



General Membership Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 7 pm
Lorton, VA 22079

Summary

The South County Federation held its June 2026 meeting to discuss the Lorton Vision 2040 comprehensive plan amendment and other community updates. Supervisor Dan Storck explained that the Planning Commission had approved the plan 11-0, though there were concerns about community notification and understanding of the process. The plan serves as a 25-30 year guidance rather than immediate action. Matt Doyle from DPWES provided an update on the Covanta Force Main project, explaining that they had replaced 2,000 linear feet of pipe and were working on the final 120 feet under Silverbrook Road, with both lanes of Lorton Road now reopened to traffic. Other updates included Supervisor Pat Herrity's discussion of transportation improvements and pension system reviews, Matteo Dunne's report on school boundary studies and calendar policy changes, and the announcement of Frank Diallo as the new corresponding secretary for the Federation.

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

Mr. Shovlin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and thanked all those in attendance. Attendees were asked to write their names in the chat with what neighborhood they represent in order to track attendance.

Administrative Matters

Approval of the Minutes (Secretary position vacant)

James Fenton motioned to approve the June minutes, Peter Weyland seconded, passed unanimously. Attendees were asked to fill out the minutes survey that was shared in the meeting chat.

Treasurer Report- Mr. James Fenton

Mr. Fenton shared the financial report.

Truist Checking	\$2777.27
CD	\$3000.00
Total	\$5777.27

- New member community Sheffield HOA. Mr. Shovlin welcomed Sheffield to the Federation and also announced that Laurel Hill has returned.

Membership Drive

Mr. Weyland noted that no candidate for the Intern position has stepped forward. Outreach will continue until a candidate is found.

Bylaws Amendment

Mr. Shovlin corrected his statement from previous month on the number of amendments to the Bylaws. A document was distributed with the agenda and proposed Bylaws amendment listing all existing

ATTENDANCE

Barrington	
Beechwood	X
Crandall Run	
Crosspointe	X
Estates of Roseland	
Gunston Cove	X
Gunston Manor	
Hallowing Point	X
Highlands at Gunston	
Hollymeade	
Laurel Highlands	
Laurel Hill	X
Mason Collar	X
Mason Neck	X
Newington Civic	
Newington Commons	X
Newington Forest	X
NonAligned Caucus	X
Occoquan Glen	
Occoquan Overlook	X
Overlook Pointe	
Pohick Estates	X
Saratoga	
Shepherd Hills	
Shirley Acres	X
South Run Oaks	
Spring Hill	X
Terrace Town Homes of Gunston	
The Highlands at Gunston	
Townhouses of Saratoga	
Wildwood	X
Williamsburg Square	

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amendments after a thorough search of meeting minutes and correspondence from the past 23 years.

He noted the online copy of the Bylaws will be updated after the meeting to include all approved amendments. Administrative Resolution 2026-01 amends the Bylaws to establish the Federation actions and structure for resolutions and policies going forward.

Motion to approve the resolution by Dale Rumberger, Second by Nick Firth. Motion passes unanimously.

Officer Appointment

Frank Diallo, an independent member living in Gunston Corner, offered to serve as Corresponding Secretary.

Motion to approve the appointment by Nick Firth, second by Dale Rumberger. Motion passes unanimously

Mr. Shovlin thanked Mr. Diallo for volunteering and noted that the Federation Facebook page is near 1,000 members, having increased from 850 at the beginning of the year.

Federation Boundaries

Mr. Shovlin noted a clarification to the boundaries of the Federation, as an amendment to the Bylaws passed in 2010 called for the entire 22079 zip code to be covered by the Federation, adding several communities north of the Fairfax County Parkway in Newington. The Federation maps are being updated to correct this omission.

County Reports

Board of Supervisors - Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck

Supervisor Storck provided updates on community events, including Summer Palooza which attracted 2,500 attendees, and announced the 4th annual back-to-school community day at Lorton Community Center on August 1st. He discussed the Planning Commission's 11-0 approval of the Lorton Vision 2040 comprehensive plan amendment, explaining that it requires 75% community agreement before any development can proceed and will now go to the Board of Supervisors for review. Mr. Storck also noted transportation projects including a rapid flashing beacon at Hooes Road and South Run Stream Valley Trail expected to be completed in Q1 2027, and the Pohick Road Pedestrian Improvements project where feedback is requested by June 10th. Final project design is expected in fall 2026 and construction in spring 2031. The Snowden Ashford Road project is set for completion in September with new asphalt paths and pedestrian facilities. He announced the event dedicating the library at South County Middle School to Marsha Manning, the school's first principal, on June 15th at 2:30 pm.

Shauneen Werlinger from Crosspointe raised concerns about the Lorton Vision 2040 plan's short timeline between publication and Board of Supervisors vote, prompting Supervisor Storck to acknowledge community engagement challenges and commit to having leaders reach out to address community concerns before the vote. He agreed on holding a virtual community meeting to present the plan and gauge community willingness to attend. After also addressing questions about Lorton Road lane changes, he noted that while the plan includes studying a potential reduction from 6 to 4 lanes, no definite decisions have been made and it would require further community input through future studies. Supervisor Storck clarified that while the comprehensive plan amendment allows for higher-density development, actual zoning changes and new construction would require separate public approval processes and cannot proceed without community input and board consideration.

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Board of Supervisors - Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity

Supervisor Herrity discussed several ongoing initiatives including pension system reviews starting in October, waste management improvements, and the implementation of a new customer service portal launching in October to help residents navigate County services more efficiently. He also covered transportation improvements in the Springfield District, including the removal of the Popes Head Road signal and plans for traffic flow modifications on Burke Center Parkway. Supervisor Herrity discussed the Lee Chapel Road project meeting scheduled for Thursday at 6 PM, noting they will close Lee Chapel Road during construction to reduce costs and shorten construction time. He also mentioned working on the Burke Center and Burke Lake Road light improvements to address congestion points.

