aug 2017, in order to determine if the landfill owners are proposing to do something that is very different from what they were contracted to do in SEA-1. Their findings confirm a good amount of concordance with just a few exceptions, including:

- Gas venting layer (SEA requirement #23) and gas vents
- Alpine Hiking Trail (not specified on the landscaping plan)

Mr. Patteson picked up with a Q&A session from this point. The many questions from the assemblage were mostly answered satisfactorily; however, a couple of zoning and legal questions went unanswered, as none of the briefers present were experts in those areas. And the mandated Emergency Contingency Plan seems not to have the ability to function outside of “regular business hours”.



Questions from the floor were:

- To determine the height of the landfill, can't we use LIDAR? LIDAR would also ensure that all the hill's contours conform to the SEA-1 plan.
Answer: We never have updated the whole permit but, before closure, there must be a complete permit update. ESI submitted a report in August, and we are comfortable that they have met requirements, but we're allowing time for public input, including from Supervisor Storck, and others before having a formal public hearing.
- After ceasing landfill operations, is the cap going to be composed of more waste material?
Answer: "No. The cap is a specific material that ESI will probably have to pay for. They can no longer bring in waste for the cap."
- Where does the height of the landfill start?"
Answer: Sea level. Also, ESI thinks that they may reach the 412-foot limit early.
- The "stepping" of some slopes on the landscaping plat has disappeared since the disapproval of SEA-2. May that show an effort to just pack in more waste material?
Answer: Mr. Patteson says he will look into this.
- One resident who lives close to the landfill, complained of a huge increase in dust over the last couple of years.
Answer: I'll send out an inspector. And if any other resident has problems, just call our **Hotline** at **(703) 324 1780**.
- What phase of the closure process are we in?
Answer: Probably an amalgam of phases 2 and 5.
- Can't we get rid of all the dead trees (amongst the landscaping)?
Answer: We actually leave up some dead trees, in order to leave habitat for squirrels, etc. (There was some laughter at this response).
- Will the release conditions change if there is a new property owner?
Answer: No
- Does the new owner know about the Overlook Park?
Answer: Having not spoken personally with the new owners, one must assume so.
- Why do you say that completion of the cap may take more than 1 year? This is in direct conflict with SEA-1 Condition #12 and is "new news" to this body and our residents.
Answer: There is some "wiggle room" on the time required. But during the public hearing, we can insist on sticking to just 1 year as specified in SEA-1.

6. Old Business – None



7. New Business – Several topics were raised by Dale Rumberger:

- Covanta is up and afternoon running! Don Cammarata wrote to thank everyone for cooperating with them while they worked to repair damage from the 2017 fire. Besides already implementing new, state-of-the-art technologies to enhance fire prevention, Covanta is investing \$8 million more in facility improvements this year.
- The State High School Section 6 Basketball Champions are here at SCHS!
- The SCHS Wind Ensemble earned straight Superior ratings in the District 10 Assessment
- An EMBARK study is to be heard and voted on by the BOS next week. The full document only arrived in Supervisor Storck’s office today! It proposes that the Lower Potomac Planning District (of which we are a part) be included in the bus rapid transit system, despite the fact that it has never been vetted by anyone in our area! More than one person expressed anger that such an important process has completely bypassed us, especially because, if the BOS approves it, the provisions will become part of the Comprehensive Plan.

A motion was made and seconded to place the following **Resolution** on the table:

“Be it resolved that the South County Federation requests removal of all mention of the EMBARK and rapid transit bus system for the Lower Potomac Planning District from the current Comprehensive Plan edition.”

The **Resolution** (attachment #3) **was approved** by voice vote with one abstention.

Dan Storck stated that he understands our angst in not having had any chance to see the proposal; but says that, because of the greater good for the County, he will be voting in favor of it on Mar 20. We can direct the SCF Executive Committee to approve an Executive Amendment to formulate some follow-on amendment language that will quantify our Lower Potomac Planning District concerns in time for the BOS vote next week.



A Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:55pm

NEXT MEETING: April 10th, 2018 at South County High School Media Room

Future Meeting Dates: May 8th, June 12th, July 10th, August (No Meeting), September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th (Workhouse Arts Center)

Attachments (not for posting on the website)

1. Resolution re: Terminal Road and Fairfax County Parkway
2. "Status of Work to Respond to regarding SCF Questions/Concerns"
3. Resolution re: EMBARK plan for the Lower Potomac Planning District
4. Sign-in list for this meeting