



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room
Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports

- March Minutes - A **Motion** to approve the March minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark
 - SunTrust Bank Account: \$2,234.50
 - TIAA Money Mkt: \$6,506.30
 - TOTAL BALANCE: \$8,740.88
 - Checks waiting to be deposited in the amount of \$170.00
- South Fairfax Chamber Report – Although there were no official representatives from the SFCC, Tae Choi and Dale R spoke for a few minutes about the positive outcomes from the recent Teen Job Fair held at South County High School (SCHS), and co-sponsored by Supervisor Dan Storck, the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the South County Federation, and South County High School. Tae said 240 students attended the job fair, where they had access to 40 businesses. Dale R said he was amazed to see how many parents came with their kids. The next fair is at Mount Vernon High School from 11-1 this coming Saturday. Other upcoming fairs are at South Lakes High School on April 21st and West Springfield High School on April 28th

3. Supervisors' Reports.

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

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck was unable to attend because of budget meetings; but Tae Choi represented him in commenting on several issues:

- South County High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team has finished the season with a 27-3 record. This is very exciting because they made school history by being the first boys' team to win a District, Region and State Title in the same season! Supervisor



Storck has asked that the team be recognized by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on June 5.

- Artis Senior Living – The BOS has approved a 19-inch height increase for Artis Senior Living using the new Minor Variation process, which allows the BOS to waive Public Hearings and approve modifications to already approved zoning cases administratively. This Minor Variation application was the first in the MV District to come before the BOS.
- Lorton Community Center Update - On April 9, Supervisor Storck announced to the Lorton Community Center Steering Committee (LCCSC) his decision to endorse the Steering Committee and staff’s recommendation to construct the Lorton Community Center at the Lorton Library site. The explanation of his endorsement for this site was handed out with your packets. The LCCSC county staff, and the Architects will be hosting a larger community meeting on May 3, 2018 at SCHS to brief the community on the work they have done for the past eight months.
- Watershed Clean Up – There are many opportunities this weekend to help clean our watersheds. Specifically, in our area there are 4 opportunities:
 - 8:30AM to 2:00 PM – Potomac River Watershed Cleanup at Hollowing Point.
 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Mason Neck State Park Potomac River Watershed Cleanup
 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Pohick Bay Clean Up at Pohick Bay Regional Park
 - 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Pohick Creek Cleanup at Old Colchester Road
- Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan’s Retirement Open House – Please join our office on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the MV Governmental Center (2511 Parkers Lane) for a community Open House for former MV District Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan. He has helped to shape the MV District and Fairfax County, and this will be an opportunity to celebrate him and his dedicated years of service and friendship to the community. The event starts at 6:00 PM.
- ESI/Waste Management Inc. (WMI) Landfill - Supervisor Storck has spoken with James Patteson and John Kellas regarding the new owners of the landfill and has asked for a meeting in the next 2 weeks. After this initial meeting, he will host a meeting with the SCF leadership.

Dale R added that, later tonight, a Resolution will be presented regarding the landfill.
- USAR Training at the old Nike site – The Nike site is an active job with DPWES; but before DPWES completes the deconstruction, it will be used for drills in search and rescue by VATF1/USA1 from Monday evening April 23 through Thursday afternoon, April 26. This will be a non-stop 24 hour operation. Volunteers are needed to act as victims for shifts of 6 hours. If you can help, please contact Chris Yorty at Christopher.yorty@fairfax county.gov. Uniformed personnel will be based in the South County area at county facilities, and will have air support.



4. Legislative Updates - none this month

Legislators are being called back to Richmond because of some budget issues. So June will be the new month for legislators to attend our meeting.

