



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room
Tuesday, July 11, 2017 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports
 - June minutes - A **Motion** to approve the June minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark is on vacation
3. Supervisors' Reports.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity was not present.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck is on vacation. He was represented this evening by Theodore "Tae" Choi (Development & Land Use Aide), who made the following comments regarding issues that had been brought up last month:

- Mowing of median strips - "At the last Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on June 20, Supervisors McKay and Cook presented Board Matters on the tall grass issue, and it was recently highlighted by ABC channel 7. Our office has drafted letters that will be submitted to VDOT and the State Delegates and Senators who represent the Mount Vernon District."
- Athletic Field Lights - "Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services, the department that is in charge of scheduling fields, has received the estimates on the on/off switch and have already moved forward with providing FCPS with the funding necessary to outfit their fields with the on/off switch similar to that which they utilize on the Fairfax County Park Authority fields. Currently, the timeline for completion is unknown, but we know that the work is in progress. Our hope is that they will have this done by the start of the fall scheduling season."
- Wayfinding Program - "I have spoken with the folks who put together the Wayfinding Program for the Richmond Highway corridor, and they in turn spoke with their colleagues at VDOT to see if we can extend the program further south. We have been granted permission to bring the signs further down . . . BUT . . . there are no funds for this project. Two additional signs (one at Fort Belvoir and one at Lorton) would cost roughly \$18K - \$20K !" Earl Flanagan, Planning Commissioner for the Mount Vernon



District, mentioned that the Fairfax Development Corporation funded the earlier signage; so contacting them might be a possible resource for our area.

- Emergency Noticing - “Fairfax County has previously determined that the use of sirens is not feasible for use county-wide due to its mostly suburban population. Studies have shown Emergency manager’s stress that sirens, too, are limited because they are designed to reach people who are outdoors. They are not ideal for suburban counties where people tend to spend more time indoors than outside and should not be relied upon to provide sufficient warning indoors or in noisy areas. Air-conditioning, thunder, wind, rain, and other conditions can cause the sirens not to be heard indoors or outdoors (even if siren can be heard during tests).” Our alerting is done through:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts/>
- Resident Curator Program at Stempson House – “The Resident Curator Evaluation Team for application to Stempson House will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday July 19, 2017, at 7PM at the Laurel Hill Golf Club. The meeting provides an opportunity for applicants to present their proposal to the evaluation team in a public forum. This will also be the evaluation team’s opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback to the applicants, and to receive public comment on the proposal.” Linwood Graham added that there is only one applicant at this time. If approved, he will live in the house for 7 years in return for fixing it up.
- Workhouse Brewfest – “Come to the Brewfest at the Workhouse on August 12 at the Workhouse Arts Center from 1PM to 8PM! The organizers need some 300 volunteers, so check out their website if you are interested.”

4. Legislative Updates – Dale R had one interaction regarding the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Dale has requested that the DEQ provide a presentation to a future SCF meeting.

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair, is away on vacation. Dale R raised two issues
 - South Run Road / Silverbrook Road Intersection accidents – Dale R stated that he has previously raised concerns about traffic accidents with FCDOT; but today, after witnessing the cleanup of yet another accident at this intersection, he plans to raise the tenor of his phone calls from “concerned citizen” to “angry”.
 - Truck Traffic on Workhouse Road – Dale R has observed 8 trucks in a row driving along Workhouse Road, which is an area we had been told would be restricted to trucks. Earl Flanagan said the county policy is that there must be 10 residential



properties (currently there are only 6) in order to enforce truck restrictions. Tae will check with Allison regarding the exact rules.

- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair -
 - Destruction of the old FS19 Fire Station has been delayed.
 - The Senior Safety Summit (coordinated by fire department) was hosted by Supervisor Storck at the MV Government Center on June 30th, and deemed to be very successful.
 - New CERT class to start Aug 17, hosted at Ft Belvoir.

- **Environmental & Parks**, seeking Chair

- **Education**, Seeking Chair - Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board offered these comments:
 - New School Superintendent - “Yesterday, we swore in the new Fairfax County School Superintendent, Dr. Scott Brabrand. He already is reaching out to the community in diverse settings, and probably would be open to coming to a future SCF meeting.” Dale R indicated great interest at this prospect.
 - New School Auditor - “Next week we also will welcome our new internal auditor general, Esther Ko, who comes to us from her previous position as the Family Health International internal audit director.”
 - School budget issues are more serious than anticipated; not only because of voter rejection of the meals tax proposal, but also because 500 extra students came into our system this year. In addition, there has been a cap on investment in school maintenance because the higher priority has been keeping our school system’s triple-A accreditation.”
 - Name change vote for J.E.B. Stuart HS - “The Fairfax County School Board is scheduled to vote July 27 as to whether or not to change the name of J.E.B. Stuart High School. The debate has gone on for two years, with heated debate between those supporting and those opposed. Our county’s policy is that there must be a ‘compelling’ reason to make a name change; and how to define ‘compelling’ has become a sticking point. I will keep you posted.”
 - Special election for School Board - “I encourage everyone to vote on Aug. 29 in a special election to select the successor to School Board member Jeanette Hough (At-Large), who recently resigned.”



- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**
 - Norman Cole Water Treatment Plant Tour – Nick Firth said that the tour was very interesting. It followed the water from beginning to end! Nick noted with a smile that the water at the end was much more pleasant! :) Nick also commented on seeing a very large overflow tank that is not covered . . . perhaps this could be aa cause of the bad odors on Mason Neck????

 - Covanta Fire Update - As at the March SCF meeting, a large group of subject matter experts were attending in support of an “update presentation” from several Covanta and Fairfax County staff regarding the progress and plans for the plant. Joey Neuhoff (VP-GM Covanta) and James Patteson (Director, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services at Fairfax County) conducted much of the discussion.

Mr. Patteson’s team has been working intensively with Covanta and the County Fire Department to ensure the plant’s future safety, storm water / waste water management, and more.

Mr. Neuhoff (Covanta) proceeded with an extensive PPT presentation, which may be found on the SCF website. Some of the major points discussed included:

 - Air Emission Data and Portable Air Monitoring
 - Covanta stack emissions are continuously monitored. Public access to data from the facility’s emissions monitoring system will be provided via an internet link located on the Fairfax County web page
 - Air monitoring in response to an emergency. Goal is to minimize lead time to start monitoring. Covanta will procure DustTrak portable monitors to be deployed in the event of a fire event. Monitors to be stored on site and operated through a combination of automation and hands-on. Decision to deploy to be made jointly.
 - Covanta and Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department coordination
 - Enhancing the capabilities of Covanta and county: Notification of the fire system alarm to the county via Central station monitoring.
 - Enhancing the capabilities of Covanta and county fire and rescue to respond to an emergency:
 - Notify fire system alarm to the county via central station monitoring.
 - Annual Emergency Drills.
 - Extinguisher/Hose Training Covanta
 - Covanta Enhancements:
 - New and modified cameras with Thermal Imaging for enhanced visibility and coverage are being added.



- Thermal Imaging improves the ability to identify and respond to a potential risk (e.g. isolate an incoming “hot load”).
- Fire Monitors in refuse bunker to include Thermal Imaging cameras and remote control: Thermal imaging for improved firefighting effectiveness.
- Replacement and upgraded sprinkler system with greater coverage and capacity.
- Fire Water Tank Automated Fill and Tank Level Monitoring in Control Room. Cross tie of Service and fire Water tanks.
- Non-combustible roof system.
- Motor Operated Roof Vents on Refuse Pit (10) , and Tipping Floor (6). New Tipping Floor Procedures (open bay between piles) for Improved floor visibility, hot spot detection and response times.
- Operating Procedure Enhancements: quarterly fire drills each shift

Mr. Neuhoff stressed Covanta’s commitment to ongoing operational and environmental Excellence, as well as strong partnership and collaboration with Fairfax County. In SUMMARY: Covanta will deploy new technologies, materials, and procedures to enhance Air Quality Monitoring Transparency, Detection, Prevention, and Response Performance. These include Air Quality Monitoring, Detection, Response, and Prevention.

- Timeline and Milestone for the Facility Reopen:
 - Open House – Late August/Early Sept
 - Late August: Online Access to Emissions data
 - Mid Sept – Back on line

The Q&A session which followed was quite robust. Among many topics brought up: Dale R pointed out that air quality issues are unique in our area compared with the rest of the County, saying “We must be willing to address the issues in a different way; because if there should be another fire, the community will demand that Covanta be closed.” Linwood Gorham said he was disappointed in tonight’s info, and feels that Covanta could have done more, such as increasing the volume of water suppression system. James Patteson responded that he is satisfied with Covanta’s efforts, and pointed out that they are bringing operational elements, separation of piles, etc. Also, many things that had to be done manually before the fire are now automatic procedures. Jonathan Kiell opined that Covanta’s transparency and visibility is good, however he expressed concern that their plan does not include continuous monitoring at the property boundary, but only the plan to deploy monitors if there is a problem. Mr. Neuhoff encouraged everyone to send questions / concerns to his office.



6. New Business – None

A **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale R adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2017 at 7:30 in the SCHS Media Room.

Future Meetings: October 10, November 14, Dec 12