

**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, October 14th, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**** MINUTES****

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

President Grogan called the meeting to order at 7:34. Thanked everyone for coming out. Regretted to announce a change to the announced agenda. Keith Fimian was unable to make it.

Financial Report: Gloria Bannister; Treasurer. Balance: \$9,251. Reports were distributed.

Announce attendance sheet distribution

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION (15 Minutes)

Chairman Gerry Connolly

NOTE: Chairman Connolly attendance tonight is as the Democratic candidate to succeed Tom Davis representing the 11th Virginia Congressional district.

Chairman Connolly spoke for several minutes about his positions on issues for both the nation and our local area. Areas of focus were the subprime mortgage and credit crises, the projected county budget shortfall and imminent substantial decrease in revenue, criticized the current US Presidential administration's failure to respond strongly to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, their partisan revision and/or censorship of reports from government scientists, and the lack of regulatory responsibility. Noting his good responsive service to local government, he said he would like to take that service to the national stage representing the area in the US House. He noted his experience working for the Foreign service committee will serve him well in making decisions on how to deal with North Korea. He asked those in attendance to vote Connolly on November 4th.

Several questions were taken from the audience on the following subjects: energy independence, alternative energy, credit default swaps, committee assignments, whether keeping the wall of the old Lorton prison intact is required, South County Middle School, bailout plan change wishlist, BRAC/traffic.

Mike Grogan thanked Chairman Connolly for his strong support of our community. Connolly noted that he had a lot of support from Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland

Asked Chairman Connolly about the chairman's meeting earlier today regarding the budget with county budget staff and the county executive and asked him to briefly address this issue.

Chairman Connolly: County Executive drew up a list of \$60 million in reduced spending and \$25 million from rainy day fund. Possibility of one day furlough currently projected for January 2, 2009.

Upcoming budget "town hall" to be held October 21st and SCSS.

Received a proposal from Conrad Meehan (EnviroSolutions) that he thought was good and looks forward to county staff reviewing it shortly. Hyland asked Tom Howard to make a summary available to the federation.

Referred to several issues addressed in the handout distributed by Tom Howard.

Mulligan Road: link from Telegraph to Route 1 to give back the access taken away when Woodlawn Road was closed by Fort Belvoir over base security concerns.

BRAC has gone with Mark Center instead of GSA site near Franconia/Springfield Metro.

Congratulated Tim Rizer and the newly formed South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

Delegate Dave Albo inquired about local transportation projects that were to be funded. Hyland promised to look into that and get back to Delegate Albo.

Hyland recognized his fellow Supervisor Sharon Bulova(Vice Chair of the Board) who spoke briefly about the current and coming years' fiscal challenges. She confirmed Chairman Connolly's statement that localities in Virginia by law are not allowed to run deficits.

Longtime community friend Marcia Hansen will be able to attend the party in December.

President Grogan noted Marcia Hansen started the Federation. He recognized Delegate Dave Albo. Albo noted the busy agenda and said he was just there to observe tonight.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Christine Morin)
 - Continuing excellent progress on construction of ES.
 - Hoping for full day kindergarten, not ensured as of yet
 - Noted letters that will be distributed in backpacks regarding ES boundary study
 - Gifted Talented programs also may be subject to change
 - November 11 7PM at SCSS auditorium
 - December 1 7PM at SCSS
 - This boundary study is for elementary schools only
 - Lorton Station Principal retiring
 - Middle School
 - County rejected Clark public/private partnership
 - County has its own plan for the middle school
 - Community members need to continue to be activists for the middle school
 - Neal McBride asked if the chances are good for the middle school or is there a risk of not getting a middle school due to budget issues

- Gerry Hyland noted that the CIP is a very vital part of the process
- Dave Albo said the school board said, “find your own money”, which has come, and asked if the middle school is not put on the CIP, will the money go away
- Hyland noted the only use for \$10 million allocated to build a free-standing middle school
- Delegate Albo noted that even though a lot has been done to “pave the road” to the middle school, the community needs to follow through and be seen and heard at the remaining steps. He noted that neither he or Senator barker have seen the ~\$3 million they secured in Richmond in the official school board documents
- County Board Vice Chair Bulova noted that the board sometimes hears the silence of a community as apathy.
- Principal selection for ES to take place in two weeks
 - School staff will interviewing several principals
 - Community will get a chance to address the selected principal
- Land Use (Linwood Gorham & Dale Johnson) (15 Minutes)
 - Next month/Coming Up
 - Sunrise
 - FCPS Dept of Transportation seeks to park some buses on the old school facility
- Transportation and Public Safety (Shean Robinson) (5 Minutes)
- Environmental/Parks and Environmental (Gloria Bannister) (5 Minutes)
 - Mason Neck State Park Fall Festival Saturday
 - Thanked Mason Neck Lions Club for Old Colchester clean-up last weekend

