



**Meeting at SCHS Media Room
Tuesday, Sept 12, 2017 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports
 - July minutes - A **Motion** to approve the July minutes was made, seconded, and approved.
 - Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark
 - The TIAA-CREF Money Market balance is \$6, 479.97
 - The Sun Trust bank account balance as of Sep 12, 2017 is: \$2,045.10
 - TOTAL funding is: \$8,525.07

3. Supervisors' Reports.

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity was not present but definitely plans to attend next month.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck commented as follows:

- Decision-making on major projects - "Two important capital projects are coming to Lorton: the Lorton Community Center and the South County Police Station and Animal Shelter. I do not want County Staff to be the sole drivers of these projects, but would like to include a broader representation from the community. The core objective that I have for the location choice, or other aspects, is that we engage people and listen to them, because people in the community are going to have to live with these new facilities long after it is built. For example, in the case of the new Community Center, its many potential uses should be discussed within the community and their input considered before final decisions are made. The process and outcome will be richer this way. Steering committee members will assist with recommendations to the design, implementation, and execution of these projects.
 - Nick Firth and Jonathan Kiell will be representing the Federation on the South County Police Station Steering Committee. Their first major decision will be to recommend a location for the Station. Possible police station locations are: (1) adjacent to Giles Run Meadow Park; (2) at the intersection of Lorton Road and Workhouse Road; and (3) next to South County Middle School.



- Martin Rizer and Peter Weyland will represent the Federation and Chamber on the Lorton Community Center Steering Committee
- No U-Turn Sign at Laurel Hill Golf Course – “Tae has worked with police to get a No U-Turn sign at the Laurel Hill Golf Course. Last week, there was an accident in front of the Laurel Hill Golf Course entrance. Parents use the entrance as a turnaround to avoid the kiss n’ ride procedures and, unfortunately, a car was hit and flipped over. There have been other fender benders at this location, and so our office is in coordination with Fairfax County Police and FCDOT to place a No U-Turn sign at the entrance to improve school safety.”
- Bus Route Saved – “At the Board of Supervisors’ meeting today, I prevented the cancellation of one bus route which serves our community. It is true that currently it is underused; but the area is growing and we want to encourage use of public transportation.”
- Covanta comments – “The Fire Marshal’s office is currently reviewing the sprinkler submission. Covanta’s first submission was returned with comments and Covanta submitted changes 1 ½ weeks ago. I spoke with the Fire Marshal’s office and they expect the review to be complete by December 1st. Also, as part of the ongoing discussions to reopen Covanta, the Federation’s Executive Committee and I will be meeting with county staff to talk about air quality monitoring later this month.”

On Sept 7, Covanta emailed the following update to the SCF:

I want to update you on the status of the Covanta Resource Recovery Facility. As of today we are projecting a restart in mid to late November. The delay from our original estimate is the result of the ongoing reviews/improvements in the design and approvals of the sprinkler and fire suppression systems. We are now awaiting final approvals from the Fire Marshall to proceed and at which time will require ~ 8-10 weeks to complete the installation. However, we have made significant progress towards completing the projects that we described at the 11 July South County Federation Meeting. For example, the Thermal/IR cameras installation is nearly 80% complete. The system to post air quality data to a micro web site is nearly (I will send the URL closer to start-up). The DustTrak air quality monitor has been purchased and we are developing training plans. The building siding repairs and replacement are expected to be completed within the next week. The fire resistant roofing has been completed over the tipping floor and the roof over the boiler house is well underway. Two of the three cranes have been installed and commissioned. The third crane is onsite and is expected to be installed after the sprinkler system over the refuse bunker has been completed.

Covanta is still planning to hold an open house for the community shortly after start-up and I will communicate the dates to you once they are determined.

Covanta is committed to enhancing Covanta’s ability to prevent, to respond to fire emergencies, and to increase the transparency of our operations to our neighbors.



We believe once the projects are completed, the Covanta Resource Recovery Facility will have world class fire and safety systems.

