



Virtual Zoom Meeting

## Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

### II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - President Rumberger called for edits/changes to the posted July meeting minutes
  - Hearing no changes, July meeting minutes approved as published

- **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 – Emma Jordan Kidz Fighting Cancer ([www.kidzfightingcancer.org](http://www.kidzfightingcancer.org))
    - Will have a tent at the upcoming Lorton Arts & Craft Show



- Casey’s agency will donate \$1 for every new follower on his social media platforms, up to \$1000.
  - Facebook: @LortonSF
  - LinkedIn: Casey Whitmarsh – State Farm Agent
  - Twitter: @CWhitmarshSF
  - Instagram: @sfagentcaseyw
- Lorton Fall Festival & Craft Show
  - September 25, 2021 at South County High School
  - Free Event
  - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
  - South County Chamber of Commerce will have a tent and will be collecting donation items for LCAC
- Chamber Meeting’s (S.T.I.R) are Back in Person!
  - September 28, 2021
  - Free Event
  - Harbour Grille 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

### III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
  - Not present or represented.
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck** Presented by Nick Rinehart
  - Alpine X/Fairfax Peak
    - Due diligence drilling results will be shared this Fall
    - Community information meeting will be held September 25 from 11 am – 2 pm at the Workhouse Arts Center. Alpine X, DPWES, DEI,



South County Federation and other partners will be present to answer questions about next steps related to Fairfax Peak

- **Reminder:** This project is not yet approved, many actions and contingencies remain, including public meetings, land use approvals and meet state regulatory requirements
- Update on South County Projects
  - Lorton Community Center & Library
    - Completion still on track for Spring/Summer 2022. Interior and Exterior framing and roof work has been at the community center, while selective demolition continues at the Library. Rough-in of utilities continues for both the community center and library.
  - South County Police Station & Animal Shelter
    - Estimated Completion Winter 2023. Rough grading near completion and Dominion Energy finalizing design to bring power to site.
- Redistricting Committee
  - 2020 Census data received and meetings continue
  - All meetings are available for virtual viewing and Supervisor's office will report back once we get results from those meetings
    - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/2021-redistricting-advisory-committee>
    - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/redistricting-advisory-committee-meetings>
- Active Fairfax Transportation Plan



- FCDOT is hosting two virtual community meetings on the proposed Vision Statement and Goals for the Active Fairfax Transportation Plan
- The plan introduces a framework for advancing active transportation that includes an overarching vision statement, goals and objectives based on public feedback
- Next meeting is September 15 at 6:30 pm
- Public input is critical to the success of this planning effort. The public is invited to review the proposed roadmap and share feedback. **Public comments are open until September 19, 2021**
- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk/activefairfax>
- Fairfax Green Initiatives/CECAP Update
  - At today's BoS meeting, Supervisor Storck put forward a Board Matter asking to accept the CECAP Final Report and directed OEEC to prepare a community implementation plan addressing short and long-term strategies, actions and recommendations
  - We will be building framework for community action and working with stakeholders that partnered with us to get individuals and businesses to act
  - Supervisor Storck looks forward to building this tsunami of change and believes residents and business are smarter and better, and willing to act.
- Plastic Bag Tax Public Hearing Sept. 14
  - Tonight the Board of Supervisors is considering adopting a new five-cent tax on disposable plastic



bags provided to consumers at grocery stores, convenience stores and drug stores in the County.

- Purpose of the tax is to curb collective use of disposable plastic bags and reduce amount of plastic waste in our local waterways and the damage it causes
  - 75% of all plastic ever produced is now waste and one third of all plastic waste ends up in nature
  - If nothing changes, by 2025, the ocean will contain one metric ton of plastic for every three metric tons of fish

○ Tour de Mount Vernon

- Saturday, October 23 at 8:30 am
- Starting and Ending at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House.
- Route consists of paved roads/trails and will have several challenging sections. Ride monitors and County police will be on hand to help with directions and safety.
- Calling all interested volunteers!
  - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/tour-de-mount-vernon-2021>

○ QUESTION: Is there an estimate of completion for the fire station?

- ANSWER: Construction will be completed by December 2021 with occupancy anticipated in first quarter 2022. Stay tuned for more information on a grand opening event.

○ COMMENT: Chamber looks forward to additional details and is happy to support both the grand opening event for the firehouse & Tour de Mount Vernon.



