



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room  
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 @ 7:30 PM**

1. Vice-President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. Administrative Matters and Officers' reports

- January Minutes – Cathy Bonnefil.

A **Motion** was made to approve the January minutes as posted on the SCF web site. Since there were no comments, the minutes were approved as written.

- Treasurer's Report – Larry Clark – no change from last month

Checking: \$2,202.51

Money Market: \$6,567.93

Total funding: \$8,770.44

- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report – Casey Whitmarsh was present from the SFCC and had several comments regarding:
  - Workhouse Arts event – “At 8:30 AM Feb 21, there will be a breakfast presentation regarding the background of the program followed by a tour.”
  - Community Calendar – “Please look at the calendar online, if interested, at [www.southfairfaxchamber.org/calendar](http://www.southfairfaxchamber.org/calendar)
  - Job Fair – “April 6 is the job fair. We definitely want to reach out to kids not just to hire but also for seasonal work.”
  - Town Meeting – “The meeting was great! Tom (Repczynski) says that he is pleased to participate on Supervisor Storck's Tourism Task Force.”
  - Anchor Store for Liberty - Dale Johnson, raising an issue from the SCF January meeting, asked Casey if Tom Repczynski has made any progress on recruiting a “Dream Anchor” (store) for



Liberty. Casey said he will ask Tom about this, but added that if we were willing to accept a minor-name anchor store, that the process would be pretty easy. Nick Firth reinforced the high level of local interest in this issue, especially given the lack of major businesses near our community.

### 3. Supervisors' Reports.

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

**Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck** enthused about the recent Town Meeting, and said that it was a “great success.” Other comments included:

- Giles Run Road Funding Transfer for Laurel Hill Park - “Good News! Tom Biesiadny, FCDOT, Kirk Kincannon and FCPA have created the agreement to transfer the \$5 million from the FCDOT to FCPA for the Connector Laurel Hill Park along the new section of Lorton Road. The Office of the County Attorney is reviewing the agreement; and it is expected to come to the Board of Supervisors for approval on March 5.
- County Strategic Plan – “The Strategic Plan and the ‘Shaping the Future of Fairfax’ initiatives are being led by James Patteson. This is the first time that the county has tried to create an overall strategic plan. The first community meeting is February 25 at 7pm at the Gum Springs Community Center. All citizens are encouraged to let their opinions be known by completing the survey at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/strategicplan/>
- Lorton Community Center – “The steering committee met last night and reviewed the latest designs for the *combined* community center and library. Staff presented several new design concepts with outdoor play equipment for toddlers, elementary school and middle school students, as well as active adult outdoor equipment. The interior includes many upgrades to the library, open space, reading and meeting areas. There will be a community meeting on May 4 to get input on the equipment. The Planning Commission will consider the



plan on May 22; and then at the end of June the BOS will consider it for final approval of the 2232.” (The County's 2232 Review Process determines if the **general or approximate location, character and extent** are in substantial accord with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.)

- Covanta – “On Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, we were contacted and advised that three Lithium Ion Rechargeable battery units were dumped along with normal household waste on the tipping floor at Covanta. The heat that the batteries generated started the trash to smolder. Covanta staff has provided an initial verbal report to us that Covanta staff were quickly on the tipping floor, were able to extinguish the fire, and contact 911 immediately. Fire and safety, as well as HazMat were onsite; all systems and staff reacted in accordance with procedures and their new equipment identified the heat spot, and they were operational within 2 hours. I have asked for a post event report and they will be doing additional outreach regarding recycling batteries.”
- Waste Management Inc Landfill Update- “County staff and Waste Management legal teams continue to meet to review how to move forward with the park. Closure activities are mostly on schedule, but the wet weather has had some impacts. I have asked county staff to create a timeline and deliverables to present next month during their briefing here and to add it to the website. Waste Management has also agreed to host a tour of the landfill for the Executive Committee.
- Gerry Hyland – “At the town meeting, we honored Gerry for his years of service and announced my Board Matter naming the South County Government Center after him. This is a small honor compared to the enormous impact he has had on the district and Count; and it is timely as many of the projects that he initiated are coming to fruition; such as the Huntington Levee, the Lorton Community Center, and the South County Police Station, to name a few. We expect an unveiling in late spring or early summer and the community will be invited to attend the event.”
- Upcoming Events –
  - “There will be budget meetings February 21 at 7:30 at Mount Vernon Government Center and February 25 at 7:00 at Laurel Hill Elementary Library.



