



## General Membership Meeting at Lorton Police Station

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7 pm  
Lorton, VA 22079

### Summary

The South County Federation held its April meeting at the Lorton Police Station, where Major Wallace, the new Lorton Police District commander, provided updates on local law enforcement activities, including a recent vape shop operation and traffic enforcement initiatives. Gina Lynch presented the Animal Shelter Annual Report 2025, highlighting adoption statistics and community programs, while Delegate Kathy Tran’s office provided legislative updates including upcoming General Assembly sessions and budget discussions. The meeting included committee reports from Parks & Environment, Land Use, Transportation, and Education, with several resolutions being approved regarding Unified Sanitation District, roadside safety concerns, and bike share station locations. Key discussions centered around funding challenges for soccer fields at Central Green, ongoing trash issues near Reworld, and concerns about Fairfax County's trust policy regarding public safety offenders.

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

Mr. Shovlin called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and thanked all those in attendance. This was a hybrid meeting with 16 in person and four attending virtually though technical difficulties kept the TV from connecting to the Zoom.

### Administrative Matters

#### **Approval of the Minutes (Secretary position vacant)**

Mr. Shovlin noted spelling errors of two names in the March Minutes to be updated after approval. Peter Weyland motioned to approve the amended March minutes, Larry Clark seconded, passed unanimously.

#### **Treasurer Report- Mr. James Fenton**

Mr. Fenton shared the unchanged financial report.

Truist Checking	\$2963.10
CD	\$3000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5963.10</b>

### **Membership Drive**

Mr. Shovlin and Mr. Weyland again brought up the need for an intern, 16 and over from the area.

### **County Reports - None**

### **Special Presentation**

#### **Introducing Major Veva Wallace-Spaulding, commander of Lorton Police District**

**Maj. Wallace** addressed the meeting, highlighting her 20-year law enforcement career and recent efforts to enhance community engagement and station activities in Lorton. She discussed a significant operation involving 13 vape shops across the county, including two in Lorton, where illegal drugs were being sold. The operation resulted in 3 arrests and the seizure of over 200 pounds of marijuana products, though the shops remain open but under increased scrutiny. Major Wallace also mentioned plans to address traffic enforcement in Lorton and discussed how illegal drugs are sourced, including through home

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cultivation and cross-border purchases. She discussed the upcoming "Road Shark" operation, which targets hotspots for enforcement, including reckless driving and DWIs. She requested input from the members on specific locations in the Lorton district to focus on, particularly mentioning Route 1 corridor and Route 123. Major Wallace also explained the department's approach to managing car meets, both legal and illegal, including their proactive use of social media to monitor and prevent problematic gatherings. The discussion concluded with a brief mention of truck safety inspections and the upcoming encryption of radio dispatches in Fairfax County.

### **Fairfax County Animal Shelter Annual Report - Gina Lynch**

**Ms. Lynch** presented the 2025 Report, highlighting significant community assistance including a 25% adoption rate and \$6,000 savings on animal impounds. She announced that the old West Ox animal shelter will be closed for several months in September for HVAC updates, during which all operations will move to the new location. Ms. Lynch detailed various community programs including low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics (\$20 each, \$60 total), free spay/neuter services for low-income residents, and a trial adoption program allowing up to 5 days to decide on pet adoption. She also mentioned an upcoming Zoom meeting on April 29th about coexisting with pets in the community and noted that the animal service officers are currently hiring, with about 15 positions still available.

### **Legislative Updates**

**Scott Surovell - 35th District, Virginia State Senate**

**Represented virtually by Fatimah Dandashi, Constituent Relations Manager**

**Ms. Dandashi** reported on the annual creek cleanup which removed 40-45 shopping carts from the creek, and announced an upcoming community picnic on May 3rd at Fort Hunt Park.

**Kathy Tran - 18th District, Virginia State Delegate**

**Represented in person by Benjamin Hermerding, Chief of Staff**

**Mr. Hermerding** provided legislative updates, explaining that the General Assembly would meet for a reconvened session next Wednesday to consider the budget, which was not completed during the regular session. He also announced new board appointments for his boss, including the House Select Committee on Standards and the Joint Commission on Healthcare.

