



**Tuesday, July 12, 2016 @ 7:30 PM**

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

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports

- June Minutes - After review, a **Motion** to approve the June 14 minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark

- Sun Trust Account balance June 30, 2016: \$1,780.78
- Three new membership payments deposited July 6, 2016: \$ 150.00
- SunTrust Account as of July 6, 2016: \$1,930.78
- TIAA-CREF Funds balance as of March 31, 2016: \$6,479.97
- SCF balance as of July 7, 2016: \$8,401.75

- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce (SFCC) Report – Tom Repczynski stated, “We are continuing to work together with other business chambers in the area. Some of these have not always been that visible; but we hope to change that so that area businesses will be more and more outspoken. We are still working with the SCF regarding developing a job fair.”

3. Supervisors' Reports

**-Supervisor Dan Storck's** remarks focused on today's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, which was dominated by land use issues and transportation dollars.

- New Police Station – “This is a 5 year process, starting with hiring an architect, then choosing between possible sites. These include Silverbrook Road near Monacan Road, Bottom of Giles Run Road, Lorton Road near Silverbrook Road, and next to the Middle School off of Silverbrook Road. There is a long way to go on this, but decisions made during this early phase are very important to community.”



- Police Practices Review Commission – “Major decisions were made today regarding this task force report and implementation plan. These decisions include:
  - “How we communicate with the public – In an officer-involved deployment of deadly force or officer-involved critical incident where another person has suffered death or a threatening injury, we must provide information and release the name(s) of police officer(s) within 10 days after the event, unless the Chief of Police determines that releasing the name(s) would place the life of the officer(s) in jeopardy.”
  - “Use of Force – The BOS adopted a standard in which tasers and other non-lethal measures are always preferred. Presently, we do not have adequate quantities of tasers and will need to purchase more.”
  - “An auditor position for the police force will be created.”
  - Oversight Committee for the Task Force -Whether or not to approve such a oversight function is a decision still under discussion until September or October. Supervisor Storck made an observation that, “There is definitely concern within the law enforcement community regarding the level of knowledge needed for members of such a committee, and how effective they can be unless they have a certain understanding of police processes.”
  
- The next Embark Richmond Hwy meeting will take place on 25 July. Earl Flanagan said this is 4-phase project; but now we are only working on phases 1 & 2. Phase 3 will include the bus system from the Fairfax County Parkway to the Occoquan.
  
- Airplane noise – As he mentioned at the April SCF meeting, Supervisor Storck restated the “increasing problem of airplane noise, especially in the northern Mount Vernon district. Although not the only cause of noise, the new NextGen computer system has most planes turning for landing at DCA at the *same exact point*; so the same neighborhoods are really being hammered with noise.” Since October, 2015, the MWAA Airport Noise Working Group (ANWG) has been trying to find solutions, keeping in mind that, on average, 4300 flight operations impact the Washington Metroplex daily, so the issue is complex in the extreme. What may help one community may create concern for another. Also, DCA has experienced six straight years of record-high passenger traffic. And there is little indication it will taper off.



Supervisor Storck recommends that everyone take a look at the report of Mike Rioux, the Fairfax County Mount Vernon District Representative to the ANWG. Rioux says it is difficult to vary the current flight patterns and explains why at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/documents/mwaa-airport-noise/progress-report.pdf>

Several of the ANWG strategies focus on maintaining higher altitudes for turning, dispersing flight patterns over broader area, and a Continuous Descent Approach (CDA) which produces a quieter, steeper aircraft approach. Recommendations for north flow flight operations (found in the website above) have been submitted to the FAA for review; but that may take 12-18 months. The recommendations for south flow flight operations should be submitted soon to the FAA; and expect up to 24 months for any possible new DCA south flow departure procedure that would help alleviate the airplane noise for southern communities such as those along the Fort Hunt corridor.

