



Tuesday, December 13, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM.

2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports
 - November Minutes - A **Motion** to approve the November 1 minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Treasurer's Report was provided by Larry Clark , who stated that nothing has changed since the November report; also, Larry welcomed the Crandall Run Homeowners Association as members of the SCF.

 - South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce (SFCC) - Tom Repczynski, Chairman of the SFCC, was unable to attend, but Dale R mentioned that, because of a conflict with another community event, the date for the Job Fair (mentioned in the November minutes) has been moved to April 29, 2017

3. Supervisors' Reports.

Supervisor Dan Storck commented on the following items

- Year-end wrap up – “We have accomplished a great deal this year, including
 - Increased and regular communications from my office.
 - A win-win between the community and Chaney Enterprises
 - Partnering with you and the Chamber to create a spring job fair
 - Increased funding for our teachers

- “We still have much to accomplish together, and as we head into a new year, I’m very interested in your thoughts and comments about our office; how we connect with you, and what we can do in the new year to continue to improve South County. For example, we are improving our website and hope that, by summer, we will have an interactive website.



- “I have attended an economic development meeting with several entrepreneurs. We discussed innovation and what to do to better our economic situation in South County.
- Police –
 - “On December 6, the Board of Supervisors (BoS) voted 9-1 to establish a Civilian Review Panel to provide oversight of Fairfax County Police and to hear complaints of police misconduct or abuse of authority. Also discussed was a new 911 system.
 - “The county executive is presented with a difficult upcoming budget year and it is possible that the Lorton police department could be delayed by a year. The police department is planning to hire approximately 15 officers per year to ramp up for the new station; but with budget constraints, this could be stalled.
 - “During the first or second quarter of 2017, I will be leading the effort to bring a pilot program to the Mount Vernon District Police for body cameras for our police officers.
- Lorton Community Center – “Next week, I am meeting with county staff to kick off our discussions about the Lorton Community Center. I will have more to share next month.
- Fairfax County 2018 Budget projections – “On November 22, 2016, Ed Long, the County Executive, gave his initial projections for the 2018 budget, outlining an initial \$55 million shortfall.
- Workhouse Arts Center – “The Workhouse Arts Center has formed a partnership with the Town of Occoquan and Occoquan Regional Park to make Lorton a regional Tourist destination.
- South County Job Fair – “As you may know, my office is partnering with the South County Federation, South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and Supervisor Herrity to host a job fair at South County High School. However, due to SAT testing, the date for the job fair has had to be changed to April 29. We hope that everyone will spread the word!
- Lorton Road Widening – “Originally, the project was expected to be completed by the end of December, but due to weather complications, the project may take an additional month to be completed. The temperature must be 50 degrees or higher for crews to mark the roads. We will have a ribbon cutting in the early spring.



- New Senior Center – “We are looking to have a new senior center . . . need a monitoring group to be involved in every step of developing the Center . . . more to come.
- New Tourist Center – The Arts Center and the town of Occoquan are working to develop a tourist center or draw in the area. Along that train of thought, **Highland Heights** is Dan’s new name for the landfill, which should be a major tourist draw. Earl Flanagan pointed out that they have 10 years to top off the landfill. He discussed multiple other elements of the “cultural corridor” that is growing .
- VDOT-
 - “Funding the Right Transportation” Public Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. State Transportation planners would like to hear from the public on projects that have been scored and recommended for funding based on a new data-driven prioritization process.
 - Atlantic Gateway Project – “At the last BoS meeting, we approved a letter that will be sent to VDOT voicing our support for this project and also concerns that we hope are addressed by the project.
- Annual Mount Vernon District Town Hall Meeting – “Please mark your calendar for February 4, 2017, Super Bowl Saturday, for the annual meeting at Mount Vernon High School.
- Tour de Mount Vernon – “The Inaugural Tour de Mount Vernon will take place this month on December 31st. I hope that if any of you are an avid bicyclist or know anyone who enjoys biking, please share the word that I will be hosting a bike ride. It will start from Mount Vernon Memorial Parkway and hopefully end at the Workhouse Arts Center.

Supervisor Herrity – Not present this evening.



4. Legislative Update

Supervisor Dan Storck took the lead in describing a recent legislative meeting which focused on the legislative platform for next session. Body cameras for police is an issue. Dan has offered his district for a pilot study, perhaps starting in 2nd quarter . A key question is if the BoS can give \$20-30 million for this effort because we are under severe budget constraints for both the county and schools. As mentioned earlier, the hiring of additional police could be delayed. Dale R opined, “I would view this with a certain amt of dismay, in that it was already in the plan. It would be good to post the scheduled budget and decision points for both county and schools as early as possible.” Supervisor Storck says we need to make clear what is acceptable and what is not.

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson (Dale J), Chair, is out of town, but Dale Rumberger mentioned that the CSX Bridge overpass issue, which was given to Sharon Bulova during her visit in October, is now included in goals associated with the construction of Route One. Also, Dale R said that “the Embark Highway meeting had no new impact for us.”
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- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair - Will be available in 2017 to talk with HOA’s regarding the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.
- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair, provided a couple of brief updates:
 - “The Chaney Enterprise project is moving forward with some fine ideas, and is to be constructed in late Spring, 2017.”
 - “Construction of the new Police Station may be delayed by one year.”
- **Environmental & Parks**, Chair vacant
- **Education**, Chair vacant . Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board , was in attendance and updated several school-related issues:
 - The BoS and legislative group theme is “Funding and Flexibility.” Faced with chronic underfunding at the State and Federal level, the county is facing an over \$100 million dollar shortfall, including the \$30mill from lottery (which was supposed to supplement not supplant funding. 81% of education funding comes from the County. As bad as the state funding formula is, the federal funding is equally bad (impact aid for



federally connected youth is provided at \$198 per child for military families, and funding for individuals with disabilities is 11% vs. the 40% required by the legislation. Another priority is to gain greater flexibility in the number of high state tests. The federal government requires 17, while the state requires 29.

○ After Ms. Corbett Sanders mentioned that Jan 23 is the date for the draft school budget by the Interim Superintendent, Larry Clark asked, “Why can’t we sue the federal government if they are not complying current laws?” Dale R added, “A suit crystallizes things.”

● “The new Superintendent search is underway. We will be asked to provide input as to what people want in the new school superintendent via an on-line survey and public meetings in January, interviews in March and April. Hope to hire by May with a start date July 1.”

6. Old Business - **Thanks to Linwood** for repaving and improving the path along Silverbrook! Need a March or April “cleanup” of this area to maintain it in good shape.

7. New Business – Election of 2017 Officers for SCF

● SCF bylaws require election every December. All 5 of the current officers agree to serve one more year. A **Motion** to re-elect all 5 (Rumberger, Firth, Clark, Bonnefil, and Drake) of the current officers was made and approved by voice vote.

● Some HOAs have asked if the minutes could be reformatted into headlines followed by a couple of bullets on each headline. We will work on streamlining our communication and getting it out there.

A **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale R adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM.

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2017 at the South County High School.