



Meeting at South County High School, Media Room

Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

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

1. President Dale Rumberger (Dale R) called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.
2. Administrative matters & Officers reports
 - After review and correction of the name “South County Chamber of Commerce” to “South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce”, a **Motion** to approve the March 8 minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
 - Dale R announced that Marcia Hansen and Larry Clark will represent the MV District as Lady Fairfax and Lord Fairfax, having been appointed by the Board and the Chairman; and they will be recognized at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
 - The SCF Treasurer, Larry Clark, provided the following report:
 - Dues deposited on 4/27/16 - \$150.00
 - TIAA CREF Money Market as of 3/31/16 - \$6,479.97
 - Bank Balance: \$2,074.61
 - TOTAL BALANCE - \$8,554.58

3. Supervisor Report

- Springfield District Supervisor, Pat Herrity, was not in attendance today. His last appearance was at the December SCF meeting. Dale R expressed concern that Springfield District citizens may be missing out on important updates affecting their communities. Further, Dale is seriously considering just pasting items from Supervisor Herrity’s web site so that his constituents will receive at least some information on current issues.



- Mount Vernon District Supervisor, Dan Storck, made the following comments:

- “Last week, I stopped at the Liberty (formerly known as “Liberty Crest”) development; and they are really coming along, and we’re excited about the way they are going at it.” Full details on the Liberty development may be found on-line at: http://southcountyfederation.org/images/articles/ApplicantPresentations/Liberty_Presentation.pdf.
- “Thanks to Larry Clark for accepting the honorific title of “Lord Fairfax.” We greatly appreciate all the contributions you have made to the community over the years.”
- “Christine (Morin) and I recently had a wonderful conversation with Frank McDermott (the attorney representing ESI). He wants to change the direction of the relationship with us, and wants to move most of the work (regarding steps to close the landfill and meet requirements in the 2006 SEA) to the ‘inside’. They are aware of the sensitivity we have regarding how the trucks access the plant, closure procedures, and what happens with the ‘mountain’. We have legal staff looking at all this. Basically, we are trying first of all to improve relationships with ESI. There will be a briefing at the end of May.
- “Some good things came out of the recent Board (of Supervisors) meeting;
 - “A Meals Tax proposal is going forward on the ballot to help diversify our revenue, rather than always relying on property tax. If passed, this tax would add up to 4% on a meal, so you would pay 40 cents on a \$10 sandwich. Overall, this tax should raise \$100 million in a year.
 - “The County is investing over \$13 million per year (on a permanent basis) to improve schools infrastructure!
 - “Tax relief for the Elderly is being studied, and the Board has directed that County Staff present the state of the current tax relief program at a future Budget Committee meeting.
- “The ‘Embark Richmond Highway’ project is totally reworking the transportation system in our county. It should have a huge impact. Earl Flanagan (member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission) is our representative on the Embark Advisory Group. If you have questions, contact Earl directly.
- “My new Chief of Staff will be Christine Morin, replacing Brett Kenney, who has accepted another job in North Carolina.”



4. Legislative Update on “**2016 Changes to Proffer Authority**”, a new VA Code Section 15.2-2303.4 (Effective July 1, 2016)

Nick Firth and Earl Flanagan led a discussion about a newly published 30-page document from Fairfax County specifying the pending changes to Proffer Authority. This lengthy document states that, as a general rule, the new changes will apply “only to new residential development or use, and rezoning or Proffered Condition Amendment (PCA) application filed on or after July 1, 2016. It further states:

- All proffers for new residential development must address a proposed development’s impacts that are specifically attributable to the development
- “Off-site” proffers must address the need to expand existing capacity of 4 categories of public facilities: (i.e. transportation, public safety, public school, and parks)
- “Off-site” proffers must provide a “direct and material benefit” to the proposed residential development.

