



**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**

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

1. President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Motion made to approve the July 14 meeting minutes as edited which was seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Supervisor's Report

The Board of Supervisors is on recess and there is not allot of actionable items, just site visits and following up with constituents. The Board will resume on September 22.

Nick stated that John Mason, with the Workhouse, will be here to say his farewell to the members. He explained that Mr. Mason's position is temporary and they are looking for a replacement who will start next month.

3. Committee Reports

Land Use

Jack Perkins, with Elm Street Development, provided a presentation on the update of the master plan for the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse to develop the 80-acre area formerly known as the Reformatory and Penitentiary by the reuse of existing historic buildings and new construction. Construction was started earlier this summer but there were some financial roadblocks that were worked out. Phase 1 includes: reformatory, chapel, power house, 165 apartments, 83 townhomes, 24 single family detached homes, clubhouse and pool. The marketing schedule will be no later than closing plus 90 days. The apartments, townhouses and single family lots will be made available in the fall of 2016. The start of Phase 2 construction will begin late 2017. There will be no major changes to the adaptive reuse building. He explained if not viable for office space, there is a provision to convert to multi-family units. Mr. Perkins stated the parking ratio exceeds the zoning limit. He also took questions from members.

Transportation

Dale Johnson, Chair, stated there was no update on the Embark Richmond Highway Project which he reported on at the last meeting. Dale is a member of the advisory group and will provide updates on their future meetings. Dale will attend a meeting with Joe and Linwood on the Giles Run project. He explained this project is in the comprehensive plan and staff refers to



this as a connector road but is really a pass through. Dale stated as in the minutes, the South County Federation deferred to this meeting their move to rescind its support of the renaming of Lorton Road based on some residents' concerns to study it. Nick explained the Federation passed a resolution in support of the renaming which is on the table to rescind.

Motion made and seconded to rescind South County Federation's resolution to support the renaming of Lorton Road. Seventeen in favor; 20 opposed.

Nick introduced Jonathan Kiell who provided information on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program which was developed in the 1970-80s in California after earthquakes and people wanted to help but became victims. This program provides free disaster preparedness training to community residents. The next training will start September 23 at the Lorton Fire Department. He encouraged members to sign up for this training. This is 3 hours one night a week for 8 weeks. Training includes: family preparedness plans; disaster preparedness; basic fire depression; search and rescue; terrorism psychology, etc. He stated there are additional training opportunities to include metro rail safety, dominion power lines, humane society; deaf/hard of hearing; ham radio; and local team building. Several safety handouts were provided.

Nick introduced Joana Garcia who is running for the Virginia's 42nd House of Delegates District seat. She shared that she is a Navy retired military aviation maintenance officer retired in 2008, parent activist and PTA mom. Her husband is Air Force Veteran. She led a grassroots effort for full day kindergarten in Fairfax County. She and her husband have been residents for 10 years and have two boys attending Fairfax County public schools.

Delegate David Albo stated there were no legislative updates.

Education

Dan Storck started he is running for Board of Supervisor. He will be attending a meeting at looking at the options for the school's budget. He explained that the budget has been less than 2008 and that students require more for their education due to second languages and higher standards for testing. They will be going over a long list of things to consider cutting and will recommend to the school board.

Nick introduced Karen Corbett Sanders who is a candidate for School Board, Mount Vernon District. Ms. Sanders said that she was born and raised here and has been with the school system for 15 years. She is the Chair for the Mt. Vernon Reuse Task Force which there will be a public meeting on October 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the Old Mount Vernon High School to discuss options on reuse of that facility. There is a school bond referendum on the general election ballot which will include Newington Forest Elementary School renovation. Nick asked for someone from Newington Forest Homeowners Association to speak at the next meeting.



New/Old Business

Nothing significant to report.

Mr. Mason was not in attendance of the meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Nick adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.