

**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, July 8th, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**** MINUTES****

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

President Grogan called the meeting to order at 7:37. Noted no August meeting. Noted that several people will have good news tonight. Commended Dale Johnson on successes in terms of membership. Will be collecting stats for the communities in terms of numbers of household. A few times during the meeting, President Grogan recognized attendees from Supervisor Hyland and Herrity's offices, Senator George Barker's office and Planning Commissioner Tim Sargent.

Approval of June meeting minutes tabled to September meeting.

Financial Report: Gloria Bannister; Treasurer. Tabled to September meeting.

Vice President's Report: Dale Johnson; VP. Read from July South County Chronicle "Viewpoint" letter by Lowell Curtis. Thanked Neal for the letter and called for current members to reach out to their non-member homeowner associations.

Announce attendance sheets at each table.

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION (15 Minutes)

Supervisor Gerry Hyland introduced his good friend and strong South County Middle School supporter Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly.

Chairman Gerry Connolly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

Thanked Supervisor Hyland for his introduction and friendship. Noted that he was himself involved in his own HOA; Mantua, when there was discovered fuel leaking into the grounds of his community and from that involvement eventually ran for the BoS. Said that seeing the failure in response to Katrina is one of the reasons he decided to run for congress. Spoke of the closing of Lorton Prison very much helped by the current congressman, Tom Davis. Noted that in speaking with Irma Clifton that the Lorton Arts Foundation is resounding success; all spaces leased. World famous ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov performed. The result of the decision to close the prison AND preserve the space has had a positive impact on the area. Spoke of BRAC in terms of it being similar to a business bringing 19,500 jobs, but without the community having input by way of hearing. Testified at BRAC hearing to call upon the BRAC planners to consider the traffic impact of BRAC. Spoke of some compromises won and planning the county is doing to alleviate the traffic impact. Spoke of the South County Middle School, the \$10 million, and the recent success fighting against the "wing" solution. Noted the South County Middle School motion passed in the county board by a rare unanimous vote. Federation voice was part of reaching that consensus. Read from correspondence from School Board staff regarding possible 2009 vote to sell bonds starting in 2010 for the middle school. Encouraged that the school board staff is looking to find options to get the middle school built. Spoke of projections of 10% decrease in assessments and that that is a drastic change from just a few years ago when there were increases of more than 25%. This will mean there will be county budget revenue decrease that will require changes likely resulting in spending cuts, tax hikes, or a combination of the two. The community needs to have a dialogue about priorities. Rebutted at length a recent Washington Post editorial calling into question whether the foreclosures in the county are such that the county should intervene.

The Chairman took some questions:

Question about GSA/BRAC: Hyland- No hard info on GSA site possibility. Chairman Connolly- Army seemed amenable, but GSA has been difficult.

Comment about the land assessment increase. Connolly noted although the land is worth more than the structure, but trying to address the difference in one round was not wise and caused odd assessment changes. Hyland noted, Connolly concurred, that the county could not charge a different rate for land versus structure.

Christine Morin again thanked Chairman Connolly for his strong support for the middle school.

The federation applauded (literally) Connolly's support of the south county area, especially the middle school.

Supervisor Hyland:

Strongly defended county staff regarding allegations made by someone in the community of improper relationships with the Alexander Company. Hyland noted he knows the staffer involved and has faith in him.