The full document may be found at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/board-committees/meetings/2016/changes-to-proffer-authority.pdf>

Earl Flanagan said that he has skimmed through all this, and concluded that, “This won’t affect school systems too much, but could affect the height of certain buildings, paint colors, etc.” Dale R and Nick Firth expressed concern that the new rules will create more focus on interactions between developers and County Staff, and therefore decrease the influence of the SCF’s Land Use Committee (LUC) in instances where an applicant seeks an exception to zoning requirements. Developers coming to the LUC will be less concerned about getting our approval.

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation, Dale Johnson (Dale J), Chair**
 - Lorton Road / Silverbrook Road Intersection – Dale J has been working with Allison Meisner (Staff Aide to Supervisor Storck) to bring together all stakeholders (e.g. INOVA , FDOT, Earl Flanagan) to try to agree on a plan which would include two Right-turn lanes from West-bound Lorton Rd onto Silverbrook Rd. There will be a meeting next week.
 - Median-mowing schedule – Dale J reached out to Allison Meisner and asked what is the plan.
 - Giles Run Connector road from prison property to Laurel Crest Road – At the June 14 SCF meeting, we will have Tom Biesiadny, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, who will provide an update regarding the proposed Giles Run Connector. It is very problematic. Dale J also plans to



meet with the South County HS Principal, Dale R, and Larry Clark to explain why the Connector is a bad idea.

- Proposed Southrun Bike Lanes – Dana Mayfield, representing Newington Forest, thanked Allison Miessler (Staff Aide to Supervisor Storck) for providing timely information about an upcoming Community meeting on May 12, hosted by FCDOT, to discuss the plans for this project, which addresses not only bike lanes, but also impacts on traffic and safety issues. The improvements are planned for Southrun Road from Silverbrook Road to Pohick Road. Following this announcement, several SCF attendees engaged in a discussion regarding their safety concerns including the speed limit and the lack of sidewalks along Southrun. Christine Morin added that Southrun Road parking may be decreased to allow for the bike lanes.
- Police presence on hot lanes vs regular lanes – Dale J refocused on this issue, which had been discussed last month with our legislators. Dale J feels that “We got an incomplete answer. We need to confirm if these extra police costs will come out of our pockets vs the contract.
- Configuration of Richmond Highway lanes – Tom Biesiadny, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, and Tom Burke (Senior Transportation Planner with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation) will provide clarification regarding how the 6 lanes along Richmond Highway will be configured. Mr. Biesiadny and Mr. Burke will address this and other issues during their presentation at next month’s SCF meeting.
- Richmond Highway and Gunston Rd intersection – Dale J, with helpful input from Peter Weyland (SFCC Vice-Chairman), stated, “There is currently a great impact on Eastbound Gunston Cove Rd. traffic approaching Route 1 during maximum traffic time. At such times, through traffic cannot make it through the green light because of excessive right- turn traffic. In addition, many right-turning trucks are clipping the corner. According to a letter from VDOT, “The lane use configuration for the east bound approach will be modified from LEFT + THRU/RIGHT to LEFT/THRU + RIGHT which will improve the traffic conditions for this approach during the PM peak. Accordingly, we will be moving forward with the design and implementation of the traffic signal modification for this intersection which will take a couple of months. It should be noted that the east-bound free flowing right-turn lane will be widened to improve the turning radius for semitrailer trucks as part of the project as well.

Earl Flanagan added that, during the location study, Route 1 was widened west toward Gunston Cove, and there was no way to enlarge it in the other direction without infringing on private property.

- Dale R provided some closing thoughts: “Transportation issues are very important to our area. We must solicit input from HOAs, and must push for



completion of Embark” . . . to which Earl Flanagan added, “Supervisor McKay says we are finally going to get more funding for Richmond highway. He and Supervisor Storck are going to push to get more of the transportation pie for our area. He thinks that we need to become a “squeaky hinge.”

• **Public Safety** Jonathan Kiell, Chair made the following comments:

- Update on Police Station and Animal Shelter – not a lot going right now
- Update on new Fire Station – They had an open house, will be moving into a temporary location in 2017, and will demolish the old station. Firefighters will move into trailers during construction of the new Fire Station. They still need to find a temporary location for their regular Bingo fund raisers.

