



Virtual Zoom Meeting

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

### II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - President Rumberger called for any edits/corrections to the posted October meeting minutes.
    - One minor correction to the development minutes
      - Should read 8708 Silverbrook Rd. vs. 878 Silverbrook Rd.
  - Correction accepted and amended version is now posted as approved October minutes
  - November meeting minutes are still in draft and will be held for approval at next month's 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**
  - Not present or represented
  - COMMENT: President Rumberger: There has been a lot of chatter about Hometown Grill & Bar. The Lorton community is very pleased with the food and service and seem to be especially impressed with the Bucatini Pasta Carbonara. Welcome to them! We hope to see them at a future meeting for a presentation.
    - <https://www.hometowngrillandbar.com/>
  - COMMENT: President Rumberger: We also recently had a working meeting at the IHOP in Gunston Plaza. There is a larger room in the rear of the restaurant that is great for a working meeting or small event. Highly recommend and thank you to them for the accommodations.
    - <https://restaurants.ihop.com/en-us/va/lorton/breakfast-7784-gunston-plz-3438>
  
- **Workhouse Arts Center - Leon Scioscia**
  - W-13 & W-15 Building Renovations
    - County has provided estimation of renovation commencement in January 2022
    - County will renovate to a soft shell and have partnered with JLL to market for prospective tenants.
  - Filling Vacant Positions
    - Close to filling Vice President of Finance position



- Still searching for Marketing Director and Facilities Manager
- Website Update
  - The Workhouse's new website will launch by the end of January 2022
- On Stage Series
  - Will premiere the first weekend in March 2022
- Music Festival/Brew Fest
  - Planning for the first weekend in June 2022 in conjunction with Celebrate Fairfax.
  - Americana/Jazz/Blues types of music will be programmed for this event
  - Will aim for a 1-2 day event
- Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services Department Partnership
  - Workhouse has partnered to bring theatre performances to underserved communities in Fairfax County
- Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series
  - Working with the County and Supervisor Storck to enhance the series to make it both fuller & longer
- Small Business Saturday
  - Just finished a 3-week marketing campaign for the 66 artists in studios on campus
  - Has been a very big success in terms of sales. The Workhouse remains impressed by the new marketing program implemented
- COMMENT: President Rumberger: I noticed a lead story tonight that Alexandria City is meeting about the Torpedo Factory's development that will include a loss of artist space



- COMMENT: Leon: Yes, a number of the artists who are potentially going to be displaced have contacted the Workhouse and we are already in communication
- COMMENT: President Rumberger: I would suggest that you provide a birds-eye view on the website of the buildings on the campus that include clear labels of the reference numbers (e.g. W-13, W-15, etc.)
- **Election of South County Federation Officers**
  - Slate for 2022-2024 Term
    - President: Nick Firth
    - Vice President: Wendy Henley
    - Secretary: Angelina Fuller
    - Treasurer: Keith Shovlin
    - Corresponding Secretary: Vacant
    - Immediate Past President: Dale Rumberger
    - Other Chair Positions include:
      - Education: Wendy Henley
      - Environment & Parks: Larry Clark & Dale Rumberger
      - Transportation: Peter Weyland and Andrew Lingg
      - Land Use: Nick Firth & Keith Shovlin
      - Safety & Security: Jonathan Kiell
  - MOTION made by Cathy Bonnefil (voting member of Crosspointe HOA) to accept all nominations as-is.
    - SECOND by Larry Clark
    - VOTE taken for larger membership



- IN FAVOR – 37 votes
  - Southern Oaks HOA
  - Springfield Oaks HOA
  - Occoquan Overlook HOA
  - Newington Commons HOA
  - Beechwood Cluster HOA
  - Barrington HOA
  - Springfield Oaks HOA
  - Hallowing Point HOA
  - Gunston Cove HOA
- OPPOSED – None
- WRITE-INS - None
- MOTION SUSTAINED with 37 votes in favor for the slate as presented. Slate has been duly elected and duly nominated in accordance with the SCF Charter. Term will take effect for 2 years from 2022-2024.

