



**Meeting at South County Secondary School  
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 @ 7:30 PM**

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

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

Nick introduced Supervisor Hyland to provide his report. Supervisor Hyland stated he would defer providing his report so members can hear from Supervisor Pat Herrity, from Springfield District.

Nick provided an update that the Board of Supervisors voted again to defer their decision until July 29 on the ESI application, which originally sought to extend the life of the landfill until 2040, so those in discussions may reach a compromise. After several discussions, ESI announced it would reduce the extension until 2032 and lower the height of the berm from 70 to 52 feet to surround the entire landfill and continued to response to green energy efforts. Nick stated that talks with Supervisors Hyland and Herrity, and others/organizations, that it was a surprise to us that the premise of the talks had sympathy for ESI not reaching capacity; however, ESI stated they would be at capacity at 2018 and could only continue if they had a wall. Chairman Bulova set the berm height at 20 feet and a term and date certain closure of 2025 for discussion. Supervisor Hyland stated that ESI would have to borrow money to build the wall. Nick stated they do not support any berm or height and had concerns for the long term integrity and liability of such once the landfill is closed and without regular maintenance and inspections. Members expressed concerns over being able to hold ESI to an agreement and wants a conclusion. Supervisor Hyland stated we need to look at what the community wants beyond 2025 such as a recreation center and police station. Nick also raised creating restrictions coming out of the recycling center for trucks. Supervisor Hyland said it did not help to threaten communities with large trucks coming through. Concern was raised regarding coal ash, and Supervisor Hyland stated they would offer an amendment to prevent them from putting in coal ash. Members raised concerns regarding maintenance of the berm once ESI left. Supervisor Hyland stated he looked at situations at how ESI could give to someone to control such as a nonprofit.

Supervisor Herrity provided an update on several county items and encouraged members to sign up to receive his newsletter which he puts out when there is something important for residents to know and to know where he stands which includes his position on ESI. He stated green energy has problems and he is not sure where geothermal would go. He has serious concerns with the berm and ESI not being forthright about everything and their request being a huge expansion. He stated if we do not put in our priorities building a police station, the county would have to pay for it.



Supervisor Herrity stated the budget has been difficult with cutting spending and taxes and focusing on priorities. He said it is important to use common sense on transportation solutions. The average homeowner's tax has increased with surrounding districts dropped. He stated the budget has a 7% built in but no compensation for county employees such as police, fire. The meals tax was taken off the table until 2016 which he does not support. Supervisor Herrity stated the budget should be looked at year round rather than looked at in February and passed in April. He stated the Fairfax county Public schools accounts for over 53% of our budget and he is committed to keeping them strong. Fairfax County has seen a lot of progress with I-66 and primary and secondary systems. Supervisor Herrity stated the Board voted to add a \$100M transportation bond on the ballot in November for residents to vote which is 80% for pedestrian and bike projects which cannot be supported by unfunded transportation projects.

Other items noted include: the Board tabled discussions on residential studios; Noise Ordinance is going through revisions; County trails still have a lot of problems; Yow Development application is before the Board for an increase in density; Mason started construction on the academic building and waste treatment; Sunrise at Lorton Road is up in the air; Moose Lodge property is moving forward (major issue re: turn lane on Route 1); there is a date to discuss the county's 20-year Solid Waste Management Plan; and American Turkist Friendship Association first Ramadan Iftar dinner on July 18 at the Fairfax Government Center.

Supervisor Hyland stated that Vulcan was passed to allow for replanning the quarry to a water retention. There is still an issue with the trail running along the property because Fairfax Water is reluctant to make that commitment. He said there has been tremendous pressure on staff to move ESI application forward which has not been typical. Also, the Moose Lodge submitted their transportation study re: the need for a left hand turn which is an added benefit.

## 2. Committee Reports

Martin Rizer provided an update on the Land Use Committee. He stated the Committee has held 4 meetings to discuss the Yow Property development and with surrounding property owners. Gary Garzynski, President, National Capital Land, and Matt Marshall, Engineer, provided a briefing on changes made from these discussions and responded to members' questions. They have had over 24 meetings with homeowner associations, South County Federation, Land Use Committee and individual adjacent property owners. They are making full disclosure to homeowners on the budget and contributing \$54,000 to the community. They have a 50% commitment to recycling with a 75% target. Martin explained how the Land Use Committee got to the resolution and provided a favorable resolution for nonobjection to the members. Martin moved to pass the resolution which was seconded. Twenty-five were in favor; 3 opposed and 4 sustained.

Education, Parks/Recreation and Transportation had no reports.

Nick adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.