



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters and Officers' reports
  - April Minutes - A **Motion** to approve the April minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
  - Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark
    - TIAA-CREF Fund Money Market: \$6,521.56
    - SunTrust Checking: \$2,404,58
    - TOTAL BALANCE: \$8,926.14
  
  - 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:

- 2019 Budget Process – “ Based on a tax rate of \$1.15 per \$100 in assessed value, the budget includes:
  - Fully funding the School Board's request, bringing teachers' salaries into competitive alignment with our nearby jurisdictions in the region;
  - An increase of \$91.49 million, or 4.22% over FY 2018 in overall support for our school system, with 52.8% of our General Fund Budget going to schools; in addition to capital funding, and providing before and after school care, health and police services.
  - Fully funding compensation for County employees with a 2.25% Market Rate Adjustment, Performance, Merit and Longevity increases;
  - New funding for the coming South County Police Station, Fairfax First and gang prevention efforts;



- Additional funding for mental health initiative Diversion First, Early Childhood programs and responses to the Opioid Crisis;
- Funding increases for Metro, VRE, and the Connector Bus System.

“Through identified savings in the original County Executive’s proposed FY 2019 Budget and anticipated additional State funding for our schools, we were able to lower the proposed real estate tax increase from 2.5 cents to 2 cents. This year, the BOS will also review options to update the County employee defined retirement benefit plan to offer more flexibility for new hires, while maintaining existing retirement plans for current employees.

“As you may know, the required regional Metro funding increases will have a \$100 million negative impact on funding our current roadway and transit improvement needs. However, a serious review of this year’s new funding for Metro must be done.

“Did you know that the State returns to us only 23% of what Fairfax County residents contribute in State taxes? Every cent increase in what the State returns to us would generate over \$35 million in additional funding for the County! In addition, if the State provided per student education funding at just what it was 10 years ago, this year’s tax increase would be unnecessary!”

- NVTA Funding for Richmond Highway – “We need your help to tell the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to fund our Richmond Highway projects! Three projects in the MV District are being considered for NVTA funding: (1) \$250 million for the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit [BRT] project; (2) \$127 million for the Richmond Highway widening project; and (3) \$12 million in matching funds to replace the Richmond Highway underpass below the CSX Railroad in Lorton.”  
Supervisor Storck finished by announcing details of two public meetings on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Waste Management Update – “Waste Management Inc. (WM) has met with county staff to ask questions and gather information over the past few weeks. I met with them 1 ½ weeks ago and discussed the need for transparency with the community, the need to meet the requirements of SEA1, the need to find a way for safe interim use, and the understanding that the end use will be a park, and anything else is unacceptable.  
WM indicated that the plant will close by the end of this year, if not sooner. They have no plans or desire to extend the life of the landfill, and they are deciding what to do with the recycling facility site and the site across the street adjacent to the county facility.



WM has agreed to monthly updates and regular contact with me; and they met with DEQ last week. The county's and WM's attorneys and risk management teams have not met yet so details have not yet been worked through. County staff have been told that my end goal is a park. I'm optimistic from what I've heard to date."

- Gunston Cove Road Trash Dumping Resolved – “As you may know, Gunston Cove Road is a dead end and, in this particular area, it is used as a dumping ground for large debris. We get calls at least once a month to clean up the area. I've asked County Staff to clear the area of trash again, and also VDOT was involved and they will be placing signs and relocating the current Jersey barrier which will hopefully eliminate the dumping of trash.”
- Noman Cole Pollution Control Plant - “I see on the agenda that representatives from Noman Cole will be presenting to you about their Odor Control Master Plan, and I don't want to steal their thunder, but I fully support implementing improvements that will bring the Wastewater Treatment Plant into the identified, best-in-class Pollution Control Plants category.”
- SOCO Police Station & Animal Shelter Community Meeting – “On Wednesday, June 13 at the Workhouse Arts Center starting at 7:00PM, 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.”
- Lorton Community Center (LCC) Update - “In the late 80's the Park Authority Master Plan was completed for an approximate 7-acre Lorton Library and Lorton Park co-located at this site. In 2008 a County Feasibility Study confirmed that the site could handle a combined facility that would house the LCAC and Senior Center. In 2016 a \$37 million Human Services and Community Development Bond Referendum was approved by County voters, to include two new Community Centers. One of them was the \$18.5 million Lorton Community Center. I employed a unique approach in the planning for the new center . . . a Steering Committee comprised of 10 community members representing a diverse community of neighbors, seniors, youth, athletics, businesses, the Library and the LCAC.

