



**Meeting at Workhouse Arts Center, Building 16
Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM., and pledged to keep the business meeting short in order to allow for more convivial activities. He did solicit all to make use of sticky pads to jot down and post ideas on a white board about issues we should pursue in 2019.

2. Administrative Matters and Officers' reports

- November Minutes – Will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Treasurer's Report – Deferred until next meeting
- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report – none tonight

3. Supervisors' Reports.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay fondly recalled historical collaborations with our Supervisors over the years. He commented that, "We need to work closely with Anna (Anna Smith is the new Land Use Aide to Supervisor Storck) to make sure that this facility (Workhouse) continues to succeed. I want those investments to continue to benefit South County and build it into a success story." Looking to the future, he then mentioned meeting today with state delegates regarding the current Proffer Bill, which "needs to be fixed in this session before new major development projects come along." He also is concerned about the amount of public investment in our school system. Our cost per pupil is \$13K, but \$10K of that is paid by tax payers which is much more than in other districts.



Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity

- Encouraged everyone to check his newsletter, then commented on:
- Pension reform – “You have heard me speak in the past about the County's unsustainable pension plan. We have got one round done, which raised the retirement age by 5 years. But our pension costs are still 30 cents on the dollar! I had supported six key changes for the pension plan. In June, the Board removed one of them, which would have resulted in the biggest cost saving by increasing the employees' contributions to pensions by 1% to 6%. However, if the remaining package is adopted, it will reduce pension costs for new employees by approximately 15% and will still leave County employees with a pension plan better than any of our surrounding jurisdictions.
- Sports Tourism Task Force – “This task force looks for ways to capture more of the sports industry and build new sporting facilities for the county’s residents. Other areas have done more to get sports tourism. We need these facilities which are real community assets!”
- Transportation – “Regarding the Fairfax County Parkway study, I don’t see paid lanes going there. In 2022, Rolling Road will be widened from two to four lanes between Viola Street and Old Keene Mill Road.”

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck began by wishing everyone a great holiday, and thanking Supervisor McKay for his collaboration. He then emphasized that, “This has been a very consequential year for South County,” and proceeded to list several 2018 accomplishments:

- Landfill Closure – “WM Inc. has stopped delivering trash since August 2, with absolute finality on December 31 this month. It has not been easy, but we are on the verge of success and (eventually) getting our park with that spectacular view! There are many milestones yet to get there, and this will be a destination for all of Virginia.”
- Covanta Plant “reopened with improved facilities and real time (24-7) environmental data. They have had a year of safe operation.”



- Lorton Community Center – “We are pleased that we will be able to site with the Library. This will be a community place of education and activity.”
- South County Police Station and Animal Center – “Scheduled to be completed around 2022, the new police station is on track.”
- New Fire Station - “This is another sign of progress in the Lorton community.”
- New County Leaders -
 - Bryan Hill – We’ve had conversations with the County Executive, and have directed him to collaborate with the Workhouse Arts Center to establish a Steering Committee charged with innovation
 - Walter Clarke – His transition into the Planning Commissioner position has gone well
- Liberty – “We have been focused on the successful implementation of Phases 1 & 2 of Liberty. It looks great and is the culmination of many years work.”
- Workhouse Arts Campus- “We issued the first RFI for the Workhouse Arts Campus this year, and continued the use of County resources to also assist with Workhouse community events such as Brewfest, Fireworks, and Summer Music Nights. I do want to recognize Tim Sargeant for the years of work he has put into the development of this whole area.”
- 2nd Teen Fair – “This Fair was held at South County High School in partnership with Supervisor Herrity, the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and the SCF. It went very well!”
- Suffragist Memorial – “I worked with my colleagues and the County Executive to advance the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial to be located in Occoquan Regional Park. It will be partially funded with a Fairfax County donation of \$200,000. Once completed, this will add another element to what makes this area attractive.”
- Basketball Title – “We recognized the South County Boys Varsity Basketball team at the BOS for their first VHSL Class 6 State Title.”



- “Welcome to Lorton” Monument – Supervisor Storck introduced and made a special recognition of Kyle Murray of Chaney Enterprises, which donated the monument as a good will gesture to our community.
4. Legislative Updates – There were brief comments by several of our elected officials:
- George Barker, 39th District State Senator, noted that it has been a great year in Richmond, with polls showing public support for their agenda. He mentioned the Turning Point Memorial, saying that The goal is to finish it by August of 2020.
 - Kathy Tran, 42nd District Virginia State Delegate, reminded all of this week’s Transportation Town Hall on Thursday, December 13th from 7pm-8:30pm at Halley Elementary School, located at 8850 Cross Chase Cir, Fairfax Station. Staff from VDOT and FCDOT will be present. Decisions about the Fairfax County Parkway study will be another focus. Also, Delegate Tran is soliciting recommendations for any organization or individual that has achieved a significant milestone (e.g. an HOA that has celebrated multiple decades of community service). She may bring these up for a legislative vote to recognize such achievements with an elaborate framed Commendation Certificate.
 - Gerald Connolly, 11th District Congressman, was unable to make our meeting, but was represented by Marlon Dubuisson, Prince William Outreach Representative. After introducing himself, Marlon said that he hoped to attend our meetings, because “My job is to be his eyes and ears.”
 - Scott Surovell, 36th District State Senator, was unable to be here. Dale Rumberger explained that he was attending a critical town hall meeting in Woodbridge. The subject was citizen reaction to Dominion Power’s storing of coal ash on property in the Woodbridge area. Citizens are contending it has affected the water quality of their wells. Senator Surovell has introduced legislation that will force/mandate Dominion to recycle and use the coal ash, not just dump it and store it, especially where it can runoff into a water supply. More will be discussed on this topic at the January meeting.



5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation** - Dale Johnson, Chair, stated that his topics have already been covered by other speakers.
- **Public Safety** - Jonathan Kiell, Chair, had no input
- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair, had no input.
- **Land Use** - Nick Firth, Chair, had no input

- **Education** (Seeking Chair), Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, began by wishing all well for the holidays. She then continued to address several topics:
 - Large Grant - With support of the BOS, FXPS and Northern Virginia Community College, a grant has been received from JP Morgan for \$1.2M. The grant will support the development of career and technical education curriculum and supporting software to identify the workforce needs of tomorrow. This is important because Amazon and other technology companies are coming and need to have a trained work force.
 - Internationalization - Additionally, the School Board is evaluating its internationalization programs to expand our language curriculum (this was considered a plus by Amazon).
 - Future efforts – The new Superintendent of Schools is working collaboratively with the BOS regarding Capital Improvement planning, sustainable energy sources, and early childhood education
 - Increased State support for education – We are looking at a \$13.5M increase in the governor’s budget for our schools. This is important because, nationwide, we are #40 in state funding for our schools and looking for increased support.



6. Old Business: None

7. New Business – None

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM, and everyone headed for the holiday buffet!

NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2019 at SCHS Media Room
Future Meeting Dates: TBD in 2019