



**Meeting at South County Secondary School, Media Room
Tuesday, September 9, 2014 @ 7:30 PM**

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President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Nick welcomed everyone back from summer break. This is the first meeting after the break as South County Federation did not meet in August.

Motion made and seconded to approve the July 8 meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

Nick provided an update on the ESI vote by the Board of Supervisors. In a close vote, the Board of Supervisors voted 6 to 4 against the ESI landfill extension and expansion thereby closing as agreed in 2007 by the end of 2018. Nick stated Supervisor Hyland did a great job in leading this effort with the Board. Nick also thanked everyone who participated. He said this was an all out effort for 2 years. Members applauded. Nick introduced Supervisor Hyland.

Supervisor Hyland stated there was no motion to reconsider ESI and no mention of ESI today. He stated they had a public hearing in Mount Vernon. Supervisor Hyland stated the main issue is the Vulcan and Fairfax Water Authority. They had a meeting at the Workhouse with a significant number of people (25) in attendance because of the recent blasting level. He stated 34 level was the highest in 6 months and shook individuals up. This raised a lot of questions and brought the community together. Residents questioned why the blast level was different and closer to the residents. This raised questions about the future and level of impact on communities. Supervisor Hyland stated they will have another meeting.

Supervisor Hyland stated the Board passed a carryover package to set money aside to fund the schools and to help with the full-day Mondays. He also stated updating the solid waste management plan is being look at and will be brought back to the Board at a March meeting. He has been pushing to look at the issue of our legal authority for developer to recycle debris and has looked up other jurisdictions and take to the legislation division. Tomorrow there will be a meeting with the staff in charge of looking at Special Exception Amendments 1 and conditions and discuss what was/not done and to make sure they comply. Supervisor Hyland met with Barbara Berlin, Planning Staff Chief, overseeing the ESI case and their experience. Both agreed it was a very difficult case for everyone and they would not want to happen again. He stated this was a healthy discussion and thrilled it is over and with the result. He said another issue is looking at the ultimate use of the land when they close in 2018 and find a way to do a



park and see that it happens. The County attorney said to find a way and to come back. We need to see that ESI complies with what needs to be done. Supervisor Hyland took questions from members and indicated that ESI could come back but would not be well received. He indicated the problem with the present law is because it is subject to change; usually changes are to tweak but not great changes or substantive or serious. But never to triple the time of the landfill or berm of 70 feet wrapped in an environmental cloak.

Resident thanked Supervisor Hyland for hosting the Vulcan meeting with the homeowners and raised concerns about the use of a sludge pit and blasting close to their homes. He stated issues were raised in the Land Use meeting. South County passed a resolution that it does not oppose and resident suggested misleading testimony was provided. Supervisor Hyland stated may consider bringing them back if information was wrong. Ms. Berlin said they are pushing for a hearing. Staff not ready to put staff report together. Martin, Land Use Chair, stated there is an issue that needs to be addressed at looking at development conditions and if blasting levels need to be updated. He stated staff was not interested in that but more in moving the stream. He stated the blast felt 3 weeks ago, if in limit, is not acceptable. It was 3.25 and last July it was 3.03. There is a myriad of issues with their permit application. Concerns is the sediment will be filled and no capacity for water for Fairfax County use because capacity will be gone and due to population increase.

Resident stated it was important to memorialize closing in the Comprehensive Plan and park, will be signal to who acquires ESI. Supervisor Hyland said this will be on his to do list. Supervisor Hyland said we need to wait until the election change with Supervisors. He suggested suing them to force them to do what they need to do. Martin also supported any changes regarding policy/procedures in how staff produces their reports. He said at times we were in the dark with decisions being made and applicant had access to staff up to the day of the hearing and negotiating without the community or Supervisor and brought to the Board and no member saw until the hearing started. Nick acknowledged Martin for starting this process and getting people involved and Peter for setting up the listserv along with Larry Clark, Marty, Cloria and Bill. Nick stated it was a great movement.

2. Committee Reports

Land Use

Martin provide a status of the Land Use Committee meeting on Tuesday night concerning an update on Vulcan Quarry. He stated there was a meeting at the workhouse to discuss the big blast felt 3 weeks ago. Staff came out to talk about development conditions and still appropriate. There will be another blast tomorrow and he invited staff to come out to feel it. Supervisory Hyland stated staff reviewing the



application for components to application. Very complicated case. Current hearing date early October not going to happen. Martin stated Land Use Committee will look at blasting impact, truck traffic and look at the feel at Workhouse. It is a longterm application that deserves a thorough review and needs more community input. Martin stated staff has a lot of experts to look at environment and not the impact on communities. There will be a lot of meetings over the next few months on this application. Other focus is on trails that goes along the property of Fairfax Water and they are concerned with security issues. Staff in agreement with Park Authority that the trail should be there. Supervisor Hyland stated he will not support their application if they do not. Martin stated Land Use position in line with Supervisor Hyland. Further discussion on options that could be relied on such as a proffer. Supervisor Hyland provided handouts on information regarding South County community over the last month.

Nick said there will be a get together at Pane e Vino, on Thursday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the ending of the ESI issue. There will be a Lobsterfest on October 4

Education

Christine Morin stated South County High School is raising money for two turf fields. There will be a fundraiser at Fort Belvoir on Sunday celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the school. She said they have raised \$25,000 but need to raise \$400,000. Dan Stork, Mount Vernon School Board Director, is holding two community office hours to chat with him on September 22 and October 11 at the school library for two hours. The Interim Principal has moved on. The principal selection panel is in process. Christine stated that Hayfield High School also needs a principal. Dale Rumberger is serving as Interim Principal at South County High School. Angela Atwater, Assistant Superintendent, serves region 4 which has new organizational changes.

Environmental and Parks

No report.

Public Safety

Needs a volunteer.

Nick stated the next meetings will be on November 11 and December 9. He adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.