### III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity** not present, but sent comments shared by President Rumberger
  - Encourages any Saratoga members to reach out to his office given their new affiliation with the Springfield district as a result of redistricting.
  - Will be attending the SCF meeting with greater regularity
  - Shared a frustration with the process for redistricting and results
  - COMMENT: President Rumberger: The confusion for redistricting was exacerbated by the law’s timing given



that the local magisterial, state, senate and congressional processes are all happening at the exact same time

- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
  - 2021 Year in Review
    - COVID 19 Vaccine Distribution in Fairfax County: more than 80% of people age 18 and older are fully vaccinated, and nearly 70% of all Fairfax County Residents are fully vaccinated, with many more getting booster shots
    - Funding for Lorton Visioning Plan Amendment Study
    - Groundbreaking and beginning construction of the South County Police Station/Animal Shelter.
    - Continued timely construction of Lorton Community Center/Library.
    - Approved a modernized, updated Zoning Ordinance for Fairfax County.
    - Approval of 2 amendments to the Alpine X-Fairfax County Interim Agreement for the Fairfax Peak project, and multiple successful community engagement events hosted by SCF on the project.
    - Successful passage of FY22 Budget
    - Promotion of community unity and public safety awareness following tragic events in Newington Forest and Hagel Circle
    - Central Green Ribbon Cutting
    - Mason Neck Trail
    - Gunston Fire Station Concept Design
    - Turning Point Suffrage Memorial Ribbon Cutting



- Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series returned to the Workhouse
  - New Workhouse CEO/Executive Director Leon Scioscia
  - New Green Drop Donation Center in Lorton Marketplace
  - Further development of Liberty/Laurel Hill site
  - Finally cleaned the Shell Gas Station wall at Lorton Road
  - Positive forward motion on Lorton Landfill/Overlook Park concept and project
- Lidl Groundbreaking
- Lidl grocery is celebrating the start of construction at Liberty Market in Lorton
  - Friday December 17 at 3pm
  - Please register to attend at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lidl-liberty-groundbreaking-event-tickets-225344029057>
- Redistricting
- On December 7 the BOS chose to maintain the same number of districts (9) and make minor adjustments between them for each population to be similar (about 128,000 per district).
  - In the Mount Vernon District, only one precinct has been moved to the Springfield District - Saratoga, with no other changes.
  - Storck is disappointed to even lose one precinct, although based on the growth of the Mount Vernon District, it was necessary to get closer to balancing districts' populations over all



- Thank you to SCF, for the December 5th letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing your position, and for pointing out that there were twice as many proposals for adding district(s) as there were for status quo.
- Storck advocated to create at least 10 districts, from appointing Gerry Hyland to the Redistricting Advisory Committee, many one-on-one conversations with other Supervisors, etc., were not able to overcome the belief of many that making small changes (overall only 7 precincts were changed) was preferable to making more significant changes.
  - Belief that the population growth was not significant enough in South County, and in their eyes if there were to be an added district in would be in the central/western part of the County
- On the state level redistricting, Storck remains very concerned with the proposed realignment. The current recommendations will have a substantial negative impact on our community for the next 10 years, by separating key areas from Mount Vernon District cores in Mount Vernon and in Lorton.
- As you may be aware, a constitutional amendment approved by voters last year set-up a new redistricting process which has reached the stage where it has two Special Masters, appointed directly by the Supreme Court of Virginia, creating and posting new proposed U.S. Congressional, Virginia Senate and Virginia





House of Delegates maps earlier this week. The Special Masters will be holding hearings on these redistricting maps on 12/15/21 and 12/17/21 with the objective of publishing a final proposed map on 12/19/21.

- Your comments are needed now, the sooner the better, and by the public hearing dates! They can be made by email at [redistricting@vacourts.gov](mailto:redistricting@vacourts.gov)
  - You can also comment directly on the maps themselves by clicking the respective Congressional, Virginia Senate or Virginia House of Delegates link below and selecting "Add Comment":
    - Congressional - <https://www.virginiaredistricting.org/legdistricting/comments/plan/513/1>
    - Senate - <https://www.virginiaredistricting.org/legdistricting/comments/plan/514/1>
    - House of Delegates - <https://www.virginiaredistricting.org/legdistricting/comments/plan/515/1>
- Environmental Committee Initiatives
  - EQAC transmitted its 2021 Annual Report on the Environment to the Board
  - Report includes 31 recommendations in area including Land Use, Transportation, Water, Waste Management, Air Quality, Wildlife Management, Technology, Climate, and Parks and Ecological Resources.