Noted the federation will be addressing resolutions regarding BRAC nominations. Linwood noted that county staff and federation are of mainly the same mind.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Christine Morin)
 - Noted that the vote for the middle school was a late night for the school board and took place at roughly 1:40 AM. Spoke of the next steps for the middle school. The goal is in sight by not yet achieved. There is work to be done. Chairman Storck asked Christine to thank the community, Supervisors Hyland and Herrity and Chairman. He is not in attendance due to being on a well deserved family vacation.
 - Next hurdle is the school board vote on capital improvements plan (CIP)
 - Elementary Boundary: Newington Forest, Halley, Silverbrook, Lorton Station, Gunston
 - Little different this time, fewer recommended options instead of numerous possibilities
 - GT Center
 - President Grogan noted again that the struggle is not over. Thanked Christine for thanking the Gerrys and noted that this has been THEE issue for the federation and that the federation needs your energies for
- Land Use (Linwood Gorham) (15 Minutes)
 - Presentation by Colechester Company. Colechester is seeking additional 24 month extension of SE 2004-MV-011. Linwood: the position of the land use committee is
 - **Resolution 08-28** opposing more time for Colechester on exception. Background: Federation had opposed the exception in the past. Motion passed 26-24-1
 - Presentation by regarding increasing Hope Church Child Care capacity from 99 to 250 students. Noted that the Church assumed the 99 capacity was at any one time, when it was in fact throughout the day. The presenters spoke of the likely changes that would address traffic concerns and of the need for School Age Child Care(SACC). Linwood noted that the connector road one presenter spoke of was not a done deal. Linwood noted that the federation is not opposed in general to a child care center, but wants to see how things go when the 99 capacity center opens before approving more capacity. President Grogan noted the federation supports the church and appreciates their contributions to the community, but would like to have the benefit of time to see how things work out with Sunrise and the 99 capacity center. Noted the left across Route 123 is tricky enough as it

is. An attendee noted that there is a strong need for school age child care and feels the timing of parents dropping off children might mitigate some of the concerns about the left. It was determined that there will be 3 shifts of 150, 88 and 150 students. Crosspointe's representative asked that the motion be amended to remove the wording in relation to the baptistery, fence and picnic area from the resolution. There are plans for a summer camp with predicted enrollment of 80-90. Several attendees noted the community is looking forward to the SACC at New Hope. Several residents noted the traffic issues with the left turn. This resolution will be replaced by a substitute motion deleting language regarding fence, baptismal and picnic area and not opposing capacity increase so long as there is a 125 student at any one time cap. Substitute motion passed 36-10-5

- Substitute **Resolution 08-23**, like the one in agenda, amended as above, passed 36-10-5.
- Presentations related to tonight's resolutions regarding BRAC APRs. Linwood noted that the issues for four resolutions tonight bring up similar concerns to the federation. But they could be differentiated into two subsets. Linwood noted that although LUC is opposed to the 7S and 6S, he noted 7S is closer to what the community wants, but not quite there.
- Resolutions opposing BRAC nominations in the area unless community concerns are adequately addressed; primary concerns written into the resolutions include transportation infrastructure, building height and density(FAR)
 - **Resolution 08-24** Opposing BRAC APR08-IV-3LP: Passed 41-0-6
 - **Resolution 08-25** Opposing BRAC APR08-IV-4LP: Passed 41-0-6
 - **Resolution 08-26** Opposing BRAC APR08-IV-7S: Passed 39-5-3
 - **Resolution 08-27** Opposing BRAC APR08-IV-6S: Passed 42-0-5
 - **08-24+25=Route 1, 08-26+27=Boston Blvd (off Fullerton, near CostCo)**
- Transportation and Public Safety (Shean Robinson) (5 Minutes)
 - Parade wrapup (tabled to September)
- **Resolution 08-29** rename "Environmental" to "Parks and Environmental" (tabled to September)
- Environmental/Parks and Environmental (Gloria Bannister) (5 Minutes)

Adjourned at 10:13.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (Anda Ostergard) (5 Minutes)

NEW BUSINESS

- Next meetings (meeting through end of 2008 at South County Middle School)
 - No meeting in August
 - September 9th
 - October 14th (candidates' night)

[**THIS RESOLUTION WAS SUBSTITUTED**]

South County Federation Resolution Regarding New Hope Church and an amendment to (SP 2005-MV-010).

Whereas, Sarah Hall appeared before the South County Federation Land Use Committee to request that The South County Federation support an amendment to (SP 2005-MV-010). The amendment would increase the number of children that may be enrolled in the childcare center from 100 to 250. It would also permit the construction of an outdoor gathering area with baptistery and a covered picnic area.

