



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters and Officers' reports
 - May Minutes – Cathy Bonnefil: One correction was requested and made. A **Motion** to approve the corrected May minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
 - Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark
 - TIAA-CREF Fund Money Market: \$6,521.56
 - SunTrust Checking: \$2,474.58
 - TOTAL BALANCE: \$8,996.14
 - South Fairfax Chamber Report – No representative present from the SFCC.
3. Supervisors' Reports.

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

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck addressed multiple issues:

- Serious Crash involving School Children - “Our crash reconstruction detectives have identified the victims involved in the crash on Furnace Road today as teenage boys. A preliminary investigation has determined that the car, driven by an unlicensed 14-year-old from Prince William County, was southbound on Lorton Road when he lost control and left the roadway. The car struck a tree and the impact caused the vehicle to flip before coming to rest on its driver side door. There was one fatality; but four passengers, all 15, and also from Prince William County, were taken to the hospital with what are believed to be non-life threatening injuries. The investigation continues.”
- NVTA Richmond Highway Funding – “On May 23, I represented Fairfax County on the NVTA Planning Coordination Advisory Committee (PCAC). I had the



pleasure of moving or seconding staff recommendations and PCAC support for a series of motions recommending NVTA funding of our three MVD projects and many other county ones. Funding, which will take place over the next six years, seems now all but certain by NVTA for these projects. NVTA has recommended funding for 9 of the County's projects, including 1 for the Town of Vienna. The recommendation provides for \$531 million; and the amount recommended for our projects on Richmond Highway are:

- Richmond Highway BRT_ - \$250 million (full request).
- Richmond Highway Widening (Mt Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road) \$127 million (full request)
- Richmond Highway/CSX Underpass - \$12 million (full request)

The NVTA will make their final decision this Thursday, June 14.”

- Transportation Updates – “Transportation staff provided several district updates to my office to include the long-awaited intersection improvement at Silverbrook & Lorton Roads from the 2012 study and a Pohick Road widening and pedestrian accommodations. I’ve directed staff to meet with the Federation Transportation/Land Use committees to share the report and get the community’s feedback.”
- Lorton Visioning with Planners - “On May 9, I met with County staff and spoke with them about beginning a Lorton Visioning process. I thought it was essential that the Planning staff tour Lorton, so Tae last week gave a thorough tour of the southern portion of the Mount Vernon District. We’re getting the conversation started, and the next step will be to create a Lorton Visioning Task Force or reconvening the Task Force that was established two years ago. I’m excited for this initiative and look forward to collaborating with the Federation to come up with a vision for the area.”

Dale Rumberger added that the SCF “would like to be on that bus” as part of a Visioning Task Force for our area.

- SOCO Police Station & Animal Shelter Community Meeting – “Tomorrow, on Wednesday, June 13 at the Workhouse Arts Center starting at 7:00 PM, the steering committee, county staff, and AECOM (Architects) will host a community meeting on the South County Police Station & Animal Shelter to update the community on the work that has been done.”
- Occoquan Regional Park Grand Reopening – “On June 23, from 2:30 – 8:30 PM there will be a FREE festival-style event which will include live music, tours of the brand new River View wedding & events center, a variety of vendors, food trucks, moon bounces and fun for the family, tours of the park and much more!”



- Farmers Market opened – “The Lorton Farmers Market now is officially open every Sunday from 9 AM – 1 PM until November 18th.”
- Lorton Community Center (LCC) Update – Supervisor Storck briefly recapped the history of the park and community center planning and site selection (see details in last month’s minutes). He feels that objections raised by several HOAs near the Lorton Library site have been adequately addressed by Steering Committee/staff/architect interactions.

4. Legislative Updates -

- Delegate Kathy Tran (42nd House District) - “This was my first session. I have introduced legislation that strengthens our workforce to be more competitive, invests in our public schools, protects the environment, stands up for women, and honors our veterans and military families. Some of these bills are:
 - Awarding Academic Credit for Service in Armed Forces of the United States - Requires four year public institutions of higher education to have policies to review veterans’ and active duty military students’ military training to award academic credit, as appropriate.
 - Transfer of Any Course Credit Awarded for Service in Armed Forces - Guarantees that any academic credit awarded by community colleges to veteran and active duty military students for prior military training are transferable to four year public institutions of higher education.
 - A Religious Identification Protection bill - Prevents state and local entities from sharing data about individual Virginian's religious beliefs, affiliations, and activities with the federal government for the purpose of creating a registry or database.
 - Repeal of the Rate Freeze Bill – This could have raised electrical bills; and I supported the movement to repeal this because the new Trump administration does not seem interested in increasing charges. We should be getting refunds of around \$30 per customer.”
- Senator George Barker (39th district) - “This was an extraordinary year because when a new governor is coming in, it is usually a low activity year. But we did a lot of things due to leadership in the assembly and working with Governor Northam because people knew him.”
 - Funding for Metro – “I’m the only Virginia representative on the Metrorail Safety Commission, which has worked on fixing a lot of issues. Metro has not been taking care of its infrastructure. We came up with the first



dedicated funding stream of \$154 million per year for Metro over the next 10 years. The only negative thing is that the original funding mechanism was terrible. We did come up with a proposal that included \$10 million from the state level; but everything else has been moved (borrowed) from other parts of the budget, and that will now need to be replaced.”

