



**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 @ 7:30 PM**

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1. President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Nick acknowledged the passing of Marvin Shep Crow on Friday who was very involved in the community for a number of years and dedicated to promoting the Lorton community.

Motion made and seconded to approve the September 9 meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

Supervisor Report:

Christine Morin stated that Supervisor Hyland is on travel. Marcia Hansen read a statement of condolence on the passing of Shep Crow. She stated that ESI was a victory which is testimony to Mr. Crow's contributions behind the scene. He made sure that others knew what was going on and made Lorton a better place. Shep was Treasurer and Co-founder of the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. Irma Clifton stated that he saw the Nike Site through to the end and it will be completed. She stated the hard part was done by Shep and done very well. They are waiting on the Park Authority to do what is needed. Supervisor Hyland has had a few meetings with staff on working with applicants with their first Special Exception Amendments. We will be informed when the groundbreaking will be for the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse. The Planning Commission hearing for Vulcan Quarry is scheduled on November 20. Fairfax Board of Supervisors and Fairfax police are kicking off a community-wide speed initiative "Slow Down: You Live Here. We Live Here" aimed at making people more alert of the dangers of neighborhood speeding. 80% of respondents to a survey think that speeding is an issue. Information is provided on the Web site to add in homeowners newsletters and to pass a resolution. Christine stated she had signs in her office for distribution.

Nick stated there was an ESI progress meeting last Wednesday with county staff, inspectors from each department overseeing the 5 phases which is fairly clear. The tree commissioner finished phase 1. He explained this is an 11 year application and only one phase has been done and there needs to be 8 plantings of trees. The end of 2018 will close operation and need to finish development. Nick stated at that time we need to see ESI finish up and not catchup.

Delegate Dave Albo provided a legislative update. He provided his newsletter regarding the last legislative session update. He stated that ethics is a big discussion now with the recent conviction of the Governor for accepting money in person for service and there is a push to tighten up the ethics laws such as accepting gifts. The judge wrote jury instruction that setting



up meetings can be a government action and accepting a gift for setting up a meeting is illegal. He provided an example of attending a breakfast meeting where a constituent may ask for help. Delegate Albo said there is no law for state legislators such as for Congress. He also stated there is a surge in heroin addiction for the middle class because of the addiction to oxycodone. He stated heroin is cheaper to get and he explained the difficulty in addressing this problem both with catching the dealers and treating the addiction because heroin kills. He said there is an increase in heroin deaths in Virginia and we should be very concerned about our children in the high schools. Delegate Albo stated that transportation finally got money from left over snow removal money and Old Keene Mill Road is being repaved over the next several months from Elder Avenue to Rolling Road and Fairfax County Parkway improvements made. Delegate Albo explained that they are now using a science measure instead of politics approach to developing the budget where they are using a ground penetrating radar to rate all pavement and judging which roads to pave and determining congestion and roads that will be built first. He said they fought for more slots in the state schools and got 1,700 new slots for Virginia at William and Mary, James Madison University and Virginia Tech. Delegate Albo said there were big problems with the budget and cuts were made in July and it will not be better. Northern Virginia may be hurting for a while. He also explained how redistricting is done and the challenges. Delegate Albo also discussed curb side recycling.

2. Committee Reports

Transportation

Nick stated that the Lorton Road widening is moving alone. He introduced Ben Lineberry, Volkert, Inc., and Teri Houser, Construction Manager, who provided an update. He explained this is being built with Fairfax County bond money. They are making great headway with the storm drainage system. Old Furnace Road has been closed and Hooes Road is being widened. The project should be completed by spring 2015. Phase 2 will be done from spring 2015 to 2016 and phase 3 done most of 2016 and last the Workhouse Road done in 2016. He explained the schedule is dependent on weather. He said they are a little behind due to rain and they have started the structure approvals. Members asked questions about the retaining wall and the removal of historical features which he stated will remain. Nick stated this improvement will help those going to Woodbridge and give a relief to the locals.

Land Use

Martin Rizer stated the Committee met two weeks ago and discussed the issues of the property owner who butts next to Vulcan Quarry and looked at the development conditions. The Committee is suggesting changes to the development conditions ensuring we have a voice and opinion on the direction. The blast raised questions and he stated discussions are continuing. At the meeting, Jay Banks, Fairfax County Urban Forester, provided a presentation on ESI's landscaping obligations under SEA-1 and the landscaping plan that ESI is operating under. Martin stated the dialogue will continue and hopefully speed the process for full landscaping as promised. Question asked about the 740 dwelling unit on Annapolis Way and Martin stated it



should be nice and upscale. Route 1 is also being widened using eminent domain. Martin introduced Dave Schultz, Community Housing Partners (CHP), to provide an informational briefing on a Spring Hill Development for a low income elderly housing project. He provided background on CHP which is a 39 year non-profit development from Blacksburg, VA. He stated the company received the Timothy Anderson award for excellence in innovative adaption. This development will provide 4 dormitories with 55 units and 1 commissary for residents 62 years and older with various income levels. He stated this is being built with historical and low income tax credits. They will be applying to the county for Blue Print funds to supplement their financing. He said they will break ground in April. He explained their efforts for historical preservation and using as much current building material.

Education

Christine reminded members that Dan Stork will have a town hall meeting tomorrow at South County Middle School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. She said there is no update on the new principal. The job closed and there is a first round panel to interview and recommend to the Superintendent in November. South County High had the individual and team winner for the golf championship.

Environmental and Parks

Nothing new reported.

New Business

Nick informed the members that the new South County Federation website is up and different than the old. He explained the platform was old and not as flexible. There is a new picture but the addresses are the same. More information will be uploaded to the website.

Nick stated ESI exposed a lot and it is a good time to look at the importance of South County Federation's efforts in dealing with issues in Lorton and how it differs from the Mount Vernon Council who does not know Lorton well. He explained the history of how South County Federation got its start and said we should look at what our role is and at increasing our membership and ensuring our voice is heard. He stated that Supervisor Hyland will pay attention to the community most affected. He encouraged members to stay active in order to represent themselves and their communities. Martin stated that we are also a member of Fairfax Federation. Nick stated that we need to heal, strengthen and move on. He said that the Vulcan case is coming up and it is a large application with impact.

Motion made by Nick to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded and approved unanimously. Nick adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.