

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

**Meeting at South County Secondary School  
Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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

**BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)**

Called to order at 7:38

President's Report, Michael Grogan. Rob Robertory, Calvin Smith and Linwood Gorham have volunteered to be the nominating committee.

Approval of recent Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report, Calvin Smith: TIAA/ 6479.87, SunTrust 2187.27, making 8667.14 total

Distribute attendance sign-in sheet. [Note: Rob Robertory was in attendance for Crosspointe in October]

**SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION**

**Supervisor Hyland**

Supervisor Hyland spoke of a recent meeting with Park Authority.

Pending public comment meetings concerning county budget. Demand for attendance has resulted in the county adding three additional meetings December 2<sup>nd</sup> including one at Hayfield.

'Only' ~\$350 million shortfall expected so far.

January 2012 planned opening date for South County Middle School

Study of light at Windemere and Lorton. Study of crosswalks on Lorton Road.

Looking into why eminent domain is absolutely necessary to widen Lorton Road.

Guard shacks. Buildings and structures not in MOA, but immediate plans are to remove two shacks and leave two.

Looking into whether debris landfilling/SportsPlex. There is another PPEA submitted by Anderson Company. Staff has been instructed to not open the proposal until community is consulted.

Motor carrier safety operation in Lorton on October 29<sup>th</sup>. 12 commercial vehicles inspected, 4 taken out of service which had 9 total violations of the type that would cause the motor carrier safety officer to take a truck out of service. Total violations were 50 and 9 tickets were issued. Has asked staffer Christine Morin into look into if we can get more ability to affect repeat offenders. It was noted that three independent operators and one quarry driver were inspected.

Spoke of APR task force.

"Christmas in April" may come to Mount Vernon district. To be eligible, applicant must make \$44,800 or less and own their home. The program wants more applicants before committing to come to our area.

Farmer's market closed its successful inaugural season at end of November.

Question asked about making the debris landfill economically viable. Gerry noted that there are at least two companies who feel confident that there is sufficient market to have expressed interest.

Attendee asked why the county believes they can get business that Conrad has not? Gerry stated that the county should not be looking to get involved if there is not sufficient revenue to make it worthwhile.

It was asked if information would be presented beyond the executive committee. The executive committee will determine what will be presented to the general membership.

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### **State Senator George Barker**

Budget Problems. Last year revenues down 9.2%. Two things left alone last time were k-12 education and Medicaid funding. Unfortunately, K-12 funding will almost certainly be on the chopping block this time.

Any examples of items we might want to ask to be included in the budget? Although it may not get funded in the short term, Senator Barker noted that there are things that are beyond the funding horizon, but should be set as goals to get the discussion started for when those needs appear on the horizon.

Spoke of Virginia's lower than average unemployment, but recognized there are pockets in the commonwealth experiencing high unemployment including one at 20%+; twice the national average.

### **Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan**

Noted the commission has considerable work with all the APR nominations.

Lowell urged all to read the recent Gazette coverage of Earl Flanagan's storied military service. [Tomorrow is Veterans' Day]

### **Planning Commissioner Tim Sargeant**

Mentioned working with Senator Barker on the Tysons Corner transit(?) planning committee. Senator Barker told some of the background and statistical positive changes that come from public transit using Arlington as the real work example.

## **STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Education (Christine Morin)
  - Great news: School Bonds Referendum passed
  - Education committee noted that despite there being enough room on the front of the paper ballot, the recent school bonds referendum was on side two of the ballot. Senator Barker noted clear statistical evidence that people did not see the referendum that can be inferred from undercount. Hyland noted that he was surprised at first to not see the referendum. He knew to look further, but the election board staff should in the future tell voters when there is more to see on the other side of the ballot.
  - Priorities for the Education Committee
    - Met with School Board member Dan Storck recently. Continue to work with school board to follow through on middle school construction
    - Proposed cuts have been called something that could "set back our schools systems by fifteen years"
      - The scale of cuts were called unbelievable, Supervisor Hyland concurred
      - Rainy Day fund will be raided
      - Questions about property taxes, what would be increase to cover county shortfall: 20%; what increase will make the average payment amount same as previous year: unknown, but will likely be done to keep revenue number amount the same.
      - State Senator Barker noted that in recent meeting with PWC, he noted some parents who would normally move on from here cannot afford to and that some who were sending their kids to private school are now sending to public. Both are factors that have caused spike in PWC public school enrollment.
      - Looking into getting help from business community like Boston and Montgomery County. Gerry said he will bring this concept to the board of supervisors.

