

**P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199**

**Meeting at South County Secondary School  
Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

**\*\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\*\***

**BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)**

Called to order at 7:38

President's Report, Michael Grogan. Noted presence of

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes. Approved via voice vote

Treasurer's Report, Calvin Smith: checking 2,052.27, TIAA 6,478.63, noted new non-aligned member

Distribute attendance sign-in sheet.

**SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION**

**Supervisor Hyland**

Noting the full agenda, he referred attendees to his handout and chose to briefly address a handful of issues

Response to ESI PPEA, congratulated Laurel Hill Elementary School, Park Authority hearing on land-swap for middle school, area plan review task force appointments to be made late autumn/early winter, asked community for suggestions for nominees

Working on forming a task force to envision Mount Vernon's future (inventory what we have, discuss what we still need, decide what are the priorities for the future vision of the district), also looking for suggestions for this effort, spoke of the fortunate good end to the recent carjacking that started at Springfield and ended in Lorton

Spoke of Laurel Hill adaptive reuse property,

St Raymond's Church striping for parking

Farmers' Market continued success

Debris landfill issue: staff was not doing anything on their own. Supervisor Hyland asked them to look at pros and cons and come back to him so he could then come to us. That was the intent. Noted that when he told the county executive that he was willing to consider debris landfilling, he (county exec) was surprised. Noted that if he was aware of the level of ire against debris landfill, he have said no. His commitment to his position led him to not go ahead with a decision, no matter how desired, but to wait until more information was received.

President Grogan feared that the process would get out of hand. The federation is concerned that the idea would be taken beyond Mount Vernon's purview. As time passes, is there a risk that this will get beyond the Mount Vernon Supervisor's review.

Supervisor Hyland does not think this will happen. He said that in general, the position of the supervisor for the affected district carries the day. The board has not "fallen upon" this idea as a great thing for the county as a whole. He would like to meet with the federation officers. He believes he will be, as always, led by the community, but wishes to have all the information possible to undertake a well considered discussion.

There was a concern by some that the county would seek to take over the industry. Hyland noted that at a time when they could have acted to change a 75/25 split more in the county favor and less for private contractor, they chose not to do so.

There was a concern about lack of community members invited to the table. Hyland noted that the committee was a committee of county staff working at the request of the county executive.

There was a discussion of what appeared to be deliberate scheming in presenting the idea to the public.

Nothing will happen until the proposed idea is brought to the Board of Supervisors, at which point, Hyland will bring it to the community. He stressed that nothing has actually "moved forward."

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Linwood noted that according to the FOIA documents, the study was complete. He noted that the committee discussed beyond Supervisor Hyland's request and into how to best present and promote the idea.

Hyland would like to discuss the relationship between himself and his staff and the federation. He'd rather people blame him instead of his staff. It was clarified that no officers of the federation were the source of harsh criticism of staff. There was a brief discussion of individuals incorrectly claiming to represent the federation.

### **Pat Herrity (Springfield District Supervisor)**

The idea in question began with a public-private partnership. Herrity believes this went wrong when not enough public input was considered.

He noted that, although rare, there have been times when the board does not go with the affected district's position, including recently. Member Irma Clifton noted a board vote for nation registry nomination went against the wishes of the affected district supervisor.

Noted that he has received assurances from Tony (county exec) that the community will be briefed.

Spoke of his Town Hall on Lyme Disease which is sort of sneaking up on the county. Spoke of a deer feeding station which applies insecticide against ticks while they feed. Looking to get approval/permission from state wildlife authority. These are professional equipment.

### **Delegate Dave Albo**

Noted that he is here tonight to listen.

### **State Senator George Barker**

Spoke of the HOT Lanes being deferred. Key parts of the decision was about doubts about selling bonds and Arlington County bringing a lawsuit concerning doubts that proper procedures were followed in the project.

Even noting the traffic, our highways are considered among the most efficient in the country in terms of vehicles moved per hour.

## **STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Education (Christine Morin)
  - Noted materials available on table at front
  - School has started, be careful
    - Laurel Hill alone has 500+ walkers
  - Bond referendum on the ballot November 3<sup>rd</sup> : Middle School funding
  - Hearing for middle school parks/schools land swap on 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Meeting: school board member and for goals beyond middle school
  - Flyer for program with LCAC for suspended students
  - Resource center seeking donation and/or discount for flooring
- Public Safety (Clint Herbert)
  - Recent news of carjacking, break-ins, burglary and robbery
  - Had car stripped of wheels in his community
  - Be aware going to and from your house/car, predators are counting on inattention
  - President Grogan noted that he saw the police response twice on the night of the carjacking
  - Vice President noted that he gets traffic alerts via the County CEAN system
  - Supervisor Hyland expressed that the people most likely to be affected should have a way to be informed. Spoke of the Huntington flood alert line. Need to have the police devise a way to communicate the situation. Member noted that he was told to go back in the house multiple times

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before being told about the armed fugitive. At that point, he then knew that he might want to call 911 if he spotted a guy lurking in the woods and maybe keep his floodlights on despite it being near midnight.