- “Mark your calendars for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ides of Bark on March 24 at 1:00 at Grist Mill Park.”
- Q&A with the Supervisor –
  - One attendee says speeding is a problem in her neighborhood, and asked, “What can we do to tamp down speeding?” Dan said that his office can help, and they prefer to get such requests from the local HOA asking for follow-up. He suggests calling Sally in his office, who can help.
  - Another question was whether or not VDOT is going to clean up illegally dumped mattresses, tires, etc. at a local site. Supervisor Storck said that, since VDOT is a state organization, it would be good to contact and involve the State Delegate for the site.
  - Larry Clark asked for more information about the County Strategic Plan, and how it relates to the County Comprehensive Plan, and the Lorton Visioning Plan. Supervisor Storck said that the normal 5-year update of the Comprehensive Plan will be started in early 2020, with the Comprehensive Land Use Map as part of that Comprehensive Plan. Following that will be the Strategic Plan, and then the Lorton Visioning Plan (what should we look like in 20 years).
  - Larry Clark asked if \$5 million really is the accurate amount (we had earlier be told it would be much less than that) which will be transferred to the FCPA for Giles Run. Supervisor Storck affirmed that \$5 million is correct. Larry then asked if the “extra” money could be used to fund our earlier request for extra parking for Lorton Park. Dan responded that, “Our first goal is to determine who is responsible for the park. After that, modifications can be made.” Linwood Gorham added, “If we do get the \$5 million instead of the \$3 million, we’ll make sure that the extra money is used in Lorton.”



#### 4. Legislative Updates –

**Gerald Connolly**, 11<sup>th</sup> District Congressman, was represented by Marlon Dubuisson, the Prince William County (PWC) Outreach Representative. His topics included Congressman Connolly’s support of:

- **Fixing the I-95 Bottleneck**: The Congressman welcomes the announcement of new investment in what is, by some measures, the worst traffic “hot spot” in the country. With an average of 23 traffic jams per day and 33 minutes of backups that average 6.5 miles, this congestion costs people time with their families and money out of their pocket. This investment is long overdue, and he commends the Governor for securing this agreement.
- **Pay Increase for federal employees**: Congressman Connolly has sponsored the Federal Civilian Workforce Pay Raise Fairness Act, as a way to help repair the hurt federal employees and contractors experienced during the recent shutdown. Marlon encouraged, “Reach out to our office if you have any personal issues regarding problems which have resulted from the shutdown.”

#### 5. Committee Reports

- **Public Safety** – Jonathan Kiell, Chair, mentioned
  - **Fort Belvoir Nuclear Reactor Decommissioning** – Jonathan attended a public hearing on the planned decommissioning on Fort Belvoir. We provided a two-page handout this evening regarding the decommissioning process for what had been a small training nuclear reactor that operated from the 1950s until 1973. It was deactivated and the fuel was removed in the 1970s; but recently the Army started planning for the complete removal of the entire facility. A meeting for the public will be held soon regarding the 5-year process to remove all materials.
  - **Drone Regulation** – “Fairfax County has initiated a proposed regulation to define and control the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Use of drones will be limited. As examples, these will be very small drones for oversight of fires, accident analysis, and/or a



missing child. There will be FAA requirements and we will attach the proposed regulation to the minutes and/or post it on the SCF web site. One of the key requirements is that there will have to be a line-of-sight whenever operating a drone.”

Earl Flanagan asked if there will be a “drone park” for folks to want to practice or just play. Jonathan says this is unlikely because one requirement will be that most citizens will have to have an FAA license in order to be allowed to operate these devices.

There was further questioning about the potential use of drones in pursuit of fugitives, and Jonathan clarified that drones definitely will *not* be used in this way. There is probably another year before this regulation becomes operational because of privacy and other concerns.