Whereas, the New Hope Church has not yet opened with its approved 100 student child care center.

Whereas, The South County Federation and nearby residents would like to see the traffic impact of the approved 100 student child care center before supporting an additional 150 students.

Whereas, there are plans for Sunrise Senior Housing immediately adjacent to proposed baptistery and a covered picnic area.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the proposed baptistery and a covered picnic area will be too close and therefore an infringement upon Sunrise Senior Housing residents.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved,** The South County Federation opposes the proposed amendments to (SP 2005-MV-010).

**South County Federation Resolution Regarding
BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-3LP).**

Whereas, Lynne Strobel appeared before the South County Federation Land Use Committee to request The South County Federation support BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-3LP).

Whereas, The South County Federation believes office space will bring high quality jobs to our community, we support the addition of a reasonable amount of high quality office space.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the proposed maximum building height of 200 feet in the nomination is extreme. The Federation believes new development should be consistent with current development and maintain the “below the tree line” character of the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation wants to provide a density incentive to develop to office but believes the proposed density in the nomination of 2.5 FAR is extreme, out of character with the community and will cause an unnecessary burden on the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes that this nomination is too fragmented and inconsistent with surroundings. The Federation believes a proposal that is this different from its current type of land use needs to include the area around it, or address how to make the different types of use work with each other.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the transportation infrastructure in the area is inadequate for this nomination.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved,** The South County Federation opposes BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-3LP) and any other nomination in the area until:

- Transportation infrastructure in the area is adequate to support it.
- Building height is limited to something below 75 feet.
- Density is limited to something below a FAR of 1.
- The nomination includes a large contiguous consolidation of properties.

Resolution 08-25

**South County Federation Resolution Regarding
BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-4LP).**

Whereas, Lynne Strobel appeared before the South County Federation Land Use Committee to request The South County Federation support BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-4LP).

Whereas, The South County Federation believes office space will bring high quality jobs to our community, we support the addition of a reasonable amount of high quality office space.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the proposed maximum building height of 200 feet in the nomination is extreme. The Federation believes new development should be consistent with current development and maintain the “below the tree line” character of the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation wants to provide a density incentive to develop to office but believes the proposed density in the nomination of 2.5 FAR is extreme, out of character with the community and will cause an unnecessary burden on the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes that this nomination is too inconsistent with its surroundings. The Federation believes a proposal that is this different from current land uses, needs to address how to make the different uses work with each other.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the transportation infrastructure in the area is inadequate for this nomination.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved,** The South County Federation opposes BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-4LP) and any other nomination in the area until:

- Transportation infrastructure in the area is adequate to support it.
- Building height is limited to something below 75 feet.
- Density is limited to something below a FAR of 1.

**South County Federation Resolution Regarding
BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-7S).**

Whereas, Lynne Strobel appeared before the South County Federation Land Use Committee to request The South County Federation support BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-7S).

Whereas, The South County Federation believes office space will bring high quality jobs to our community, we support the addition of a reasonable amount of high quality office space.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the proposed maximum building height of 120 feet in the nomination is too tall. The Federation believes new development should be consistent with current development and maintain the “below the tree line” character of the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation wants to provide a density incentive to develop to office but believes the proposed density in the nomination of 2 FAR is too high, out of character with the community and will cause an unnecessary burden on the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the transportation infrastructure in the area is inadequate for this nomination.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved,** The South County Federation opposes BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-7S) and any other nomination in the area until:

- Transportation infrastructure in the area is adequate to support it.
- Building height is limited to something below 75 feet.
- Density is limited to something below a FAR of 1.

