



General Membership Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7 pm
Lorton, VA 22079

Summary

The South County Federation held its February meeting to discuss various community issues and updates. The group approved resolutions regarding data centers and land use applications, while also reviewing transportation projects and public safety matters. Fatimah Dandashi presented the proposed congressional redistricting map, which would impact the local area's representation if approved by voters in April. Supervisor Stork provided an update on the recent town hall meeting and discussed environmental concerns, including water quality issues in the Occoquan River. The meeting also covered updates from the General Assembly, including Delegate Tran's committee assignments and ongoing legislative efforts. Various committee reports were shared, highlighting ongoing projects and concerns in land use, transportation, and education. The group discussed the need for increased air and water quality monitoring in the area, particularly in response to recent industrial incidents.

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. He noted an issue with the pre-meeting emails.

Approval of the Minutes (Secretary position vacant)

Peter Weyland motioned to approve the December minutes, Nick Firth seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report- Mr. James Fenton

Mr. Fenton shared the updated financial report.

Truist Checking	\$2963.10
CD	\$3000.00
Total	\$5963.10

- New CD opened at 3.1%

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

Supervisor Storck expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with the community at the recent town hall event. The 39th annual Mount Vernon District town meeting was successfully held with over 400 attendees, featuring a new, shorter video highlighting progress and priorities for 2025-2026. The event included appearances by Congressman Beyer, Supervisor Lusk, Delegate Krizek, and school board member Matteo Dunne, along with a special presentation about the 250th anniversary celebration. Supervisor Storck covered various updates including the upcoming March 2nd virtual budget meeting, the appointment of Major Veva Wallace as Lorton Police Station commander, and a discussion about Davis-Smith Industries' air quality monitoring. The conversation ended with a detailed report about a recent fire incident at the Covanta/Reworld facility, which was successfully contained despite a power outage, with no major damage or smoke issues reported.

Marty Schirmacher reported a car accident involving a vehicle that went over a jersey wall and was crushed against a sound wall, with emergency equipment present at the scene.

Fairfax County Park Authority - Mount Vernon District Representative Linwood Gorham

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Mr. Gorham had very little to report with the election of Park Authority Board officers scheduled for the following day. **Dale Rumberger** asked about the timeline for the Laurel Hill Park Soccer Fields/Cricket Pitch. Mr. Gorham answered, “the project is all but completely permitted but completely unfunded.” Any funding would be sought on the Park Authority Bond expected to be on the November ballot.

South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce - Casey Whitmarsh

Mr. Shovlin shared a quick update from the Chamber, the February Stir Networking event was scheduled for the 11th at 6:30 pm at the American Legion Post.

Special Presentation - Proposed Redistricting Alignment in South County by Fatimah Dandashi, Constituent Relations Manager for State Senator Surovell

Ms. Dandashi presented information about a proposed redistricting amendment, explaining it would be a temporary change for congressional elections from 2026-2030, with a referendum scheduled for April 21st. She detailed how the change would affect the South County Federation area, with most precincts moving to the new 1st Congressional District represented by Eugene Vindman, while some would remain in the 8th District or move to an open 7th District seat.

Legislative Updates

Kathy Tran - 18th District, Virginia State Delegate

Represented by Benjamin Hermerding, Chief of Staff

Mr. Hermerding discussed the ongoing 60-day legislative session and concerns about snow and ice removal in the district.

Committee Reports

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

Mr. Rumberger addressed issues related to data centers, water quality, and air quality monitoring, with Dale presenting a resolution on data centers and highlighting the need for increased environmental monitoring. A second resolution concerning the proposed County Unified Sanitation District was tabled due to not being distributed prior to the meeting for review.

Resolution: Data Center Regulation and Impact, Motion to approve by Mr. Rumberger, Seconded by Mr. Clark, passed unanimously.

Mr. Clark shared an update on the progress of Overlook Ridge Park under review by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. The chairs also noted they will be holding an organizational meeting in April and attempt to meet on the third Monday of each month.

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

Mr. Firth shared updates concerning several outstanding proposals and local businesses such as Amazon Fresh. He reviewed proposals for a new Costco gas station in Lorton and a trash vehicle storage facility on Gunston Cove Road. The conversation ended with discussions about the need for more electric vehicle charging stations at the Costco location and the importance of improving communication and oversight of snow plowing contractors. **Keith F. Shovlin** reported that Kung Fu Tea closed at Lorton Marketplace and a Vietnamese restaurant will take its place. Mr. Firth mentioned that the Old Ox Road development project is on hold after a question.

Resolution: Support of Costco Gas station SSPA 2023-IV-4S, Motion to approve by Mr. Firth, Seconded by Mr. Clark, passed unanimously.

Resolution: Does not oppose Trashaway PCA-80-L-070-03 with three conditions, Motion to approve by Mr. Firth, Seconded by Peter Weyland, passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Shovlin discussed several ongoing projects, including the Pohick Road sidewalk design expected to complete in January and two rapid red flashing beacon installations planned for spring at Hooes Road and Silverbrook intersections. **Mr. Weyland** announced the creation of a comprehensive transportation project list on mtvernon.net, which will eventually be moved to a forum for community updates. The committee also discussed the potential redesign of the Hooes Road and Silverbrook intersection as a roundabout, though the widening of Hooes Road has been deprioritized by the County. **Shauneen Werlinger** reported that Crosspoint HOA supports a VDOT study on a potential roundabout, while Newington Commons requested a full presentation on the same topic.

Transportation Committee meetings will begin in March on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm starting on Zoom.

Public Safety Committee, Chair Jonathan Kiell

Mr. Kiell was absent, report shared by Mr. Shovlin, sharing that Major Veva Wallace is set to take command at Lorton Police Station on February 21st.

Education Committee, Co-Chairs James Fenton & Olga Nambiri

Mr. Fenton provided updates on a student discipline survey, upcoming family cafe session, boundary changes for elementary schools, and the school budget of \$4.1 billion.

Open Forum - Mr. Shovlin invited attendees to speak on any matter important to the Federation's concerns for no longer than 5 minutes

None

Meeting adjournment

President Shovlin thanked everyone for attending and reminded them of the upcoming Virtual Budget Meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 7 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Clark, Second by Mr. Firth, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is on March 10th, 2026 at 7 pm on Zoom.

Action Items

- Keith F. Shovlin: Sign, send out, and post the approved resolutions.
- Shovlin: Invite Keith Gordon from the Workhouse to the March meeting to discuss Planning Commission meeting outcomes regarding Workhouse hours.
- Shovlin: Schedule the in-person meeting for April at Lorton Police Station with Supervisor Storck's office and Major Wallace.
- Dale Rumberger: Draft and distribute the Unified Sanitation District resolution prior to the next meeting for consideration.
- Mark Viani: Discuss with Costco the possibility of increasing the number of EV charging stations at the new Costco gas station, as requested by Dale.
- 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 Mike McGrath regarding the 1,150 ft sewer line adjacent to the Lorton/Silverbrook Road intersection for clarification on its purpose and impact.
- Shovlin: Recruit volunteers for Secretary position and Adopt-a-Highway coordinator.