



Meeting at SCHS Cafeteria Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 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.

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

- Treasurer's Report – Larry Clark states there has been no change from last month:

Checking: \$2,202.51

Money Market: \$6,567.93

Total funding: \$8,770.44

- Paving and Striping Presentation – This prioritized presentation was provided next as the top agenda item. Details are provided under the Transportation Committee report on page 6.
- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report (SFCC) – Casey Whitmarsh represented the SFCC. He announced that:



- SFCC's Thirsty Thursday on June 20 at Harbour Grill will be from 6 to 8 PM.
- Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant - State Farm is offering \$1 million in grant money for organizations that contribute to their communities through safety, education, and/or development. Forty winners will each receive a \$25K award; and Casey has nominated the Workhouse Art Center. He will be reaching out for support from the SCF and local communities when it comes time to vote. Dale R added that we can augment potential votes through all of our HOAs, too.

Casey urges anyone with more questions to contact him.

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3. Supervisors' Reports.

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - Talking Trash – “Several neighborhoods are having problems with trash pickup. These companies have a lot of labor issues, plus they are losing money on recyclables as well as having to pay more to dump. I met with American Disposal to discuss their issues. They will now provide pickups only once per week. We now have a written agreement with them which should make it easier to enforce.”
 - Recycling – “Please don't put glass or plastic bags in your recycling. It will just go to a landfill. In my next newsletter, I'll address that issue. We are trying right now to develop a center for glass recycling at West Springfield.”
 - Fairfax Peak – There's a 150 page proposal for this indoor ski slope at:
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/procurement/sites/procurement/files/assets/documents/ppea%20proposal_redacted.pdf

There are many steps in front of us before this becomes a reality, but there are many examples of these money-making



facilities being built on other landfill properties; so it should be a win for us.”

- Sportsplex Task Force - After Supervisor Herrity mentioned that he has recently signed a contract with a company that will build a track and field facility for our County, several folks in the room pointed out the savings to our local schools, which no longer will have to pay to have their track meets at places like George Mason University.
 - Community Resiliency Groups – The Supervisor highly praised the CRGs and encouraged all communities to participate.
 - Powassan Disease – The first case of Powassan Disease in Fairfax County has been reported. It is said to be worse than Lyme Disease.
 - Burke Lake Park Concerts – The second annual free concert series will again be held starting July 10th and every Wednesday thereafter through August 14th.
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- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
 - Lorton Visioning – We are amidst our Lorton Visioning process, and have had several fruitful meetings. This process is meant to inform future development in Lorton, and to involve the community in the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Alpine X - Supervisor Storck added to the previous comments about Fairfax Peak, and stressed that he, too, thinks that this is an excellent opportunity for Lorton and the County.
 - DEQ Lorton Landfill Meeting – Supervisor Storck reminded all of the meeting this week to discuss the landfill cap and uses.
 - ParaFest – Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
 - WMATA – “ There are free shuttle schedules in your packets; and also an extensive piece about the project. The station platforms are now being renovated with slight improvements made to the stations. The project impacts all stations south of National Airport. There are free shuttles, reduced fare VRE and



Amtrak commuter passes, and other options for getting around. Check the packets and these online sites for information on all this.”

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/travel-alerts/metro-platforms>

<https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/PlatformProject/>

4. Legislative Updates – Representing Delegate Kathy Tran was Rodrigo Velasquez, her Senior Legislative Aide.
 - Special Session Called - “Delegate Tran thinks there may be some confusion regarding the upcoming special session for the legislators. This session is not necessarily limited only to gun control; so please contact our office if you have issues you’d like to address.
 - Prestigious Award for SCHS - Kathy is very proud of the SCHS. They have received the Blue Ribbon Award in recognition of all three of their music programs receiving Superior ratings.
 - As a final comment, we finally have been able to set a date to meet with VDOT on June 27th at 8PM regarding Old Colchester Road. This road has serious problems including unsafe turning and too much truck traffic. More details on the venue coming soon.

5. Committee Reports

- **Public Safety** – Jonathan Kiell, Chair
 - Community Resiliency Groups (CRGs) – “Please take one of these flyers (see attachment 2) that outline the County Office of Emergency Management program to encourage individuals and communities to be better prepared in the event of disasters. This is a communication network; it is free, voluntary and easy to participate. Of course, emergency services respond initially



to disasters ; but afterward, the community will need to be able to come together to help those impacted. The County has all sorts of free emergency preparedness training and materials available. I'm happy to come to speak at your community's meeting to explain the program and why it is important to become involved. If a tornado goes through your community, do you have a plan to ensure that everyone's door is knocked on to make sure all are safe? We'll be using Fairfax Alerts. In addition to individual HOAs, Civic Associations and Houses of Worship, the SCF can use its network to support Community Resiliency. Please get your community group involved. You may be the one who needs the help!"

CRG Web Link:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/crg>

- **Environmental & Parks**, Howard Bishop, Chair, had no comments
- **Education** (Seeking Chair) - Karen Corbett Sanders, the Chair and Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, said, "There are lots of great things happening in Fairfax County Public Schools."
 - Scholarships - "I had the opportunity to attend 13 graduation and program completion/transition ceremonies over the past two weeks. It is truly inspiring. Our students are attending the finest universities in the country, joining the military service, and starting careers with industry certifications. Over \$4 million in scholarships have been awarded to South County Students.
 - Industry Certifications - We have just signed an agreement with Ford Motor Company to provide technical supports and equipment for our donated vehicles and train students on Ford's proprietary software and best practices used at dealerships. This will provide students with Ford Tech Credits necessary to join dealerships as an employee. We are also working with the IBEW and a number of other trades-oriented organizations to



offer more trades training opportunities in our schools and with local organizations.