- QUESTION: New Director of Park Authority?
  - ANSWER: Appointed Jai Cole effective tomorrow September 15.
  - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/park-news/2021/z-ir163>
- QUESTIONS: President Rumberger:
  - Please talk with the Supervisor and Linwood to put a sign in the Orchard as a future dog park site. It's not uncommon that we put that in.
  - Also requesting a sign next to the Barrett House designating the playing fields – including a date to begin or date to be completed
  - Transportation Confusion
    - Need clarity on Blue Line & Metro, as well as EMBARK
  - Requesting COVID Booster site at INOVA Lorton
  - Trash & Yard Waste – guidance came out in newsletter but it seems unclear as it mentions Fall season and leaves, which has already begun. Can we get more insight?
    - ANSWER: That was given as part of the yard waste delays experienced. There is a shortage of private & public haulers and those delays are expected to be caught up by the leaf season. We continue to encourage citizens to go by recommended guidance from your trash service website.
  - Thank you for pushing the repaving of Furnace Rd. That was a huge safety hazard and it is a needed enhancement for the area.



- Please consider repaving of the Giles Run Road from Liberty to Lorton Road. Right now, a 6-10 inch drop off exists, and if you had an emergency that remains dangerous. In addition, the road is pot-holed and rutted.
- Appreciate the redistricting information. SCF submitted a package to Gerry Hyland on relevant issues
- ARB reviewed 10 additional residential units in the Powerhouse in Liberty, but we'd like to know if that included 24 additional parking spaces \*2.4 spaces per resident?
- **Mount Vernon District School Board – Karen Corbett – Sanders**
  - School started back strong with 178,110 students enrolled.
    - 7,000 students more than we had both in-person and online last year.
    - Still below expectations for enrollment, but there is still reluctance to send students full-time with COVID and the variant.
  - Schools opened fully staffed for teachers, but there is a continuous challenge with staffing bus drivers
    - 172 bus driver vacancies
    - CDL license applicants are offered a \$3,000 bonus, while a \$1,000 bonus exists for non-CDL applicants
    - QUESTION: Will the County consider bringing in the National Guard to drive buses?
      - ANSWER: That has not yet been discussed. We feel we'll be able to attract talent as a result of changes to the compensation



structure. But, there is always the option if the Governor so chooses. The County is now paying the highest entry-level salary in the neighboring jurisdictions. One of the biggest challenges is the typical employment age (older adults) and the fact that they've retired.

- Kiss and ride lines have been impacted as a result of this bus labor shortage
  - Gunston Elementary is especially jarring. Safety and security has been reviewed and we continue to make progress
  - First wave of kiss and ride lines is typically the worst, but the wait times have been reduced
- ESSER Funds
  - Allocated \$188M at the last Board meeting in August
    - Focus: Academic interventions & mitigation materials (tents, seating for outside classrooms and meal consumption, masks for sanitation), as well as addressing staff shortages (incentive for bus drivers and extra hours for teachers & classroom monitors)
  - Very cognizant of the impact of the pandemic on the social-emotional learning of students
    - Increased support throughout the day for all levels of education and hiring more counselors
  - For academic intervention the focus is on learning delays rather than learning loss – the latter implies





learning was in place beforehand, which is not the case

- Have invested in multilingual supports for our pluralistic community
- Afghanistan Refugees
  - 60 students enrolled in our school who arrived from Afghanistan
  - Expect additional students throughout the month of September
- Survey on Boundary Policy
  - Many students travel on buses for too long (longer than 45 minutes)
  - Highest concentration comes from the South County & Rt. 1 area (Mt. Vernon/Lee)
  - Contracted with external consultants to put together a boundary policy that meets the changing needs of the County.
  - Survey has been sent out and closes Friday, September 24
    - [https://mgtamer.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4Trt3axjxRymglf?utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name=&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term=](https://mgtamer.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Trt3axjxRymglf?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=)
- **Springfield District School Board – Laura Jane Cohen**
  - Delta Variant
    - Heavy focus on decreasing wait time for “clearance” for children who have identified as close contacts



- Each Board member is working with Supervisors to garner support and help with this issue
- System has been piloted for vaccinated children, allowing uploading of vaccine cards. This results in a health department verification that is expedited
- 340 students have been quarantined as of last Wednesday
  - Athletics remains the largest transmitter
  - Working on new protocols based on CDC and Health Department guidance
- Will be adding support for children in quarantine
  - Live streamlining, record lessons, math programs, etc.
  - Office hours for teachers to connect with students who are quarantining for more than 3 days
  - Goal to have this rolled out next week
- Region teams found more opportunities for outdoor eating (lunch & snack)
  - More tents being installed every day and more funding has been added to have the necessary oversight capabilities for all the disparate locations that allow kids to spread out
  - Calling all relatives – if you're able to help monitor lunches, the schools need you!
- Teachers have been instructed to refrain from group tasks (grouping desks together) and maintain forward facing single desks keeping 3 ft.



distances where possible. Continue to refine these regulations daily.

