



P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199
Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

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

BOARD REPORTS

Michael Grogan, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM; quorum present.

President Grogan noted some dues have yet to be paid, reminded those who address the federation they should introduce themselves, and expressed our community's fortune of park resources.

Gloria Bannister, Treasurer. Gave financial report: \$35 income, balance \$8,771.75; copies provided.

Alan Salisbury, Secretary, distributed attendance sheet. April 2008 minutes were approved on voice vote.

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION

- Supervisor Hyland provided the following updates:
 - Introduced and welcomed Don Carr with Fort Belvoir Public Affairs and welcomed Greg Werkheiser and Marion Forsyth of the Phoenix Project. <http://phoenixproject.org>
 - Referred federation to a handout distributed by Tom Howard at the meeting:
 - Fairfax County 2009 Budget
 - Master Developer for former Lorton Prison: Alexander Company
 - BRAC Task Force Schedule
 - Letters to Kettler and VDoT regarding Lorton Station Blvd 4-way stop
 - Mason Neck Trail grant matching
 - Numerous other items Supervisor Hyland brought to the attention of the BoS
 - Restated the Board of Supervisors' move to tie \$10 million to building a middle school in South County; not for a wing or more trailers.
 - Has proposed that a meals tax be put before the voters by referendum.
 - Spoke in favor of keeping traffic control in place at Lorton Station Blvd & Percy Simms Dr

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Christine Morin)
 - Dale Rumberger, current Principal of SCSS, is retiring at the end of this school year. Retirement party on June 19th.
 - Robert Holderbaum, current Principal of Silverbrook Elementary, is also retiring. Ice Cream Social, May 14th, 6:30 PM. New Silverbrook principal is current principal of Camelot Elementary in Annandale.
 - Ms Morin attended a Fair Grade (fairgrade.org) meeting. FairGrade seeks to change Fairfax County grading system to 10 point ranges (91-100 A, 81-90 B, etc) instead of the current system
 - Laurel Hill Elementary (LHES) is under construction; several exterior walls are up, parking lot paved.



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– Anyone interested in working on the committee for Laurel Hill Elementary School (LHES) should email Ms. Morin; ccmorin@aol.com.

– Spoke on foreign language programs including immersion programs.

– Thanked Supervisor Hyland and BoS for recent unanimous vote regarding middle school.

– May 23rd report to school board scheduled on comprehensive options for bridging the student capacity gap at South County Secondary.

– President Grogan asked if 2017 vs 2012 build dates were impacted by time value of money. At some point in the past it was said that \$10 million needed to be found. Ms Morin said the \$13 million now available in the budget could be used to bridge the cost of a middle school. Mr. Hyland concurred.

– June 2 Board of Supervisors meeting; June 9 School Board meeting

– Ms Morin noted emails from the community did reach and influence the decisions that were made.

• Land Use (Linwood Gorham)

– Mr. Gorham spoke of the LUC meeting which heard from speakers about Sunrise. Also noted the development at the triangle north of Gunston Plaza.

– Will be looking at development on/near Fullerton Road

– Will be looking into development along Telegraph Road near Davison Army Airfield. Expressed concerns of the distribution of density throughout the property.

– Route 1 south of Gunston Road: proposed development considerably denser than usual for our area

– Spoke of issues with current parcel off Lockport that had been providing heavy truck maintenance in violation of zoning or licensure. Also spoke of OSHA violations. A resident spoke that the interested party said they were seeking I-5. Also asked about “Land Bay D” rezoning; partial zoning allowed. Gerry will have his staff look into the possibility of partial rezoning. President Grogan spoke of lesser thought of impact of rezoning too strongly favoring residential over industrial; it will push certain service providers outside the community, raising costs for all for services like lawn care. Gerry spoke of upzoning discussions in areas where residential was expected that happened several years ago. Gerry agreed that getting rid of all industrial might adversely impact our quality of life. Consensus was that the community needs to strike a balance.

• Transportation and Public Safety (Shean Robinson)

– Mr Robinson was not in attendance, but asked President Grogan to express the federation’s disappointment that the Board of Supervisors voted to approve bus shelter advertising.

– **Resolution 08-15** opposing removal of the 4-way stop on Lorton Station Blvd at Percy Simms Dr. Resolution passed on unanimous voice vote.

• Discussion: Irma Clifton thought that there were plans to have a traffic light and “button” crosswalk. President Grogan noted that although the community and developer favored it, the plan submitted to the county did not have it.

– Adopt a highway applications

– Recent stabbing in Hagel Circle

• Environmental (Gloria Bannister)

– Friday, May 16, is Bike to Work Day: a Springfield site will provide support; www.waba.org

– Everyone can now recycle small electronics free at US Post Offices. Postage paid envelopes available.



