



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

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters and Officers' reports
  - October Minutes – A **Motion** was made to approve the October minutes as posted on the SCF web site. Since there were no comments, the minutes were accepted.
  - Treasurer's Report – Larry Clark
    - Checking: \$2,486.58
    - Money Market: \$6,542.69
    - Total funding: \$9,029.27
  - South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report – Casey Whitmarsh was present from the SFCC and highlighted that a Volunteer Fire Department has joined the SFCC and is excited about making positive changes within the community. Also, planning is underway for a breakfast event to be held at the Workhouse during February; more information will follow. In January, we will start working with the SCF regarding signups for the Springtime job fair.
3. Supervisors' Reports.

**Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity** was neither present nor represented.



**Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck** commented on many issues:

- Occoquan Dam Siren testing – There will be an audible test of the dam’s Siren System on Nov. 14 from 10am to 2pm. The test, which may be the first of its kind, is part of a functional upgrade of the system which alerts the Town of Occoquan in the extremely unlikely event of a structural failure at the High Dam northwest of Town.
- Replacement of Tae Choi and Allison Miessler positions - We continue to interview and expect to hire by next week.
- Waste Management (WM) Landfill Update – We have met with WM leaders, attorneys, and risk management staff last month. There is continuing dialogue about the next steps; but basically the landfill is in compliance, some issues having been addressed. I have requested a tour of the landfill for SCF leadership and local HOA Presidents.
- Police Civilian Review Panel – Please join us at the Review Panel’s 2018 Public Forum at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center! This will take place on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Besides getting a 2018 update on Panel activity, you will learn how to initiate the complaint process and what to expect once a complaint is filed.
- Amazon – I have received confirmation that Amazon and 25,000 jobs will be coming to Crystal City. We anticipate these new jobs will provide an average salary of \$100K; and the projected opening of the headquarters should be in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019. Of course, there will be great impacts here in housing and because of several thousand more cars commuting. Among other things, we are looking at accelerating the extension of the bus system further south.
- Tour de Mount Vernon – The Tour, which had to be postponed on the original date, is now on for this weekend, November 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:30 a.m. to noon. As originally planned, the ride will begin at Fort Hunt Park and will be a 35 mile ride around the District. It will also include a family friendly route which will be roughly 17 miles.
- Mount Vernon District Holiday Open House - Our open house will be on Thursday Dec 6, 5:30 to 7:30 at the Supervisor’s office



- Q&A for the Supervisor –
  - County Pension Plan - Dale Johnson asked for Supervisor Storck’s perspective regarding Supervisor Herrity’s expressed opinion that the county has an “unsustainable” pension plan. Answer: “The BOS established a group to look into pension plan issues (and) has put together several strategies that would only affect new employees. I would like to see a system where one has more choice /options about where to make their retirement investments.”
  - Fleet vehicles on residential streets – A request was made for some clarification about the current standards regarding box-type trucks in residential neighborhoods.

Answer: “The BOS has approved a motion to restrict parking of fleet vehicles on residential streets, for which they could be fined. However one could park ONE vehicle in front of one’s own house. I recommend that you call the non-emergency number if there are violations.” And what is a “fleet”? Answer: 2 or more parking in front of other-than-their-own homes.
  - Buses parking / driving on residential streets – One local resident complains that, “Large numbers of buses (with license plates from MD) are parking and driving through our neighborhood, and kicking up lots of gravel in the process. This has been increasing over last few years. Is it allowed for the buses to park there?” Answer: Although driving through is probably legal, the Supervisor’s staff will look into the parking issue. Jonathan Kiell also suggests calling the Franconia Police Station for extra help.



4. Legislative Updates – Rodrigo Velasquez, the Senior Legislative Aide to Delegate Kathy Tran, communicated that the upcoming legislative session will address how to manage the budget surplus of \$500 million, which resulted from the new tax law. Rodrigo continued that they will work on the 2019 repaving schedule, and address Fairfax County Parkway issues. Also, before and during the legislative session, Delegate Tran will be holding town hall meetings, and expanding office hours.

