



Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

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

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports

- September Minutes - A **Motion** to approve the September 13 minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark stated that there is no change in the balance from the September report:
 - The TIAA-CREF Money Market balance is \$6, 479.97
 - The Sun Trust bank account balance as of September 31, 2016 is: \$2,030.78
 - TOTAL funding is: \$8,510.75

• South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce (SFCC) Report

Tom Repczynski, Chairman of the SFCC, stated, "We have come out in support of the Meals Tax, which is not typical for many chambers of commerce. We even got a terse response from another chamber." As stated on the SFCC website, they consider this tax to be a "business-neutral, budget gap-filling option preferable to anticipated alternative County revenue generating options expected to be shouldered by local business owners. The Board sees the Meals Tax as the reasonable, better alternative to anticipated broader-based hikes with less pass-through opportunity, such as on already high commercial real estate taxes, business and personal property taxes, and business licenses."

Tom reported the addition of two new board members: Tracey Wood, the founder/owner of Inkwell Duck, Inc. (Inkwell), a business/government relations and communications firm, and local criminal attorney, Marvin Miller, a solo practitioner.

"We are currently planning for a Job Fair at South County High School in 2017, focusing on high school/college students. We are looking to confirm one of a couple possible Saturday dates in May 2017 and formalize a joint committee (if anyone is interested in volunteering to help organize and plan the event). In addition, efforts are expected to include assisting students prior to the job fair with tips on how to dress for success, prepare resumes, applications and prepare for job interviews. Supervisors Storck and Herrity have both committed their support." Dale R expressed enthusiasm about pulling together many elements of the community as part of this effort. Tom's last comment referred to SFCC's social media blitz. He encouraged all to follow the Chamber on Twitter (@SFCCCommerce) and/or via the



Chamber's new Facebook account which can be found using @SFCCommerce or by simply searching on the Chamber's full name.

3. Supervisors' Reports

-Supervisor Dan Storck commented on the following items:

- Update on the impact on Richmond Hwy of Pence Gate closure – “The Pence Gate (the one nearest to the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, closed on October 2 for six weeks for the continued upgrading and construction on the Route 1 Corridor. Tulley Gate, also on Route 1, but closer to the Fairfax County Parkway, will serve as the 24-hour access point for entry onto Belvoir during the closure. We worked with Fort Belvoir, the Fairfax County Police, and Federal Highways to create a coordinated communications plan.”
- “Tomorrow I will meet with police captains of the 3 precincts that service Mount Vernon. Please let me know if there is anything specific that you would like me to bring to their attention. I can tell you that, regarding the recent murder in Lorton, police have no firm leads.”
- “Many residents attended my recent Saturday, 9AM to 11:30AM, Lorton Library office hours. Remember that these are the second Saturday each month.”
- “At the Board meeting next week, there will be a decision on the Chaney Batching Plant application. I met with Chaney and the SCF last week and have been discussing how to move forward with this application. Dale and Nick have been working with Chaney to come up with a compromise. We are close to making a decision.”
- “Workhouse Road now open! I brought forward a comprehensive plan amendment for a possible consolidation of properties along this road, across the street from the Workhouse. The SCF has taken a position that it is supportive of the concept. My motion initiates the consideration of a comprehensive plan amendment to evaluate the need for revised land use in this area. This will provide an opportunity for the community, federation, staff, etc to finally have a dialogue if changes in this area make sense from a land use perspective. I understand that the developer will be presenting to the land use committee next week. This is one example of modernizing our area.”
- “Next Monday evening at 7PM at Walt Whitman MS, Eleanor Quigley with staff will be hosting a tree forum. Eleanor is moving and this will be her last official event as the Tree Commissioner, so I encourage you to come!”