School Board - Mount Vernon District Representative Matteo Dunne

Representative Dunne reported on school calendar policy reforms being considered by the school board, advocating for more five-day weeks and fewer early release days, with a vote scheduled for July 9th on calendars for the 2027-28 and 2028-29 school years. Dunne also updated on boundary studies affecting South County, including potential changes for Hagel Circle students and Lorton Station Elementary, with decisions expected by January 2027 and implementation in fall 2027.

Park Authority - Mount Vernon District Board Member Linwood Gorham

Mr. Gorham announced the official season opener of the new splash pad at MLK Pool on Saturday from noon to 3 PM, and shared details about the upcoming concert series at Workhouse Arts Center and Grist Mill Park, as well as the groundbreaking for Overlook Ridge scheduled for early September.

Special Presentation

Update on Lorton Road Sewer Line by Matthew Doyle, DPWES

Mr. Doyle provided an update on the Covanta Force Main project, which involves replacing 3,000 linear feet of corrosion-prone pipe with high-density polyethylene. Phase 2 of the project, involving 2,000 linear feet including a crossing under Silverbrook Road, is nearly complete with only 120 feet remaining. The project encountered challenges with unknown utilities and an obstruction that skewed the tunnel direction, requiring re-drilling and extending completion to mid-to-late July. The new pipe is expected to last approximately 80 years, and while the County owns the pipe, Fairfax Chem will be responsible for its operation and maintenance. Mr. Doyle discussed the wastewater pipe project, explaining that the County owns the pipe since it leaves the facility and provided an update on recent work, including moving jersey barriers and opening both lanes to traffic. He clarified that the project was funded by Fairfax County and addressed questions about how Covanta pays for the wastewater services, though specific contract details were not fully disclosed. The team plans to complete site restoration and repave the pedestrian trail by mid-July, and Mr. Doyle offered to return for future discussions about upcoming projects.

Legislative Updates

Virginia State Senate - 35th District, Scott Surovell

Represented by Fatimah Dandashi, Constituent Relations Manager

Ms. Dandashi provided an update on the special session to approve the state budget. Senator Surovell was able to attend several high school graduations in the district.

Virginia State Delegate - 19th District, Rozia Henson

Delegate Henson introduced his new Chief of Staff, Temujin Choijilsuren. He shared that he's been appointed to the Manufacturing Development Commission, the Secure and Resilient Commonwealth Panel, and the Select Committee on Rural and Small Town Health.

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Virginia State Delegate - 18th District, Kathy Tran

Represented in person by Benjamin Hermerding, Chief of Staff

Mr. Hermerding discussed issues such as Lee Chapel Road and an accident earlier that evening on Old Keene Mill Road. Delegate Tran has attended seven high school graduations and meetings of the Joint Committee on Healthcare. Upcoming meetings are of the Autism Commission and the Board of Workforce Development.

Committee Reports

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

Mr. Rumberger reported on the upcoming Overlook Ridge groundbreaking in September and ongoing discussions about Rec centers renovation funding.

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

Mr. Firth explained the timeline and process for comp plan amendments and rezoning, noting that the Board of Supervisors' first date is June 23rd.

Mr. Diallo share updates on new businesses including Cell Block Social at Liberty Market.

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

Mr. Weyland discussed transportation updates including plans for a no-left turn from Hassett Street onto Richmond Highway and concerns about the I-95 southbound exit 163 onto Lorton Road.

Mr. Shovlin provided an update on the third rail project, explaining that construction will close most center turn lanes underneath the rail bridge over Lorton Road for two to three years.

Public Safety Committee, Chair Jonathan Kiell

Mr. Kiell reported on public safety matters including Major Wallace's promotion and an increase in car theft. He introduced a resolution approving additional members of the committee.

Motion to approve resolution 2026-PS2 by Mr. Kiell, second by Marty Schirmacher, passed unanimously

Education Committee, Chair James Fenton

Mr. Fenton shared updates including boundary study progress and information about free meals and immunizations for children and teens in Lorton.

Open Forum

Mr. Rumberger, there's going to be a program at the Workhouse Arts Center on the 18th of June at noon. The program is about the suffragettes, and it's the performers from the Broadway show Suffr.

Mr. Shovlin, added that Fox 5 will hosting a Fox 5 Zip Trip on Friday, June 17th at the Workhouse.

Adjournment

President Shovlin thanked everyone for attending and reminded attendees that they are always welcome. He again asked for volunteers to serve as Secretary, Adopt a Highway Coordinator, and the paid intern position.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Rumberger, Second by Mr. Fenton, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is on July 14th, 2026 at 7 pm on Zoom.

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Action Items

- **Keith F. Shovlin:** Provide parking and entry details for the September meeting at Noman Cole Water Treatment Plant by late August.
- **Mr. Shovlin:** Note open positions (secretary, intern, adopt-a-highway coordinator) and encourage interested members to contact president@southcountyfederation.com.
- **Dale Rumberger:** Check on the status of the Cross County Trail entrance closure off Pohick Road and report back to Jim Fenton and the Federation.
- **Mr. Rumberger:** Check on the status of the trail from the Workhouse Arts Center toward the equestrian center (near the old slaughterhouse) and report if any repairs have been made
- **Peter Weyland:** Pursue a traffic study for a no-left-turn restriction from Hassett Street onto Richmond Highway southbound, and continue to review the I-95 southbound exit 163 off-ramp for potential improvements
- **Transportation Committee:** Virtual meeting on June 18th..
- **Federation members:** Complete the shared survey on meeting minutes.

The Minutes Survey: <https://s.zoom.us/j/bPFdIWLuG>