



**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

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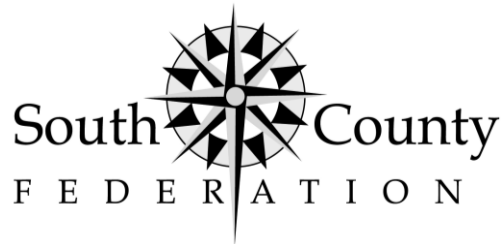
1. President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. He stated that minutes were emailed to members earlier.

Motion made and seconded to approve the January 13 meeting minutes; which was approved unanimously.

Christine Morin reported that Supervisor Hyland was unable to attend the meeting tonight because he is on his way to Richmond. She also informed members that Supervisor Hyland announced at his town hall meeting that he will not be running again in September. The Planning Commission hearing on Vulcan Quarry and Fairfax Water issue is this week. She encouraged more members to sign up to speak at the hearing. Christine also shared that Wegmans will be opening up in June and has been sending out a lot of information and will be hiring. She provided handouts for information regarding South County community over the last month.

Nick introduced Todd Hafner, Occoquan Regional Park, and Brian Nolan, Northern Virginia Park Authority, to provide the members with an update on plans and development for the park. Todd stated the new center will be named the Jean R. Packard Occoquan Center after Ms. Packard, a long-time colleague and friend who passed away a year ago, who has done so much for the Northern Virginia parks in public and environmental roles and accomplishments over five decades. He provided a history of the park and master plan process. The Center will be a two-level multi-use focal point in the park, among other proposed renovations that include landscaping at the park entrance, a new 3.1-mile trail encircling the park, a group rental center, waterfront plaza, boat launch ramp, batting cages, picnic shelters, sports fields, roads and parking areas. Todd explained there will be a design team of engineers/architects. Permits need to be applied for. This will be the first time a regional park will borrow money although they do receive bond money. He also stated that they will preserve any historical features at the park such as the beehive kiln and scale house. Updates will be posted on their website. Projected completion will be one year, January/February 2016.

Nick stated with Supervisor Hyland's retirement, we will be looking forward to the new Supervisor for the Mount Vernon District. He said Supervisor Hyland will be greatly missed and this is a sad loss. He introduced Tim Sargeant who has stepped down from the Planning Commission to run for this seat. He asked him to provide a few remarks. Mr. Sargeant said there will be a lot of challenges moving forward and that he has worked both ends. He was



reappointed by the Board of Supervisors to the Planning Commission for a third 4-year term which he has stepped down so he can run. He has served on the board of Visitors and Co-chair of the Adaptive Reuse for the Lorton Prison. Mr. Sargeant said he is looking forward to working with South County Federation and would be glad to provide his vision. He lives in Cross Point. Nick said the primary is in June and he will have him back. It is unknown of others running at this time.

2. Committee Reports

Transportation

Dale Johnson shared that he served on the Transportation Committee several years ago. He provided the following:

1. Illegal road signs – explained the county policy to remove the signs is on their website which is to be done by the sheriff labor force. This will not be done by public complaint. Efforts may have wane. He recommends we push the county to issue citations on illegal road signs. They are held for a period for pick up and then destroyed. Adopt a highway can destroy. Christine offered that if an area is bad that the Supervisor’s office can be called.
2. Hot lanes – provided article in Fredericksburg paper re: if coffers not filled, taxpayers are to help out.
3. Fairfax County Parkway Loop Ramp – provided handouts with information on this. VDOT began construction to widen the inner loop ramp, taking traffic from Rolling Road to Fairfax County Parkway creating a dual-lane ramp.
4. Status of transportation projects for 2015 – Information was provided on projects in or near Mount Vernon district.
5. Lorton Road Update
6. Fairfax County Speed Awareness Campaign – electric radar speed sign also available to be placed in HOAs which provides data on vehicles that go by and how many speeding.

Education

Nothing significant to report.

Land Use

Martin Rizer stated the Committee met with Kettler on a new plan which includes a parcel that adds acres and additional homes which the Committee thought was well planned out. He explained that there was property for sale on Gunston Cove Road which was bought by Republic Trash. He said he is not sure what they will do with the property. It includes 10 acres. Martin will reach out to see what they plan to do and provide an update. Martin explained the history of Chick-fila’s interest in the property at Lorton Market and the interest for a gas station with the same problem. He will ask them to speak in the next month or two. Traffic has not been adequately addressed. Larry Clark met with them and said it will require a lot more



collaboration. An application was submitted in October which still has not been accepted. They have been doing a lot of community outreach.

Nick explained that a resolution was passed on Vulcan/Fairfax Water and they met with the applicant attorney at the Land Use meeting. It was felt that after their talks that it is in the best interest of South County Federation to amend some language using stronger language in our resolution. Martin explained the changes to include renumbering them in priority order; blasting levels; no truck through traffic/enforcement. Supervisor Hyland appointed a special committee to study the trails, blasting and truck use. Vulcan agreed to accept the posting on Lorton Road as no truck route. Mr. Flannigan said there will be a public hearing on Thursday and explained the type of questions he will have. He explained the difference in process for the Board of Zoning Appeals as it applies to the blasting concerns and the complexity of this issue. Eleanor expressed environmental interest in the trail along the river which would be acceptable versus it being rerouted. She explained there are two expensive stream reclamation projects where storm water is dumped into creeks and repair efforts costs millions of dollars.

Motion made and seconded to approve changes as discussed to amend the resolution as distributed and edited. Approved in favor – 39; opposed – 0.

Nick encouraged everyone to sign up and speak at the public hearing on Thursday at 8:15 p.m.

Christine reminded the members of the annual gala on March 14. Information can be obtained at www.LortonAction.org.

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

Transportation
No report.

Environmental and Parks
No report.

Old Business
None reported.

New Business
None reported.

Motion made by Nick to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded and approved unanimously. Nick adjourned the meeting at 9:49 p.m.