- Supervisor Storck mentioned that the architect has not yet recommended a site for the new Police Station. As a follow-up, Larry Clark (SCF Treasurer) asked, “Why do you need an architect before designing the building? What does the architect do before the site is selected?” Storck replied that, “The architect has to choose the best site to fit the needs of the community. No selection of the final site will be made until we *all* have a chance for input.”
- Supervisor Storck spoke briefly about the “Shocking event – near the marina below Alexandria, where part of a T-shaped condominium tower collapsed. The nine-story condo building will need extensive work after water-deteriorated columns gave way, dropping the building 2 to 3 inches.”
- Meals tax – “I have spoken at several sites regarding this. You will have an opportunity to vote yes or no for this tax as part of the November elections. If approved, a 4% meals tax would add 4 cents to every dollar spent on dining out in Fairfax County. Many other surrounding jurisdictions also have a meals tax. We are now below the average teacher salaries compared to other school districts (e.g. Arlington) in this area. We are losing good teachers! Teacher salaries need to increase by \$10-\$20 thousand per year. If approved, the meals tax would provide an additional \$99 million in revenue, 70% of which would be dedicated to Fairfax County Public Schools. It is estimated that approximately 28% of meal expenditures in Fairfax County are generated by non-county residents.”
- “We had an open house in our office a couple of weeks ago, and it was well-attended by more than 120 residents. Thank you to everyone who visited!”
- “I attended the opening of Point of View at Mason Neck, a facility focused on conflict analysis and resolution. George Mason University indicates their willingness to open it for other uses/events within the community.”
- “I’m excited about finding ways to recognize entrepreneurship. One example are developers who are developing “work-live” places, or innovative re-purposing of available mall shop areas. We need a system to support such efforts.”
- Questions from the floor –
 - Dale R, Cathy, and Linwood restarted a discussion from the September SCF meeting with Chairman Bulova regarding the severe CSX bridge area traffic issue. At that time, Chairman Bulova agreed to “look into it seriously.” Today, Supervisor Storck is not aware of this discussion. Linwood and others repeated



the uniquely critical factors which reduce multiple traffic lanes to (essentially) one-way traffic at the underpass. Dan will try to look into this.

- A member of the audience spoke up to encourage that we vote “yes” on the 2016 Community Development Bond which will be on the ballot, especially because of funding for building a new Lorton Community Center behind the Lorton Library.

-Supervisor Herrity – Not present this evening. Dale R has asked Supervisor Herrity’s office for a clarification of his position on the meals tax proposal. The Supervisor had pledged to send a surrogate tonight, or a statement to include in the minutes..

4. Legislative Update:

Although there were no legislators in attendance this evening, Dale R recommended that everyone utilize the Richmond Sunlight web site at: www.richmondsunlight.com . “This is a good site to track various bills during the general assembly,” said Dale, “and it also allows for individual input.” Richmond Sunlight touts itself as “a non-partisan website that aggregates information about the General Assembly, the lawmaking body that governs the state of Virginia. It is an independent, volunteer-run website that is in no way affiliated with the Virginia General Assembly or the state government.”

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson (Dale J), Chair, reported on the following issues:
 - The Commonwealth Transportation Board has begun a series of Public Meetings entitled “Funding the Right Transportation Projects”. The meetings will display a list of proposed local and regional projects that have been submitted for scoring and prioritization. The meeting for our area will be on Tuesday, Dec 13th at 6PM at the Northern Virginia District Office. Dale R suggested that at least one representative attend from SCF; and Dale J will try to do this. Dale R asked Tae Choi (Development & Land Use Aide) if Allison Miessler (Staff Aide) will be there. Tae noted this and said they will be there. Dale R then asked if there is any way to know what FCDOT’s interest/priorities are so we can align them with *our* SCF interests. Dale J promised to check on this with FCDOT. Nick Firth then added that SCF did develop the following transportation priority list 2 years ago.



**South County Federation Resolution
2014 Transportation Priority List**

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Category</u>
Major Projects		
Route 1 Underpass	Route 1 widening under CSX bridge south into Prince William County. Northbound with additional 95 northbound ramp from Route 1 heading south.	A1
Four leaf Clover	Four leaf clover at Lorton Road & I95 intersection	A2
Mass Transit	Extend additional Rail Transit into Prince William County not to terminate in Lorton	A3
Silverbrook Road Widening	Silverbrook widening - Monacan Road - Old Barrington Blvd including intersection improvement at Southrun Road	A4
Hooes Road Widening	Hooes Road widening FCPW - 123 including intersection improvement at Newington Forest Avenue	A5
Furnace Road Bridge	Address safety issues with Furnace Road 1 lane bridge on portion east of Route 1.	A6
Silverbrook Rd	Improve Silverbrook Road to include a triple left onto Lorton Rd.	A7
Adjustment Projects		
Amtrak Traffic Light	Create solution to non-visible traffic light at Lorton Road/Amtrak Station	B1
Secondary Projects		
Lorton Road/Workhouse Way	Grant access to allow left into Workhouse from Lorton Road South and left onto Lorton Road South from the Workhouse	C1
Industrial Trucks	Limit truck traffic on community roads in the South County area	C2
Giles Run Road	Remove from Comprehensive Plan connection to Laurel Crest Drive	C3
Rolling Road Stop Sign	Rolling Road Stop sign near bridge near Chancellor Way	C4
Minor Projects		
Rolling Road Widening	Opposed to widening of Rolling Road from the Fairfax County Parkway to Alban/Pohick intersection	D1
Rolling Road Pump	Seeking removal of dug up pump station currently sitting on Rolling Road near Chancellor Way	D3

- Adopted by the South County Federation on this 14th day of May 2013.