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- Gerry noted that the main reason employers choose Fairfax County over other locales is our excellent public education system that leads to knowledgeable skilled employees. They have a vested interest in maintaining excellent public schools.
- There was discussion and Gerry noted that he will have staffer Christine Morin look into bringing this matter before the Board of Supervisors.
- Land Use Committee
  - Resolution regarding guard shacks tabled to December.
- Public Safety
  - Continued reports of string of daytime burglaries involving residents from cultures that traditionally own significant amounts of gold. Police believe the burglars are well organized. A woman was burglarized when she left home from 11 AM to 2:30 PM.
  - Community notification. It was noted that there was no notification from the county CEAN with the recent Springfield Metro carjacking that ended in manhunt in Lorton. Member noted that City of Manassas has a system and directed Clint to try to contact Manassas Police Chief Skinner(?).
  - Priorities: Police station or substation, School Resource Officers, Neighborhood Watch, Street light maintenance, Anti-Gang unit
  - South County police station or substation
    - Discussion of long average response time, tendency of thieves to shift the areas they target
    - Supervisor Hyland said that station chief should come down to discuss how they assign areas. Clint noted that they are planning to come down to meet with his community on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Discussion of how police districts and station locations were determined. It was agreed that it has been too long since that was looked into. Tim noted that the planning commission has recently(?) looked at some aspects of this.
- Environmental
  - Six people picked up about ~30 bags of trash last Saturday completing the whole adopted sections
  - Listening forums: Meadow Wood, Tues Nov 17, 7:30, Lower Potomac Field Station
  - Lorton Citizens Action Alliance: there are 8 recycling locations, down from 15. County is considering shutting those 8 down to save money.
  - GolfWeek ranked Laurel Hill 15<sup>th</sup> in the Top 50 municipal courses
  - Goals: trail systems: desire to tie trails together(Mason Neck & Cross County), Noted Mr. Lynch might be open to giving some land to build a trail on; ballfields (not just baseball); trees; county has a program where you can get young trees from the Supervisor offices; stream buffers; enforcement of sign ordinance; Independence Day fireworks display
  - President Grogan noted that John Fedorshik would be glad to help, but would want the fireworks to not fall directly under the parade committee. It is a major project.
- Transportation
  - Chair Dale Johnson has temporarily disengaged for personal reasons.
  - Resolution tabled to December.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- Lorton Community Action Center (5 Minutes)
  - Thanksgiving and Holiday drives.
  - LCAC currently serves more than 300 families mainly by providing nutrition assistance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- NVRPA recently recognized Linwood Gorham as a great volunteer for our region.
- 2010 First Tuesday meeting exceptions: January & September meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday
- Next meetings
  - December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting is at Laurel Hill Community Center, next to new elementary school.

Adjournment at 9:20.

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

Members	Member Through	Present	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Member Present
Afton Glen		yes	Gomolinski-Lally, Eleanor	
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		<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Gunston Square		yes		
Hallowing Point Civic Assoc	2009		Gerry Hyland (Mt Vernon Supervisor)	yes
Harbor View			Tim Sargeant (planning commish)	yes
Hollymeade			Earl Flanagan (planning commish)	yes
Laurel Hill Community Association	2011	yes	Jim Cooper (Vulcan Materials)	yes
Laurel Highlands			State Senator George Barker	yes
Lorton Station	2009		Christine Morin (Hyland office)	yes
Lorton Valley		yes	Lowell Curtis	yes
Mason Neck Civic Association	2010			
McGuire Woods				
Newington Forest		yes		
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Non-Aligned Caucus				
Occaquan Overlook				
Occoquan Park		yes		
Overlook Point				
Pohick Square				
Saratoga Community Association				
Shepherd Hills				
Springfield Oaks				
Shirley Acres				
Silverbrook Hunt	2009	yes		
Southpointe	2009			
Spring Hill		yes		
Stone Manor	2009			
Wildwood				
Williamsburg Square	2009	yes		