

Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, May 4th, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.

**** MINUTES ****

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Called to order at 7:40 pm.

President's Report, Peter Dickinson. Welcomed attendees and introduced officers.

Approval of April meeting minutes via voice vote.

President Dickinson thanked members who have recently paid and/or updated their info. It was noted that your voting card will have a date if your dues are paid.

Treasurer's Report, Gloria Bannister: noted new member Laurel Highlands and additional non-aligned members. Checking \$2,387.27, TIAA/CREF \$6,479.97 totaling \$8,867.24. Noted poor TIAA/CREF earning performance. Asked for recommendations. IMG was suggested.

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION

Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Mount Vernon District Supervisor

Recognized Linwood Gorham for long record of accomplishments and appointed him as Mount Vernon District's 2010 "Lord Fairfax".

Budget passed . Tax rate up 5 cents. Among programs not cut: police School Resource Officers, county water response assets. On average, most residents will not see increase in the dollar amount of property tax due. Transfer to school budget reduced only 1%. Core services have been kept in Fairfax County.

Farmers' Markets opened this week. Continue thru October.

APR taskforce has concluded. Supervisor Hyland thanked those present who served on it.

Inova rezoning: hearing June 17, vote July 13th

Adaptive reuse vote on May 11th. He expects to receive staff recommendations tomorrow.

Provision to retain Alexander Company as developer in adaptive re-use study agreement. County staff has recommended to do so. Supervisor Hyland expects that if the price is right, the board will go ahead with Alexander; noting their (Alexander Company's) experience in these projects. Funding will drive the decision and the timeframe of the project. He expects soon there will be a plan to fund the adaptive re-use.

President Dickinson noted the long involved process with community giving input has basically vetted the plan.

Member commented on status of ballfield. Noted Supervisor Hyland's support. It seems to him that a ballfield is wanted, but there are many opinions on where to put it, whether to light it, etc. Member noted that the ballfield at LAF was already planned, so putting one there does not in the long run stop the loss of a ballfield.

NVRPA does not have a lease on ballfields on Occoquan Regional Park. Asked Gerry to urge county park authority to move on arranging a lease.

Looking into helicopter traffic issues. Will contact Davison Army Airfield.

Member concerned with the helicopter noise. Noted that he has never experienced this level of noise; he grew up on a military base. Liz Hartwell wildlife preserve has had issues in the past. Member recalled it was long ago.

Member noted that, from info he obtained from military chopper pilots, that he thinks the helicopter are violating regulations about elevations above civilian areas.

Gerry noted that the only other issues he could recall were incidents of planes flying over schools during day. Several members noted that they have heard the noise. Member noted roughly weekly noticeable flyovers low enough to rattle windows.

Gerry acknowledged that the number of incidents described by one member are unusual. Gerry asked him to please keep track of the flights, especially the times he hears the noise, and get that info to

Member suggested alternate method to gain funding for the lease of the ballfield at Occoquan Regional.

President Dickinson presented to Federation of Lorton Communities (now the South County Federation) founder Marcia Hanson(sp) a bound glossy book of photos from the federation's 25th anniversary celebration held in December 2009.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Christine Morin)
 - Motion donating \$100 each to the Hayfield & South County Secondary All-Night Grad Parties
 - Last day of school is Thursday June 24th
 - Dan Storck informed Christine regarding upcoming school board budget hearings: www.fcps.edu
 - Local group looking to put together student science center in Fairfax County
 - Recently attended two-day event as Virginia Delegate to “Mothers’ Congress” at Georgetown (GW?)
- Land Use Committee (Linwood Gorham)
 - Inova came before last LUC
 - Key concerns/issue: building heights, construction equipment staging
 - **Resolution 10-xx** not opposing RZ 2009-MV-018 regarding the Scannell property (Fairfax County Parkway & Telegraph Road) passed, as altered, 51-0.
 - There were some minor edits agreed upon via consensus and one principle edit changing the word impervious to pervious that was recognized as a typo
 - Public declaration disputing claims of South County Federation support of a resolution by an organization in Prince William County
- Public Safety (Clint Herbert)
 - Member noted issues with wildlife intruding on residents in his community
 - Supervisor noted that Animal Control responds to actively aggressive animals
 - Member suggested there could be some residents not securing their trash
- Parks & Environmental (Gloria Bannister)
 - AmeriCorps has been working with Mason Neck State Park removing trash and debris (four dumpsters so far) and attempting to eradicate invasive species. Americorp was of great assistance in setting up before the Eagle Festival
 - Rain barrel workshops:
 - Adopt-A-Highway cleanups schedule: May 22nd, Sep 18th, Nov 13th, Saturday mornings
 - May 18th Solid Waste Public Forum at Government Center
- Transportation (Marty Schirmacher)
 - **Resolution 10-xx** calling upon the Board of Supervisors to form a special South County Transportation Task Force with representatives of the South County community, FDoT & VDoT, passed, as altered, 51-0-0.
 - Two alterations to the resolution distributed were proposed and accepted
 - Discussion of roadway signs
 - Delegate Albo would be a good source for info on rules that go into effect July 1st

OLD BUSINESS

- President Dickinson commented on Federation taking positions on budget issues
- Lorton Community Action Center (5 Minutes)
 - 2010 LCAC Golf Tournament is Friday, May 14th at the Pohick Bay Golf Course
 - LCAC Raffle: Wegman's \$3,000 gift card, Tickets \$20/ 6 for \$100
 - Current needs: cereal, tuna, peanut butter, size 3&4 diapers

NEW BUSINESS

- Laurel Hill Adaptive Re-use
 - **Resolution 10-xx** calling upon the Board of Supervisors to adopt and move forward implementing Alexander Company's adaptive re-use master plan. Passed/failed via voice vote 34-10-3.
 - Member voiced hesitation about choosing Alexander Company as developer
 - Member noted the resolution "closes the door" to other developers
 - President Dickinson spoke about the process. Noted keeping the door open could lead to pushing back the project horizon by years.
 - Member voiced support for supporting Alexander.
- Next meetings
 - June 1st meeting: 7:30PM, South County Secondary School library
 - July 6th meeting: 7:30PM, South County Secondary School library
 - There is no general meeting in August.

Adjournment at 9:06.

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