- Storck passed a Board matter that directed the County, in coordination with the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, to prepare a response to the EQAC annual report
- EQAC will hold a public comment meeting on January 12, 2022. You can sign up to speak or submit testimony in advance. Storck encourages sharing thoughts on environmental issues in this forum.
- Plastic Bag Tax Reminder – goes into Effect Jan 1, 2022
  - Fairfax County is implementing a new five-cent plastic bag tax starting on Jan 1
  - Tax will apply to disposable plastic bags provided to consumers at grocery stores, convenience stores and drug stores. The purpose of the tax is to curb collective use of disposable plastic bags to reduce the amount of plastic waste in our local waters and the damage it causes.
  - This tax can be avoided by bringing your reusable bags every time you shop in Fairfax County.
  - Revenue from this tax will be used to support pollution & litter mitigation programs and the provision of reusable bags to recipients in need.
- Alpine X/Fairfax Peak
  - BoS approved second amendment to the Interim Agreement that allows them to move forward to the entitlement phase of the project
  - Second amendment includes:
    - Extending the term of the exclusive negotiation period and Right of Entry (ROE) until December 31, 2023. The County and the Developer may mutually agree to extend



the exclusive period, as well as the ROE term, for up to one year, through December 31, 2024.

- Designating the Developer as a County agent for the limited purpose of pursuing land use approvals, including any required zoning and similar regulatory approvals necessary for the construction and use of the proposed development.
- The Project Area boundary was adjusted to ensure that there will be no overlap between the Project Area and the County’s potential solar power generation facility under consideration at the I-95 Landfill site, and providing that the County may only use part of the Project Area for the County’s solar project with the Developer’s consent.
  - As this comes together with a formal understanding, this will come back to SCF and the community for comment and review. Storck is committed to ensuring that there is appropriate engagement.
- Lorton Fire Station
  - Still projected to be substantially complete in the first quarter of 2022
- Lorton Library/Community Center
  - Approximately 62% complete
  - Recently visited the site and pleased with progress
  - Still on track for Summer 2022 completion
  - Concern about lack of lighting towards the back of the site leading into Hagel Circle/Williamsburg Square community



- Working with County staff on options to install additional lighting, fix with existing lights
- South County Police Station
  - Steel construction is underway.
  - Meeting held on 12/3 regarding the new station boundaries.
- Lorton Visioning 2040
  - A meeting open to the Lorton Community will be held on 12/13 with the consultants and the task force
  - Beginning to hire staff to support this process.
  - Visit project website:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/lorton-visioning>
- Covanta Ownership Change
  - EQT Infrastructure acquired Covanta (Swedish company)
  - New CEO is Azeez Mohammed. Has 20 years of prior experience working at GE and Bloom Energy with vast experience in 27 different industry segments
  - Not aware of any change in local management
- Gunston Fire Station Design
  - Concept design meeting taking place tomorrow, December 15 at 7 pm via Zoom
  - Open to the entire community to provide input on the concept design
- Parking Re-Imagined
  - Thursday, December 16 from 7-8:30 to kick-off the new review of what parking will look like in



the future (most prominently impacting urban areas)

- Encourage people to tune-in and share their views. Link to meeting:  
<https://fairfax.webex.com/fairfax/j.php?MTID=m346224d46832374efcba4e1fd209b3cb>
- Website with additional information:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning-ordinance/parking-reimagined>

- Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting 2022
  - The 35<sup>th</sup> annual town meeting be held February 12, 2022
- COMMENT: President Rumberger: We would like to meet with you & your team in early 2022 to address important topics of concern regarding Alpine X amongst each of our committees.
  - ANSWER: We welcome that & this is a good time for it.
- QUESTION: COVID seems to have interfered with regular shredding events. Do you plan to offer more?
  - ANSWER: Yes, they do still occur with the last one being about a month ago. Scheduled shredding events for 2022 can be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/document-shredding>. If we need more events, especially one in South County, please give me a call and let's discuss.
- QUESTION: Has the money related to infrastructure in our area been allocated to cities/counties yet?
  - ANSWER: We have not seen a breakdown yet, but I do expect there to be an announcement for it.



I plan to relay any details I receive in my newsletter, and encourage you all to sign up to receive a summary once available.

