



Virtual Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Posting of the May minutes has been delayed and will be posted on the website with the June minutes.
 - Minutes for May and June will be approved at the July meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Sun Trust Checking: \$991.40

TIAA CREF Money Market: \$6,733.30

Total funding: \$7,724.70

- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - SFCC Member Highlight – Mary Crispino with Health Markets Fairfax Station
(<http://www.healthmarkets.com>)
 - Health & Life Insurance Agent



- Life, health, medicare, supplemental and small business insurance needs
- Phone: 703-508-3096
- Live Outdoor Jazz @ Potomac Music
 - June 11, 2021
 - 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Potomac Music 9020-G Lorton Station Town Center
- Metropolitan World Tour
 - June 12- June 13, 2021
 - 10:00 AM - 9:30 PM
 - <https://metropolitanarts2021springproduction.anywhereseat.com/channel.php>
- National Museum of the United States Army Reopening
 - June 14, 2021
 - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - National Museum of the United States Army Fort Belvoir, VA
 - Timed tickets required, Free of Charge
 - www.thenmusa.org
- Fireworks at the Workhouse
 - July 2, 2021
 - Tickets required (tailgate or VIP)
 - 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 - Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, VA
- Saturday Dinner Initiative is back!
 - 50 dinners will be handed out
 - 2-4 PM
 - Lorton's Attic



III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - Not present or represented.

- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck** Presented by Nick Rinehart
 - Double Homicide in Springfield – 2 Separate Community Meetings
 - Second double homicide in the Newington Forest area. This is an unusual act of violence in a normally very quiet suburban community.
 - Our thoughts are with the family and friends of the McDaniels.
 - Both suspects are in custody and both recent shootings are believed to have been targeted, this none the less leaves the entire community on edge and concerned.
 - Supervisor Storck went door knocking in the neighborhood this past weekend and last Tuesday evening, held a community meeting last night and will continue to meet with residents to provide answers, support and resources. Also worked with Karen Corbett Sanders to put together a resource guide for children, teens and adults.
 - In addition, Community Services Board has a “Lock and Talk” program that provides free trigger locks and medicine lock boxes. The Lock & Talk campaign started in 2019 through a collaborative initiative between our Community



Services Board (CSB) and the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern Virginia to provide free locking devices for medications and trigger locks that fit a wide variety of firearms. These items can be picked up from a variety of locations around the County, including the Pennino Building, the Gerry Hyland Center, Merrifield Center, Chantilly Office, Reston Office – Northwest Center and Gartlan Center.

- Supervisor Storck had a Board matter approved today to promote wider advertisement of the Lock and Talk Campaign through OPA.
 - Please report any information you have to the West Springfield Police Dept. if you have not already done so.
- New FCPD Police Chief Kevin Davis
- Chief Davis looks forward to ongoing dialogue with the community as he transitions into his new role. Throughout our process, he emphasized the importance of community involvement in public safety activities, policies and procedures.
 - He was present at our groundbreaking on Saturday at the South County Police Station/Animal Shelter. Looks forward to working with the SCF to hold a community meeting with him in the future.
- Joint Environmental Task Force (JET) / Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP)



- CARP – now called Resilient Fairfax – stakeholder group meetings have begun, final report expected next summer, public meetings and survey coming this summer
 - JET – next Board discussion at BOS Executive Committee meeting June 15
- Environmental Expo: 3rd Annual Mount Vernon District Environmental Expo
- Get Outdoors! Learn and Do! Saturday June 26, 2021 from 8 AM to 12 PM at Fort Hunt Park
 - This year’s event will be held in partnership with the National Park Service. This FREE Family Friendly Event will include: Exhibitors, Workshops, Live Music, Live Reptile and Owl Programs, Electric Vehicles, Nature Walks, Junior Ranger Program, Touch-a-Truck, Recycling How To’s, History Tours, Purple Glass Monster (bring your glass recycling for drop off!), Food Trucks and more!
 - Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors! More information, COVID-19 protocols and recommended pre-registration information available on website – Fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon
- South County Police Station/Animal Shelter
- Groundbreaking on May 22nd was a great success. Thank you everyone who attended.
 - Having an animal shelter on this end of the county will help everyone by providing more housing and services for shelter animals, as well as adding a



second facility that is closer for our residents to access. It's truly a win-win for our community.

