

P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199

**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, February 10th, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Call to Order/President's Report: Michael Grogan; President.

Called to order at 7:34.

President Grogan noted the active participation in committees. Noted there are some committee positions left. He looks forward to federation taking on a number of issues this year in areas that have not been addressed for some time.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes. Recording Secretary noted some minor changes. Dale Johnson is no longer in the non-aligned category. He is a Spring Hill resident. Noted attendance of Cavanaugh Crossing in January. Allow Peter Dickinson to revise/extend his remarks in remembrance of Greg Lyle. Passed via voice vote.

Financial Report: Calvin Smith, Treasurer. \$5 cash, \$6456.39 TIAA/CREFF, \$2626.12 checking, balance of \$9,087.51

Vice President's Report: Peter Dickinson; VP.

Distribute attendance sign-in sheet

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION (10 Minutes)

Gerry Hyland (Mount Vernon Supervisor)

Middle school in on the CIP. Historically, these school bonds have passed with a comfortable margin, but these are tough financial times. Gerry urged the community to campaign for the bond issue. The county will as usual put together information for voters about the bonds.

Next step is to get the county, schools and parks together to arrange the pending land swap. A possible complication is the park property to be swapped is currently host to lighted ballfields. Assume the parks would like to have these at the new site. There is adjacent neighborhood opposition. The parks have asked to have language included in the comprehensive plan to allow ballfields. Gerry brought the subject forth to give us a heads up about possible roadblocks on the path to the middle school. Noted the federation is on record as being opposed to lighted ballfields at the site.

Waiting on financial information in regard to Laurel Hill adaptive re-use.

Temporary bus parking request Appears to be reasonable use considering 3-5 years use, 30-35 buses.

Envirosolutions will be addressing LUC regarding their proposal. Surprised at staff(county) reaction of consideration of the county trying to do what ES is proposing. The county is not generally in the business of competing with local businesses.

Staff has requested a delay in coming before the LUC so that they have finalized procedures. It was noted that the changes will be decided upon the day after the LUC meeting in question.

Budget: urged the federation to be involved in the budget process. Suggested the federation ask for a police substation be placed on the CIP. This is likely the most important budget process Gerry has known.

Townhall summary. Commended Dale and Clint for representing the federation at an information table. Noted there was a fair attendance by those in the south county. Video of the event is available for viewing online.

[Member recognized the good work of Tom Howard in recent federation successes. – Ed.]

Gerry appreciated our recognition of his tireless staffer Tom Howard.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Peter Dickinson for Christine Morin) (15 Minutes)
 - Have met with new Laurel Hill ES principal and some parents recently
 - Rising 6th graders can remain at their current schools
 - Elementary school naming public meeting: 7PM, March 2nd
 - Elementary Boundary study Feb 19th decision will be made by board
 - Full day K or SAC may be on the budget chopping block if no resistance is heard from us
 - Middle school now on CIP; much thanks to Gerry Hyland and Tom Howard
 - SLEEP public input process: community meetings, online survey
 - School fiscal budget hearings at end of March, budget to be adopted in April
- Land Use (Linwood Gorham) (10 Minutes)
 - Adaptive re-use, middle school land swap
 - Temporary Schoolbus Parking presentation by Tim Parker of county school transportation
 - Probably won't mean current buses parked at various spots in our area will end
 - Looking to park mainly less than full sized buses
 - Interesting stat: the county school transportation system moves twice as many people as Greyhound moves in a day; (as many as Greyhound in morning, then again in afternoon).
 - In many parking sites, drivers replace their bus with their personal vehicle
 - Question was asked of Conrad how long before the proposed lot would be an issue. He answered 3-4 years. Conrad noted that there is an abundance of space controlled nearby to the lot by DPW. It was noted that the proposed 5-10 year use is more than the 3-5 year use the federation was expecting.
 - It was noted that although the lot could mean less likely occurrence of vandalism, even buses parked in front of schools with surveillance get vandalized. It was noted that there has been an instance of a bus being rolled while parked at a school.
 - **Resolution 09-08** not opposing the temporary parking of 30-40 buses at landfill
 - Who has authorizing power? Gerry Hyland.
 - Passed 42-0-0
 - Fairfax County contracting policy changes; staff will visit LUC next month
- Transportation (Dale Johnson) (5 Minutes)
 - Committee positions available
 - Immediate previous chair Sean Robinson has returned to serve.
 - Shovel ready projects: Tom Howard has provided to the federation a list of such projects that includes transportation as well as other shovel projects.
 - Among local projects: Parkway:Engineer Proving Ground(related to BRAC), Mulligan Road(access through Belvoir between Telegraph & Route 1), Parkway Interchange:Fair Lakes/Monument, Rte 29, two BRAC projects, Mason Neck trail segment two
 - HOT Lanes hearings tomorrow, Feb 11, Minnie Howard School 5-9 PM
 - Distributed a flyer that VDoT had at their townhall info table telling of a live person 24/7

