



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. Administrative Matters and Officers' reports

- November and December Minutes – Cathy Bonnefil.

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

- Treasurer's Report – Larry Clark

Checking: \$2,202.51

Money Market: \$6,567.93

Total funding: \$8,770.44

- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report – Tom Repczynski
 - “We are combining efforts with the Workhouse during a Jan 22 breakfast. Inova Health System is graciously sponsoring this event.”
 - “The Job Fair will be on April 6 here at the high school. We encourage communities and businesses to participate if you have needs for part-time, interns, or summer hires.” Dale Rumberger commented about the glowing reports from participants in last year's Fair.
 - “The SFCC is looking for a paid part-time person (10 hours per week) to generate newsletters and other community information for the Chamber.”
 - “Supervisor Storck is looking at putting together a Tourism Task Force for the MV District.”



- Dale Rumberger commented on the recent change in the management company which is responsible for recruiting new businesses for Liberty, the former Lorton prison Adaptive Reuse property; and he pointed out that this is especially important because the second phase of the Lorton prison redevelopment has already kicked off and must select developers who will add various retail and commercial buildings to the campus. The local community is particularly impatient to nail down a top-notch anchor tenant such as Whole Foods. Tom said that he had met early-on with the previous management company, and that “their efforts had been exhaustive” (in trying to obtain a quality anchor tenant). He is “absolutely in favor of anything to move this.”

3. Supervisors’ Reports.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity was neither present nor represented.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck wished all a Happy New Year and thanked everyone who contributed to the lovely holiday event at the Workhouse. His comments included:

- Introduced new Land Use Aide Anna Smith – She is a UVA graduate who stated that “I am glad to return home and put my education to good use.”
- Truck overturned on Lorton Road last Friday at 9:10am – “A private trucking company was hauling ash from Covanta to the County dump, in violation of the agreement that their contractor enter the facility via Route One and not Lorton Road. Preliminarily, speed may be a contributing factor in the crash; however, the investigation is continuing. The driver was charged with Failing to Maintain Control and, thankfully, there were no injuries.”
- Fairfax Station Connection – “I encourage everyone to read this informative paper. The most recent edition included my plans for 2019.”



- Annual Town Meeting – “Feb 2 is the date at Mount Vernon HS beginning at 7:45am, and the formal program starts at 9:30am.”
- Unmanned Aircraft Meeting – “One of six public information meetings located throughout Fairfax County will be held on January 16, 7:00pm, at the SOCO Government Center to solicit input from public. Fairfax County is developing a comprehensive Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program and would like to hear from our residents on what they think. Each public information meeting will include a static display of unmanned aircraft followed by a presentation outlining the program. After the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions from representatives of the Office of Emergency Management, County Attorney’s Office, Police and Fire and Rescue Department. ”
- Budget planning - “I’ve asked Dale Rumberger to provide us with a date so we can plan a budget discussion with County Staff in South County. The County Executive and COO will present at the town meeting, on Feb 21, at my office, and again in South County.”
- Laurel Hill Lorton Station VRE Trail Connection - “We are laying the groundwork and finding funding to deliver this long overdue bike/hike trail connection. We are looking at options and will bring back information around April.”
- Waste Management (WM) Landfill Update – “It’s officially closed!” Applause followed. Supervisor Storck complimented WM’s actions, transparency and collaboration with our community as we enter a years-long closure process. He then added that, “We’ll be meeting later this month with WM to continue the park discussion and the next steps with attorneys and risk management.”



David Howard, Senior District Manager, Lorton Landfill, sent the following letter on January 2 to Supervisor Storck. It is entered below for the record.

"In March 2018, WM assumed responsibility of the Lorton Landfill through a merger with ESI, met with the SCF executive board in May and assured the members of our commitment to close the Lorton Landfill. Our top priority is the public's health and safety during the closure project.

We have made significant progress on the closure project and here are a few key highlights:

- o July 2018 – work began on final capping project*
- o August 2, 2018 – Lorton Landfill ceased accepting waste from third-party haulers*
- o August 2018 – began importing clean soil for closure operations*
- o December 31, 2018 – cease all waste intake operations and continue closure operations*
- o To date we have placed final cap on 13 acres and completed final cap intermediate cover on approximately 20 acres*
- o Performed pond cleaning on three of seven ponds, two more are expected in 2019 when the weather cooperates; remaining two will be completed before closure operations are complete*
- o One of the two scales has been removed and transported off-site*
- o Erosion and Stormwater work is on-going, along with maintenance work on existing final cap areas*

We look forward to working with the SCF in the new year and we will continue to provide updates on our progress."



