



Meeting at Workhouse Arts Center, Bldg 3
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 @ 7:30 PM

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports
 - May minutes - A **Motion** to approve the May minutes was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote.
 - Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark states that there has been no change since last month
3. A Workhouse Arts Center update was provided by Ava Spece, President and CEO at the Workhouse Arts Center. After discussing the Workhouse mission, vision, and history (including important ties to the Suffragist movement), she launched into an impressive overview of current and future achievements / projects of the Center. The full powerpoint presentation and talking points will be posted on the SCF website. Some of Ms. Spece's interesting points included a discussion about current Renovation and Development projects, including:
 - Lucy Burns Museum – opening 2018 - \$661,000 in private contributions (\$1.5-2M to be raised)
 - Events Center – opening in 2019, costing \$10Million (FCPA)
 - Courtyard – Kiln Roof - Spring 2017, costing \$60,000
 - Quad renovation – Spring 2017 \$150,000

Among many other potential projects, Ms. Spece mentioned a “Funding and Dreaming Stage”, for which the Theater would cost \$5-8 million. In discussing the Center's programming model, she stated that new programming will include music education lessons and early childhood programs, as well as performing arts.

Future additions to the Center will include Literary Arts classes, Metal working, Woodworking, Sculpture, and Printmaking. The Artist Community should include Distinguished artists/artist residencies performers; also “emerging artist” opportunities.



4. Supervisors' Reports.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity was not present.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck made the following comments:

- Complimented Ms. Spece regarding her briefing
- SCHS Boys' Lacrosse Team – “The team competed in their first State Final Championship this past Saturday. It was a tough battle against WT Woodson HS; and the Boys lost in a close game, 9-11. We are very proud of the boys and I look forward to next year.”
- Quality Inn – “If you have not yet done so, please drive down and check out the Quality Inn (the one that burned down, which is just past Ft Belvoir)! The demolition process has begun, and I’m told that the entire process will be completed soon. There have been meetings with potential buyers for that location. We are hoping to put a full service hotel to supplement our hospitality here. This is a chance for us to complement Occoquan and others in developing this area. This is a unique opportunity for us to shine national attention on us.”
- Covanta Update – “I met with Covanta and county staff last week. I asked them to provide an update to the Federation at next month’s meeting. They expect to reopen the plant in August. Covanta meets with county staff weekly, updating their plant with new technology.”
- Chairman Bulova’s Land Use Report – “Please check your packets for the Land Use Engagement Final Report. The Council (comprised of Fairfax County Residents, stakeholders, and experts) put together recommendations on how to improve the land use process in Fairfax County. Send in any questions or concerns you have to our office!”
- Lorton Community Center & South County Police and Animal Shelter – “I’m close to kicking off the SC Police Station and Lorton Community Center Steering Committees. There are still a few more pieces to the puzzle that needs to be solved before the first kick off meeting; and the SCF will have a representative as part of the steering committee.”
- Liberty Day Recap – “This was an exceptional day! Demand for housing units currently exceeds availability. We’re excited for the next phase of Liberty!”
- Joint Public Safety Meeting Recap – “I held a Joint Public Safety meeting with the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office and Fairfax County Police Department. We discussed a wide array of public safety topics (immigration, etc.)”



- Fairfax County 275th Anniversary Festival – “Calendar Year 2017 marks Fairfax County’s 275th birthday. The signature celebration of the anniversary will take place this weekend, June 17th, from 10am to 4pm in the area surrounding the Historic Fairfax Courthouse.
- Senior Safety Summit - “This will be held on June 30th from 9 to 1:30 PM. It is intended for folks who want to know how to keep themselves or seniors safe. Participants will be invited to take part in a question and answer session and enjoy refreshments and socializing. Attendees can learn about safety topics such as:
 - Fire and injury/fall prevention
 - File of Life
 - Home and personal safety
 - Project Lifesaver (keeping at-risk residents safer and reducing care giver anxiety)
 - Disaster preparedness and how to defend yourself from scams and other frauds
- Summer Entertainment Series – “Every Saturday, there will be a free concert for folks to enjoy; as an example, this year will include the Navy Sea Chanters group, which is top-notch!”
- Police Body Cams – “Soon, we will have a trial deployment in Mount Vernon Police department.”
- Issues raised by SCF attendees, and responses by the Supervisor:
 - Mowing of median strips (many of which are so overgrown that they dangerously obstruct drivers’ field of vision when turning or entering roadways). More than one attendee stated that their communities just do the mowing themselves, legally or illegally. Dale Johnson (Transportation Chair) said that VDOT policy is 3 mowings per season only and that, in his community, “Outlaw Mowers” ensure that curbside appeal is not affected by unsightly overgrown areas. He also offered to work on this issue on behalf of the SCF. Supervisor Storck’s initial comments were, “Mowing is the responsibility of VDOT, and this is an ongoing issue. I suggest that you contact your state representative. I have asked to talk to community attorney regarding the use of young offenders to do the mowing.” After further discussion with audience members, the Supervisor agreed that a good strategy might be to document where the *specific* un-mowed areas are on a map and then present this data to VDOT. Linwood Gorham, the Mount Vernon District Representative on the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, suggested that people complain to the Park Authority. Martin Rizer asked if someone from VDOT could come to an SCF meeting to discuss. The Supervisor’s Aide, Theodore “Tae” Choi, will look into all this.
 - Proffer system – As at last month’s SCF meeting, questions were raised about how the new rules will impact construction in our area. Supervisor Storck’s staff will inquire.
 - Athletic Field Lights – There are continuing problems with lights staying on when the athletic fields are empty. Tae will investigate and report back to SCF.
 - Signage identifying Lorton - Dale R asked why the nice new signage identifying various communities along Rte 1 just stops at Fort Belvoir area; and so communities