- Tom Repczynski pointed out that the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) is hosting an “invitation only” workshop on October 25 to which it has invited local leaders for what NVTa has dubbed a “highly focused opportunity” to help “develop the best possible long-range transportation plan for Northern Virginia.”
- Jonathan Kiell says restriping has now been completed at Gunston Cove and Rte 1. As a result, traffic is much improved.
- Dale R asked about the Southrun Rd lane-striping progress. Tae will refer this question to Allison.
- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair, is also a member of the Mount Vernon District Community Resiliency Group. He encourages others to get involved in Community Resiliency training. The Mt. Vernon District training will be held this Thursday with a Seminar from 6 to 8:30PM on October 13, followed by an Exercise on November 3 from 6 to 8:30PM.

Information about the program is available at the Community Resiliency Group website: <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/Resiliency-Pilot-2014-2015.php>

- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair, commented on a couple of issues –
 - Regarding the proposed development of 48 homes along Workhouse Road, and described in last month’s minutes, the applicant had submitted a partial application on June 30th and is now ready to present their full application to the Land Use Committee on October 25th.
 - Regarding the Chaney Enterprise application to build a concrete batching plant; according to Nick, “We realized that this was definitely going to go through at the Oct 18th Board of Supervisors meeting, so we negotiated with Chaney, trying to make this the best deal possible for the community.” Chaney’s concessions include: accepting a 15-year limit on their special exemption status followed by an official review; agreeing to beautify the southern corner of Gunston Cove Road and Lorton Road which is heavily overgrown and installing an 8x10 ft sign that will read, “Welcome to Lorton, Gateway to Fairfax County”. They will also commit to a spring and fall maintenance of the area. Still, the batching plant will have a *big* impact on traffic at Lorton Rd near the AMTRAK entrance.
 - Regarding the applicant that had proposed an outdoor storage facility next to the Chaney lot, they have withdrawn their application at this time.



- Question: Several meeting attendees asked if there is any movement afoot to repurpose the old Sunrise property at corner of Rte 1 and Lorton Rd., including whether it might be used as a haven for homeless veterans. That brought up discussions about zoning, parking adequacy, and the Eleanor U. Kennedy shelter at the Tulley Gate, Fort Belvoir entrance.
- **Environmental & Parks**, Chair position open.
 - Linwood Gorham provided a Park Authority update, including his continuing efforts focused on child safety. He has held a couple of meetings which addressed safety during hunting and the annual deer culling program and. All agreed regarding what needs to be done to assure child safety.
 - Linwood asked everyone to please vote for the Parks and Park Facilities bond on the ballot. If approved, it will channel \$ 27 million to the Fairfax County Park Authority to use for the redevelopment of Occoquan Regional Park.
- **Education**, *Christine Morin, Chair – needs a replacement.*

Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board , was in attendance and updated several school-related issues.

- “The County School Superintendent, Karen Garza, has announced her departure by Dec 15th. Steve Lockhard, Ms. Garza’s very able Deputy Superintendent, will become the acting Superintendent. We have released a request for proposal for an Executive Search, and will start evaluating candidates Oct 17th. During this process, we will be reaching out to get community input regarding what worked well in the past and what could work better.”
- “The Students Rights & Responsibilities document is unchanged this year until the Board makes a decision.”
- “Our students are doing very well compared to national standards. This includes numerous National Merit students.
- “School Budget planning will be directly affected by the Meals Tax vote outcome. Our County is severely restricted in the ways that we can raise necessary monies. Please support this ballot issue.”

6. Old Business.

Liberty representatives did not attend for the 2nd straight month, nor send a promised write-up.

7. New Business.

Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner, offered, “The Southeast Fairfax Corporation is having a community seminar, basically a Community Planning 101 Class at the



South County Center on Nov 9th. He urged attendees to go on the SFDC website, www.sfdc.org, for more info. This seminar can help to understand the peculiarities of community planning.” Earl highly praised the knowledge of two of the Fairfax County Staff speakers: Maryanne Gardner (Director, Planning Division); also Barbara Berlin (Director, Zoning Evaluation).

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

NEXT MEETING: November 1, 2016 at South County High School Media Room (NOTE: this date is 1 week earlier than usual due to the election)

Future Meetings: December 13th