4. Legislative Updates –

Gerald Connolly, 11th District Congressman, was represented by Marlon Dubuisson, the Prince William County (PWC) Outreach Representative. His comments included:

- Interchange at Rte 123 and I-95 - “Transportation and development are huge topics in southern Fairfax and PWC. The bottleneck is a pain and reconstruction of the interchange is a nonpartisan issue, though the approach may be different. Where the federal government can help, Gerry (Connolly) is more than willing. This is more of a state issue which started with then-Governor McDonnell announcing the HOV/HOT lanes in 2011. VDOT’s contract was/is to build, operate, and maintain the new lanes. This arrangement is comparable to the Beltway deal. The consortium known as “95 Express” will finance, build, operate and maintain the new lanes as part of a 76-year concession.”
- Long Bridge expansion over the Potomac – “Another development and transportation topic is this expansion and the Atlantic Gateway project. In 2016, Gerry (Connolly) supported \$165 million in federal grants for the Atlantic Gateway project. This project adds to the tracks on the south side of the bridge and finances engineering work that will eventually lead to rebuilding the bridge and uncorking the bottleneck for freight, commuter and long-distance passenger rail service south of the District. The 10-step project ends in 2021. The federal grant, allocated under the DOT’s FASTLANE program, which is designed to support nationally and regionally significant freight and rail projects, is part of a wider, \$1.4 billion state effort to ease traffic bottlenecks in the I-95 corridor in Northern Virginia and could eventually lead to the construction of high-speed rail in the state.
- “A Regional Summit of Federal leaders to develop a multi-level transportation plan for the region would be great. An overall plan is needed to get the ball moving.” Dale Rumberger recently sent a letter to Congressman Connolly requesting his leadership on this.



5. Committee Reports

- **Public Safety** – Jonathan Kiell, Chair, mentioned
 - New Police Station - the working group will meet in February
 - Fire Station 19 on Armistead Road – interior already is cleared and wrecking will commence on Jan 21 in preparation for construction of a new stationhouse.

- **Land Use** - Nick Firth, Chair, commented on:
 - Lorton Valley Shopping Center has been purchased, but rents increased so several businesses have left.
 - Whole Foods – I am working with Whole Foods to see what they want in terms of demographics. They said that they want an “Arlington look more than a South County look.” Nick plans to continue discussions.
 - No applications to SCF Land Use are in process; but the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the Panera application on Mar 6.
 - Construction of Cheney’s building is in process on Gunston Cove Road.

- **Transportation** - Dale Johnson, Chair, opened by strongly reinforcing Mr. DuBuisson’s comments on the “very serious” bottleneck at Occoquan. Dale then moved to his main agenda item:

Resolution on Silverbrook Road/Lorton Road Intersection.

Dale described our two-year process with FCDOT, which included their presentation to the SCF of four potential alternatives for the improvement of intersection traffic patterns. As documented in previous SCF Minutes, Alternative #3 initially seemed to be the best choice. But after further collaboration with FCDOT, we now feel that Alternative #2 is slightly better. Why? Because the metric of cars per minute is somewhat better with #2. Combine that with a shorter construction time and a lower price tag, and #2 is best.



The Resolution reads:

South County Federation Resolution

**FCDOT Alternatives for Improvement to Lorton
Road and Silverbrook Road Intersection.**

- Whereas, South County Federation (SCF) engaged Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) via the Mount Vernon District Supervisor in June of 2016 to request the establishment of two right-turn lanes from westbound Lorton Road to Silverbrook Road,
 - Whereas, FCDOT agreed to include a study of the aforementioned request along with the planned study of three southbound left turn lanes from Silverbrook Road to east-bound Lorton Road, Whereas, FCDOT completed a traffic study and developed four alternatives in 2018,
 - Whereas, FCDOT presented the four alternatives to SCF in August, 2018,
 - Whereas, the SCF conducted an analysis of the four alternatives and reached consensus that alternatives 2 and 3 are worthy of consideration
 - Whereas, the FCDOT study's measure of effectiveness for year 2040 AM peak hour comparison reveals that alternatives 2 and 3 overall have similar levels of effectiveness,
 - Whereas, the FCDOT study's measure of effectiveness for year 2040 PM peak hour comparison reveals that alternatives 2 and 3 overall have similar levels of effectiveness,
 - Whereas, the FCDOT analysis shows that alternative 2 costs significantly less to construct than alternative 3,
 - Whereas, the FCDOT analysis shows that estimated construction time for alternative 2 is significantly less than alternative 3,
 - Therefore, **be it resolved** that SCF recommends alternative 2 (modified southbound lanes with a free flow right turn lane) as its primary preferred course of action, with alternative 3 (modified southbound lanes with dual right-turn lanes) as a secondary preferred course of action.