- This project is a result of the collaboration and partnership between my office - the Mt. Vernon District Supervisor's Office, DPWES-Building Design and Construction Division, Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Animal Sheltering, our community Steering Committee, and YOU - the Community members. A true team effort!
 - I especially want to thank the South County Police Station & Animal Shelter Steering Committee
- Shoppers Replacement: Amazon Fresh?
 - Article released regarding Amazon Fresh based on information found in FIDO
 - Shopping center is still not in a position to release information
 - Lorton Valley Retail Application for Drive-Thru Popeyes
 - Planning Commission recommended approval on May 19, going before the BOS on June 22
 - Liberty Development Question
 - Questions sent over from SCF regarding new tenants have been forwarded for response. Will circulate response accordingly.
 - Central Green Ribbon Cutting
 - Join us on June 25th at 10 am for the Laurel Hill Central Green Ribbon cutting to celebrate the



opening of new picnic shelters. Four reservable shelters offer seating capacities of up to 213 people

- \$3 million project included four picnic pavilions, asphalt loop parking lot, trails, and supporting infrastructure.
 - Will be livestreamed on Facebook Live!
- Staff Changes for Supervisor's Office
 - Abdul Shaban and Diego Rodriguez Cabrera have recently transitioned to new roles
 - Storck's Office is actively hiring someone to fill Diego's role as transportation aide. Alex Jones in our office will be taking over a lot of the Health and Human Services work that Abdul did.
 - Be patient on transportation related issues, especially RTAP if any neighborhoods are going through that process right now.
 - Ona Judge Historic Marker Unveiling Ceremony
 - June 19 (Juneteenth) at 10:00 AM at Mount Vernon Estate
 - The event will honor Ona Judge – born into slavery at Mount Vernon and Martha Washington's personal attendant. Judge escaped slavery and married, had three children and taught herself how to read and write – living for more than 50 years having resisted Washington's attempts to recover her. Her quest for freedom represents a brave moment in history
 - 5th Graders at Laurel Ridge Elementary School and their teacher Ms. Maura Keany wrote



nomination letters to Governor Northam as part of Black History Month Historical Marker Contest to have Ona Judge's story selected for this commemoration as a Virginia Historic Marker

- In-Person Board Meetings will continue
 - Today was the second in-person Board meeting
 - All members are fully vaccinated
 - Will lobby for hybrid/virtual options for our community members
- QUESTION: President Rumberger: Can you please relay to Supervisor Storck that SCF would like an update on Police Station staffing? Trying to determine that all 15 additional staff are fully funded so that we don't have to do an emergency funding gap. Also, can we get an update on the Library & Community Center timeline?
- **Mount Vernon District School Board – Karen Corbett – Sanders & Laura Jane Cohen** *Joint Presentation for Education Update*
 - Difficult year but we see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our teachers, Administrators, Students and their family worked exceptionally hard.
 - Exciting time with all of the graduations, culminating with South County HS graduating from the Jiffy Lube Arena on Thursday. Graduation rates in south county exceed the national, state and county averages.
 - South County High School Graduation Stats



- South County – 563 graduates with over \$6M in scholarships, 138 honor scholars, 3 joining the military. On-time graduation rate 97%
- Hayfield-505 graduates, over \$3M in scholarships with students attending colleges and Universities across the country and in England, Ireland and Scotland. Going to all but one of the service academies or joining ROTC with an on-time graduation of 97%
- National Graduation rate decreasing from high of 86% pre pandemic, state graduation rate in South County is well above at 92.3%.
- South County High School Sports
 - Just this week the Lady Stallions became the Patriot District Champions for Softball
 - Kaitlyn Nguyen won the Occoquan Regional Singles Tennis Championship
 - Katherine Helms made the Olympic Trials cut off for swimming.
- On our way to a successful re-opening in the fall 5 days a week in person
 - Limited virtual option for students with underlying health conditions
 - Applications by parents totaled 494 students participating virtually
 - Working through the numbers now.
 - Students with IEPs whom turned 22 after September 3, 2020 and scheduled to complete HS in the spring of 2021 are being offered an extra year to complete their studies. Parents must notify the school by August 21, 2021



- Extra Social Emotional Learning supports including hiring more counselors and social workers and purchasing a screener (nationally recognized questionnaire) which will help identifying students in need of extra supports and interventions.
- Summer School Plans
 - Extensive (tenfold increase) this year with programs at each of our schools including Rec-PAC (Pretty Awesome Children) and Neighborhood and Community Services Programming at Laurel Hill, Newington Forest and Silverbrooke Elementaries
 - Bridge to Kindergarten and Bridge to First Grade at each of our Elementary Schools as well as Soar classes providing interventions and supports for all grades
 - South County Middle School (SCMS) is having a Young Scholars program as well as interventions and the central site for our VIP program providing extended after school programs for the LBSS, Robinson, Irving and SCMS students
 - South County High School (SCHS) Credit Recovery and on-line campus for new credit
 - Extended School Year Service (ESY) – Plans underway, we are facing challenges in staffing for this program over the summer, however with ESSER III funds we are offering an extra stipend and getting more applications from teachers.
- Migrating to a new platform across the school system, Schoology and Zoom (former platform was Blackboard)