PRESENTATION BY ALEXANDER COMPANIES

Chris Caperton gave background on Laurel Hill Adaptive Re-use and directed interested parties to his contact info on distributed info sheet. Noted the federation is one the most organized and active groups they have dealt with. Noted they are giving same presentation to numerous interested organizations. An overview of the presentation was distributed.

Question about impact of the retail competition on surrounding retail centers within 5 miles.

Comment about apartments and townhouses needed to offset increased cost of re-use. Delegate Albo suggested that if fewer re-use structures are preserved, perhaps less residential will be needed for offset. Urged consideration of looking into viable alternatives. Alexander Company noted that some of the money for LAF re-use came from the county. Their ‘charter’ did not ask them to consider non-state and non-federal funding. Tim Sargent noted LAF had better inherent tax benefits than they would have gotten with historic preservation. He also noted the impact/cost/schedule changes that could come from selective preservation (??). In terms of whether the plan is feasible, Tim Sargent noted that stakeholders will have to balance preservation interests with community interests.

President Grogran noted that the issue of sustainability should be as important as feasibility. Noted that this is not and should not really be the concern of a developer, but the community.

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Tim Sargent noted that the comprehensive plan says that if the stakeholders decide that the plan under consideration is not seen as viable and sustainable, there is flexibility to preserve fewer buildings. Alexander Company is providing professional research and experience.

Irma noted that the moment the MOA was signed, the area came under “historic overlay” and noted the Chairman is committed to the MOA.

Adjournment at 9:57.

OLD BUSINESS

Lorton Community Action Center (Tim Rizer)

November 1st LCAC Fall Gala at Workhouse Arts Center

NEXT MEETINGS (November at SCSS / December at Workhouse Arts Center)

November 11th

December 9th Holiday Party & 25th Anniversary Celebration

	Member Associations	Member Through	Here	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Paid Thru	Here
1	Afton Glen		Yes	Clifton, Irma		Yes
2	Barrington			Lally, Eleanor		
3	Crosspointe		Yes			
4	Gunston Corner THOA					
5	Gunston Manor					
6	Gunston Square		Yes			
7	Hallowing Point Civic Assoc			Other Attendees		
8	Harbor View					
9	Hollymeade			Gerry Hyland (Mount Vernon Supervisor)		Yes
10	Laurel Hill Community Association		Yes	Tom Howard (Hyland's Office)		Yes
11	Laurel Highland			George Barker (State Senator)		
12	Lorton Station			Gerry Conolly (Fairfax County Board Chair)		Yes
13	Lorton Valley		Yes	James Walkinshaw (Connolly)		Yes
14	Mason Neck Civic Association		Yes	Dave Albo (Delegate)		Yes
15	Newington Forest		Yes	Lowell Curtis		Yes
16	Newington Woods			Conrad Meehan (EnviroSolutions)		Yes
17	Non-Aligned Caucus (see upper right)			Greg Werkheiser (Phoenix Project)		Yes
18	Occoquan Overlook			Tim Sargent (Planning Commissioner)		Yes
19	Overlook Point			Ed Freer (The Alexander Company)		Yes
20	Pohick Square		Yes	Brad Elmer (Alexander Company)		Yes
21	Saratoga Community Association			Chris Caperton (Fairfax County DPZ)		Yes
22	Shepherd Hills			Leanna O'Donnell (FairfaxCounty DPZ)		Yes
23	Springfield Oaks			Mr. Christian (Hampton Acres)		Yes
24	Shirley Acres					
25	Silverbrook Hunt					
26	Southpointe		Yes			
27	Spring Hill		Yes			
28	Stone Manor					
29	Wildwood		Yes			
30	Williamsburg Square		Yes			