



**Meeting at Workhouse Arts Center
Tuesday, Dec 7, 2015 @ 8:00 PM**

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

1. President Nick Firth called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

-A **Motion** to approve the November 10 meeting minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

On behalf of the entire SCF membership, Nick praised outgoing Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland for his unstinting and devoted public service over almost three decades. Nick asked Gerry to come forward and presented him with a personalized bottle of wine.

Nick also recognized former Workhouse Arts Center President, John Mason, who has been a key influence in converting the Lorton Arts Foundation into the Workhouse Arts Center.

2. Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Hyland rose, and began by saying that he has asked for a time study regarding the Newington Rd issue (please see details in the November minutes). He stated that “A traffic study should allow us to take out (from the County’s comprehensive plan) the improvement provisions for that road.” Regarding his imminent departure from elective office, the Supervisor opined that “I am thrilled to pass the baton to Dan Storck, who is already working with my staff.” Supervisor Hyland then mentioned that Karen Sanders gave a “wonderful report” to the Board regarding the Original Mount Vernon High School property (currently leased by the Islamic Saudi Academy). According to Supervisor Hyland, the Board was very receptive to her comments and recommendations in identifying potential uses of the building and lands which would benefit the community, be consistent with the County’s strategic priorities, and contribute to economic renewal efforts. As a parting suggestion to the SCF, the Supervisor said that there has always been a certain amount of friction between the Mount Vernon Council and the SCF.



“We shouldn’t have conflict between the two main areas of the Mount Vernon District,” he admonished, and encouraged the SCF to promote a better sense of cooperation with the Mount Vernon Council.

Supervisor-elect Dan Storck rose and spoke about his admiration for Supervisor Hyland. He said that he hopes “to continue this tradition of looking for opportunities and challenges in this county.”

Supervisor Pat Herrity, of the Springfield District, added his best wishes for Supervisor Hyland’s future.

3. Committee Reports

Transportation

-Dale Johnson, Chair, stated that soon he and Earl Flanagan will be attending a meeting looking at multimodal options for Rte 1.

-Marty Schumacher asked about the adopt-a-road program and whether or not it is still active. Dale said that he will inquire.

Land Use (LUC)

-Martin Rizer stated that his committee heard a presentation for position by Mark Jenkins on Gunston Shell’s special exception amendment application to allow for a fourth service bay already constructed on the property. This process is moving smoothly.

-Also discussed by the LUC was the Chick-Fil-A special exception application to construct and operate a fast food restaurant, with drive thru, at 9400 Lorton Market Place. Martin stated that this application is still problematic, especially because of the potential impact on local traffic patterns.

-A **Motion** was made, seconded, and unanimously approved;

1. that the SCF Be given an opportunity to work with the County in determining the best location and name of the new Police Station
2. that the SCF be given an opportunity to contribute to design and architectural concepts on the structures that will become icons of Lorton
3. that the Police Station have office and meeting space available

Education

Nothing new reported



Environmental and Parks

Nothing new reported.

4. New Business

- Election of Federation Officers was held. The following individuals were nominated and unanimously voted:

- President Dale Rumberger
- Vice President Nick Firth
- Treasurer Larry Clark
- Secretary Cathy Bonnefil
- Corresponding Secretary Vivian Drake

-Irma Clifton brought up the Lorton Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration, and the need for someone to lead the planning for this great event. This really needs an individual champion to step up. The previous planner has retired after many, many years and will provide all his files and information. Please contact Nick Firth or Dale Rumberger.

A **Motion** was made by Nick to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and approved unanimously. Nick adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 12th, 2016 at South County High School