



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

****** MINUTES******

1. President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. He stated that minutes were emailed to members earlier.

Motion made and seconded to approve the February 10 meeting minutes; which was approved unanimously.

2. Supervisor's Report

Marcia Hanson reported that Supervisor Hyland is on travel and sends his apologies for missing tonight's meeting; however, the handouts provided include his speaking notes. Supervisor Hyland's speaking notes provide an update on: Vulcan Quarry/Fairfax County Water Authority; installation of synthetic turf and athletic field lighting on South County Middle School; Fairfax 2015 Police and Fire Games (June 26 - July 5); Cumberland Court Apartments on Laurel Hill; FY 2016 county budget; Ides of Bark (March 15); and Ad hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Ms. Hanson also reminded members of the Board of Zoning public hearing on Vulcan Construction Materials. Supervisor Hyland will submit for the written record that he supports South County Federation's (SCF) resolution on this subject. The Fairfax County Park Authority and Fairfax County Public Schools will hold an information meeting on March 18 to present a plan for the development of lighted synthetic turf fields at South County Middle School. Ms. Hanson also highlighted the Fairfax 2015 World Police and Fire games in June which is the second largest to the U.S Olympics. Fairfax County will host. Four thousand volunteers are needed. There are five buildings vacant next to Spring Hill that will be moving forward. Supervisors approved the funding. Ms. Hanson said the ad hoc committee will review communities and how we police large events. She said there will be 70 vendors at the Ides of Bark, which is on Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

3. Legislative Updates

Mark Sickles and Dave Albo, Delegates, provided updates. There was nothing controversial before the General Assembly. There is a bill for Uber Lift which was considered illegal rides of hire and not regulated like cabs which have insurance and are regulated. The General Assembly added regulations and this makes Uber now legal. He stated that ethics is a hot topic and a bill was recently passed capping gifts at \$250 and tangibles dropped to \$100 including meals. Also, trips taken have to be legislative related. He explained the effects of the economic slump. We are on track for projects to expand slots for in-state schools. Also, 2015 General Assembly signed into law legislation preventing prosecution of Virginia residents who get written permission from their doctors to obtain and use oils extracted from marijuana plants for the medical treatment and patient/doctor will not be prosecuted. There is also a bill for women to breast feed in public. He



also discussed sexual violence on college campuses and that under Federal law the school does not have to tell. Schools have to have a panel and if a woman reports, the panel hears the facts and if determine there is imminent danger, the school can tell the police. If the college campus police, they must tell the Commonwealth Attorney. Regarding the Greer case, we may see legislation in the future. It is now easier for establishments to serve alcohol in outside seating areas. A prioritization list will be set and sent to Senator Barker by May. VDOT is doing a massive study by congestion on a more scientific review rather than politics. Mr. Sickles explained that the platform at the VR&E railway station needs to be bigger. Last year began the 2 year budget and money did not come up but they came up with ways to cut and money came in. He explained this year's cuts could do a lot of things, i.e. higher education fund, rainy day pay back, capital projects, 2% raise for state employees, 1% for teachers. Fairfax received \$10 ½M more than anticipated so this was a good year for local government. A lot of money was put into redesigning disability waivers for people who care for the severely disabled. There is a bill to fund maintenance of roads. Formula was changed for secondary roads and for construction of category 4 maintenance for deep problems such as major roads and bridges.

Senator Barker explained that the Medicaid population is coming down and reprogramming that money towards serious mental illness for long-term care. Twenty-thousand will be enrolled in this program. Also, pregnant women will be able to get dental services. Next year there will be a 4 year study to restructure the mental healthcare system. He said the economy took a big hit in 2014 with heavy reliance on government and the sequestration and defense contractors affected in the Hampton Road area. There will be major changes for workforce to make sure employees are trained and revamp workforce development. There will be commitments in research with higher education. He explained the complications with the IRS debit card refund. There will also be a Standards of Learning Innovation Committee to assess and recommend reforms to the assessment and accountability system. This will allow expedited retakes and will give a better assessment for schools. There is a regulation for number of children (6) at childcare facilities. For high school/college suicide risks, if there is a report, the school will contact the child and assess and involve family to build support in hopes of reducing suicide rate.