- Incinerator issue – Last month, Baltimore City Council’s Land Use and Transportation Committee voted to advance a bill that could force the city’s Wheelabrator trash incinerator to shut down. There also is heightened interest in possible health risks posed by incinerators in Virginia. The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) seeks support within Fairfax County for FACS’s application to the EPA for a large study regarding the health effects from large incinerators, such as at Covanta. FACS claims that there are increased hospital visits and health problems caused by these incinerators. The drafted letter (not written by us) in your packets evolved from the Baltimore incinerators issue. As to how we should consider this issue at Covanta, there is a 5-year period for re-evaluating Covanta’s process; but unfortunately, that period just ended Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fairfax County Museum – Jonathan stated that, during Supervisor Storck’s Town Meeting, the Supervisor raised the possibility and desirability of establishing a Fairfax County Museum on the Workhouse campus. In Supervisor Storck’s opinion, we would need bond money to fund such a project. One thought is that a large number of the historical artifacts, currently in a crowded small museum in the city of Fairfax, could be transferred to one or more of currently unused Workhouse structures.
- April SCF Agenda – We will focus on public safety. This will include police as well as staff from the Office of Emergency



Management. Let Jonathan know if you have particular interests in topics.

- **Land Use** - Nick Firth, Chair, made one quick comment on the new Police Station. Nick is a member of the steering committee, and said that they will be meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> with the architects.
  
- **Transportation** - Dale Johnson, Chair
  - Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways Survey – The FCDOT held three public meetings last fall to discuss future planning for the Parkways and to promote its survey. Earlier today, FCDOT was scheduled to present the survey results and discuss next steps at the Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee meeting. Supervisor Storck offered that, among the 15,000 responses, no one wanted the option with tolls!
  - Public Outreach meetings - The FCDOT website will list two more public outreach meetings during 2019
  - Community Facebook for Parkways – This has been created to share information on the Parkways. If you'd like to join this group, search Facebook for "Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways Public Discussion Group."
  - VDOT Mowing schedule – Currently, VDOT mows medians three times a year; but there is an effort to increase this to four times a year.
  
- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair, commented on recent information from the Community Center and Library steering committee meeting.
  - Community Center - At this point, the center's design development is 35% complete for the 29,312 square foot building. The DPZ (Planning & Zoning) Review Process is ongoing. Another meeting is planned sometime in April/early May 2019 in order to provide more definitive project status information to the stakeholders' communities, PRIOR to the County Planning Commission Meeting (with Public Hearing/Comment) on May 22 at a place TBD. The Board of



Supervisors Review (with Public Hearing/Comment) is scheduled for the end of June 2019 at the County Government Center

- Library - Design development for the Library renovation should be complete by the end of February 2019, with the planned renovation size being 15,922 square feet.
- Construction bids for both projects are planned to occur in late 2019, with occupancy slated for late 2021. No project cost was provided to the attendees. However, we were told that there are “cost savings” that will be shared/realized by combining the individual program efforts for the two projects. The County has not yet updated their website to reflect this latest project status --- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/lorton-community-center>
- **Education** (Seeking Chair), Karen Corbett Sanders, the Chair and Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, provided the following comments:
  - Budget – “The Fairfax County School Board has adopted the FCPS FY 2019 approved Budget of \$2.9 billion that includes an additional \$53.1 million as part of a multi-year plan to enhance teacher salaries, and \$43.9 million for a step increase for all eligible employees has been sent to the BOS. This year’s budget will enable us to offer more competitive salaries for our teachers while making it possible for us to retain and recruit the best possible teachers for our students.”
  - Capital Improvement – “We have adopted our Capital Improvement Plan, which has a 37-year cycle, and which we’ll be discussing in March at a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. Sustainable energy will also be discussed at this meeting.”
  - School Boundaries – “A discussion needs to be had regarding how we set goals for adjusting school boundaries.”
  - FCPS Strategic Plan – “The FCPS Strategic Plan now is linked to the Fairfax County Strategic Plan.”





- Equity Score Card – “As an addition to Fairfax County School’s MOU on the role of School Resource Officers, the Superintendent will now include the “Program Assessment” reported data (MOU page 20) on the FCPS Equity Scorecard, in an easily accessible format for community members.”
- New Parents’ Handbook – “This will be available in the Fall”.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business – Larry Clark reminded everyone that the March meeting will include updates from DEQ and a Solid Waste update. Then, a question was raised about the increased heavy equipment activity around the Quarry. The answer is that the Quarry’s compression/crushing operation is moving to a new location (maybe Fall of this year). The new location will require a very large berm, and that berm is being built in advance.

Nick Firth adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2019 at SCHS Media Room

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, September 10th, October 8th,  
November 12th, December 10th (Workhouse Arts Center)