To this information, Dale R commented about his attendance at Covanta’s recent on-site update last week, despite the rain. He and others in attendance were truly impressed. They are projecting a restart in mid to late November once all of the inspections are done. An open house still is planned. Dale feels that there seems to be a real will within Covanta to get many of the fixes implemented.

- ESI Closure – “I know many of you have reached out to my office regarding the closure of ESI. I would like to report that later this month, Chairman Bulova, county staff and I will be meeting on site to begin discussing ESI’s closure and next steps. If you have questions that you’d like addressed, please work with Tae and Christine to get me those questions.”
 - We are down to only 1 year and 3 months until closure. William Marsh, the Tysons Urban Center Coordinator, Land Development Services, provided the following status report via email on compliance with the SEA.
 - Amended special exception conditions: The applicant is complying with conditions that correspond to the landfill’s operating status; buffering, landscaping and screening conditions; conditions for restoration of the property; and transportation conditions. Conditions relating to future operation of trails and a park on top of the landfill have uncertain prospects, because the County and applicant do not agree about accepting the dedication of land and addressing liability for any landfill related risks. This uncertainty affects Conditions 52 through 56.
 - Current status: ESI and County staff met in July and discussed the landfill’s current status. According to ESI, the last construction waste accepted to landfill occurs some time in fall 2018. Capping of landfill occurs some time in 2020, followed by a minimum 10-year post-closure review by DEQ. ESI has a circa-\$11 million bond with DEQ to cover landfill closure. ESI will get about \$9 million back once DEQ approves the landfill cap. Remainder is released after the 10+ -year post closure period. Park amenities, if constructed, would be completed after the cap is approved by DEQ.
 - County Bond amount and status: The amount is \$11,689,400 and is in good standing until October 20, 2018, per approved site plan 1883-SP-002, Overlook Ridge.
 - Landscaping Plan update: County staff has confirmed that ESI is installing vegetation and performing landscaping consistent with requirements, including SEA conditions, in areas of the landfill that are no longer accepting waste and are capped.
 - After hearing the above report read aloud, there was an extensive discussion among several attendees regarding strong feelings that ESI may possibly try to



limit their compliance and financial liability with the SEA. Dan Storck repeatedly and strongly stated that he is focused on making ESI do what they contracted to do. Supervisor Storck cannot be here in October but will have the appropriate Staff person come to the SCF meeting in November.

- The biggest issue as closure approaches is the “park vs no park” question. A meeting will be held soon at Supervisor Storck’s office to discuss possible strategies.
- Emergency Notification Meeting – “James Patteson and his team are still working on next steps for an emergency alert process for South County. I have asked that we have a meeting with the Federation next month.”
- Short Term Rentals – “Tomorrow, September 13, there will be a community meeting regarding short-term rentals (i.e. homes / condos / apartments rented out for less than 30 days on websites like Airbnb, VRBO, and others). The meeting will offer a chance to provide feedback, ask questions and learn about the results from a community survey, so that we can create County zoning rules.”
- Fire Marshall Open House – “On September 20th from 10AM to 12 PM, there will be an open house for the South County Fire Marshal’s Office. Their new offices will be housed at the original Mount Vernon High School, 8333 Richmond Highway. Bringing the Fire Marshal’s Office to the Mount Vernon District is a major win for the Mount Vernon District. One of my goals has been to bring services to our district and this new location will help to increase the fire marshal’s response rate and improve efficiencies.”
- Tour the Woodlawn Historic District on September 23, 2017 at 10 AM. “I will be hosting a Familiarity Tour to explore the sites in the Woodlawn Historic District. This is a one-mile walk that includes interpretation at Woodlawn Estate, Arcadia Farm, and Frank Lloyd Wright’s Pope-Leighey House. Free tours of the Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey Houses and George Washington’s Mount Vernon are available for registered participants. The event is intended to promote community awareness of the connections between natural areas, historic landmarks, and routes for longer cycling, hiking, or paddling opportunities along the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and in the MVD. To register, please visit <https://www.novaregion.org/>
- Tour de Mount Vernon – “This is the second annual Tour de Mount Vernon, scheduled for November 4, 2017 at 8:30AM. It will start and end at the historic Fort Hunt Park.”

