

Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, July 6th, 2010 @ 7:30 p.m.

**** MINUTES ****

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Called to order at 7:34 pm.

President Peter Dickinson welcomed attendees and introduced himself and executive officers.

Approval of June meeting minutes tabled to September meeting.

Treasurer's Report, Gloria Bannister: parade brought \$1,500 in donations and had \$1,408 in costs; assets \$8,725.17.

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION

Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Mount Vernon District Supervisor

Congratulations on successful parade. Thanked John Fedorshik for his many years of successful parades.

BoS motion to study transportation in South County.

Recently traveled to Fairfax County's sister city in China, Harbin, with Chair Sharon Bulova. The city is known for its annual ice festival. The mayor whom he spoke to lamented delays that would mean building 6 bridges there will take 2-3 years.

BoS approved Tysons II development.

Commented on a editorial in the Washington Post by local state elected officials Delegate Surovell and Senator Puller calling for similar interest and funding for the Route 1 corridor. Hyland noted that Fairfax County has spent more on this corridor than any other in the past five years.

VDoT has closed the pedestrian tunnel under 95 at Lorton Road.

Member noted that adjacent businesses have continue to use the right of way by the tunnel as if they owned it.

VDoT may eventually sell the land to the local businesses. Member urged the land be retained in public ownership.

Large vinyl banners on the rear of the Gunston Plaza stores have been removed.

There has been a more than 99% reduction in the money the commonwealth has given Fairfax County to maintain and improve secondary roads. The allotment for the year stands at \$1,989. Route 1 paving schedule has been delayed indefinitely.

Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Master Plan has been approved. Staff has been asked to enter into negotiation with the Alexander Company to implement the plan.

Planning commission issues: INOVA Lorton HealthPlex, LCAC zoning exception.

Police Station: gathering input from the chief and district station heads.

Helicopters: plan to talk to the brand new Fort Belvoir base commander tomorrow.

Member commented about the helicopter noise experienced recently.

Silverbrook & Hoes improvements.

Farmers' Markets.

Concert Series.

Steven Jerry, US Representative Gerry Connolly's staff

Came to listen and take questions, if any.

Member requested to be removed from Gerry's call list.

Member asked about nearby CSX rail bridges. Connolly staff has called Principi, but have not gotten a response yet.

Discussion of plans by CSX to demolish seven bridges, not replacing all, to make it possible for CSX to have double stacked freight cars. Marcia Hanson of Supervisor Hyland's office noted VDoT (Renee Hamilton?) is attempting to verify ownership of the bridge.

Dave Albo, Virginia House of Delegates

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Took the opportunity to debunk rumors of a new law that would require drivers to list the ‘points’ on their driving record on tax returns.

President Dickinson thanked the officials in attendance for spending some of their no doubt valuable time to come to be involved with the federation. They are welcome anytime.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Christine Morin)
 - Middle School site clearing is progressing well
 - January 2012 mid-year was initial plan, but could be earlier or later
 - Member noted recent Washington post article comparing Montgomery County and Fairfax County’s recent school budget troubles
- Land Use Committee (Linwood Gorham)
 - Resolution 10-xx not opposing zoning exception for new building to replace the large shed at Lorton Community Action Center near the park behind Lorton Library passed 41-0-0.
 - Though the community would prefer a more aesthetically pleasing building, it recognizes the pressing need. LCAC is urged to pursue avenues to making the building better fit in.
 - Resolution 10-xx not opposing INOVA-Lorton HealthPlex rezoning RZ-2009-MV-023 with provisions passed 41-0-0.
 - During discussion, resolution was amended as follows: in 3rd bulleted provision, immediately following “building closest to Lorton Road is developed as a hotel”, add “ or other low traffic impact non-medical use,“.
 - Discussion issues: why hotel preference, financial viability of the project dependent on profit from part of the land to offset cost of healthplex, transportation study surrounding intersection of Silverbrook/Lorton/Sanger, concern for pedestrians walking between hotel and shops across Silverbrook, concern by INOVA about the “stepping back” provision.
 - Question about improvements on schedule. Answer is yes. Pavement will be wide enough for completed plan, but initially will have one lane striped/marked for turn lane. After VDoT approval, Inova will stripe/mark second turn lane. Proffers require restripe/mark and signal to precede second phase.
 - LUC is continuing their review of Inova plan
- Public Safety (Clint Herbert)
- Parks & Environmental (Gloria Bannister)
 - Electric Sundays; roughly every quarter at Lorton landfill, there is an event where residents of Fairfax County may bring electronic items for recycling: old computers, cell phones, home electronics, non-lead rechargeable batteries, etc.
- Transportation (Marty Schirmacher)
 - “Clean Fairfax” signs.
 - Discussion of recently enacted Virginia House Bill 209 (HB 209) regarding agreements between commonwealth and localities. This discussion was about possible agreements between the county and Virginia regarding enforcing regulations about signs in public right-of-ways.

- It was noted that some vehicles that put these signs out every weekend stop in an unsafe manner when placing them
- Gerry Hyland noted that current county zoning inspectors are tasked to react ; only responding to complaints, not going out and trying to find zoning violations. He feels violations for signs would be near the bottom of the priority list. It may be possible to allow proxy enforcement.
- Delegate Albo commented that it would be difficult to prove violations. Speculated that PWC may be cutting a deal with violators to avoid court. Delegate Albo is an attorney.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (5 Minutes)
 - LCAC Gala on November 6th at Harbor View
 - Wegmans Raffle: Winner Dave Collyer gave \$3,000 giftcard back to LCAC to buy food for clients

NEW BUSINESS

- Next meetings
 - There is no general meeting in August.
 - September 14th (2nd Tuesday) meeting: 7:30PM, South County Secondary School library
 - October 5th meeting: 7:30PM, South County Secondary School library; possible Candidates' Night

Adjournment at 9:15 PM.

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