5. Committee Reports

• **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair - -

- Dale J provided an update, including detailed handouts, regarding the Fairfax County Transportation Priorities Plan (TPP) Survey. “This was offered to county residents to determine which unfunded projects should be funded if money becomes available. There were 2215 comments received. The most pertinent projects for the Federation included 113 comments made to widen Hooes Rd from Fairfax County Parkway to Route 123. There also were many comments about VRE enhancements, widening Lee Chapel from the Parkway to 123, and widening Silverbrook from Monacan to Hooes. What are we going to do with all this data? An answer from FCDOT Communications is as follows:
- “Regarding the next steps on the TPP, new legislation was introduced in General Assembly, and just today (April 10th), the Governor’s proposed amendments have been released. The General Assembly will be deliberating next week and there will be a better picture of the funding available for the FY2018-2023 Fairfax County TPP following completion of the General Assembly and Governor deliberations. At that time, county staff will re-evaluate how to best move forward in securing funding for the FY2018-2023 TPP. We’ll report next month after we talk with county officials.”
- Dale R hopes that the State will provide prioritization of these projects within the next 2 weeks.
- Dale J also lauded Marty Schirmacher, who recently had noticed a potential eyesore at a local gas station concerning an under-the-table car sale business. It is now out of business because of Marty’s actions.
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• **Public Safety** Jonathan Kiell, Chair

- Next month we’ll have law enforcement here to address issues and trends.
- The Office of Emergency Management will host a Preparedness Awareness Weekend (PAW), which aims to empower families to prepare for sudden emergencies both natural and man-made. The event will take place in the Gum



Springs Community Center (8100 Fordson Rd. Alexandria, VA 22306) on May 5th, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair –

- Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (ORHF) seeks a “letter of support”

- Three presenters were

- LTC (R) Deborah Snyder - President (volunteer) of the ORHF
 - David Levine of Good Shepherd Housing Services, which manages 90 units by converting condos into housing for veterans
 - Carmen Romero – Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, a nonprofit that develops, preserves, and owns quality rental housing that is affordable

LTC (R) Snyder began with a very brief overview of ORHF. It was founded in 2011 and has helped more than 600 veterans to get long-term housing, she says. The Foundation is very interested in taking over the long-empty Sunrise building to provide 36 living units for their target population. The building also will serve as the headquarters for ORHF. Sunrise currently pays out \$100,000 per year for minimum upkeep of the building. They are reportedly ready to donate the building to ORHF; but they have made the donation contingent on obtaining an initial “letter of support” from the SCF to pursue the project. All agree that such a request is unusual in the extreme; but LTC Snyder states that she and her partner organizations cannot move ahead with a full proposal unless they are sure that they can get the building. She says that “First, we need site control, which takes time, and then 6 to 8 months to renovate the building . . . (and) about 2 years before it can be occupied.”

In the ensuing discussion, significant issues raised included the need for zoning variation, limited parking, and whether or not ORHF will even be financially able to assume control and rehabilitation of this building. All of these elements would be elucidated and judged if ORHF goes through the normal Land Use process. Without this, the SCF is not willing to provide the letter of support.

- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair – is ill. Dale R invited comments by Bob Robertory, a former long-term member of the SCF, who is now the Commodore of the Fairfax Yacht Club (FYC). Bob has asked to expand on Howard Bishop’s presentation last month regarding the management of man-made lakes in the County. Bob spoke about the FYC’s experience recently, and especially the disposal of dredge spoil. The FYC had dredged in 2017. It was extremely expensive to do this. He stated that this is an ongoing and generally unrecognized problem in Fairfax County. Park lakes, flood control lakes, and community lakes (e.g., Crosspointe has 2) exist throughout the County. All these have to be dredged periodically, and FCWA also generates much spoil filtered out of the drinking water during the purification process. What to do with the product of the dredging? The landfill cannot continue to take the



dredge spoil from the whole county. Bob recommends that some long-term planning needs to be done.

Comments that followed Bob’s comments included:

- Dale R said we need to send this issue to County Environmental experts.
- Nick cited his community’s 2 ponds which have gone from 8 foot to 4 foot depth in just a few years.
- Earl Flanagan suggested contacting the Soil Water Conservation Board.
- James Patteson said DPWES has a pilot program with 4 ponds to see how much it would cost for DPWES to take over the management of wet ponds, but not until they are brought up to certain standards. For example, if the pilot program were to become a permanent one, a community like Crosspointe might have to pay for dredging before our ponds could enter the county program.
- Perhaps we should ask our legislators to establish recommended reserve funds which HOAs should keep to maintain their ponds.