• **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair provided these comments:

- Update regarding Artis Senior living on Ox Road: “We are just waiting for proffer conditions to be submitted by the applicant and then we will bring forth a resolution at the June SCF general membership meeting. The Planning Commission Public hearing is currently scheduled for June 26th. As previously documented in our Motion on the subject, we continue to support the applicant in opposing the construction of any service drive that would extend beyond the access point for the proposed Senior living facility at 8911 Ox Road.”
- Update on possible location for the new Police Station / Animal Shelter – “We have requested that planners look into having a sub-police station inside the fire station, in addition to the new main police station. There are 3 possible locations for the new station, all of which are pretty close to our communities:
 - Triangular piece opposite the Nike Missile Site on Lorton Road
 - Lorton Road near Silverbrook Road, near the Giles Run sign
 - Next to the Middle School off of Silverbrook Road
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- Nick expressed great enthusiasm for “lots of exciting things going on in our area, including



- Police Station & Animal Shelter
- Widened Lorton Road
- Proposed Lorton Community Center – Senior Center& LCAC \$18 million
- Lorton Fire Station
- Liberty – Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse
- Workhouse Events Center \$5 million
- Occoquan Regional Park Ampitheatre
- Growing 4th of July Fireworks Event
- South County Visioning Taskforce, which will be holding their initial meeting this Thursday, May 12th ”

• **Environmental & Parks, Chair position open** .

- Dale R will be interviewing interested persons for the Chair position
- Junk Yard issues – Mr Joseph Chudzik, an environmental activist from Mason Neck, stood to address a couple of junk yard blights along Richmond Highway and he handed out a 2-page information paper on these problems. In the case of the AAAA Used Auto Parts at 10212 Richmond Highway, the owner has closed the business and “walked away” rather than comply fully with DEQ and Fire Marshall mandates. In the second case of Junkyards at 9415-9419 Richmond Highway and Giles Run, the County has been precluded from enforcing zoning ordinance standards because the junk yards were established before the enactment of the ordinance. County staff continues to monitor this property, and Christine Morin added that a fence is being built along the edge of the flood plain. She reinforced that they are monitoring clean-up efforts and how much is being removed. Mr. Chudzik requested Christine to send him an email with all the details.
- Lighting issues on athletic fields and after-hours use was addressed by Linwood Gorham, the Mount Vernon District Representative on the Fairfax County Park



Authority Board. He said that athletic field lighting is supposed to be programmed to be on only until 11 PM, but that some person(s) have succeeded in over-riding the programming. Actions have been taken to correct this, and all should be back to normal. Linwood suggests that people contact him directly if lighting is observed to be on at inappropriate times.

- Summer Concerts – Linwood talked up various summer concerts around our area. Details and specific dates may be found at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances
- Work House Event Center / MV Recreation Center – Linwood also pointed out that, “Through an upcoming Bond, we are in position to get \$27 million for restoration of the MV Recreation Center, and \$7 million will fund finishing of the Event Center at the Work House. We would like to see the demolition of non-historic buildings and the preservation of historic buildings.”

● Education, Christine Morin, Chair – Karen Corbett Sanders is unable to attend this evening. Christine has had a significant job promotion which will increase her daily workload. Because of this and the fact that she has been volunteering at SCF for 10 years, she asks for another volunteer to take on this committee.

6. Old Business – none

7. New Business – Tom Repczynski, Secretary of the SFCC, reported:

- South County Visioning Task Force: “Our biggest initiative is the task force and the SFCC will vote on it tomorrow.
- “We will soon celebrate ribbon cutting for a new optometry office, bringing new businesses into our community.
- “Ownership of the Lorton clock tower has been transferred to SFCC, along with funds to make sure that it continues to work.”

A **Motion** was made by Dale R to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded and approved unanimously. Dale adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM

NEXT MEETING: June 14th, 2015 at South County High School

Future Meetings: July 12th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th.