- Medicaid expansion – “We have been working on this since 2012. This year we had a new speaker in the House of Delegates; and finally the bill passed with bipartisan support, which will provide health care to 400,000 more Virginians. 90% of the money will come from federal funding; although if federal funding is ever rescinded, the entire program will close. Medicaid expansion should help with reductions of premiums as there will be fewer uninsured patients.”
 - Mental health and substance abuse issues – “This has not been a shining light in our State. We started meeting in 2014. We have come up with a number of elements which need to be addressed to improve the response and treatment of people with acute mental illness. We added more than \$80 million to this effort. The new Speaker supports doing away with the long waiting lists for urgent care. We’ll try to eliminate this urgent waiting list over next few years.
 - Budget - “We’ve added money to the “rainy day fund”, and so we have maintained our AAA bond rating!”
- State Senator Scott Surovell (36th district) was not able to attend this evening, but his legislative aide, Philip Scranage, was present. He mentioned that Senator Surovell submitted 53 bills. One of his most important efforts has been in support of the funding for Route 1 development.
- Delegate Vivian Watts (39th district) commented on many issues:
 - K thru 12 funding for schools – “I’ve been trying to change the funding formula. Northern Virginia looks rich but not so for the schools, because the amount each locality gets is based on a seriously flawed, 50-year-old formula, which came out of a court ruling that children in poor localities should have equal educational opportunities. As a result, the General Assembly adopted a funding formula that measures local ability to pay based on 50% personal income (AGI), 40% real estate values, and 10% sales tax collections. . The most serious flaw in this formula is that Fairfax County has no way to tax income. Even though real estate values are 40% of the formula, for many long-time residents, the current value of the house they’ve lived in for 30-plus years is much higher than their ability to pay on a fixed income. Nevertheless, since we are a county and



not a city, Fairfax has nowhere to turn but the real estate tax, while cities can get substantial revenue from hotel, restaurant, and local cigarette taxes (which is \$1.15 per pack in Falls Church.) The state formula ignores those taxes, giving areas – like the City of Virginia Beach – substantially more state school funding. Not only has statewide per-pupil funding not increased since 2009, but since 2012 Northern Virginia localities have had to fight attempts to severely cut or eliminate the Northern Virginia cost of living adjustment (COLA). The state only had been adding about 2%. Compare that with the 26% COLA paid to state police when they're stationed in Northern Virginia. I will continue to try to build a coalition to change the school funding formula, as well as getting everyone to recognize that densely-populated Fairfax County should be a city.”

- Passage of Medicaid – Adding to what Senator Barker has said, Delegate Watts pointed out that payments to doctors for Medicaid patients are only 2/3 what the doctor would be paid for a Medicare patient. Among the 400,000 un-insured people living in poverty (who will now be eligible for Medicaid) 70% are in working families but earn less than \$32,000 for a family of four or \$15,302 for one person. Also the 400,000 does not include anyone who is not a US citizen.
- Bill passed for self-managed HOAs – “If you file electronically, you will now be paid at the same rate as a professionally-managed HOA. The money is balanced out during closing.”
- Metro funding – Mirroring Senator Barker, Delegate Watts opined that “the House of Delegates did not do well in not properly funding Metro.”

- Q&A Session for the Legislators included queries about
 - Unbalanced State support for Fairfax County schools compared with counties to the South.
ANS: See Delegate Watts’ comments about school support.
 - Effect on the expanded Medicaid program if the federal government stops supporting it.
ANS: See Senator Barker’s comments on the expansion.
 - Status on funding for the Lorton Road Park and Giles Run Road.
ANS: Supervisor Storck says, “We’ve made it clear to county staff that the money needs to be turned over. Tae is working with Tom Biesiadny on this.”
 - Could a tobacco tax be a potential place for funding all Health Services?
 - Tax burden for over-55 citizens already is such that many are being squeezed into moving out of this county by tax assessments that greatly outpace the Social Security COLA. Since the State Constitution governs



this area, the solution must come from all of you - our Delegates and Senators. Some considerations could be: (1) Homestead Act?, (2) legislation that restricts tax increases to some reasonable amount – 6-, 8-, 10% maximum in any one year?

ANS: Delegate Watts stated that “60 to 80 factors are tracked (of which individual home sales price is one) in determining tax assessments.

Regarding the possibility of instituting a Homestead provision, this goes back to the fact that we are taxed on inflated incomes, but the dollars are not coming back to our local area.”

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair addressed:
 - Pedestrian walkway proposed by FCDOT on Hooes Road from 123 - Lorton Road / Silverbrook Road intersection – Transportation staff provided several district updates to Supervisor Storck to include the long-awaited intersection improvement at Silverbrook and Lorton Roads from the 2012 study and a Pohick Road widening and pedestrian accommodations. Supervisor Storck recommended that staff meet with the Federation Transportation/Land Use committee to share the report and get the community’s feedback.
 - Proposed use of the shoulder of I-95 as a lane from the Occoquan to Prince William County. This is a complicated issue as any widening projects may violate the contract with Transurban, the company that maintains the HOT lanes.
 - Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) vote on June 14 as to whether or not to fund important road improvements along the Richmond Highway.