- Clint noted that the officers are trained to act in certain ways in tactical situations that may not appear to make sense to citizens.
- Environmental
  - Cleanup Adopt-A-Highway Saturday
  - Presentation on improvements/upgrades at Noman Cole
    - Water Reuse Project
    - Compliance with Chesapeake Bay protection regulations
    - Reuse water is highly treated water used in certain projects. It is not grey water. A common reuse is irrigation.
    - Why do this? Chesapeake Bay protection; Virginia clarified proper reuse; conditional grant money (requires imminent project groundbreaking); will preserve 2 million gallons per day; could offset costs
    - What does it entail? Pump station at Noman Cole. Initial delivery to three users: fields across from Lorton Library, Laurel Hill Golf Course, Covanta (cooling tower). Storage tank at Covanta site.
    - Concern about public reaction to “sewer water”
      - The water is not appropriate for use as drinking water. There is a regulatory and control systems difference between this reuse water and potable drinking water.
    - Project has been fast-tracked due to cost offsets from grant money.
    - Believed will use right-of-way not in alignment with new Lorton Road.
- Transportation
  - Thanked Senator Barker for speaking about the HOT Lanes
  - Presentation on Furnace and Lorton Road improvements
    - Spurred by Laurel Hill Transportation Study 2007
    - Improvements in terms of roadway, pedestrian/bike, stormwater aspects
    - Pilot project in terms of new stormwater management designs
    - Concern about lack of proposed traffic light at Windermere
    - Questions on truck restrictions: not the decision of the presenters’ department
    - Foot/bike/horse culvert maintenance will be VDoT obligation, not county
    - Decision was made to maintain current trial path for long sightline vs cheaper 90 degree
    - Money is all Fairfax County from a bond referendum and tax revenue
    - Delegate Dave Albo noted HB 3202 had some funding authority declared unconstitutional, but many funding authority given to counties were deemed proper. He noted that there are a number of projects that will be funded in a similar manner. He referred to some listed in Supervisor Hyland’s handout and applauded him for compiling it and making it available to Mount Vernon residents.
    - Question about state, federal, local review for environmental. Study was done to minimize impact on wetlands. Possibility of extending the project to encompass the intersection of

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the Inova Healthplex. Giles Run will not be diverted. Concern about sufficient lighting in the culvert. No plans to light the general roadway in this project.

- Public Meeting Wednesday, October 7, SCSS Cafeteria, 7PM
- Land Use (Christine Morin)
  - Hearing info from Conrad
  - **Resolution 09-xx** not opposing replacing two field lighting poles at SCSS with two 125 foot cellular/lighting poles. Passed via voice vote.
  - **Resolution 09-xx** directing officers of the federation to propose a set of 8 APR nominations.
    - Concerning #3 in the set regarding the old 84 Lumber site. Suggested making interim rec use to permanent. Strike “as an interim use.”
  - **Resolution 09-xx** directing officers of the federation to propose a set of 3 APR nominations allowing for editing for consistency in keeping with the spirit and intent. Passed via voice vote with one abstention.
    - President Grogan authored this resolution to clarify and specify and reinforce wishes of the community concerning the county plan. He noted several existing items of concern in the comprehensive plan. Basically the intent is that these proposed changes will put in print the general desires of the community regarding the county plans for lands within the federation boundaries.
    - Discussion of closure date: President Grogan chose a date 20 years past the current lease end date. He is expressing the will of the community to see this use at most continue 20 years beyond the current lease end. Suggested that the “near future” wording to be struck and replaced with the same date 20 years after the lease end date for consistency.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (5 Minutes)
  - 313 backpacks given versus 287 last year, were unable to offer shoe vouchers this year
  - Fall Gala October 17<sup>th</sup>

### NEW BUSINESS

- Next meetings
  - October 13<sup>th</sup> Candidates’ Night
  - November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is at the South County Secondary School

Adjournment at 10:10

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

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Members	Member Through	Present	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Member	Present
Afton Glen		yes	Gomolinski-Lally, Eleanor		yes
Barrington	2009		Fedorshick, John		
Cavanaugh Crossing			Clifton, Irma		yes
Courts of Laurel Crest			Meeker, Rose		
Crosspointe	2009		Dreude, Thomas		
Gunston Corner THOA					
Gunston Manor	2010	yes	<b>Other Attendees</b>		
Gunston Square		yes			
Hallowing Point Civic Assoc	2009		Gerry Hyland (Mt Vernon Supervisor)		
Harbor View			Delegate Dave Albo		
Hollymeade			Mike McGrath (FxCo Wastewater Treatment)		
Laurel Hill Community Association	2011	yes	Leita Bennet (Fairfax County support)		
Laurel Highlands			Kirk Holley (FxCo Park Authority)		
Lorton Station	2009		David Jillson (FxCo Dept of Planning/Zoning)		
Lorton Valley		yes	William Fulton (ATCS, LLC)		
Mason Neck Civic Association	2010	yes	Sam Bertolino (ATCS, LLC)		
McGuire Woods			Seyed Nabavi (FCDoT)		
Newington Forest		yes	Jeanmarie Roberson (FxCo DPWES)		
Newington Woods			Ahmed Rayyan (planning commissioner???)		
Non-Aligned Caucus			Tim Sargeant (Planning Commissioner)		
Occaquan Overlook			Conrad Mehan (EnviroSolutions)		
Overlook Point			Jess Brindisi (occoquan park resident)		
Pohick Square		yes	Marcia Hanson (Supervisor Hyland)		
Saratoga Community Association			Tim Belcher (unaligned caucus???)		
Shepherd Hills					
Springfield Oaks					
Shirley Acres		yes			
Silverbrook Hunt	2009	yes			
Southpointe	2009	yes			
Spring Hill		yes			
Stone Manor	2009				
Wildwood					
Williamsburg Square	2009	yes			