- COMMENT: President Rumberger: We still maintain that 10 districts for redistricting would solve many problems.
- **Mount Vernon District School Board Karen Corbett – Sanders, with Springfield District School Board Laura Jane Cohen**
  - Not present or represented
  - COMMENT: President Rumberger: There has been an 1,100 student increase in enrollment since October. We have 238 Afghan refugees resettled in Fairfax County.
  - COMMENT: President Rumberger: The Arts and Athletics have had quite a year!
    - Adrian Garcia recently placed second in the State Cross Country Meet out of 106 entries – the highest anyone in our district has ever achieved.
    - South County football team won regional finals, but ultimately lost in the State’s semi-finals to Madison High School.
    - 17 Members of the State Honors Choir are South County students, and 40% of the Honors Orchestra are South County students.
    - Band received superior ratings in all marching band competitions this Fall
- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
  - Garden Plots
    - Trying to bring this to the front burner again
  - Dog Park



- There is a dog park in the Master Plan between Lorton Rd. & the adaptive reuse area at Liberty. There are many other dogs parks in Master Plans throughout the county, so I believe it would be prudent to organize a committee that can champion this effort for Lorton
- If anyone knows any interested parties, please reach out to let me know.
- Central Green
  - Rectangle fields continue to move forward in the permitting process
  - The horse parking lot has been cleared and will have the gravel necessary to make it functional
  - The barn is being studied for its stabilization project and the views on that remain optimistic
  - Bathrooms have been delayed.
    - Request for Dale & Larry as new co-chairs of the Parks & Recreation Committee, as well as Supervisor Storck, to craft letters to relay their thoughts to Linwood on their displeasure with the duration (3 years) that this is being estimated to take to construct the bathrooms.
  - COMMENT: Larry: Over the next year, I'll be coming to you & the staff regarding the permitting process and the time it takes. Not having enough staff is no longer an acceptable excuse.
  - ANSWER: Yes, I'll be looking forward to connecting with you on that and have already begun discussions with Dale in the same vein. I have been told our planning & development



department is short of 3 employees, so I'm hopeful they will be at full staff as soon as possible to help prevent delays in the future. The costs for development, however, remain significantly higher – nearly 40%. We're still trying to figure out how to tackle that.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly** presented by Marlon Dubuisson
  - Infrastructure Bill
    - State numbers are trickling in, with estimation that General Assembly will allocate in January to the counties
    - Will share those numbers when they are available
  - Redistricting
    - Mason Neck will now migrate into the 7<sup>th</sup> district
    - If SCF needs assistance with making connections, we can help facilitate those conversations
  - Contact for Marlon Dubuisson
    - [Marlon.Dubuisson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Marlon.Dubuisson@mail.house.gov)
    - 703-256-3071
- **U.S. State Delegate Kathy Tran**
  - Session begins on January 12 (60 day session) and the pre-session town hall occurred yesterday with the South County Delegation.
  - Anticipate a town hall in the near future with Senators Barker and Marsden





- One area Delegate Tran has been working on is through the Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus around language access.
  - During the pandemic, a lot of updates were only provided in English or were mistranslated
  - There was a clear divide between access to information and services people may be eligible for
  - Working diligently that everyone is able to obtain this information and get access where needed
- Other important initiatives:
  - Personal Property Tax Relief for service-connected individuals or family members and their surviving spouses
  - Towing – there are no clear state guidelines on rates for towing, though regulations do exist to tow off private property. Hoping for equal consumer protections related to public safety towing. If you’ve had any related incidents on this topic, please reach out
  - Long-term Care Insurance – rates have gone up exorbitantly, hoping to create a more transparent process that has better education
  - Two Special Education Bills – seeking to ensure teachers are trained and adapt curriculum for non-speaking individuals and use an AAC device to help communicate; also seeking accessibility for



educational programs online for blind or low-vision students to ensure an equal opportunity

- Healthcare & Workforce Challenges – seeking to find ways to build the bench and back-fill, as well as ensuring that workforce is diverse and culturally competent
- Afghan Evacuees – seeking to ensure the federal, state and county government are working together for those individuals to obtain the services they are qualified for in an efficient manner
- Redistricting in the 42<sup>nd</sup>
  - Virginia Supreme Court is currently drawing the maps for the districts constituents will be located for the next 10 years
  - The existing law gives this task (to be completed by October) to a group known as the Virginia Redistricting Commission which is comprised of legislators and private citizens
  - That Commission was not successful in their ability to agree on maps, and as such the constitution then passes that task to the Virginia Supreme Court.
  - The Virginia Supreme Court hired two Special Masters (Republican & Democrat) who collaborated and released 3 draft maps on December 8



- Comment period is now occurring on those draft maps (see links in Supervisor Storck’s note section)
  - Three ways to provide comments on the draft maps
    - 2 public meetings that the Virginia Supreme Court is holding, one on December 15 1-4 pm; and one of December 17 1-4 pm
      - To participate in the Supreme Court’s public hearings, email the Clerk of Court at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at [redistricting@vacourts.gov](mailto:redistricting@vacourts.gov) and say that you would like to provide public comment
    - You can send comments directly to the Supreme Court at:  
[redistricting@vacourts.gov](mailto:redistricting@vacourts.gov)
    - You can also provide comments on the maps themselves by selecting “Add Comment.” A video tutorial on how to provide comments can be found in the top right-hand corner
  - Fairfax County Town Hall
    - January 8 with more details to come in newsletter when available