- Pilots with each region. All positive reviews regarding Schoology, including a calendar feature for assignment due dates
- Given the recent violence in South County, it is important to update the community on our protocols.
 - Upon notification of an incident in progress, we lock down schools while incident is underway. Notify community of lockdown
 - Re-open when all clear is given from Police Department
 - Provide supports for students and faculty in the case of fatalities. This includes grief counselors and the ability for families to schedule consultations with psychologists
 - With summer re-opening, now more than ever families need to be vigilant about what kids are doing/seeing. Check your child's social media. Be aware of what is happening in neighborhoods, and if you see something, say something.
- QUESTION: President Rumberger: The State funds counselors based on an SOQ- standard of quality – and Fairfax County has continued to opt for, and parents have always asked for, greater amounts of counselors. Given the high graduate rates, it seems like that investment is really paying off.
- QUESTION: Are the students attending virtually going to be incorporated in standard classes?
 - ANSWER: Concurrent learning has proved to be incredibly difficult and it is not the best instructional delivery model. We pushed back for this upcoming school year. Each pyramid is going to attempt to figure out how to create exclusive



virtual learning teachers, which means their teachers might be from neighboring schools. This could also prove to be a great opportunity for students to take classes virtually on topics that simply don't get enough interest at one particular school.

- QUESTION: Traditionally there is 18 inches of separation between each desk. What is the spacing now for the Fall when the children return?
 - ANSWER: We expect the Governor & CDC to issue additional guidance by the end of June. We think we'll have more flexibility on spacing between desks after that guidance comes out. The County is working really hard to get kids vaccinated over 12, offering many sites at schools. However, it's the under 12 population that continues to be a concern. They are still wearing masks at school and on the playground. We hope there is a vaccine available for younger kids in early fall. Depending on how the Governor & CDC change the guidance, we'll adapt the spacing as necessary.
 - QUESTION: So the CDC guidance will also apply to lunchroom seating and seating on school buses? Also, do we have enough drivers and buses?
 - ANSWER: We have increased the number of runs in the current situation and will adapt with new guidance. We do have an issue with driver retirements, which is why Fairfax County has focused on attracting and retaining employees. So



today, they are staggered, but we'll see what it will be once new guidance is issued.

- QUESTION: Have parents received notifications of how to set up accounts on Schoology?
- ANSWER: It will be forthcoming from each school on an information night and online tutoring. We are working on getting our teachers set up and trained on it. Schoology does have a parents way to view notifications as well. Schoology is an overarching system for all students (both virtual and in-person). Zoom will be the platform for virtual learning.
- QUESTION: How does the school board handle snow days now that online learning is prevalent?
- ANSWER: Snow days are left up to the Superintendent who typically takes into account the condition of roads, parking walks, sidewalks, etc. before they make an operational decision on school closures. However, we hope to not get rid of our snow days which provide both a break for our students and social/emotional time off.

- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**

- New Park Authority Director Search
 - Narrowed to a final group that will be interviewed next week
 - Hope to have a new hire by the end of the summer
- Park Authority Site Status



- With new CDC guidance we rapidly opening recreation center amenities as quickly as possible.
- Reservation are in process until September 7.
- Reservations will no longer exist after that.
- There will challenges with the camps this year, but we do intend to have all the camps. We are doing the best to accommodate
- Concert Series will kick off at the beginning of July. Friday nights at Grist Mill and Saturday nights at the Workhouse
- QUESTION: President Rumberger: Still at Fall/Early winter for the bathroom at Central Green?
 - ANSWER: Will be open by next Spring.
- COMMENT: The South Run Rec Center basket courts have been completely trashed by users. If they are not paying a deposit, they should, to cover expenses for people who had to clean up after them.
 - ANSWER: I'll send it up the flagpole.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly** Presented by Stephany Ospino
 - Rep. Connolly held a roundtable with private sector partners May 26 to discuss ways to help the federal government and private sector partners identify, recruit, and employ diverse talent, specifically in protecting national security
 - The roundtable also addressed the hurdles that remain in the security clearance background



investigation and adjudication processes for private sector partners

- Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, sent a letter urging Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Acting Director Kathleen McGettigan to continue placing the health and safety of our dedicated federal and contractor personnel at the forefront of any discussions regarding how and when to bring employees back to their physical worksites.

