

P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199

**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, October 13th, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Called to order at 7:40

President's Report, Michael Grogan. Welcomed audience to candidates' night. Noted some dues have yet to be paid up. Urged first time attendees drawn by the debate to become involved in the federation. Praised returning members for their past and hopefully future involvement. Later during the meeting, President Grogan noted Earl Flanagan, Tim Sargent, Liz Bradsher and staffers from Pat Herrity's office were in attendance.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes. Tabled to November.

Treasurer's Report, Calvin Smith: none given [more time for debate]

Distribute attendance sign-in sheet.

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION

Supervisor Hyland

Spoke of continued good progress in his recovery from recent surgeries.

Budget input meetings.

Lorton Road widening meeting - Residents on and near Windemere to have a traffic light at Lorton Road. Present alignment would mean possibly razing/moving small historical building.

County staff report on SportsPlex raised more questions than it answered.

South County Middle School: Park authority expected to approve land swap

Urged voting in favor of School Bond referendum on November 3rd.

Spoke of longtime concerns with commercial carriers in the area. Noted in recent enforcement operations roughly half of vehicles inspected were taken out of service in the most recent op and that this year there was an op where 22 of 23 vehicles were taken out of service. He has asked staff to look into whether there are companies that have a history of repeat violations. Reminded that federation founder Marcia Hanson was involved in a very serious accident with a heavy commercial vehicle.

Intersection safety improvements at US 1 and Furnace Road.

Laurel Hill Adaptive Re-Use - Gerry referred to a more recent letter from Virginia Dept of Historical Resources (VDHR) which seems to give more flexibility than a previous letter concerning the ballfield on the site. Tim Sargent spoke of community concern about low income housing credits tied to developer tax credits. He referred to Gerry's usual meeting handout regarding that and other info on re-use. County architectural review board found new construction consistent with guidelines for adaptive re-use of the site.

President Grogan asked about the 'visioning committee' being considered by Gerry. Gerry spoke of various things which the community desires that is funded by the county and that the Mount Vernon district competes with others for funding. The visioning committee would survey where Mount Vernon is and would like to be in several categories.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Christine Morin)
 - Noted that county staff has recommended the Park Authority board approve the land swap.
 - Urged voting for bond referendum on the ballot November 3rd : Middle School funding
 - Hearing for middle school parks/schools land swap on 23rd
- Environmental

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- November 7th Cleanup of Lorton Road and US1
- Seeking volunteers for trail maintenance project; suitable project for an Eagle Scout.

DEBATE

A debate was held between incumbent Dave Albo and challenger Greg Werkheiser; candidates for the 42nd House of Delegates district seat. The debate was moderated by President Mike Grogan. Vice President Peter Dickinson was the timekeeper. Delegate Albo noted his father, and wife Rita were in the audience. Greg noted his expectant wife Marion was in the audience. The debate issues included: gubernatorial term limits, non-partisan redistricting, what motivates people to seek public office, higher education funding, neighborhood schools, public/private initiatives, upcoming Fairfax County school bond referendum, local road improvements, transportation funding, what is 'Northern Virginia', bus rapid transit, DC bypass, HOT lanes, gas taxes, state funding formulas for localities, VDHR actions effect on Laurel Hill adaptive re-use [it was noted the question was formulated before knowledge of the more recent VDHR letter Gerry spoke of earlier tonight], balancing community desires with historical preservation in adaptive re-use, negative political advertising, civility in politics, jobs, community service, loss of United Way funding.

In closing, Greg Werkheiser noted endorsements from county police/firefighters/deputy sheriffs, League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, Senator Mark Warner, Senator Jim Webb, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Judy Wassen (former Republican state chairwoman and endorser of Bob McDonnell), State Senators George Barker and Toddy Puller, The Washington Post and the South County Chronicle. He asked for those in attendance to vote for him on November 3rd.

In closing, Delegate Albo, noted he did not seek endorsements, but noted the Chamber of Commerce and Northern Virginia Technology Council. He was proud to say that anytime he was asked to help in our community he tried his best. He asked for those in attendance to vote for him on November 3rd.

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 17th

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution expressing federation concern/position on feasibility of avoiding using eminent domain to seize lawns on south side of Lorton Road for the widening when there is county land on north side. Motion withdrawn to be considered for possible resolution in November after Gerry Hyland promised to ask county to justify necessity of eminent domain.
- Next meetings
 - November 10th meeting is at the South County Secondary School
 - December meeting may be moved from normal time to accommodate attendance by Gerry Hyland
 - Meetings will be on the first Tuesdays in 2010.

Adjournment at 9:17

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

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Members	Member Through	Present	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Memb	Present
Afton Glen			Gomolinski-Lally, Eleanor		
Barrington	2009		Fedorshick, John		
Cavanaugh Crossing			Clifton, Irma		
Courts of Laurel Crest			Meeker, Rose		
Crosspointe	2009		Dreude, Thomas		
Gunston Corner THOA					
Gunston Manor	2010		Other Attendees		
Gunston Square					
Hallowing Point Civic Assoc	2009		Gerry Hyland (Mt Vernon Supervisor)		
Harbor View					
Hollymeade					
Laurel Hill Community Association	2011				
Laurel Highlands					
Lorton Station	2009				
Lorton Valley					
Mason Neck Civic Association	2010				
McGuire Woods					
Newington Forest					
Newington Woods					
Non-Aligned Caucus					
Occaquan Overlook					
Overlook Point					
Pohick Square					
Saratoga Community Association					
Shepherd Hills					
Springfield Oaks					
Shirley Acres					
Silverbrook Hunt	2009				
Southpointe	2009				
Spring Hill					
Stone Manor	2009				
Wildwood					
Williamsburg Square	2009				