



**Meeting at South County Secondary School  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 @ 7 PM**

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

1. President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Motion** made to approve the May 12 meeting minutes which was seconded and approved unanimously.

**2. Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Hyland stated the electoral Board results of the primary will not be available until 9:30 p.m. for the Democratic candidate for Supervisor. He said it was an interesting experience for him to go vote for Supervisor. He said he was disappointed with the Vulcan Water case. Board of Supervisors and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) were willing to accept Fairfax Water safety concerns regarding connecting the trail even with fences on both sides. BZA taking action on the zoning permit. Concerns regarding noise levels were not enough to raise their concerns. Both said Vulcan could do more but rubberstamped their approval. There was a Public Safety meeting and a report from the Police Commission looking at accountability, relations and disclosures. There will be a hearing in the Mt. Vernon district and the Commission will go out on the road. There was talk about the use of body cameras for all police which is expensive and how Seattle, WA, did this but stopped because of Freedom of Information Act requests for all photos. There was discussion also on mental illness and those arrested and how we handle them. All police are going through crisis intervention training. The noise ordinance was put off to September.

Questions were raised regarding how we should raise our concerns and get a more favorable response. Nick explained that during our process of communicating our concerns, the applicant had the last word, erroneous information stated and the process seemed to collapse at that point. There was a lot of interaction between the county staff and the applicant and we were in momentarily. Supervisor Pat Herrity agreed. Supervisor Herrity said that the decision for him came down to security and he would not put the water system at risk. Nick went into detail about where the trail would run and easements and where it is runs now and that there is no connection to Sandy Point. Supervisor Herrity stated that Homeland Security should have been contacted earlier. Nick stated we want to do the right thing but not the wrong thing that does not benefit anyone but would cost the residents. He said he would hope there is a way for us to get our points across. Supervisor Hyland stated that Fairfax Water was prepared at one point to do the fence and no security concerns. Commissioner Flannigan confirmed Supervisor Hyland's statement in briefing the Planning Committee and it would be ok except the fact that they have to



build 2 fences and monitor it. There objection was not just security but expense. Nick said this was a complicated case and not a pleasurable experience. He said there were things said that the community did not say and that we were left out of some of the pieces. He stated it was a bit of a shame that we could not get our points across. Nick said if we need to do something to be more involved, it would be helpful to know this. He said there are also concerns that we do not get to pre-read the report until it is out and begging for changes or taking steps backwards. We think we get through and then our concerns are not in the notes or misinterpreted. Unfortunate residents will have to pay for this through the water bill. Supervisor Herrity said his door is always open. Nick said we need to work to get these things through properly. When it went down, he did not receive anything. Supervisor Hyland said there will be an election in November and there are two issues he hopes are discussed – the position of ESI to come back and be revisited and how we address the conundrum of the north and south part of the district and organizations and finesse relationships, particularly Land Use, and decide on how important issues and challenges for whomever holds this position.

Nick reminded members that due to the school's budget, the air condition is turned off after school and the temperature will climb making meetings shorter.

Nick introduced Jane Gandee, Mount Vernon District Republican candidate, for Supervisor. Ms. Gandee thanked Nick for the invitation and explained the Republicans had a caucus and she was a lone wolf running. She expressed she did not have the depth or breath as Supervisors Hyland and Herrity but shared what is important to her and how she reacts. She provided a brief background to include her and her husband live in Hallowing Point, Mason Neck, for 17 years and has an affinity for both districts and believes she can bridge the gap. Her father is a World War II Veteran and her mother is a teacher. She started a business off of Route 1. Being in business for 30 years, she has skills in hiring, training and ways of improving employees as part of the ServiceMaster family. She is also involved with the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, and Rising Hope Ministry with a focus on homelessness. Her background includes community service and volunteer going door to door. Ms. Gandee believes in small government and that the government works for the people. Her door will be open and it is an unbelievable task that Supervisors perform and looking forward to. She is looking forward to listening to the members. She has experience with dealing with roadblocks with the government when building her office building and hired 45 employees. She said if the community feels strongly about an issue, we need to listen. Ms. Gandee said if she does not have an answer, she will look for it and make sure she has the right information. She was asked what the issues are in the Mount Vernon district. She stated the economic foundation of the community that makes it go and that people have jobs - we need to find a viable way to find jobs. We also need to do things architecturally to make it special and we have to go back and fix the plan. She also indicated the relationship between the Board and schools that there are a lot of problems with overcrowding, lower school grades and need to figure out what is causing the problems and not just throw money at it. Ms. Gandee said the county looks pretty good but if we want Route 1 to be vibrant it needs to be attractive and efficient so people want to live here, not that they need to go to DC, Tysons, etc.



She explained that schools and roads take a lot of work. A member asked her how she would vote if two competing organizations had two different views how she would vote. Ms. Gandee said we need to come together and figure out a resolution. She offered to come back again. Ms. Gandee provided a handout.

Mr. Rizer Sr. provided results of the Democratic election for Supervisor with Dan Storck at 2616 and Tim Sargeant at 2437.