south of that point (e.g. Lorton) don't have anything. Supervisor Storck says that the Rte 1 project has been more focused north of Ft Belvoir.

- o ESI update – Several people raised red flags regarding the need for this community to keep a very close eye on ESI's compliance with the terms of SEA1 as we approach the 2018 closure date. There was a prolonged general discussion. Nick Firth asked, "What if SEA1 is not being honored? Also, we need to know if anyone will ever be allowed on the mountain." Linwood Gorham says that, in the past, ESI has let it be known that they will not allow this. The general consensus is that we need to identify ONE person who can answer the many extant questions regarding the issues involved in this process, and then get this person in a room with community representatives to hash out everything. Tae will try to identify such a person. The questions and concerns expressed by many at the SCF meeting have been succinctly expressed and written by Larry Clark:

"First and foremost: What is the County's plan to oversee and evaluate the closure process? Who will be the **one person** in charge? During the "great fight", what we found out was no one was responsible and no one person was accountable. Bill Mayland was stuck as the Zoning rep but the bulk of the responsibility was under DPWES and James Patteson. **WHO WILL BE THE ONE PERSON WE CALL WHEN WE HAVE A QUESTION OR COMPLAINT?**...And has that person been selected yet?

What is the actual status of landscaping for each step or level? What was the status 1 year ago? What is the status of landscaping that has been installed? Has it survived or need to be replaced? What are the final plans for the area for the next year? Which steps do they plan to complete at what time? How will that affect the shape and preparation for closure?

What is the status of the Bond? In plain terms, what does it provide for in the event of bankruptcy or default? We need to have Hallala come out and explain the status. What role in the final process does VA DEQ play? Are they in essence the masters of the closure process? We need to have Richard Docuet present the step-by-step for his side of the street."

5. Legislative Updates – None



6. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair
 - Lorton Road / Silverbrook Road Intersection – Allison Miessler made contact with FCDOT on this issue. FCDOT “anticipates initiating a traffic study sometime this August and (will) perform existing traffic counts this September. At this point, (they) anticipate the study taking around 7 to 9 months for completion, from the time of the initiation. However, the exact schedule will be determined around the time when (they) initiate this study.”
 - Hand-held phone ban while driving proposal – Dale J is looking closely at Senator Surovell’s bill that was defeated recently; and he said, “My intent is to generate more interest at our level to re-attack that effort.” Dale requests a Resolution by the SCF to vote on it and then to send a letter to the Senator to address in December.
- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair - Several bidders are going for the new FS19 Fire Station construction project (located across the street from Gunston Plaza). A decision should be made within a month and the project is expected to begin in the Fall and take about 2 years to complete.
- **Environmental & Parks**, seeking Chair
- **Education**, Seeking Chair
Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board has nothing to add for this month.
- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair
 - Norman Cole Water Treatment Plant Upgrades – The plant is in the process of implementing upgrades as part of their regularly-scheduled routine maintenance. These upgrades should improve efficiency and decrease down-time. Odor issues continue and we will pursue to find out more. Martin Rizer mentioned that we can go on a tour of the plant within 2-3 weeks.

7. New Business – Looking to the future, Dale R commented briefly as follows:

- We need a better disaster response plan . . . maybe we can work on this in the Fall.
- We should have a Park Authority update, maybe in October



A **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale R adjourned the meeting at 10:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING: July 11, 2017 at 7:30 in the SCHS Media Room.

Future Meetings: July 11, September 12, October 10, November 14, Dec 12