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation** - Dale Johnson, Chair, reviewed the FCDOT briefing from last month. In that briefing, Mr. Ryan Knight had presented 4 options for improving the intersection at Silverbrook Road and Lorton Road. Since then, Dale J and the SCF EXCOM have looked closely at the options, leaning in favor of alternatives #2 and #3 as the most attractive. After a lively discussion, in a straw poll among those attending, alternative 3 received the most “votes” by hand, followed by alternative 2.

On Dec 12 at 6:30 p.m., in the South County Middle School cafeteria, FCDOT will offer a public presentation to allow for community input. Comments may be submitted to FCDOT until Jan 9<sup>th</sup>.

- **Public Safety** - Jonathan Kiell, Chair, promoted many community learning opportunities:
  - Free Courses offered - We can arrange to present courses to groups that are interested. If your group or organization is interested, let Jonathan know and we can make arrangements. We may also just schedule and then advertise a class if there is general interest. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of these classes:
  - Stop the Bleed is a two-and-a-half hour certificate class that teaches very basic emergency life saving techniques to deal with massive bleeding injuries, including the use of tourniquets, until professional help arrives.



- Surviving an Active Shooter Event. This two-and-a-half hour certificate class, sponsored by the National Safety Council, provides attendees with basic information and strategies for people who find themselves involved in an active shooter event, including how to protect yourself and others and how to behave when law enforcement arrives.
- Emergency Planning. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management is working on a 40-page emergency management and preparedness guide designed for the general public with a section for organizations and neighborhood planning. Once this guide is released, we will be offering related training
- Community Resiliency Group – The Office of Emergency Management is working to establish networks of volunteer organizations committed to providing support and recovery assistance following significant disasters. This program will include training for interested organizations. We are looking for organizations, such as Homeowner Associations (HOAs); Houses of Worship; Community Based Organizations; Citizens Associations and other volunteer groups that are interested in supporting the local communities in times of disasters. If you are associated with an organization that might be interested, please contact Jonathan Kiell. There is something every group and organization can do.
- Fire Station 19 was supposed to move into their temporary facilities today, so the Old Fire Station on Armistead Road should be undergoing demolition in the next several weeks to make room to build the new Stationhouse.



- Community Policing Outreach - The new Captain of the Franconia Police Station has been reaching out to the community, holding meetings focused on community policing. This is a great opportunity for residents to learn more about the local police programs and to express concerns regarding public safety, traffic and other matters. Meetings already have been held in Springfield and Lorton. Additional meetings are scheduled: One will be on Dec 6 from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Kingstowne Thompson Center, 6090 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Alexandria, VA 22315. Another is scheduled for Nov 29 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the George Mason Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA 22003
  
- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair, had no input this time.
  
- **Education** (Seeking Chair), Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, began by thanking all the students who came out on election day. She then continued:
  - Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Veterans' Day events: South County High School hosted a special flag raising ceremony to honor veterans and current members of the military; and West Potomac High School held their 3rd Annual Operation Legacy Veterans Day of Service all day on Monday, November 12, 2018 from 9am - 3pm.
  - FCPS seniors in the class of 2018 continue to exceed state and national averages on the SAT, according to results released by the College Board and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). The overall mean score of 1213 was 103 points



above the Virginia average and 164 points over the U.S. average! This is a huge accomplishment!

- FCPS has just rolled out a one-to-one computer program. The term 1:1 means each student will have access to one device to use for learning. Students will have access to the device at school; and in some schools and grade levels, students will also be able to take their device home. There will be a charge of \$50 per student for all 4 years of high school.
- FCPS will be adopting a new cell tower policy, which will urge not having any towers at all on elementary school properties, and limiting tower placement at high school properties.
- The Rights and Responsibilities document will be slightly different this year. Changes include language on the student dress code, chronic and unexcused absences, social media use, vaping, and suspension of students in grades K-3.
- FCPS has passed an energy conservation strategy which is focused on renewable energy sources

- **Land Use** - Nick Firth, Chair, had no input

6. Old Business: none

7. New Business – Dale Rumberger gave a shout out for the LCAC Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Food baskets may be dropped off on Sunday, November 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Moose Family Center, 9612 Femedge Lane.

A Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM

NEXT MEETING: December 11th, 2018 at Workhouse Arts  
Future Meeting Dates: TBD in 2019