4. New Business

Nick explained that a list was developed for transportation and other priorities. He explained that there was a lot of industrial put in our area and there is less land for development. He asked if SCF should have a role in providing guidance to the Comprehensive Plan. Tim Rizer explained that the Lorton landmark is the clock tower at the heart of Lorton which is not operational. There are 400,000 out of state visitors. Chamber of Commerce cares about the community as a whole and businesses benefits the community. Past plans did not consider Lorton a community and we cannot sit here and wait for every application to come and we say no. He explained that we need to be better prepared to say what we want and suggested we look at those things and create a balance; such as the new home by the fire department could have been other business. He explained Lorton has 60,000 homeowners and we are underserved. SCF should start the conversation and work with



the Chamber of Commerce. SCF should think proactively and have a vision. Chairman Flannigan explained that the Comprehensive Plan comes into play when someone cannot do something by-right. The county changes the zone to agree with the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan was written in 1991 and then no one knew the plans for Lorton and the future without the prison. Nick suggested this start at a committee level and it will be a long process.

5. Committees

Transportation

Dale Johnson, Chair, provided the following:

1. Hot lanes – He questioned if the taxpayers are responsible if they come up short. The first month statistics shows an immediate impact and a good start.
2. Illegal road signs – He will follow up on this. Removal frequency is supposed to be once a month.
3. Commonwealth Transportation – There will be a review of congestion relief and maintenance. He will follow up on this.
4. Fairfax Speeding Campaign – The county has invested in several electronic signs that attaches quickly to the post of other signs. This is at no cost to the HOA. This is a good turn on investments. It is connected to the Internet and can provide the results.

Land Use

Nick explained concerns regarding the blasting level at Vulcan which the average is below .1. The fear is this can go up to .4 for 70 years. They would be finish in 2035 but now guaranteed to go to 2085. He explained they will continue to talk. He spoke at the Planning Commission meeting and Board of Zoning (BSA). The Planning Commission will make their decision on March 19; then it goes to the Board to be heard on April 28; back to BZA on May 4 and then back to the Board. We will continue to work with Vulcan and find a compromise, particularly on blasting. Nick explained the blasting level was set at .4 in 1972 and is sure that technology has improved since. SCF needs to ensure that it gets no worst. The community wants to see the blasting level lowered. Nick explained there is a big difference between actual and what they can do.

Martin said the Committee has a special exception application for a concrete batching plant on Gunston Cove Road. They are coming to the next Committee meeting. The Committee is still in discussions with Chick-fila.

Nick explained that 4 candidates announced they are running for Supervisor Hyland's position. They are Time Sergeant, Dan Stork, Candace Bennett and Jack Dobbins.

Education

Dan Stork provided handouts. He provided an update on the school budget. He indicated that for the last 6 years the budget for students has been flat. This year is a bare bone budget; however, there is additional money from the state. There is more cost for educating students. The school



Board put together a task force to install turf fields – state of the art – and raise money with boosters. Three schools got additional funding. He explained there is a meeting on March 18. They are looking at where to put additional fields at South County Middle School and will present plan. He stated there is a good opportunity to build on investment in the workforce and increase certifications. Standards of Learning can be taken earlier and those who pass can move on and focus on other things. He said it is about being flexible. There are some opportunities here for vision and SCF needs to be in the driver seat. Building a middle school will be a huge lift. For education, financing, innovations and opportunities will take the community to the next level. He said the purpose for bonds has been identified and the Board of Supervisors will put on the ballot.

Tim Sergeant explained that he served on the county planning and has lived in the community for 20 years. He said he is excited to hear talk about re-visioning. He served as Co-Chair for the plans of the 3,000 acre of Lorton prison site; then Laurel Hill community; 3 school sites; 1200 acre parks; and Tysons metro/Reston Huntington metro. He said he wants to be an advocate for our dollars and use consensus building to move the community forward. Mr. Sergeant said there is a ground breaking at the new reformatory - \$2 1/2M revenue, 300 jobs. He would like to create a bigger sense of place and he sees real potential here. The reformatory prison is adaptive reuse for mix use. There is a 3 person board and he wants a project advisory committee in place to look at shops, etc. Mr. Sergeant has won many awards.

Nick explained that the deadline is March 26 to submit/file as a candidate to get on the ballot. To date, there are 4 democrats and no republicans. The primary is June 9.

On March 13, at 7 p.m., there is a Military and Arts reception at the Lorton Workhouse.

It was reported that Colonel Gadson, Garrison Commander, is retiring.

Flyers for summer camp are made available.

Irma Clinton reminded members of the Eagle Fest on Saturday, April 25, which is in conjunction with Earth Day. She stated there will be a lot of educational things for children.

Environmental/Parks
No report.

6. Old Business
None reported.

Motion made by Nick to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded and approved unanimously. Nick adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.