- **Public Safety** Jonathan Kiell, Chair,
 - South County Police Station and Animal Shelter community meeting to be held at 7:00 PM tomorrow, June 15, at the Workhouse Arts Center regarding
 - the planning and design of this new community asset.

- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair, is on vacation. Dale Rumberger spoke for him.
 - Panera Bread – “We have met with them and are waiting for them to return specifics on this proposal. Nick says that the site at the corner of Lorton Road and Lorton Market Street currently permits no drive-thru; whereas Armstrong (the owners of Panera) have said that the drive-thru is



a must. In order to ensure that some future user of the site does not install a drive-through, Nick has specified that Armstrong must agree in writing that all future land use must be prescribed to meet the same standards as Panera related to the drive through.”

- Starbucks wants to relocate to the former Capital One bank location in the Saratoga Shopping Center. We are waiting for specifics on their design use.
- Historic Overlay in the Lower Potomac Planning District – There was a short discussion about this because these areas affect zoning and other planning decisions. One is near the Pohick Church. According to the Comprehensive Plan, heritage resources must be considered “at the earliest planning stages of development.”
- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair –
 - Update on saving Lake Accotinck – “They are waiting for funding, and thinking of putting this on a bond referendum. Primarily, the community is looking at the two dredging options (costing \$29 to \$45M).”
- **Education** (Seeking Chair) Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, was unable to attend; but asked Dale Rumberger to read the following email:

“I had the pleasure of attending 9 graduations over the last two weeks. Truly an amazing experience to see the class of 2018 matriculate. Our students are doing amazing things with a majority of them moving on to 2 or 4 year colleges. Colleges where students are attending include Dartmouth, Harvard, Cornell, NYU, UVA, George Mason, VCU, CNU, Mary Washington, and the University of Notre Dame as well as all of the service academies. Although we are still calculating numbers, close to \$20 million was awarded to the students at South County, Mount Vernon, Hayfield and West Potomac. The Honorable Kathy Tran spoke at today’s commencement at Lee HS.

At our last meeting we adopted the \$2.9 billion budget for next year. Because of the generosity of the Board of Supervisors and the increased funding from the state, we were able to address much needed market rate adjustments for teachers, support staff and administrators. It was the first time in 25 years that the budget request was fully funded.

Although school is out this Friday, the School Board continues to have a busy schedule.

- The Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and the family life education advisory committee recommendations are on the schedule for adoption this Thursday night,



- The new School year Calendar for 2019-2020 at the June 28 meeting. Adopting the new calendar earlier will allow for increased planning time for families booking vacations.
- In July a reprioritization of the strategic plan, and the audit work plan for next year.”

6. Old Business: Lorton Community Center (LCC) site selection discussion and proposed Resolution from Shepherd Hills –

Dale Rumberger said that, as stated at the May SCF, the proposed Resolution was reviewed by the SCF EXCOM. After extensive discussion the EXCOM recommended “no action on the Resolution”; but does prescribe the following list of actions for the County to take going forward:

- Request that the current Lorton Community Center Steering Committee be enlarged, restructured and right-sized, to include a more complete representation of the community stakeholders.
- As the County initiates the 2232 process, schedule Planning Committee public hearings to consider the changes to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan that will be required to initiate this project.
- Schedule public hearings to consider the changes to the Fairfax County Parks Master Plan that will be required to initiate this project.
- Schedule public hearings to consider the “Special Exception” required to allow a private (non-profit) organization (Lorton Community Action Center) to be incorporated into a publicly-owned County facility (Lorton Community Center).
- Ensure that a wider swath of communities be involved in the “fleshing-out” of the plans/design of the actual park area, as well as the attributes of the facility itself.
- Include representatives, specifically for gathering concerns and requirements, for the components and programs of the Senior Center.
- Enlarge the playground (as currently depicted) --- gain further building design and layout efficiencies that would lead to a smaller foot print for the entire Lorton Community Center project.
- Reduce the parking area (as currently depicted) --- even if it requires a waiver.
- Consider alternative underground water retention measures to provide for more green space in place of an open storm water pond/area.
- Incorporate the future Lorton Library Renovation design/construction into the Lorton Community Center planning stages NOW, to ascertain the total combined footprint of both structures.



Chris Ambrose from Shepherd Hills, rose to propose another amended Resolution, reiterating objections (by the communities closest to the Lorton Park) to the selected Library Site. He urged a continued evaluation of alternate sites. After several minutes of discussion, Dale Rumberger stated that the “no action” decision by the EXCOM precludes any further consideration of such a Resolution, and he urged Chris and neighbors to work with Supervisor Storck’s office to move ahead with the recommendations above.

7. New Business – None

A Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM

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

Future Meeting Dates: August (No Meeting), September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th (Workhouse Arts Center)