- Hearing that the vaccine for 5–12-year-olds could be ready as early as late October/early November. Working to ensure the Health Department is ready to kick those out and vaccination opportunities are available for people in our County.
  - Anticipating 2-3 max vaccination sites
- Kiss and Ride crossing guards have been asked to come early and stay late to accommodate delays
  - Working with VDOT to optimize traffic lights during those times
- Vaccine Mandates
  - Staff will need to be vaccinated (unless religious or medical exemption)
  - If exempt, will need to be tested weekly
  - 89% of staff has submitted information on their status, with a current vaccination rate of 98.7% among all staff (all 28,000 employees)
  - Will also require mandates for extracurricular activities (unless religious or medical exemption). Students under 16 will be able to test rather than require vaccination.
    - Athletics remains the number one point of any epi-linked case
- Working on getting a third-party testing vendor. More details to come
- QUESTION: I got an email about TikTok. What is that about?



- ANSWER: There is a national trend that encourages kids to destroy bathrooms by “bringing home a souvenir from the school.” It’s results in ripping soap dispensers off the wall, removing toilets, etc.
  - As a result, administrators are going to need time to re-allocate time that should be used for planning to monitor the bathrooms.
  - Encourage all parents/grandparents to talk to school-aged children about the importance of not contributing to, and reporting, this costly vandalism
  - COMMENT: Encourage the school system’s attorneys to reach out to TikTok regarding liability for these damages and enforcing all applicable penalties to student/ student families for recouping damages
- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
  - Not present or represented. (*Hearing tonight on turning inactive tennis courts into pickle ball sites*)

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly** as presented by Stephany Ospino, Outreach Representative
  - Remain focused on efforts to assist constituents with family members who are in Afghanistan
    - Coordinating with State Department to share information and assist with evacuation efforts



- In the past two weeks, sent over 20,000 names to the State Department
- The State Department's focus remains on ensuring U.S. Citizens are evacuated
- Also focusing on immigration efforts that were stalled/halted
- Budget Reconciliation Bill & Infrastructure Bill are being considered soon, more details will be available next month
  - \$1 Trillion bi-partisan infrastructure package
    - More traditional forms of infrastructure
      - Rebuilding electric grid, bridges, roads, etc.
  - Budget reconciliation package around \$3.5 Trillion
    - Include human infrastructure
      - Medicaid, Education, Social Services Climate, etc.
- Rep. Gerry Connolly's PWC Outreach Representative Stephany Ospino
  - Contact Information:  
Stephany.ospino@mail.house.gov, 703-256-3071
- QUESTION: President Rumberger: Can you please confirm if the funding for the Long Bridge project is included in this infrastructure package and what other items are included?
  - ANSWER: Yes; more detail will be provided in October.



## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### • **Transportation, Peter Weyland, Chair**

- Temporary Replacement Bridge Old Colchester Rd. (Pohick Creek)
  - Now completed and road is now open
  - Old Colchester Road (from Gunston Rd., south) is being resurfaced and should be reopen tomorrow
- Rail Study (Metro Bus Rapid Transit)
  - Survey currently active and participation is encouraged to keep pressure on this infrastructure issue
  - Worst traffic bottleneck in the entire USA is the Springfield to Fredericksburg I-95 corridor.
    - [https://starexponent.com/news/worst-traffic-spot-in-u-s-is-i-95-from-fairfax-co-parkway-to-fredericksburg/article\\_bb281ce2-c929-56bd-bb58-57214c700d05.html](https://starexponent.com/news/worst-traffic-spot-in-u-s-is-i-95-from-fairfax-co-parkway-to-fredericksburg/article_bb281ce2-c929-56bd-bb58-57214c700d05.html)
- Route 1 Overpass project is fully funded and approved for just under \$50M
  - Scope will include replacement & lengthening of CSX Railroad overpass located at Richmond Highway Rt. 1
  - Will also include future plans for the widening of Route 1 and Bus Rapid Transit
  - Adding a third rail track now, and a future fourth track
- Gunston Rd. at Mason Neck
  - Relocating 3 telephone poles that have been deemed a safety hazard (within 18 in.-2 ft of the roadway)