Supervisor Herrity stated that the county projects a huge increase in its 50+ population by 40% and there will be significant demographic changes. They pulled together a 50+ Committee to draw up a plan which has 30 initiatives which are achievable. Example includes home sharing and looking at 3 models of affordable housing where others can share in chores and bills.

Supervisor Herrity also reminded members of the World Police/Fire Games, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest athletic event, coming to the county, June 26 – July 5. The events are free to spectators. They expect 10,000 athletes and 30,000 spectators. There are 5,800 volunteers and this will bring good economic activity.

Supervisor Herrity provided his Report which included information on farm breweries, Lyme disease testing and Rolling Road widening update; Fairfax 50+, and Fairfax Economic Indicators.

The Lorton Parade has been cancelled.

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **Transportation**

Dale Johnson, Chair, said he is continuing to track the illegal sign effort. This is done once a month and the perception is this is not being met. Supervisor Herrity said this was discussed today and they are looking at adding a second team. He said there are 5-6 people who are part of the problem and they need to be fined. Strong offenders need to be prosecuted. Supervisor Herrity said we do have the ability to fine but is expensive to do because a sworn officer needs to take the signs down. A member offered the solution is to call the violator and give them 3 days to remove their own signs. Dale said workshops were held to help finalize the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FDOT) 10 year comprehensive transit plan. There will be significant changes to include Fairfax connection/buses to blast out on email/website. He provided a handout. He also said FDOT did a review on the walkway at Silverbrook/Hoes and the consensus was it was not worthwhile to follow up on. They looked at the sidewalk on the other side and looked at completing and adding a crosswalk at Monacan with a cross light on sensor.



## Land Use

Nick said that the Vulcan/Fairfax Water went through and we were defeated but did get screening for the Workhouse. He stated there are two resolutions for discussion.

Martin Rizer, Chair, said the Committee met with Superior Concrete for the second time which has a request for a concrete plant on Terminal Road. A resolution was provided regarding Superior Concrete – 8420 Terminal Road, Special Permit to Allow Concrete Batching Plant. **Motion** made to approve the resolution as written which was seconded and discussed.

He explained this is a 24 hour operation with a request for an 85 foot high plant. The Committee requested that a balloon be flown to check for visibility from communities and confirmed there was only visibility from I-95. The Committee suggested mitigating the visibility of the silo by painting it a light blue color which they agreed. Concerns were raised that county staff may push back on limiting the use of Lorton Road as it would have to be monitored. They do not want to impose restrictions on roads that VDOT does not have restrictions already. Supervisor Hyland said that people are already complaining about time at the intersection and trying to get through. Transportation should take a look at this. Martin said we have raised this issue and that the Comprehensive Plan said this area use is for higher or better industrial. There is a gas farm that is also a 24 hour operation. He explained that they would serve a 20 mile radius and they could help undercut prices. Supervisor Flannigan said the staff is recommending approval to use Fairfax County Parkway. The Comprehensive Plan has limitations on banks, gas stations on Route 1 where there is overpopulating of TitleMax, etc. Also ESI trucks are using Route 1 and Furnace Roads and staff said not condition for recycling plant and will allow use of Lorton Road. Martin said he felt the staff was changing. Supervisor Hyland said if the attorney agrees, staff does not decide. Concerns were raised about Fairfax County Parkway and I-95 intersections and having extra traffic. Martin said there is a need for this plant and this would be the best location. There is already an operation there and this would be replacement traffic. Chairman Flannigan said they do not want the burden of enforcing limitation on Lorton road and there would have to be something similar to ESI enforcing it. Martin said they can work on language for mitigating traffic and feels strongly this is the right resolution. Supervisor Hyland said we need to have a commitment with VDOT to get this intersection fixed. Supervisor Flannigan recommended the resolution go forward and he will defer and discuss what needs to be done. The site plan should not be approved until the intersection is looked at. Martin said we can approve and have discussion with VDOT to look at significant traffic issues and improve. There was discussion on Loisdale Road redesign. **Approved 20, opposed 8, no abstention.**

Martin provided a second resolution for Trash Dump in Giles Run Creek. Martin explained that there is an issue with dumping behind AAAA Auto Parts Inc. There are no HOAs or constituents to advocate. There was a citizen complaint and an inspector was sent out to visit and helicopter. There are 2000 tires in the auto park yard and they were demanded to remove them which they complied. However, there is a massive amount of tires, etc. in the Giles Run



flood plain. They asked the county to enforce the dumping that needs to be cleaned up. Supervisor Hyland asked if staff has asked them to clean it. Staff did look and said it needs to be clear and will send other inspectors. Supervisor Hyland said they need to be ordered to clean it up. It was suggested that the violation needs to include where there trash has gone or the county will do and collect from them. **Motion** was made to approve and was seconded. Approved 28 to 0.

Nick said there are two issues to discuss at the next meeting, the derelict barge in Belmont Bay and the Lorton Road renaming.

### **Education**

Christin Morin is still recovering from an auto accident.

### **New/Old Business**

Nick said there is nothing significant to report at this time.

**Motion** made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded and approved unanimously. Nick at adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.