- The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) allowed members to submit requests for member designated projects. The following local projects were included.
 - Project Name: Silver Line Support Transportation Alternatives
 - Project Sponsor: Fairfax County Government
 - Location: Sunrise Valley Drive from Fairfax County Parkway to Innovation Metro Station, Fairfax County, Virginia 20171
 - Requested Amount: \$10,500,000

 - Project Name: I-66 Transportation Alternatives
 - Project Sponsor: Fairfax County Government



- Location: Random Hills Road and Post Forest Drive from Monument Drive Bridge to West Ox Road, Fairfax County, Virginia 22030
- Requested Amount: \$4,000,000
- Project Name: Old Bridge Road at Gordon Boulevard Interchange/Intersection Improvements
 - Project Sponsor: Prince William County Government
 - Location: Old Bridge Road and Route 123 Intersection, Prince William County, Virginia 22192
 - Allocated Amount: \$4,000,000
- FY 2022 Member-Designated Transportation Projects: <https://connolly.house.gov/legislation/transportation-projects-fy2022.htm>
- If SCF members come across any issues with federal agencies, such as the IRS, or USPS, and even the national passport center feel free to reach out to our office.
- Contact information:
Stephany.ospino@mail.house.gov, 571-408-4407
- **COMMENT:** President Rumberger: Please ask Congressman Connolly to consider a Global Entry Site



here. The closest is Dulles, and here in Fairfax that would be a great service to Fairfax County south of 236.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

• Transportation, Peter Weyland, Chair

- Two bridges issues impacting Old Colchester Rd.
 - Old Colchester runs parallel to Rt 1 from Pohick Church at Telegraph Rd to Furnace Rd. at the Occoquan
 - Valuable emergency safety route for the entire Mason Neck community and when Rt. 1 has high-volume issues
 - Prior to closure, Old Colchester Rd. handled 2500 vehicles daily
 - Senator Surovell and Delegate Tran have written to Senators Warner and Kaine and Congressman Beyer to request funding for two projects at a cost of \$78M
 - Underground utilities on the Embark Richmond Highway Project
 - If financed for the 7.5-mile segment, we would hope it likely to also underground utilities from Ft. Belvoir to Occoquan when Richmond Highway is expanded and upgraded
 - Replacement of Giles Run Bridge on Old Colchester
 - Impassable during flood events



- Believed that Giles Run Creek is filling up faster due to runoff from the landfills contributing to flooding
- Hundreds of residents have just one other exit point – as low one-lane barrel bridge under the CSX railroad tracks
- Ladder truck cannot fit under the barrel bridge – normal fire truck only has one inch to spare passing under bridge
- VDOT estimates cost is \$21M, with contingencies and escalation it increases to \$34M
- Pohick Bridge Temporary Bridge Update
 - Original timeline was 3 months, but there have been delays in the shipping of the temporary bridge as well as lack of rebar due to COVID and permitting issues
 - Gary Runco with VDOT estimates an additional 3 months until the new temporary bridge is operational and Old Colchester Rd is open
 - \$12.9M project cost
 - Permanent replacement bridge will not be funded until 2025/2026
 - Mason Neck Citizens Association has written a letter of support to fund the cost, SCF plans to do the same



- **COMMENT:** President Rumberger: Recommendation period closed today for BOS to FCDOT for updates to Springfield/Fairfax County Parkway
 - 3 of 5 improvement sections are within the SCF boundary
 - Determinations by BOS from study:
 - No HOV Lanes
 - It will not be a Toll Road
 - Reduced from 8 to 6 lanes
 - https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/sites/transportation/files/assets/documents/pdf/btc/item%204%20-%20fcp_fsp_longtermplanningstudy%20052021.pdf
 - **COMMENT:** Nick Rinehart: Staff plans to provide Supervisor Storck with another update and allow for additional input later this month. Will update accordingly.

● **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**

- Increase in injuries and deaths caused by motor vehicles
 - Traffic is increasing after pandemic, so please remember to pay attention and be more aware while driving
- Fire Station 19
 - Still moving along, but not as quickly as we would like
- Nuclear Reactor at Ft. Belvoir
 - Built in the 1950's as a training reactor
 - Shut down in 1970s and defueled, and put in a stable shutdown



- Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is now undergoing a project to completely remove the facility
- Currently doing the engineering studies and planning work, bringing people onsite later this year and into 2022 when they plan to start the work
- USACE plans meetings with the public this summer with additional updates
- **Environmental & Parks, Chair, Wes Speers**
 - Not present
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair** *Presented by President Rumberger*
 - New CEO/President of Workhouse Arts Center
 - Coming from Strathmore
 - Masters Degree in Arts Administration
 - Will be invited for July meeting or September meeting as appropriate.
 - Panera at the Clock Tower
 - Back on after hiatus during pandemic
 - Reviewing staff notes on presentation made before pandemic, but believe it will be approved
 - Expecting groundbreaking in October and anticipated completion by May 2021
 - Newer style will incorporate new designs that accelerate call-ahead, ordering online, curbside and drive-thru
- **Education – see school board member report**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS



GENERAL COMMENT: President Rumberger: Scheduling for in-person meetings is beginning. Waiting to hear when County allow outside groups to start scheduling. Executive Board has considered every other meeting as in-person starting in the Fall, but more to come.

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

NEXT MEETING: July 13 (held virtually)

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2021: August (no meeting),
September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

Recorded by Angelina Fuller