**-Supervisor Herrity** (Kyle McDaniel representing) provided several issues:

- “Heroin epidemic – 70% of heroin addicts reportedly start with prescription drugs! Supervisor Herrity held a “Heroin & Prescription Drug Abuse Town Hall last month to raise awareness on the dangers of Heroin & Prescription Drug Abuse, discuss steps being taken to address the crisis, and practical steps that can be taken by our citizens and their families to reduce this growing epidemic. There have been a number of heroin-related deaths in our area; Pat has gotten many involved to work and talk about this with full support of the Police Department. He is trying to pull together a county-wide task force.” Kyle passed out a newspaper article entitled, “Hope in the Fight Against Drug Dependency.” The article also may be seen at:  
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2016/jun/28/centreville-hope-fight-against-drug-dependency/>
- “Animal Control Officers - Recently, Animal Protection Officers were converted to Animal Control Officers, which means that they are now sworn law-enforcement officers. Now, they can arrest, and they do carry firearms.”
- “Recommendations from the ad hoc committee on Police Practices – Pat opposed the task force recommendation of releasing an officer’s name early in an investigation.”
- “Metro Safe Practices – Good news is that the Safe Track Initiative is ahead of schedule. Fairfax Connector and the DOT are working hard to bridge over the temporary gaps in Metro Service”.
- “Steal Me” Flag (mail security) – If you raise your mail box flag, this is an invitation to thieves who are in the area and can just help themselves to your outgoing mail. Be smart about this!”

4. Legislative Update: None



## 5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson (Dale J), Chair, reported on several issues discussed at the June 16 meeting concerning the Silverbrook/Lorton Roads intersection, attended by key players from Supervisor Storck’s staff, the SCF, FCDOT, and INOVA Healthplex developers. Draft minutes from this meeting still are being staffed.
  - Primary Agenda Item: 2 right-turn lanes from Lorton Road Westbound to Silverbrook Northbound (submitted by the SCF)
    - Current configuration of 1 right-turn lane onto Silverbrook is inadequate to accommodate current traffic volume, with future traffic volume projected to increase with the Liberty development of housing, retail, and office use.
    - The 2030 Long-Range Corridor Study: Lorton Road/Furnace Road from Ox Road to Interstate 95 does not address the fundamental need for 2 right-turn lanes from westbound Lorton onto Silverbrook
  - Silverbrook Road Southbound to Lorton Road Eastbound
    - This study will take into account new traffic adjustments from the Lorton Road widening project, new development impacts from the Sanger Street, new development and Adaptive Re-use/ Liberty, new commercial at Silverbrook (adjacent to CVS)
    - The entire intersection will be studied
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> left-turn lane study will begin summer 2017
    - 2 right-turn lanes from Lorton Road westbound to Silverbrook Northbound will also be included in this study.
  
- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair (absent)
  - Update on Police Station and Animal Shelter - is adequately covered in comments by Supervisor Storck (see para 3) and by Nick Firth (see Land Use Committee below)
  
- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair –
  - Update on Police Station and Animal Shelter - Nick says that “An Architect has been chosen and the kickoff meeting will be held in October on a date to be determined after ironing out some architectural issues.”
  - Sanger Street Development resolution - was presented by Nick regarding an application to build 52 single family homes at the end of Sanger Street. A **Motion** was made to support this application with Rezoning from R-1 to R-5 with agreed proffered conditions dated July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. One small “friendly amendment” which clarified one phrase was proposed and carried unanimously. The main **Motion** was then approved unanimously by voice vote.



- Vulcan Trail too close to electrical lines – Nick said that electrical lines along the edge of the Vulcan quarry must be moved because the quarry is enlarging. Vulcan’s proposed relocation would result in home sites backing right up to the lines, whereas there appears to be an alternate placement for the lines that would be more comfortably placed. Linwood Graham and Nick will look into it.
- Update presentation on the Liberty development – The scheduled presenter did not show, which was unfortunate because 23 people were in attendance.
  
