

P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199

South County Federation

Meeting at South County Secondary School

Tuesday, December 6th, 2011 @ 7 p.m.

**** MINUTES ****

HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER BEFORE MEETING

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Called to order at 7:38PM

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION

Mount Vernon District School Board Member Dan Storck

Pleased to serve again in his upcoming four years as Mount Vernon's school board representative

Middle School:

Classes will begin September 2012

He has been inside the new school

It is quieter than older schools because of improved HVAC technology

Looking into public use of school facilities starting this late winter or spring

School system administratively added two neighborhoods to 'South County' boundaries

Current Hayfield 7th & 11th graders will be allowed stay at Hayfield for 2012-13

Principal selectors: 3 parents, 3 teachers, one current MS principal, cluster superintendent

Principal expected to be chosen and to begin work by early February

Name of the Middle School

Public process will submit three names for the school board to choose from

School board has override power, but that has not happened before

Naming convention/tradition is to name middle schools after writers/poets

Interior surveillance cameras

Recognizes allowing them would almost certainly be a permanent change

And so, a well considered public process is needed

More opportunities for public input are needed

Prefers the decision be made by the incoming school board

They will be the ones to handle the implementation if approved

Currently, interior cameras are used temporarily to address specific concerns

Fairfax County public schools have external security cameras

School buses have interior camera

Trailers at South County Secondary

Principal can request they remain

Hard to justify with all the space vacated by relocated middle school classes

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Timing of full boundary studies for recent and new South County schools

Estimates two years until implementation

Estimates start of the study process no sooner than fall of 2012

Timing of middle school staff hiring

Will begin after principal starts; expected early February

School system may decide to initially move 7th/8th grade staff from SCSS

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland (given by Christine Morin)

Silverbrook & Hoes intersection improvements expected to be completed this month

'Secret' garden: Lorton Road alignment will not change. Considering altering utility relocation to lessen the impact on the garden. Change will most likely take the form of placing utilities underground. Some discussion of how to refer to the site; secret, hidden, Warden's, something else.

Barn at Meadowood: expect to hear from BLM in January. Supervisor Hyland has sent a letter from his office notifying BLM of the desires of the community. In discussion, it was noted that although there was talk of keeping the number of stalls the same, the fact that there will be changes including adding restroom facilities and altering floor plan and structure for ADA compliance and modern electrical code, it may be necessary to reduce the number of horse stalls.

A letter regarding the barn from Supervisor Hyland to the Northern Virginia Water and Soil Conservation District is included in the usual info packet.

HOT Lanes/Soundwalls

President Dickinson, noting long delay in approving meeting minutes, moved to vote to accept minutes that were distributed electronically in two files for minutes from January 2010 to November 2011. Motion passed via voice vote.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Christine Morin)
 - See School Board Member Dan Storck's comments above
- Land Use Committee (Linwood Gorham & Martin Rizer)
 - **Resolution 11-15** supporting efforts of Sunrise to obtain permission for usage of their currently vacant Gunston Plaza facility like they had before. Passed 38-0-0.
 - Sunrise building at corner of Lorton Road & US1 in Gunston Plaza behind Dollar Tree
 - Left vacant during Sunrise corporate restructuring several years ago
 - Sunrise seeking to resubmit to allow their previous usage
 - Sunrise's desire is to market the property for that same use
 - Resolution concerning zoning change for industrial site on Lockport Place withdrawn
 - Will be reconsidered and possibly resubmitted in the next few months

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- Timing of vote was discussed. Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan said he would consider deferring bringing the issue before the planning commission. It was to be heard this week.
- Coming in January
 - LUC consideration and possible vote on interim model airplane use of covered landfill
- Public Safety
- Environmental and Parks
- Transportation
 - **Resolution 11-16** directing the federation to request that VDoT create and enforce a specifically marked “No Parking” area on Gunston Cove Road near Lorton Road to lessen/eliminate unsightly trucks parking in travel lanes of Gunston Cove Road causing a travel hazard and eyesore. Passed 38-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (Christine Morin)
 - Annual holiday gift drive underway. Over 600 kids and senior citizens relying on the community this year. More than 50% increase from 398 last year. Please sign up for gift tags online and bring gifts to LCAC until the 16th or to the Moose Lodge from 11 to 3 on Saturday, December 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan recently became aware of changes that the county staff considers editorial or administrative, but that the federation might see as substantial. Main items that drew his attention were changes that would lead to discrepancy between official documents of some county departments regarding “non-sewer service areas.” Discrepancy would be between the official county maps prepared by the GIS department, and the written descriptions of service and non-service areas in zoning and planning commission documents.
- Nominating Committee Report
 - Recommends the following slate of candidates
 - Gloria Bannister for President
 - Martin Rizer for Vice President
 - Irma Clifton for Treasurer
 - Dave Kapinos for Secretary
- Election of Executive Officers of the South County Federation
 - Call for nominations from the floor; none offered
 - Motion to elect nominating committee slate passed via voice vote.
- Next meetings
 - January 10th meeting: 7:30PM, South County Secondary School library
 - We meet on the *second* Tuesday in January & September
 - February 7th meeting: 7:30PM, South County Secondary School library
 - March 6th meeting: 7:30PM, South County Secondary School library

Adjournment at 9:15PM.

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