Resolution 08-27

**South County Federation Resolution Regarding
BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-6S).**

Whereas, Salmon River Partners, LLC. c/o Steven W. Schmitz has submitted BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-6S) for consideration in Fairfax County.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes office space will bring high quality jobs to our community, we support the addition of a reasonable amount of high quality office space.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the proposed maximum building height of 200 feet is excessive and disagrees with the veridical approach of the nomination. The Federation believes new development should be consistent with other development south of the Fairfax County Parkway and maintain the “below the tree line” character of the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation wants to provide a density incentive to develop to office but believes the proposed density in the nomination of 1.2 FAR is too high, out of character with the community and will cause an unnecessary burden on the community.

Whereas, The South County Federation believes the transportation infrastructure in the area is inadequate for this nomination.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved,** The South County Federation opposes BRAC APR Nomination (08-1V-6S) and any other nomination in the area until:

- Transportation infrastructure in the area is adequate to support it.
- Building height is limited to something below 75 feet.
- Density is limited to something below a FAR of 1.

Resolution 08-28

**South County Federation Resolution Regarding Colchester Land Company
(SE 2004 –MV-011) Request for Additional Time**

Whereas, The South County Federation opposed (SE 2004 –MV-011) when it was originally approved.

Whereas, The South County Federation can find no change in circumstances that would cause them to change their position.

Now, therefore, be it **Resolved,** The South County Federation reaffirms its opposition to (SE 2004 –MV-011) and opposes any request for additional time.

Establishing the Parks and Environmental Committee and its Governing Charter

Whereas the President, under the By-Laws of the Federation, has recommended the establishment of the Environmental committee for calendar year 2008 under the provision of Article IX, Section 2 of the Federation By Laws;

Whereas the membership of the South County Federation has voted to establish the Environmental Committee (Resolution 08-05: *Establishing the Environmental Committee and its Governing Charter*);

Whereas the Executive Committee has determined that it is beneficial for the community to become more active in local parks and recreation planning, and recommends modifying Resolution 08-05 in order to reflect this goal:

Whereas the Executive Committee has determined that renaming the Environmental Committee to be the Parks and Environmental Committee will better reflect its modified charter;

Whereas the Executive Committee has developed the guidelines outlined herein for the functioning of the Parks and Environmental Committee and established the procedures to ensure proper functioning of the Committee;

Therefore, the membership of the South County Federation approves the following functions and guidelines for the Committee as revised. This charter is effective until rescinded and may be modified by the vote of the general membership.

Functions and Procedures of the Parks and Environmental Committee

1. **Function.** The function of the Parks and Environmental Committee is to develop and recommend to the Federation membership positions on the local parks, recreation areas and environmental issues that impact the membership area and communities of the Federation. The functions of the Parks and Environmental Committee include the following:

a. Gather information concerning local parks and recreation areas; identify and resolve, if possible, issues related to current functioning and proposed modifications to parks and recreation areas within the Federation membership boundaries, and keep the Executive Committee and the general membership informed of these issues;

b. Gather information concerning environmental issues, to include the Chesapeake Bay watershed, landfills and sanitation facilities, air pollution, and other environmental hazards and keep the Executive Committee and the general membership informed of these issues and the status of major Environmental projects within the Federation area.

c. Review the implications of the County Comprehensive Plan and amendments to the plan on parks, recreation areas and the environment within the Federation membership boundaries; identify and resolve, if possible, issues related to the plan or amendments; and make recommendations concerning the Federation position concerning the plan or amendments.

d. Review and make recommendations on the Federation position with regard to any legislative or regulatory changes effecting parks and recreation areas. Review and make recommendations on the Federation position with regard to any environmental issues, provisions or practices.

e. Draft resolutions which identify the critical issues and, if applicable, the resolution thereof; and state the recommended Federation position with regard to the issue.

f. Execute the Federation responsibilities for clean up of the Federation-adopted highways and waterways.

g. Serve as a member so the Land Use Committee and provides advise on the Environmental issues related to land use applications before the committee.

