



General Membership Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7 pm
Lorton, VA 22079

Summary

The January meeting of the South County Federation introduced the new leadership team including the appointment of committee chairs for the year. Updates were provided on transportation projects, police appointments, and park authority changes, with particular focus on traffic improvements and field allocation concerns. The conversation ended with discussions on legislative updates, including a proposed constitutional amendment for redistricting, and local transportation issues, with emphasis on VDOT collaboration and safety concerns.

Call to Order- Mr. Keith F. Shovlin, President

Mr. Shovlin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and thanked all those in attendance

Approval of the Minutes (Secretary position vacant)

Peter Weyland motioned to approve the December minutes, James Fenton seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report- Mr. James Fenton

Mr. Fenton shared the updated financial report.

Truist Checking	\$5963.10
Total	\$5963.10

- Expense of \$129 for food and beverages for the December Holiday Gathering

Federation Business

Appointment of Committee chairs:

- Parks & Environment: Larry Clark and Dale Rumberger
- Land Use: Frank Diallo and Nick Firth
- Transportation: Peter Weyland and Keith F. Shovlin
- Public Safety: Jonathan Kiell
- Education: James Fenton & Olga Nambiri

Approval of officer nomination:

Dale Rumberger motioned to approve the nomination of Olga Nambiri as Corresponding Secretary for a term of two years, Nick Firth seconded, passed unanimously

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Report - Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck

Supervisor Storck introduced Ebadullah Ebadi, the new Transportation, Trails, and Environment Aide and discussed upcoming events, including the 39th Annual Town Hall Meeting on February 7th. He also highlighted transportation projects, such as the Snowden Ashford Road improvements, and mentioned the appointment of Major Veva Wallace as the new Lorton Police Station commander. Storck discussed transportation improvements, including signage for traffic exiting I-95 south and the completion of a left turn restriction at Gunston Plaza, though enforcement remains a challenge. He also provided updates on the third rail extension project. VRE service will be restricted for about 5 years to allow for construction of the new Long Bridge, and mentioned plans to add 50 new speed cameras in the county. **Jim Fenton**

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raised concerns about field allocation for local athletic organizations, particularly for turf fields, and Storck acknowledged ongoing efforts to advocate for fair allocation. Nick inquired about a new police station major appointment, and Dan expressed satisfaction with the selection, emphasizing the importance of long-term community engagement.

Storck expressed optimism about Major Wallace's appointment, citing her collaborative approach and experience in handling community issues. **Marty Schumacher** raised concerns about the redesign of the Lorton exit on 95 South, suggesting that VDOT's changes had made the exit more confusing and dangerous. The group discussed the possibility of meeting with VDOT in late March or April to address these issues, with Storck suggesting that delegates should be present for this meeting. **Dale Rumberger** brought up the need to review and potentially revise the boundary lines for South County sports fields, particularly in relation to field utilization and access for local youth teams.

Fairfax County Park Authority - Mount Vernon District Representative Linwood Gorham

Mr. Gorham discussed the ongoing demolition of the dairy site near the Laurel Hill Equestrian Center and leadership changes, with Gorham noting the retirement of Amy Vosper and the upcoming election for the Park Authority Board.

Special Presentation - Larry Zaragoza from the Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations discussed the planned Data Center resolution and took questions from attendees, highlighting the importance of planning to minimize impacts on nearby populations and addressing water usage concerns, which he suggested should be managed at a regional level.

Legislative Updates

James Walkinshaw - 11th District, U.S. House of Representatives

Represented by Myesha Jones, District Aide

Ms. Jones provided updates on recent legislative actions and upcoming events.