- Sign up for our newsletter to continue to hear more updates: <https://www.kathyfordelegate.com/newsletter>
- Contact Information:
  - [delktran@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delktran@house.virginia.gov)
  - 804-698-1042

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### • Transportation, Peter Weyland, Chair

- Alpine X
  - Have requested transportation study for SCF review
  - Have suggested an additional entrance – Mortar Rd. off Furnace Rd.
  - Also requesting plans for signage & signaling
- Amtrak traffic backups
  - Have continued to experience backups all the way to Lewis Chapel Rd.
  - Requesting Storck's office provide greater oversight and coordination for discussion with Amtrak given the impact for the area
  - Need to create a queuing system or other solution that is better than the way they are currently doing it
  - COMMENT: Cathy: It was so bad on Sunday, there was a cop car that was positioned underneath the overpass to ensure people weren't trying to cut around and make a left turn into Amtrak
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• **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**

- Police Station/Animal Shelter
  - Had a meeting with the project team. Discussed new boundaries this district will have, as well as the current staffing issue (the PD is down around 150 officers).
  - They are aggressively working on staffing, but the area that will be covered by the new police station is currently covered by several existing stations, so they are working to man those station positions & subsequently transfer them to the Lorton police station.
  - As that begins to unfold, we expressed an interest in inviting transitioning officers to patrol in our community as a benefit to building that relationship early. We hope to host such a meeting in 2022
  - The Animal Shelter is eager to begin engagement, and we will invite them to future meetings
  - Unfortunately, regulations will prohibit them from having volunteers under the age of 18
  - Names are still not firm, but current frontrunners are the Lorton police station and the South County Animal Shelter. There is no current proposal for the name of the building itself, which will be part of future discussions
  - COMMENT: President Rumberger: Consider the naming of the building as the Colchester Precinct – a non-controversial name



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

- Popeyes
  - Under construction, with completion expected in March/April 2022
- Amazon Fresh
  - There are distribution chain issues getting inner equipment & shelving. This pushed their estimated opening to February/March 2022.
- Panera Bread
  - Waiting for permit to break ground
  - Panera is still anticipating an early Spring 2022 completion.
- QUESTION: Larry Clark: Nick can you get any timeline regarding how long Panera has been waiting for their permit?
  - ANSWER: Yes, and we can add that to the conversation. That is a project the community wants to come online in a timely fashion.

- **Education – see school board member report**

- **Environmental & Parks, Vacant**

- Attended the Chesapeake Bay Foundation legislative briefing.
  - Mason Neck needs to carefully watch the legislation on how you can repair your water edge.
  - Over 50% of all pollution of the Chesapeake Bay comes from agrarian runoff. Have requested



nearly \$500M funding to help pollution efforts. Major one includes building riparian buffers, a 7- to 12-foot-wide swath of trees and bushes that are next to waterways to stop materials from flowing into those creeks and rivers.

- Since they founded the Clean Water Act, the bay has improved its pollution by 50%

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- Redistricting | PowerPoint Presentation on impact to South County Federation
  - Approved County Districts
    - Area of district change includes Saratoga's move to the Springfield District
  - Proposed Congressional Map
    - Green shows the 11<sup>th</sup> district, blue is 8<sup>th</sup> district, gray is 7<sup>th</sup> district (which goes all the way down to Fredericksburg)
    - Significant part of the 8<sup>th</sup> district that is now moving to the 7<sup>th</sup> district, from Mason Neck up to Mount Vernon
    - Red dots show all the negative comments existing on the proposed map
  - Proposed House of Delegates Map
    - Most of the territory is now in the 19<sup>th</sup> district, with a split to the 18<sup>th</sup> district along Silverbrook/Hooes and Lorton Rd.
    - The 19<sup>th</sup> reaches much further up into Crosspointe
    - South Run Oaks and Southern Oaks is right on the edge of the cross-over
  - Proposed Senate Map



- Federation will primarily be in the 33rd district, with a small section in the 34<sup>th</sup> district

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business to report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 11 (held virtually)

**FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2022:** January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August (no meeting), September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

Recorded by Angelina Fuller