A **Motion** was made and seconded to place the above **Resolution** on the table. The **Resolution was approved** by a show of hands by attending HOA representatives with **one abstention**.



- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair, is representing the SCF at another meeting this evening, but provides this information written by Joe Chudzik.

The Pohick Creek Clean Up

The Mason Neck Lions Club proposes to organize a stream clean-up project at Pohick Creek in the Williamsburg Square HOA for Saturday, February 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to collect the litter from the stream and surrounding area between the Richmond Highway and Lorton Road bridges (approximately ¼ mile distance).

The Mason Neck Lions Club will provide trash bags, gloves, and bottled water. Participants will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Clean Fairfax Council.

The project will be credited as part of the Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Please let Joe know (forservice@verizon.net) if there is any possible conflict with other events.

- **Education** (Seeking Chair), Karen Corbett Sanders, the Chair and Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, is unable to attend this evening, and requests that the following updates be shared:
 - “The new year has started with a flurry of activity. The CIP was released before break. The hearing is on 8 January. The work session is scheduled for January 14, 2019 and adoption on



the 24th. South County has Silverbrook elementary under construction and Saratoga elementary is on the list to be renovated in the future but is not funded yet. When completed, the school will have a program capacity of 896 students.”

- “Enrollment numbers are slightly down this year in Fairfax and across the state. The largest decrease is in elementary school students (941) with a slight increase in Middle and High School students. Additionally there is a decrease in our alternative programs and centers of (431).”
- “On Thursday, the superintendent will release his proposed budget. With the increased funding by the state, we are optimistic that we will have a minimal deficit. We look at this budget as restorative and will allow us to pay our staff a competitive salary and offer living wages to those staff that have fallen below this level in the past. Having said this we are still lobbying for the state government to restore funding to the pre 2008 inflation adjusted numbers. Additionally we are asking for greater flexibility from the state in how we set our calendar and spend our dollars to reflect the local priorities.”
- “On Monday we will also be talking about renewable energy. I am pleased that the Board of Supervisors and the School Board will be holding a joint meeting in March on this important topic.”

6. Old Business: Dale Rumberger introduced Anita Hill, who will be taking over planning for the 4th of July celebration.

7. New Business – Dale Rumberger outlined planned agenda items over the next months; however, the SCF Executive Committee may add or abbreviate selected agenda focuses based on immediate issues that have come before the Federation.



- Feb 12 - Budget Briefing on the County budget to include how taxes and assessments are made. There will also be an update on the progress of the Police Station/Animal Control site and the Lorton Community Center.
- March 12 - Workhouse Arts center update to include the task force report of the South Fairfax development Corporation. There will also be an update from WMI on the ESI site, Covanta update on current conditions and the introduction to the FACS—the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions to discuss monitoring of sites in our boundary.
- April 9th - Community resilience and safety preparation.
- May 14th - Legislative update for all three levels local, state and national. Discussions from this will create our legislative direction for the rest of the year and into the next year,
- June 11th- Transportation priority setting for SCF. Discussion about transportation items and creation of our focus for FY 2020 in the county, create input for State Biennial Budget for committee consideration and understand what federal monies are identified for our area.
- July 9th - Park authority update on boundary parks to include those plans being enacted, those areas in plan and responses from citizens.
- August - No Meeting
- September 10th - Update on the Lorton 2040 committee, the Lower Potomac Regional Planning District and Land Use Committee
- October 8th - Ft. Belvoir Update
- November 12th - election of new officers, adoption of 2020 focus for the SCF
- December 10th- will be held at the Workhouse Arts Center, holiday party for members and contributing officials.

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2019 at SCHS Media Room

FUTURE MEETING DATES: March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July9, Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10