Kathy Tran - 18th District, Virginia State Delegate

Represented by Benjamin Hermerding, Chief of Staff

Mr. Hermerding explained the start of the General Assembly session and highlighted key priorities, including the biennial budget and potential legislation on data centers. He agreed to follow up on issues related to streetlights and data center water use. **Keith F. Shovlin** raised concerns about the redistricting amendment, noting its potential to split South County across multiple congressional seats, and asked for clarification on Delegate Tran's position. Hermerding explained that the amendment, in response to Texas' partisan gerrymandering, would allow Virginia to redistrict if another state does so mid-term, reverting to nonpartisan redistricting in 2030. The amendment requires General Assembly approval, an election, and voter ratification. The group also discussed VDOT's handling of local transportation concerns, with **Dale Rumberger** reporting ongoing issues with Lorton Road maintenance and **Nick Firth** expressing frustration about lack of resident input on road improvements. Hermerding encouraged residents to contact him with transportation concerns and noted that while VDOT follows design guidelines, they sometimes use these as a crutch for unpopular decisions. Hermerding explained the role of the General Assembly in engaging with VDOT and suggested inviting the VDOT Commissioner to a conversation with the South County Federation to improve collaboration on making streets more community-friendly. **Marty Schumacher** raised concerns about the enforcement of parking laws near Amazon's facility, highlighting the need for law enforcement to ticket and remove illegally parked trucks to prevent accidents. **Jonathan Kiell** advised residents to report illegally parked vehicles to the police non-emergency number, emphasizing that officers cannot patrol for such violations continuously due to limited resources. Hermerding announced a town hall event on January 31st at South County Middle

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School, where questions about engaging VDOT and improving streets would be addressed by Senator Scott Surovell, Delegate Rozia Henson, and Delegate Tran.

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee, Chair Jonathan Kiell

Mr. Kiell introduced Major Dana Ferreira, commander of the Animal Services Division, who has been working out of the Lorton station. Maj. Ferreira provided an overview of the transition of animal control services to the Department of Animal Services, expected to be completed by early March. He also shared positive crime statistics for Fairfax County, highlighting significant reductions in various categories. Kiell announced an upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in Lorton starting February 12th.

Parks and Environmental Committee, Co-Chairs Larry Clark & Dale Rumberger

Mr. Rumberger reported on the status of Overlook Ridge Park, noting a potential two-month delay in opening due to permit review.

Land Use Committee, Co-Chairs Frank Diallo & Nick Firth

Mr. Firth discussed progress on the Lorton 2040 Visioning Task Force, which is nearing completion, and mentioned an upcoming community meeting about accessory living units zoning ordinance updates.

Transportation Committee, Co-Chairs Keith F. Shovlin & Peter Weyland

Mr. Weyland discussed changes to left turn lanes at Gunston Plaza and Hassett Street to reduce accidents, while Mr. Shovlin detailed disruptions to VRE services due to the Long Bridge construction, which will affect commuters for the next four years.

Education Committee, Co-Chairs James Fenton & Olga Nambiri

Mr. Fenton reported on upcoming boundary studies for local schools and a student experience survey.

Open Forum - Mr. Shovlin noted the addition of an open forum prior to the close of each meeting allowing attendees to speak on any matter important to the Federation's concerns for no longer than 5 minutes

Tom Moore asked about potentially installing a traffic circle at the intersection of Silverbrook and Hoes roads to reduce accidents, with Nancy Wilochka offering to connect the group with the Federal Highway Administration for innovative traffic calming solutions. Mr. Shovlin noted the need of land from the Crosspointe and Newington Commons communities. He pledged to take this to the Newington Commons HOA Board as its representative and asked the same of Crosspointe representative Shauneen Werlinger. Benjamin Hermerding suggested involving Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity and other elected officials whose jurisdiction this intersection falls within.

Meeting adjourned

President Shovlin thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Peter Weyland, Second by Dale Rumberger, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm. The next scheduled meeting is on February 10th, 2026 at 7 pm on Zoom.

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Action Items

- Keith F. Shovlin: Schedule Larry Clark to present the data center resolution at next month's meeting for discussion and possible approval.
- Shovlin: Invite Keith Gordon from the Workhouse to the March meeting to discuss Planning Commission meeting outcomes regarding Workhouse hours.
- Dale Rumberger: Send VDOT work order number and details about overgrown grass/sidewalk on Lorton Road to Benjamin Hermerding for follow-up.
- Benjamin Hermerding: Follow up with VDOT regarding Marty Schumacher's suggestions for lane markings at exit 163 (light post 057) and coordinate possible site visit with Marty.
- Rumberger: Follow up with DEQ personnel on air quality monitoring in the area and report back to the group.
- Shovlin & Shauneen Werlinger: Take the idea of a traffic circle at Silverbrook and Hooes Roads to Newington Commons HOA Board and Crosspointe Board, respectively, for further discussion and possible outreach to Nancy Wilochka for Federal Highway Administration contacts.
- Shovlin: Continue discussions with Executive Committee regarding website redesign and IT support.
- Shovlin: Recruit volunteers for Secretary position and Adopt-a-Highway coordinator via president@southcountyfederation.com.