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- Considering resolution favoring county laws regarding signs in/on public roads
 - Would also affect signs we do not mind as much like those for youth sports
- Public Safety (Clint Herbert) (5 Minutes)
 - Committee positions available. Reached out to neighborhood watch participants in local neighborhoods. Talked to Mount Vernon station chief at Townhall who agreed that a south county station is a need.
- Parks & Environmental (Gloria Bannister) (5 Minutes)

Resolution 09-07 naming members to committees. Passed via voice vote.

Resolution 09-09 creating 2009 Parade Committee, with \$500 budget limit and naming John Fedorshik as chair. Passed via voice vote. John Fedorshik has again stepped forward to head the planning of the parade. Possibility of fireworks at Laurel Hill golf Course.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce (Tim Rizer)
 - Initial meeting February 19th at Pane e Vino; ~90 members
 - Chamber configuration, unlike most, allows, even welcomes, non-business membership
 - Encouraged the federation to join the chamber and that it would be eligible for on-profit rate
 - Current non-profit members include LCAC, Lorton Arts, Lorton Heritage Society
 - There was a discussion about the unknown factors of having the federation join the chamber. Part of Tim Rizer's response was that a vibrant neighborhood community supports a vibrant business community better, and that the business community has an interest in the surrounding communities.
 - President Grogan ensured that even if the federation decides against chamber membership, it would still support the chamber mission within our community.
 - Question about chamber taking policy positions before the county board. It was noted the Fairfax chamber has an affiliated political action committee and has endorsed candidates.
 - Earl Flanagan noted the Mt Vernon Council is a member of SouthEast Fairfax Development Corp. He recalled some real world examples in which chambers have taken positions in opposition to the positions of their civic association members. It was noted that local chambers often look to a larger municipal level chamber to weigh in on political issues. South Fairfax Chamber has no plans for a political entity.
 - Motion made by Linwood to join the South Fairfax Chamber. Passed via voice vote.
- Next meetings
 - March 10th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.
 - April 14th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.
 - May 12th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.

Adjournment at 9:25.

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

Members	Member Through	Present	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Member	Present
Afton Glen			Gomolinski-Lally, Eleanor		yes
Barrington	2009		Fedorshick, John		
Cavanaugh Crossing			Clifton, Irma		yes
Crosspointe	2009		Meeker, Rose		
Gunston Corner THOA			Dreude, Thomas		
Gunston Manor	2010				
Gunston Square			Other Attendees		
Hallowing Point Civic Assoc	2009				
Harbor View			Gerry Hyland		
Hollymeade			Tom Howard		
Laurel Hill Community Association	2011	yes	Conrad Mehan (EnviroSolutions)		
Laurel Highlands			Tim Parker (FCPS Transportation Dept)		
Lorton Station	2009		Earl Flanagan (Planning Commisioner)		
Lorton Valley		yes	Greg Werkheiser		
Mason Neck Civic Association	2010	yes	Tim Rizer (head of South Fairfax Chamber)		
Newington Forest		yes			
Newington Woods		yes			
Non-Aligned Caucus					
Occaquan Overlook					
Overlook Point					
Pohick Square		yes			
Saratoga Community Association					
Shepherd Hills					
Springfield Oaks					
Shirley Acres					
Silverbrook Hunt	2009				
Southpointe	2009	yes			
Spring Hill		yes			
Stone Mannor	2009				
Wildwood		yes			
Williamsburg Square	2009	yes			