“The Master plan and the Steering Committee both recommended locating the LCC at the Library site, but I was determined to explore other area locations to ensure the best long-term decision. They included the Library site, the Noman Cole site, the Pohick Road Park – Tennis court Site, and the Lorton Road/Railway



Track Site near Lorton Station ES. For each site several parameters were considered. Following months of deliberation and staff recommendation, the Steering Committee consensus (with two dissensions) was that the Library site was the optimal choice. After the Committee recommendation, I re-evaluated all information about the four sites and I agree that the Library site:

- Provides the opportunity to anchor a growing area of the District – benefits of a gym, library, classrooms, kitchen and fields can be extended to other communities, increasing users and save costs
- Provides a golden opportunity to help define what libraries of the future should become.

“Concerns raised about the need for more park/play area have been largely addressed through Committee/staff/architect interactions and the iterative design process that minimized the Center’s footprint.

“Key existing location features retained and/or modernized include the large “legacy” tree, the grass rectangular field inside the new oval walking path, a new playground, and picnic areas. New features will include an indoor gymnasium, many classrooms, exercise and play areas, community services and support areas, and improved parking and traffic flow.

“This new Center will finally provide an extraordinary community asset next to a community historically underserved. I strongly endorse and recommend to staff that we proceed expeditiously with the co-location of the Library and Lorton Community Center at the Lorton Library site as the site best suited to meet the current and future needs of this area of the Mount Vernon District.”

#### 4. Legislative Updates -

Delegate Kathy Tran sent her Legislative Aide, Rodrigo Velasquez, to represent her. Rodrigo will try to come to the SCF meetings. He had information and sign-up sheets for various interest groups and to receive regular updates. On behalf of Delegate Tran, Rodrigo encouraged everyone to “Feel free to reach out to us.”

#### 5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair - - 3 priorities
  - Lorton Road / Silverbrook Road intersection – Dale is asking for the report of the recently completed study of this intersection. FCDOT is internally reviewing the assessments.
  - Scoping project to widen the Hooes Road from Fairfax County Parkway to Silverbrook Road - This “scoping” process may include



right-of-way considerations, potential impacts to utilities, impacts to drainage patterns, depth of fill over culverts or sewers, etc.

- Richmond Highway CSX Underpass Widening – This project’s completion is dependent on getting the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) to fund \$12 million in order to match Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) funds to replace the Richmond Highway underpass below the CSX Railroad from Lorton to Woodbridge. Talks between CSX and the DRPT have been delayed. This widening is one of 60 projects competing for funding. There are funds only for about half of them. Dale mentioned a recent meeting where NVTA staffers heard from residents concerning 60 candidate projects under consideration for funding. Dale and Sen. Surovell advocated for NVTA to support this and other Richmond highway projects. However, at this time, based on NVTA staff analysis, the underpass project is ranked in the lower half at #34 out of 60.
- **Public Safety** Jonathan Kiell, Chair, introduced Master Police Officer (MPO) Michael Stewart and MPO A.E. Eggers, the Crime Prevention Officers from West Springfield and Franconia. They passed out a Resource Page with information on: the Traffic Enforcement Unit, the Parking Enforcement Unit, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting (to talk about various crime prevention topics), Car Seat Checks, and Neighborhood Watch Training. Other handouts addressed the Lock It Or Lose It initiative, Pool Vandalism prevention, and information on using social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) in order to stay informed about crime statistics, what police responded to in your neighborhood, or why the police helicopter may be flying over your area.

In addition to providing printed information at the meeting, the Crime Prevention Officers discussed public safety considerations, and how the police department responds to calls from citizens about disturbances and suspicious activities. They talked and answered questions for approximately 45 minutes. The police officers encouraged the community to be the local, neighborhood eyes and ears supporting crime prevention and public safety, and not to hesitate to call 911 or the non-emergency police number (703-691-2131) if they observe something suspicious.



- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair –**
  - Noman Cole Odor Control Master Plan update-  
Mike McGrath, the director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the county’s Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, updated the master plan, gave an overview of the budget, scope of services, etc. It is the only county-owned treatment plant. The Odor potential differs at each treatment stop. The number of complaints over the last 20 years decreased after they hired an international consultant who suggested improvements; but recently there has been an up-tick. Mike emphasized that odors are hard to control. Their most recent efforts to address this have included:
    - 3 public meetings and plant tours
    - Dedicated phone number (703) 541-0286 for complaints
    - Completed training for staff on odor responses
    - “Drive-by” monitoring by operations staff
    - Weekly odor testing

Mike explained why their approach is a best-practice: they use best odor management and operation practices for existing and proposed odor control schemes; they match or exceed best in class community-based odor fence-line threshold goals for local and national peer agencies; and their modeling is based on very conservative input assumptions, historical meteorological data, and evidence-based emissions levels. This conservative approach will over-estimate actual off-site impacts.