2. **Membership of the Parks and Environmental Committee.** The Members of the Parks and Environmental Committee are the Chair and not more than eight selected Members of the Federation in good standing as defined by the Federation By-Laws. The President shall select these Members from among the Federation general membership (homeowner associations, civic associations, or non-aligned caucus) and shall appoint them to the Parks and Environmental Committee for a period of one year terminating following the January general membership meeting. The President shall also select an individual belonging to each of those selected Members to represent that Member on the Committee.

a. Only the individual members of the Parks and Environmental Committee may vote on the position of the Parks and Environmental Committee and each member shall have one vote. No member of the Parks and Environmental Committee may cast more than one vote.

b. Other Members and individuals may attend the Parks and Environmental Committee meetings, but do not have a vote in committee.

c. Should an appointed member of the Parks and Environmental Committee miss three consecutive meetings or over one half of the meetings in any eight month period, both the member and the individual are removed from the committee membership unless reappointed by the Parks and Environmental Committee Chair with the concurrence of the President.

d. The Chair of the Parks and Environmental Committee shall be a voting member of the Land Use Committee and will provide the Committee information and identify issues with regard to the Parks and Environmental implications of the respective land use cases. The Chair of the Parks and Environmental Committee will not be a voting member if the President has appointed a Member to the Land Use Committee of which the Chair is also a member.

3. **Committee Procedures.** The Parks and Environmental Committee shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

a. The proceedings of the Parks and Environmental Committee shall be open only to the general Federation membership as defined by the Federation By-Laws. Concerned citizens who are not members or individual members may address the Parks and Environmental Committee by invitation only.

b. Applicants for Parks and Environmental cases shall be invited to make presentations to the Committee concerning their application.

4. **Responsibilities of the Committee Chairman.** The Chairman is responsible to the President and the membership for the operation of the Parks and Environmental Committee. The Chairman shall:

- a. Set the agenda of the Parks and Environmental Committee and conduct regular meetings.
- b. Coordinate with members of local government as necessary to ensure the committee is aware of environmental issues and arranging for developing the facts and implications of the issues. The Chair shall also arrange for the appropriate county and state officials to address the Parks and Environmental Committee and the general membership.
- c. Organize and direct the Parks and Environmental Committee in the execution of the committee functions and responsibilities. The Chair may establish sub-committees comprised of individual members of the Parks and Environmental Committee to determine the facts and issues concerning individual issues and make recommendations to the full Parks and Environmental Committee concerning the disposition of the case.
- d. Appoint from the membership of the committee a Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining minutes of the committee meetings and shall provide them to the Federation Secretary, who is responsible for maintain the records of the Federation.
- e. Draft or shall appoint an individual member of the committee to draft resolutions reflecting the deliberations and positions of the Parks and Environmental Committee for presentation to the general membership.
- f. Present Parks and Environmental Committee resolutions to the membership. The Chair shall accept or reject friendly amendments from the floor. Should the facts concerning the case change between the time the Parks and Environmental Committee decides upon an issue and the presentation of the resolution at the general membership meeting, the Chair may elect on his/her own authority to table the prepared resolution and offer a resolution to defer action and request that appropriate government official defer their action.

5. **Responsibilities of the Committee Membership.** The primary responsibility of the individual members is to develop the best possible position for the Federation as a whole. This position shall consider the full range of issues, pros and cons; and consistency with approved plans and Federation prior positions. The overriding concern shall be to represent the interests of the Federation as a whole. The recommended Parks and Environmental Committee position need not be unanimously approved.

- a. No member of the Parks and Environmental Committee may represent any view before any governmental entity as a representative of the Federation unless the member's position reflects the position of the Federation as approved according to the By-Laws of the Federation.
- b. Membership in the Parks and Environmental Committee does not prohibit any individual from expressing their view to a governmental entity as an individual or as a member of another organization.
- c. Individual members that are directly affected by the issues before the committee shall recuse themselves from the vote. Directly affected means that the individual member is the applicant, is the owner of the property subject to the application, or is an investor in or owner in the business that owns the property subject to the application or a related party to the applicant or applicant's representative. Landowners in the affected area need not recuse themselves.