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- Reminder that in our community runoff from car washing goes to storm drains. Recommended pulling car into driveways to allow lawns to filter runoff.
- Mr. Gorham: Pohick Bay Pool open house Sunday, May 18, 12-4; <http://morefuninlorton.com>.
- Ms. Bannister asked Mr. Gorham to speak of Eagle Festival: an eagle that had recovered from being shot was released, attendance was roughly same as last year; which broke 1-day attendance record for Mason Neck park
- President Grogan praised Linwood for developing <http://morefuninlorton.com>.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (Christine Morin)
 - The Annual LCAC Golf Event rain date is May 30th.
 - \$181,300+ raised for Feinstein Challenge
 - SeeDoo JetSki raffle: \$20 each or 6 for \$100, drawing July 12th, contact LCAC for tickets
 - LCAC is trying to support families struggling due to the economic downturn. Donations are needed. SCF members are requested to bring donations to the meeting this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

- May 28th BRAC meeting at Riverside Elementary; mainly about the new hospital
- Mt. Vernon/Lee Chamber of Commerce Breakfast <http://mtvernon-leechamber.org>
 - Thursday, May 15, 8AM at Celebrate Productions, 7220 Lockport Place, Lorton
- Parade Committee
 - First planning meeting held.
- Next Meetings
 - June 10th meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at South County Secondary School.
 - July 8th meeting is at 7:30 p.m. at South County Secondary School.
 - No meeting in August.
- Meeting was adjourned 8:31 p.m.

Note: South County Federation website is at <http://www.southcountyfederation.com/>.



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Members	Member Through	Present	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Member Through	Present
Afton Glen	2007	Yes	Gomolinski-Lally, Eleanor	2007	Yes
Barrington	2009	No	Fedorshick, John	2007	No
Crosspointe	2009	No	Clifton, Irma	2007	Yes
Gunston Corner THOA	2007	Yes	Meeker, Rose	2007	No
Gunston Manor	2009	No	Johnson, Dale	2007	Yes
Gunston Square	2007	No	Dreude, Thomas	2007	No
Hallowing Point Civic Assoc	2009	Yes			
Harbor View		No	Other Attendees		
Hollymeade	2007	No	Dave Albo		Yes
Laurel Hill Community Association	2007	Yes	Gerry Hyland (Mt. Vernon Supervisor)		Yes
Laurel Highlands		No	Tom Howard (Supv. Hyland's Office)		Yes
Lorton Station	2009	Yes	Pat Herrity (Springfield Supervisor)		Yes
Lorton Valley		Yes	Anna Johnson (Senator Barker's Office)		Yes
Mason Neck Civic Association	2007	Yes	Earl Flanagan (Mt. Vernon Planning Comm)		Yes
Newington Woods		Yes	Tim Sargent (At-Large Planning Comm)		Yes
Non-Aligned Caucus (see upper right)	2007	Yes	Amber Healy (Connection Newspapers)		Yes
Occoquan Overlook	2007	No	Conrad Meehan (Enviro-Solutions)		Yes
Overlook Point	2007	No			
Saratoga Community Association	2007	Yes			
Shepherd Hills	2007	No			
Springfield Oaks	2007	No			
Shirley Acres	2007	Yes			
Silverbrook Hunt	2009	No			
Southpointe	2009	Yes			
Spring Hill	2007	Yes			
Stone Mannor	2009	No			
Wildwood	2007	No			
Williamsburg Square	2009	No			



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Resolution 08-15

Resolution to Express the Opposition of South County Federation to the removal of the 4-way stop sign on Lorton Station Blvd.

Whereas Lorton Station Blvd. is a 4 lane road connecting Pohick Road to Lorton Road and runs through the center of the northern section of Lorton Station Community Association.

Whereas Lorton Station Blvd. has a posted 35 mph speed limit which is frequently exceeded.

Whereas due to the tremendous residential and commercial development, including the Lorton Town Center located on Lorton Station Blvd., which has taken place during the past 5 years in this part of the County, Lorton Station Blvd. has become a heavily traveled road.

Whereas several years ago the Community asked Senator Puller, Delegate Albo and Supervisor Hyland to install a 4 way stop on Lorton Station Blvd. at its intersection with Percy Simms Drive in order to permit both community residents to cross the street safely at that location, as well to permit the ingress and egress of that section of the community by vehicular traffic, and such traffic control device was installed.

Whereas Lorton Station Blvd. was constructed by the developer Kettler, who is now ready to turn over the road to VDOT.

Whereas VDOT is insisting that Kettler remove the 4 way stop before it will take possession of Lorton Station Blvd. and return the performance bond to the developer.

Whereas the community residents, commercial tenants and users of the Lorton Town Center believe that removing the 4 way stop will create safety problems for users of Lorton Station Blvd.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved** that the South County Federation opposes the removal of the 4 way stop sign as a traffic control device on Lorton Station Blvd.

[Resolution passed by unanimous voice vote]