- **Education, Seeking Chair**

6. Old Business –

- Covanta update regarding recent small fire - Don Cammarrata of Covanta, spoke briefly regarding a small fire that broke out a few days ago and he said that small fires are a common occurrence at the plant because people commonly throw away not-quite-extinguished briquettes or wood which later flares up. This fire was handled even before the Fire Department arrived. Dale R added that, “Most important is the improved fire response protocol which worked splendidly a few days ago. Communication between the plant and community was excellent.”

- Liberty Update from Jack Perkins was read by Larry Clark: “Planning for Phase 2A is continuing on schedule. Phase 2A includes the adaptive reuse of the penitentiary (7 historic buildings, walls and guard towers), Guard Quarters building (outside of the eastern penitentiary wall) and 74 remaining townhouse lots. The ARB approved the Phase 2A site plan at the March meeting. They also approved the Public Improvement Plan for that portion of Snowden Ashford Road, including the traffic circle around the guard tower, located on County property. The ARB approval did not include the portion of the road located on Park Authority property extending from Lorton Road up to the site. The ARB approvals allowed us to resubmit the engineering plans to County staff, and we expect final approval mid-summer. Site work and renovation of the historic buildings is scheduled to start in September.”

“We are continuing our efforts to lease the Chapel and the Power House. We are actively marketing those buildings with the assistance of multiple commercial real estate brokers, and we continue to meet with a variety of prospective users.”



“The residential apartments are 82% leased.”

“Van Metre has sold approximately 18 townhouses and 11 single-family detached houses. The average sales price of the townhouses is \$650,000; and the average sales price of the single-family detached houses is \$895,000.”

- Lorton Landfill Update Resolution

As an outgrowth of last month’s meeting, at which we asked the County to address all outstanding requirements of SEA-1, some heretofore unknown information was presented regarding mileposts related to the closure period. We understand that the VA DEQ will assess the closure process regarding the slopes, etc. But the SEA-1 conditions must be enforced by the community, not the state. ESI has submitted their closure plan and added one extra piece. Therefore, a motion was made and seconded to place the following **Resolution** on the table:

Be it resolved that the South County Federation requests that the following actions take place:

1. That the Board of Supervisors be made aware that the residents of the South County area request strict adherence to the conditions codified in SEA-1, specifically Condition #42, which requires that final restoration of the landfill shall be completed within one year of the termination of operations on the property, which would be no later than January 31, 2019 based on the mandated landfill closure date of December 31, 2018. The specific dates concerned may actually be earlier.
2. That DPWES be requested to review, clarify and restate the timelines that are included in the “Status of County Oversight - Lorton Landfill Closure Activities” slide and provide documentation and support for whatever timelines are noted. Should DPWES or any other element of the county staff contend that different timelines should apply, they should immediately provide the appropriate data in support of their contentions.
3. That after the review noted in 2, above, DPWES firmly state they are committed to requiring that the Closure and Post-Closure Activities be conducted at the earliest allowable and permissible dates; namely, that the Closure activities for the landfill begin no later than January 31, 2019 or earlier should the landfill reach capacity and be declared full and that the Post-Closure period should begin no later than January 31, 2019.
4. That DPWES be proactive in updating the website in terms of changed circumstances such as the purchase of ESI by WMI and post the results of any relevant meetings, conversations or agreements that may be proposed.



5. That the DPWES take the lead in coordinating the response to the legal questions surrounding Overlook Park, a condition of the SEA-1 agreement, as soon as possible.
6. That this Resolution and the responses to it from the staff be posted on the Lorton CDD Landfill Closure website for public review and analysis.

The **Resolution** (attachment #2) **was approved** by all voting members with one abstention.

7. New Business – None

A Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM

NEXT MEETING: May 8th, 2018 at South County High School Media Room

Future Meeting Dates: 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. Sign-in list for this meeting
2. Resolution re: Landfill Closure Compliance