4. Legislative Updates – None

5. Committee Reports



- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair, provided this information:
 - Silverbrook Road Walkway – “Looks like this project is not active. I did not find it in the 2014 Bond Projects List in our files. I will check with Todd Minnix, our Chief, to confirm if this project was cancelled or not.”
 - Silverbrook Road / South Run Road East-Bound Left Turn Lane – “Projected to start in the Fall/Winter of 2018, this project is currently in Final Design stage. Tim Conley is the Project Manager for this project.”
 - Silverbrook Road @ Monacan Road Walkway Project # ST-000036-005 – “This project is currently in Final Design. Construction is anticipated to start in Summer of 2018.”

In a follow-on discussion, Dale R asked if it might be possible to make a path from Monacan Road to the high school diagonally through the undeveloped field or along the edge of the athletic field, up to the high school to save walking time (right now, students have to walk around the field). Linwood Gorham says that the overgrown field is not acceptable because of its limited field of vision; but that if any of the land is Park Authority property, he might be able to obtain money for such a project.

- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair, focused his comments on the observance of September as National Preparedness Month, a particularly pertinent topic in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Dale R asked if we could post a preparedness list on the SCF website. Jonathan will provide links.

- **Environmental & Parks**, seeking Chair

A Park Authority update was provided by Linwood Gorham, the Mount Vernon District Representative on the County Park Board:

- Nike Missile Site area - “We had a big spring clean-up with 200 people there, and they did a good job with this long-neglected area, clearing out vines inside the building, welding loose doors closed, etc. I was really happy to see that happen. We have found funding to get rid of some of the non-historic metal buildings on the site. You know, this used to be a show place for prominent politicians and military to visit. This site was part of the “Ring of Steel” which protected the DC area (during the Cold War era).”

Dale R and others opined that we need someone like Shep to generate and sustain interest in the site, because this is not just a Nike site. It has twice the number of bunkers as the Nike site! They have barely been used, and we’d like to find some use for them. If we just get rid of the metal buildings, we could better interpret the use of the prison history. We need some “squeaky wheels” to take the project to a



place where it can be interpreted. Linwood ended by saying that he would like to start a “Friends” group to this purpose. Anyone interested should contact Dale R and he will put you in contact with Linwood.

- Mason Neck Trail is close to completion. “The design is good, so take a ride down Gunston Road. to check it out.”
- Acting Fairfax County Executive – “I’m proud to say that Park Authority Director Kirk Kincannon is now the Acting Fairfax County Executive following the retirement of Ed Long”

- **Education**, Seeking Chair - No formal report this month, but Dale R said that they are waiting for confirmation of school enrollment, which may be up this year from last year.

- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair, commented:

- TSA Administration headquarters will move to Springfield, bringing 3400 jobs!
- Possible new warehouse - A developer has inquired regarding building a warehouse facility on Furnace Road. This is an initial inquiry and more information will follow.
- Panera Bread wants to build at the Corner of Lorton Road and Lorton Station Marketplace. This, too, is very early in the process.
- Update on the Liberty Development - Jack Perkins has communicated that there is no definite anchor store as of yet, but still working on it. Larry Clark will contact him to get an update on current numbers of townhouses, single family homes, apartments, etc.

6. Old Business – None

7. New Business – Larry Clark explained a proposed change in the SCF bylaws. Instead of one-year terms for officers, and a limit of 2 terms in the same position, Larry recommends going to 2-year terms, with possible re-election up to 6 years. Irma Clifton felt that there should not be a limit on number of re-elections. We will review and vote next month.

A **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale R adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

NEXT MEETING: October 10, 2017 at 7:30 in the SCHS Media Room.

Future Meetings: November 14, December 12