### **Committee Reports**

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

**Mr. Rumberger** discussed a resolution regarding Unified Sanitation District, requesting it be returned to the Board of Supervisors due to incomplete information about costs, staffing, and process details.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Rumberger, Second by Peter Weyland, passed unanimously.**

He also reported that funding for new soccer fields and a cricket pitch at Laurel Hill Central Green was withdrawn by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board due to density requirements, and the committee is seeking the new vetting procedure, filing a FOIA if needed. Additionally, Mr. Rumberger mentioned the status of Laurel Hill staffing and **Mr. Clark** noted that the Federation will request a presentation from Waste Management regarding their revised permit and timeline for the July 2027 opening of Overlook Ridge Park. Mr. Rumberger discussed ongoing trash issues on Furnace Road and Ox Road, noting that while Reworld staff and the landfill are responsible for cleanup, community members have reported increased trash. He announced upcoming events including a ribbon cutting for a new odor control facility and the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup meeting at Laurel Hill Central Green.

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

**Mr. Firth and Mr. Diallo were absent.** Planning Commissioner Walter Clarke was present and discussed upcoming cases in the Lorton area.

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### **Public Safety Committee, Chair Jonathan Kiell**

**Mr. Kiell was absent.** Peter Weyland brought up a resolution concerning a public safety issue caused by the construction of the new Gunston Road Fire Station.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Rumberger, second by Mr. Clark, passed unanimously.**

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

**Mr. Shovlin** presented two resolutions, the first codifying the membership of the committee. Attendees were given the option to be added to the resolution.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Shovlin, Second by Mr. Clark, passed unanimously.**

They further reported on the first meeting held in March, which discussed drafting a letter to support the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority's grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for the Occoquan Third Rail project and potential Capital Bikeshare stations. The committee designated four locations, Lorton VRE, the AutoTrain, the Lorton Library and Community Center, and the Workhouse Arts Center, contained in the resolution. Discussion focused on bikes being left in communities and care for the vehicles.

**Motion to approve by Mr. Shovlin, Second by Mr. Weyland, passed 6 votes for, 3 against, 2 abstain.**

The committee also noted that Fairfax County Department of Transportation will begin attending monthly meetings starting in May.

### **Education Committee, Chair James Fenton**

**Mr. Fenton** reported on FCPS schedule changes, including the addition of Indigenous Peoples Day as a holiday and a limit of 8 early release days for elementary students per year. A post-secondary education event for students with disabilities was announced for April 22nd.

### **Open Forum**

**Marty Schirmacher (Shirley Acres)** brought up a resolution he had submitted to the President concerning the Fairfax County Trust Policy. The Executive Committee had decided not to bring the resolution to the floor and Mr. Schirmacher expressed his displeasure at the decision.

### **Adjournment**

**President Shovlin** thanked everyone for attending and for the special presentations by Major Wallace and Ms. Lynch.

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Weyland, Second by Mr. Clark, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.**

The next scheduled meeting is on May 12th, 2026 at 7 pm on Zoom.

### **Action Items**

- **South County Federation members:** Email Major Wallace to identify specific locations in the Lorton district to focus on for upcoming traffic enforcement/road shark operations.
- **Keith F. Shovlin:** Send request to Waste Management to make a presentation at the May meeting regarding the status of Overlook Ridge Park and RFP process.
- **Parks and Environment Committee:** Draft a resolution for next month's meeting requesting that community gardens be doubled due to high demand.
- **Mr. Shovlin:** Share link for the animal protection officer job description,
- **Gina Lynch/Mr. Shovlin:** Share Zoom link for the April 29th animal protection community information session.

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- **Parks and Environment Committee:** Follow up with Supervisor Stork (or his office) to obtain a copy of the new vetting procedure/checklist used by the Park Authority for field funding; if not received, file a FOIA request.
- **Transportation Committee:** Send out link for the upcoming virtual transportation committee meeting.
- **Federation members:** Contact Mt. Vernon School Board Rep Mateo Dunne (or other board members) with feedback on school schedules, especially regarding the defragmentation proposal.