



**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, April 9, 2013 @ 7:30 PM**

****** MINUTES******

1. Martin Rizer acknowledged that President Gloria Bannister would be late due to jury duty and he called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Motion made by Martin to accept the March 12, 2013 minutes. Nick seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

2. Supervisor Report

Christine Morin provided a copy of Supervisor Hyland's staff report and stated that he is at one of three nights of public hearings for the FY 14 budget (April 9-11,2013). She stated that he attended a meeting yesterday with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the response for improvements to the barn at Meadowood Esquestrian Facility because of safety concerns to include eliminating fire hazards and replacing the barn door. Thirty horses are allowed at the stable and there are 15 horses boarding now. BLM is to provide a timeline for repairs and will send out to the community. Supervisor Hyland is very pleased that Congressman Moran and he could work on this.

Site plan for Silverbrook hill. VDOT tie in hopefully in the next 30-60 days and will see improvements.

Supervisor Hyland attended a March 23, 2013, meeting for discussion of Vulcan Quarry and will he will have his staff to begin looking at a proposal and ----. He will ask for feedback from South County Federation.

Martin stated that the database is being updated and letters were sent to primary Home Owner Associations and there were a lot of bounce backs. A list is being passed out for updating or go to our website and have listing of all HOAs.

3. Committee Reports

Transportation



Nick Firth stated the Committee met on Thursday, April 4, 2013, and discussed the renaming of Lorton Road. Feedback from the residents is needed and the Committee will reach out to them and bring the feedback to the next Committee meeting. Nick stated the Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month. Question was asked if there was any input from others who do not live on Lorton Road. Nick stated that most consensuses are not to change it. The only piece of the road that would not change is Furnace. He explained that Furnace Road splits. Comment made that Crosspoint opposes renaming it.

Land Use

Martin Rizer explained that at the last South County Federation meeting, a resolution was presented and on the table which was deferred on EnviroSolutions, Inc. (ESI) request for a 22-year extension of their agreed date certain closure of December 31, 2018. The resolution is amended per this discussion and is being passed around. Martin introduced Conrad Mehan, ESI Director of Government Relations and Community Affairs, and invited him to provide remarks before the members discussed the resolution. Conrad stated he has not had a chance to read the resolution but thanked the members for the opportunity to discuss this as this has been a long process.

He wanted to clarify that the representation that ESI is not honoring Overlook Ridge, a recreation park to be turned over to and managed by the Fairfax County Park Authority, is incorrect. He stated that had the Park Authority not changed their mind regarding the approval this would be going forward. Conrad stated that in 2006 the Park Authority approved public ownership of the site and agreed to limited access before handing over to the Park Authority. ESI has committed money to local charities and worked with the Park Authority for two years after the Board of Supervisors approved. ESI assumed the Park Authority would take over and received a call that they would not. He explained the decision was quick and went to the Park Board where he was not allowed to speak. Conrad explained that ESI is a small company and that they do not run parks. Except for reversal and providing full liability, the park would be open on a limited basis to the public. He stated that Supervisor Hyland tried to referee the heated discussion and all would have to agree or no park. ESI and the Park Authority discussed alternatives and could not agree. ESI could put two parks on other land, but the Park Authority did not accept. Conrad stated that ESI will honor their obligations if the Park Authority would receive the land as originally agreed with full indemnification.

Conrad stated the other issue is the closure date and bar any changes ESI will relocate across the street to the 9 acres owned by ESI and receive construction debris for recycling and ship to other facilities and this will receive greater truck traffic. Conrad also stated that concerning landscaping that while they did not receive approvals timely, that they started immediately by filling land and top soil. ESI planted over 1000 trees and 2200 bushes. ESI also installed a 15 foot berm and 800 cyprus trees to screen equipment operating on top which did not receive a positive response. Conrad explained



another issue in the past was the big truck traffic which all received approvals and ESI contributed to charities at the request of South County Federation. ESI carried million of dollars for storm water management ponds.

The options are 1) ESI cease operations in December 2018 and build park amenities without granting public access and relocate across the street; or 2) ESI extend landfill operations and forgot the recycling operation and modify the plan to put more trees on the eastern slope in addition to arranging in random fashion, as raised by the Land Use Committee, and find new use for the land fill area when closed and provide for local community needs as defined by the community which ESI chooses to pursue the 2nd scenario.

Conrad also proposed a green energy site which would not require public access and as a way to rebrand the area away from an industrial facility to an environmental. ESI proposes to put a small wind farm with 3 small turbines with the least impact on communities but visible on I-95 and would hope they would see. There would also be sufficient methane to deliver to the county to convert to electricity which would be a savings to the area of \$200,000 a year and if not ESI would pay cash up to 1/4M. ESI would also donate \$15M over 20 years for community needs. ESI agreed to modify landscaping and committee to building 2 parks on other land but if public access it would need to be owned by the Park Authority.

Conrad explained ESI is under a deadline to build across the street by next spring or the permits will run out. He explained that an application has been submitted but will leave the door open for consideration but he had to file. He offered to make a presentation at other Home Owners Associations. Conrad provided photos and his business card for contact. Conrad took several questions from the members which further explained the conversation between ESI and the Park Authority on the liability of the park land and opening a park without public access given.

Martin explained that the Land Use Committee has worked very hard on this issue and over a lot of hours researching all the documents and talking to the county staff and elected officials. Martin provided the members with the details of ESI's current site plan which include 5 phases for building Overlook Ridge which is to be done at certain elevations. Based on the current elevation of ESI's landfill, Overlook Ridge should be significantly constructed by now however a significant amount of the required site improvements and landscaping is not in place.

Martin explained that the dedication of Overlook Ridge to the Park Authority was to take place once ESI was released from liability from DEQ. This normally occurs 10 to 20 years after a landfill is closed. In the meantime ESI was to maintain ownership of the landfill and allow for the public use of Overlook Ridge Park. He explained that in 2009 ESI and the Park Authority executed an agreement in



which ESI would maintain ownership of Overlook Ridge in perpetuity. This agreement also allowed the restriction of the public use of Overlook Ridge if either the Park Authority or ESI deemed the use as a safety hazard. This provision is currently being exercised to restrict public access to Overlook Ridge. It was need discussed that even if Overlook Ridge is never opened to the public the benefit of the required landfill closure date of December 31, 2018 and the permanent landscaping of the landfill is of great value to the community.

Nick explained a resolution was on the floor at the previous meeting. **Motion** made to withdraw the previous resolution on the table which was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion made by Nick to approve the resolution in opposition of the extension, as the plan was not seen as an equitable exchange for 21 additional years for landfill operations, and as passed around to the members that include amendments as discussed and presented at this meeting which was seconded. Members made additional amendments in discussion. Motion passed 42 to 0 with 5 abstentions.

Environmental and Parks

Gloria stated that the watershed clean up is this weekend and the Eagle Festival. Also the first Springfest to revitalize the county will be at the Workhouse on Saturday.

Education

No comments provided.

Motion made by Gloria to support the All Night Grad Party and donate \$100 to each class which was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion made by Gloria that a 4th of July Parade Committee be formed with John as Chair and a spending fund up to \$500 which was seconded. Approved unanimously. Gloria asked for suggestions for Grand Marshall.

Gloria stated that the Lorton Community Action Center is having a hope and wellness in the park behind the Lorton Library on June 1.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Nick stated that new attendees had parking issues and attended the Transportation Committee meeting. He is following up on these issues.



Motion made by Gloria to adjourn the meeting which was seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion made by Gloria to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Gloria adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.