



**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, July 14, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

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

Motion made to approve the June 9 meeting minutes which was seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Supervisor's Report

Nick stated that Supervisor Hyland is absent. Marcia Hansen stated there is nothing significant to report at this time. She provided a handout on the Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team training offered to residents for personal/family and disaster preparedness. This is a free certification training program that is weekly over a 6-8 week period to help others know the correct things to do during emergencies.

Nick provided an update on the Vulcan/Fairfax Water. He has a meeting with Vulcan in the morning to see how we can continue a dialogue. Nick said a complaint form is being created for the county.

Nick congratulated Dan Stork as the Democratic candidate for County Supervisor. Dan said he respected the other candidates and met with each of them. He acknowledged Tim Sergeant for his hard work with the county and said they work well together. Dan said there is a lot going on in the school and they are looking forward to the next school year. This was the largest graduating class. School will start after Labor Day which is a state law. Year-end closed where expected. There is concern with teacher pay which is the lowest in the area than all surrounding schools. He provided the example that an Arlington County teacher can get \$10-20,000 more in salary. Dan said beginning salaries were competitive to attract good teachers but the concern is keeping the most experienced teachers. He said the state revises their budget formula every two years and at best we hope to break even and need to pay back what has been borrowed. School Superintendent set up a Budget Committee for brainstorming and looking at all ideas to meet the budget challenges and begin the conversation to help the community understand the school division's budget and importance of a long-range planning. He explained Arlington County piloted a template to create a budget to explore and weigh. Dan explained costs included: 5% for administration; 5% for transporting children to school; 5% for facilities; and 85% for teachers, support and administrators. The Committee will have public meetings. He also explained increase costs for teaching today's children and their needs and meeting state standards which have gone up to mastery level. He hopes everyone supports educational needs as they are



essential to our community and property values. There will be tough decisions to make and needed cuts for 2017. The Board will make their first decisions in February and final in May. They encourage public engagement in this process. They have cut the budget and staff which has consequences. Dan encouraged members to call or email him and sign up for his email blasts. He suggested members look at the Washington Area board Guide that measures school, pay, number of students, number of buildings, etc.

3. Committee Reports

Land Use

Martin Rizer shared that the Planning Commission voted on Superior Concrete; however, they did not agree on the no truck restriction on Lorton Road. The developer gave a written agreement not to use and maybe we can still get in the development conditions. He said the Committee will continue to monitor the Cheney Enterprise's special exception application to permit construction of a concrete batching plant on Gunston Cove Road. There is discussion of a senior citizen building at New Home and Lorton Valley Roads where there is a small house. Sunrise had an application on the property. They will have them come to the next Land Use meeting.

Nick referred to the resolution in the Federation's meeting package regarding a derelict vessel in Belmont Bay. He explained since the Environmental Committee is not fully operational, this is provided on the agenda for discussion. This is an emptied vessel north of the Yacht Club that has been in the middle of the bay since the 1960s. This issue is out of our usual arena and does not affect any communities. He has received emails from others regarding this removal, as well Robert Roberatory stated that Crosspointe is also opposed. Gary Knipling provided a history of vessel and efforts that developed in 2009. He stated that it is an empty hulk and all environmental parts like the engine have been removed. He explained this would require negotiations with Fairfax County and Vulcan for covering costs. Questions were raised regarding environmental impact to removing now; safety issue with location; historical value. Nick explained removal would be a 6 figure cost. It was felt that the county has other priorities. Marcia said she consulted with the county cultural resource manager who said since the vessel is vintage WWII it would need to be documented for historical register. Also, Fairfax County is not interested in funding as money can be better spent. Mason Neck abstains. No motion was made.

Transportation

Dale Johnson, Chair, informed members about the Embark Richmond Highway Project that will provide views and help coordinate citizen input meetings on the planning and construction of the multimodal transportation projects along the highway. Members include southeast, Lee District, Mt. Vernon and Tim Sergeant representing Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. They had their first meeting with the next on August 3. They will look at the results of studies



by agencies and what to do about Route 1 to include the widening and various rail options such as a two-stop underground extension of metro's yellow line to Beacon Hill and Hybla Valley. Also, consideration of the wide median use for express bus service which is already being criticized as passengers would get off in the middle of the road. Minutes of the meeting are available. Earl Flannigan said he was asked to attend to understand the role intended to serve. County staff will provide the workforce to implement what will be recommended. He explained the sunshine law on open meetings since 3 planning commissioners attending. Meetings will be at the South County Center. Dale also provided updates for improvements from Armistead to Gordon has already been approved.

Nick provided background on the portion of Lorton Road renaming to Workhouse Road and the Federation's September 2013 resolution to support as the community would be best served by the renaming of that portion of Furnace Road to Lorton Road. Supervisor Hyland raised this at a Board meeting which was unanimously passed. Nick introduced Tracy Hartson, a resident of this portion of Lorton Road, who wanted to speak to the members regarding rescinding this resolution. Her concerns included: this was not an agenda item of the Board of Supervisor's meeting; there were no public hearings; policies and procedures as set by the state were not followed; the Federation made their decision because there would be hearings; this would set precedence in the county that anyone could change the name of a road without notification; a road cannot have the same name as one that it connects with; and residents have to agree with name change. Earl explained this does not set precedence as Old Mill Road is now Jeff Todd Parkway and that her due process would be a better way to proceed. He also explained that during the Vulcan review there was an attempt to declare Lorton Road a no through truck; however, VDOT opposed. By renaming that portion, it can be a no through truck route. It was stated that consensus was that we knew residents were opposed but voted to rename as it seemed logical and a benefit. Irma stated that the Lorton Heritage Society voted to oppose changing the name for historical reasons. Marcia explained that Supervisor Hyland supported this change and was within his power as Supervisor to take such action which was passed unanimously by the Board. The Workhouse has having financial difficulty and this further identifies the Workhouse. She also provided that residents on this road would like to consolidate and have rezone to sell to builder. It was suggested that the Federation is not a court to address legal right and that we make recommendations not decisions. Nick clarified since the Federation passed a resolution we would have to rescind. Motion passed and seconded. Resident stated he was uncomfortable with voting and would need to bring this to his homeowners association. Motion made and seconded to defer. This is tabled to the September meeting. The Federation will not meet in August.

Nick introduced Karen Sanders, who is running for the Mount Vernon District School Board seat that Dan Storck vacated. She offered a few words about the significant education budget concerns and encouraged everyone to get involved. There will be boundary changes to happen due to 2 new schools being built. There will be an Old Mount Vernon Use Task Force meeting



Education

Nothing significant to report.

New/Old Business

Nothing significant to report.

Mr. Mason said there was a good turnout at the Independence Day celebration which had tripled the vendors. This help net a little bit of money. This is the fourth year for this event which is now a community event.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.