- **Environmental & Parks**, Chair position open.
  - Linwood Graham provided a Park Authority update, including:
    - “The Residential Curator program is moving along. We will be advertising soon for residences on the old prison land: Barrett House and Simpson House (across from the incinerator).”
    - “There was some sort of assault on one of the park trails just before the end of the school year; and we’re trying to get all the parties together to discuss.”
  - Dale Rumberger said that “the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks at the Workhouse were fabulous, and with high attendance! We must continue to promote the enjoyment and use of the Workhouse Arts Center and the Museum.”
  - A couple of folks also talked up the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Brew Fest, scheduled for Aug 13<sup>th</sup> at the Workhouse.
  - Christine Morin noted that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that we have not had a Lorton parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Supervisor Storck really wants to get this back on the books for next year!
  
- **Education**, Christine Morin, Chair – needs a replacement. Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board discussed the following:
  - South County Middle School Track - A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on **Saturday, June 18, 2016**, on the grounds of a new lighted synthetic turf fields at South County Middle School. This \$2.6 million project was completed in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).
  - New school system website “A new look and feel, plus ease of access and Web interface will be apparent as a new school system website will be rolled out in 2 weeks,” said Karen.
  - “On July 28, the Planning Commission will evaluate changes to Comprehensive Plan language to allow flexibility for urban schools, because as we get more dense



as a county we need more flexibility and must recognize that the school designs of yesterday are not those of the future.”

- Graduation requirements - “We are working with the State Department of Education regarding what should be the “portrait” of a high school graduate in Virginia. Not every student needs to meet the same rigid requirements. We should be using more problem-based learning.”
- Budget - “We are expecting a budget surplus, and will be looking to apply this to shortfalls next year such as lower state revenues and increased pension costs, plus the need to address competitiveness of salaries, while continuing to re-invest in the system, overdue maintenance, and instructional materials.”
- Transgender regulation - “Our school system’s non-discrimination policy requires a transgender regulation to be written in order to address access, re-affirmation, use of locker rooms, bathrooms, etc. A decision has been made to change the process of writing the regulation. Specifics are still being worked out, but we are really focusing on transparency, including community input, and employing best practices from across the country (CA, NJ, etc). A “Forum” discussion on this issue is scheduled for 21 July from 4-6 and I will advocate strongly for a transparent process,” concluded Karen.

## 6. Old Business.

A couple of attendees asked Earl Flanagan to clarify aspects of the new Proffer Law. He stressed that the new law will only affect residential areas. However, he said, “the law probably will create an exercise which limits the way we look at things `in the back’ ”. Dale Rumberger stated that, starting in November, there will be a web site which will allow one to provide feedback about the new proffer process.

A **Motion** was made by Dale Rumberger to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and approved unanimously. Dale adjourned the meeting at 9:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 13th, 2016 at South County High School Media Room

Future Meetings: October 11th, November 8th, December 13th.



#### ADDENDUM FOR SCF OFFICERS ONLY.

Shortly after the official SCF meeting closed, a spontaneous discussion ensued among some of the SCF officers regarding the closure process of the Landfill and the community park which has been promised to open in the near term after the landfill's owner leaves. A June 22 meeting focusing on this issue was hosted by Supervisor Dan Storck, who brought in Fairfax County (FC) officials including the FC Attorney, FC Environmental Quality, FC Land Development Service, and others involved with the landfill and future park. Dale Rumberger, Nick Firth, Larry Clark, Jonathan Kiell, and Bob Robertory represented the SCF. By the end of the June meeting, SCF attendees sensed that our community is likely not going to get that park anytime soon! Even if it is built, based on comments made by DEQ, the earliest point for local residents to begin enjoy the park will be around 2035, and could be even later because of environmental issues. Since the meeting, and after discussions among those who attended Supervisor Storck's meeting, the SCF leadership has decided to try to raise community awareness and then discuss in a transparent way what the options are. Is our community willing to wait that long to get the park? Should we search for some other near-term alternative to the park (because the park funding is already beginning to erode as landscaping and planting is underway)? Would legal action help?

The SCF is consulting further with Supervisor Storck and others at the County level and will probably hold a major discussion of this issue for our communities at a Fall meeting of the SCF. We are looking at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as the most likely date.