- Other items on the radar:
  - Old Colchester Road Giles Run Bridge
  - Deceleration Lane at Lorton Road at the entrance of Laurel Hill Park Central Green
  - Updates for Long Bridge
- Upcoming Transportation Meetings
  - Springfield To Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study
    - **Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm**
    - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZkC4d6v6RjSnTCr3bisJFg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZkC4d6v6RjSnTCr3bisJFg)
    - **Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm**
    - [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4Sr4wFwFSUSEZovH7Tbwyg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4Sr4wFwFSUSEZovH7Tbwyg)
- QUESTION: Is there an anticipated start date for the Route 1 Overpass approval?
  - ANSWER: Best guess is 2024/2025.
- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**
  - Managed Deer Hunts
    - Began last Saturday and will continue through February 2022
    - Annual event for trained and monitored hunters to thin the deer herd using an archery program
    - There are very detailed regulations to ensure safety as they eliminate 500-1,000 each year
    - There have been no reported human injuries to date related to this effort.
    - Hunters only work in tree stands and are required to target away from the boundaries of the parks.
    - More details can be found here:
      - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/archery-program>



- QUESTION: This past “season” for solicitation had recurring themes of solicitors using more aggressive tactics on citizens, including refusing to leave properties, showing up after normal business hours, loitering in neighborhoods, and leveraging new transportation (hover boards, rather than foot traffic) to canvass neighborhoods. What can we do as a community to combat this?
  - ANSWER: Officer Capizzi confirmed this remains a significant problem in the County. Encourages calling the non-emergency number when citizens feel existing County guidelines are not being followed or there are grounds for suspicious behavior. Officers will come out to check their license and inform them of a violation, if one has occurred.
    - Non-emergency Number: 703-691-2131
    - PFC Tony Capizzi.  
Anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov
  - No Trespassing Notices can be enforced immediately, and should be posted in tandem with No Solicitation Signs to ensure enforcement can be expedited
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**
  - Amazon Fresh replacing former Shoppers
    - Still awaiting an official announcement, though the branding is now obvious on the construction site
  - Liberty Power House
    - Would like to move forward with 10 additional residential units (at one point considered a restaurant or brewery in this space)





- Parking is still being reviewed and they are working with the County to come up with a new proposal
- FedEx Distribution Center Expansion
  - Seeking additional capabilities to maximize distribution efforts at this location
  - Will be coming to Land Use at the end of September
- Amazon Web Services (Newington Rd/Loisdale)
  - Two office buildings will be demolished and replaced with two server buildings, as well as a 55,000 sf back-up generator
  - Lee District (right on the edge of SCF)
- QUESTION: Are there any updates on Panera Bread?
  - ANSWER: Yes, they are due to break ground in October, opening estimated next Spring 2022.
- **Environmental & Parks, Vacant**
  - The search for a new Chair is on. Please email President Rumberger with interest at [dsrumberger@verizon.net](mailto:dsrumberger@verizon.net).
  - Central Green Bathroom Update
    - ARB approved design
    - Back on track for construction, and SCF has requested that they expedite construction
  - Workhouse Arts Center (Building #35)
    - Has been identified and requested via the Park Authority for the use of storage for archeological artifacts that have been found in Fairfax County
- **Education – see school board member report**

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- No reports

## VII. NEW BUSINESS



- **Alpine X**
  - Special Update Presentation: September 21 at 7 pm
  - Presented by CEO John Emery
  - Topics presented will include:
    - Status of Project with Fairfax County
    - Timing and Next Steps
    - Q&A
  - Advanced questions can be emailed to [info@alpine-x.com](mailto:info@alpine-x.com)
- **Elections in December**
  - None of the officers, except Angelina Fuller, will be able to continue in their positions (maximum term limits have been met)
  - President Rumberger will be stepping down
  - Looking for any interested Officers.
    - All interest/inquiries can be directed to President Rumberger at [dsrumberger@verizon.net](mailto:dsrumberger@verizon.net).

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

NEXT MEETING: October 12<sup>th</sup> (held virtually)

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2021: October 12,  
November 9, December 14

Recorded by Angelina Fuller