After showing the location of potential worst-case scenarios for each identified source, Mike emphasized that they have already programmed capital improvements for several of the more problematic areas of their operation.

- Sunrise Building purchase for the Operation Renewed Hope Foundation -  
The Sunrise purchase is on “pause” because they (the ORHF) had not yet applied through the County process and there were too many unknowns to bring before the Federation for a vote at this time.
- Lorton Community Center (LCC) site selection discussion and proposed Resolution from Shepherd Hills – A proposed **Resolution** from residents of communities close to the proposed site of the LCC was put forward by Chris Ambrose from Shepherd Hills, who stated that he also was speaking on behalf of Williamsburg Square, The Highland of Gunston, and Terrace Towne Homes of Gunston (the communities closest to the Lorton Park).



They fault the process of planning for the LCC project, including a claim that they (the most affected communities) were under-represented on the LCC Steering Committee. Especially of concern is the (effective) loss of Lorton Park. A large number of residents have signed a petition opposing the construction of the LCC on the library site.

Dale Rumberger stated that a vote will not be allowed this evening, but that he is allowing Chris to present because of the timeliness of the issue. Chris then went through the elements of the proposed Resolution, which may be voted on at a future SCF meeting. The resolution reads:

RESOLUTION ON THE PLANNED LORTON COMMUNITY CENTER (Proposed)

Whereas, the park behind the Lorton Community Library, herein referred to as "Lorton Park," is an integral part of the Lorton community;

Whereas, the Lorton Park is used daily by large numbers of children, walkers, runners, and dog walkers;

Whereas, Lorton Park is the only park in Lorton between I-95 and Richmond Highway;

Whereas, the Lorton Park contains the only picnic area in the immediate vicinity;

Whereas, the Lorton Park is used on a regular basis for community festivals and other events and contains the only field in the area suitable for multiple concurrent recreational activities including playing soccer, football and other sports;

Whereas, during the 2009-2010 South County Area Plan review, Fairfax County staff rejected the placement of a public facility on the Lorton Park property in large part because the "site contains valuable community park and open space amenities that are well used by area residents"; (Staff Report, 2009-2010 South County Area Plans Review APR ITEM: 09-IV-3LP)

Whereas, Fairfax County, in spite of that previous staff comment, has proposed building a community center and parking behind and adjacent to the Lorton Library which will make most of the heavily utilized park area unavailable;

Whereas, 1,000 individuals residing in the vicinity of the Lorton Park have signed an appeal to the county to work with the community to preserve the Lorton Park;



Whereas, all of the homeowner/condominium associations within walking distance of the park have passed resolutions expressing concern over the project's direction including SCF members Williamsburg Square, Terrace Towne Homes of Gunston, Shepherd Hills, and the Highlands at Gunston;

Whereas, at the first public meeting on the project held on May 3rd, the project was met with a large number of community concerns regarding the direction of the project and the lack of community involvement;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the South County Federation:

Calls upon Fairfax County to take the time to engage the community to adequately discuss, assess, and resolve the communities' concerns regarding this project.

A vigorous discussion followed and included:

- Observations that perhaps the park's general usage is not as much as claimed in the Resolution
- Are picnic tables going to be there?
- One statement that, despite the claim of this being the only park in close proximity to the residents, actually there is a very large playing field on the opposite side of Route One

After the discussion, Dale Rumberger stated that, at this point, the SCF will not vote on the Resolution because the LCC site selection was effected through the Steering Committee rather than from the SCF standard process through the Land Use Committee. Dale further ruled that the SCF Executive Committee will consider all this at the next Executive Committee meeting before deciding about whether or not to proceed with a vote by the full SCF.

- Waste Management Inc. introduction as new owners of Lorton Commercial - Debris Landfill (previously owned by ESI) - See comments made by Supervisor Storck.
- Starbucks - Starbucks wants to relocate to the former Capital One bank location in Saratoga Shopping Center.
- Police and Animal Shelter Design – Nick says there are three designs for the police and animal shelter. “Please look at them on our web site and provide your feedback.”





- Panera Bread -- (Armstrong being the applicant). Nick says that the site at the corner of Lorton Road and Lorton Market Street currently permits no drive-thru, Armstrong says Panera is stating that the drive-thru is a must.

- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair – None
- **Education**, Seeking Chair

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – None

A Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 10:15 PM

NEXT MEETING: June 12th, 2018 at South County High School Media Room

Future Meeting Dates: July 10<sup>th</sup>, August (No Meeting), September 11<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup> (Workhouse Arts Center)

Attachment (not for posting on the website): Sign-in list for this meeting