



P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199

Meeting at Workhouse Arts Center

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

*****MINUTES*****

BOARD REPORTS

President Grogan called the meeting to order at 7:32. Attendance was not taken. It was clear a quorum was present.

President Grogan recognized VIPs in attendance including Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Supervisors' Board Vice Chair Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Pat Herrity, School Board member Liz Bradsher, School Board Chair Dan Storck, some of the co-chairs of the Mt. Vernon Council, Delegate Dave Albo and planning commissioners Tim Sargeant and Earl Flanagan.

He recognized and welcomed our guest of honor, Marcia Hanson, founder of the Federation of Lorton Communities, of which the South County Federation is a legacy.

He then announced the only pressing official business requiring federation vote would be the election of federation officers.

He introduced Alan Reed, South County Secondary School Choral Music director. Mr. Reed informed the audience that the South County Madrigals choral group would be performing four pieces under the direction of Madrigals member and President Antonio Rodriguez.

President Grogan ceded the floor to Nominating Committee chair Linwood Gorham.

Linwood thanked the other nominating committee members Dale Johnson & Irma Clifton.

He announced that the slate chosen by the nominating committee is:

President	Mike Grogan
Vice President	Peter Dickinson
Recording Secretary	Alan Salisbury
Corresponding Secretary	Christine Morin
Treasurer	Calvin Smith

He then called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

He then called, without objection, for a vote on the election of the slate.

The slate was elected with a unanimous voice vote.



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He thanked current officers Gloria Bannister, Treasurer, and Dale Johnson, Vice President, for their service to the federation and welcomed new and returning officers.

Linwood thanked the officers' families and noted that their support of the often demanding schedules and duties of the officers and committee chairs is vital to the success of the federation. He then returned the floor to President Grogan.

In recognition of 25 years of organized South County community involvement, President Grogan spoke at length about the nature of the South County Federation.

Who is the South County Federation? Most importantly we are our members which has grown this year, thanks to the hard work of outgoing VP Dale Johnson, and now represents about 10,000 households. Dale's work has brought back former members from Lorton Valley and Newington Forest.

What do we do? We provide a forum for residents, officials and interested parties to bring to the attention of our communities issues and events that can impact us: policy changes, pending decisions of elected boards, proposed construction projects, educational issues, and community issues such as poverty and public safety.

What have we accomplished? The federation and its predecessor, the Federation of Lorton Communités, has had a vital role in the following: conversion of the old Lorton prison, closure of the landfill, restricting the incinerator to require state of the art pollution control technology, improve the (formerly) frequent odor problems with the Noman Cole sewage treatment plant, attracted the future Inova HealthPlex, helped in the swap that lead to Meadowwood. And, for 20 years, threw a parade for the community on Independence Day. Federation thanks John Fedorshik for a great job of planning and running the parade in recent years in which it has grown tremendously.

What will we do? We will: get a South County middle school, continue our involvement in Laurel Hill adaptive re-use, deal with traffic issues including BRAC, work toward closure of the quarry, urge the county to designate a police service area specifically for South County, monitor our parks/streams/ woods and other environmental concerns, continue to count on the tremendous support the federation has always received from its greatest friend, Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland. He then ceded the floor to Gerry.

Gerry noted the Madrigals made him reflect that we are often able to do much more when working in concert than alone. He recalled many years ago encountering a woman passionately involved with issues affecting the Lorton community. He knew from the first time he met her that he would much rather have her working for him than against. So, when he won election to the Mount Vernon District Supervisor seat on the county board, he hired Marcia Hanson. At the end of his remarks, he received a standing ovation.



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President Grogan introduced and ceded the floor to Marcia Hanson.

Marcia started by calling to join her at the podium someone who was instrumental in her efforts to improve the south county community, Phil Downs. She counted on his contacts and resources as a longtime resident when she, a new resident, sought to involve herself. She noted that without Phil Downs, we would not be here tonight celebrating. She recognized and thanked many of the people over 25 years that have been a part of making the south county area what it is today. Among them: Phil Downs, Linda Seton, Laurie Frost-Wilson, Harry Lattimore.

At the conclusion of her remarks, the audience gave Marcia a standing ovation.

President Grogan spoke the names of past presidents of the South County Federation and the Federation of Lorton Communities, asking those in attendance to come forward. A picture was taken of those past presidents in attendance.

Irma Clifton presented to Marcia a framed lithograph print of the Workhouse Arts Center.

Gerry read South County Federation Resolution 06-31 recognizing and honoring Marcia Hanson. This resolution was passed unanimously at the November 14, 2006, South County Federation meeting.

President Grogan thanked all those involved in planning and smoothly running tonight's event specifically noting Tricia Barry of the Workhouse Arts Center, Gerry Hyland, Tom Howard, Supervisors Bulova and Herrity, current federation board members and committee chairs especially Christine Morin, Rob Robertory, Tim Rizer, John Fedorshik, Sean Robinson, Irma Clifton, the South County Madrigals, Conrad Meehan, and the event's business sponsors.

The celebration concluded with John Fedorshik reading a newspaper clipping from September 7, 1983 noting the inaugural meeting of the Federation of Lorton Communities on September 12th.

- Next Meetings
 - January 13th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.
 - February 10th meeting is at South County Secondary School.
- Adjournment

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