- Significant Personnel Changes - We just hired the Acting Regional Assistant Superintendent, Jay Pearson, as the full-time regional leader. Also, we are looking to replace the irreplaceable Marsha Manning at the SCMS. Expect a decision soon on that position. A.P. Pflugrath has left to fill a principal position in Prince William County.
- Budget - At the last Board Meeting, we adopted a budget which includes funding for more mental health supports, behavioral interventionists, and salary increases for Instructional Assistants to be paid ½ of the teacher scale and increases for our public health aides. Our teachers are now at or above market scale in all categories.
- Solar Power - The two boards released a solar power purchase agreement RFP on June 6.
- Student Rights and Responsibilities revisions - Coming changes will include a focus on preventing problematic behaviors and tiered responses to those behaviors. The Superintendent is presenting a new approach next week.
- Vaping/Juuling - Expect Vaping to be part of the discussion as we are seeing significantly more students vaping and juuling as well as infractions associated with digital media bullying.
- School Calendar issues – The state has given more flexibility to localities while requiring the Friday before Labor Day off. School year 2020-2021 creates challenges with the late Labor Day. We are looking at trying to preserve 10 weeks of summer and provide enough time for professional development, maintain 2 weeks at winter break and have students out by mid-June. This will be decided on at the next board meeting.
- Odyssey of the Mind - Halley ES students went to the world finals for Odyssey of the Mind!



- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair, introduced Allison Richter (VDOT) and Chris Wells (FCDOT) to brief on Paving and Striping in NOVA

- Overview - Allison began by addressing the proposed striping modifications. She showed a color-coded map of paving condition ratings. The majority of NOVA roads are rated as Poor or Very Poor. This is because a majority of our 11,000 miles are secondary roads. We have not been receiving necessary funding to maintain them. The funding planning has now changed to bring bridges and paving back to standards in NOVA. We should be at 45% rated as Good by the end of this year, which is a 15% improvement. About 1,000 miles are paved each year.
- How are roads selected for paving? It depends on things such as the Pavement Condition and Traffic volume. Sometimes, if funding is inadequate to repave an entire neighborhood, only the main road through the neighborhood will be done.
- Schedule for Paving Planning – In Jan – Feb bids are received. In March-April work begins on current calendar year schedules when weather is warm enough. In May-Oct, current year schedules are underway and next year’s schedule is coordinated and sent to Richmond. Then, in November – Dec, current year schedules close out, and next year contracts are advertised for bids.
- Paving Information online : An online map is located at:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/novapaving>

<http://vdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fbf86e85fdcb43e482432f41ddb51c7>

- Virginia roads pavement condition information is at:
<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=38de9be4a10345129d08584a864b4cbc>



- Proposed Striping Modifications - Chris Wells conducted this part of the presentation. He feels that striping usually is a good-news story because restriping is an effective and low-cost way to increase safety on our roads for cars and bicycles.
 - Overview - The Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan seeks to improve traffic safety and provide multimodal transportation options. Only 10% of area cyclists are confident and comfortable with existing bike lanes or biking where there are no bike lanes. So, FCDOT is moving to improve striping to give more space/separation between cars and bikes. Chris talked then about the benefits of striping. One big one is that, by creating the illusion of a narrower road, it really decreases car speeds; and FCDOT has documented up to 70% reductions in crash events.
 - Local Striping Projects - Roads that FCDOT has worked on in South County include Lorton Station Blvd which has 4 car lanes. Option 1 was to convert the outside travel lanes into buffered bike lanes. Option 2 would convert outside travel lanes into on-street parking and a bike lane. Option 3 would add a parking lane and bike lane where desired, but install buffered bike lanes where parking is not desired. The residents in the surrounding neighborhood had strong objections to all options; so (after a lot of meetings) the final decision was not to do anything.
 - Q&A session followed.
 - Dale Rumberger requested email addresses for both presenters:
 - Allison Richter: Allison.richter@vdot.virginia.gov
 - Chris Wells: chris.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov
- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair,
- Shell Station at corner of Lorton Rd and Gunston Cove Road – This station had wanted to expand, and to include diesel refueling at the top of the Gunston Cove Rd hill. This would have necessitated a sharp turn for 18-wheelers. Another serious problem for big trucks would occur trying to drive up the steep incline during icy conditions. Therefore, we will not seriously consider their application.



- **Panera Bread Resolution** - Panera Bread is just the most recent of many businesses that have tried to make this difficult lot work for them. It is proposed for the corner of Lorton Road and Lorton Market Street. It is not easy to get into and not easy to get out of; but it seems that Panera is the best potential use of the vacant lot for our community. We have tried to limit problems by restricting ingress and egress. Ingress from Lorton Market Street will be a right in and egress will be a right out onto Lorton Market Street northbound. Also, the applicant has incorporated a proffer to require a Proffered Condition Amendment for any future occupant if they do not meet the ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers) Code 940 in the Trip Generation Manual. After some discussion, a **Motion** was made and seconded to approve the **Resolution** for the Panera application. It was passed unanimously by a show of hands of voting members. The Resolution is attached below and will be posted on the SCF website.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business – None

8. Attachments 1 and 2



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Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:35 PM

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2019 in the multi media room



FUTURE MEETING DATES:

September 10th, October 8th, November 12th, December 10th (Workhouse Arts Center).