

P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199

**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, April 14th, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

****** MINUTES ******

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Call to Order/President's Report: Michael Grogan; President.

Called to order at 7:35.

President Grogan discussed the motion regarding landfills in the last meeting. The desire of the community to not have any new landfill will lead to the delay of the sportsplex, but the federation has its roots in founder Marcia Hanson's action against the landfill more than 25 years ago. He recognized Planning Commissioner Tim Sargent and noted his fellow commissioner Earl Flanagan is at another public meeting tonight.

President Grogan read a letter he sent as President of the South County Federation to Supervisor Hyland expressing the general desire of the south county communities. Summary, asks board not to consider new landfill sites or the expansion of any existing or former landfill sites. There was discussion of issues raised in recent federation meetings regarding EnviroSolutions PPA; it was noted the county returned it unseen. It was asked if the letter was aimed at EnviroSolutions. President Grogan noted it is not. Linwood noted that a resolution passed recently allows President Grogan to voice federation concerns involving this issue to the Board of Supervisors. Linwood, as Land Use chair, made a motion to support sending the letter to Supervisor Hyland. Passed 41-0-5.

President Grogan noted the new website. Motion to pay \$500 to the person who formatted the website. Passed via voice vote.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes. Passed via voice vote.

Financial Report: Calvin Smith, Treasurer. Checking: opening balance \$2,626.12, \$195 deposit, 2 donation checks to all-night grad parties for students of Hayfield Secondary and South County Secondary (\$100 each), close \$2621.12, TIAA/CREFF \$6456.39+16.40 dividend=\$6472.79, total balance \$9,093.91.

Vice President's Report: Peter Dickinson; VP. The federation will be doing a mailing to homeowner and civic associations in the area. He passed around a sample of proposed format for the federation promotional flyer.

Distribute attendance sign-in sheet. [Attendance for March meeting amended to add Gunston Manor. – Alan]

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION (10 Minutes)

Gerry Hyland (Mount Vernon Supervisor)

Got a call from a longtime resident concerned about his recent illness. He spoke of his recent health issues regarding his hip. He does not anticipate this will affect his ability to serve as Mount Vernon Supervisor.

Education: Fall bond referendum will have \$50 million for South County Middle School. Hearing coming up on adjustments to comprehensive plan mainly involving the issue of the ballfield(s). Decision on lighting the fields will be made after public input process.

Combined meeting with Dan Storck coming up tomorrow at Lorton Station Elementary.

SACC facility at new school. [Assuming he meant elementary school – Alan]

Laurel Hill adaptive reuse update. It seems likely the proposed plan will not include the ballfield. Gerry is reluctant to vote 'yes' unless there is a replacement field elsewhere in the south county.

Park authority, which will eventually get deeded landfill property, is worried about liability issues. This has caused a long process for Conrad (Mehan). He has asked that the county move forward on this and have something to tell by Monday.

200-250 trucks exit the United Parcel Service site on Alban during morning rush hour. They have hired an off duty officer to direct traffic. Gerry has asked VDOT to look at this situation and determine if something can be done.

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A 14 year old was struck and required medevac on Lorton Station Blvd last month. There will be a meeting Monday regarding the steps necessary to move forward to getting a traffic light on this road.

Budget: markup is on Monday. Most people had a decrease of roughly 12%. And so, most will pay roughly the same amount of property tax. The board restored several cuts to public safety. The county schools have been very cooperative in

Lorton Farmer's Market starts on May 3rd with 14 vendors expected. The markets will be Sundays through late October from 9AM to 1PM in the Lorton VRE station parking lot

Cold War Museum. Park service has decided not to go forward with the proposed plan. The museum is welcome to regroup and submit another plan.

Marcia and Christine are now doing a wonderful job for Gerry. He noted, and Christine confirmed, that their focus is the south county.

Asked if the Board of Supervisors have any power to overrule the park authority. Basic answer is no. But the supervisors appoint members to the park authority and hold budgetary power. Gerry hopes that the park board members do not wish to upset the constituents of the supervisor who appointed them.

Met with Fire and Police department chiefs recently about the proposed cuts in the budget. Noted that the executive in past has involved human services council for input. He suggested that the chiefs draw up three tiers of cuts. Board will support tiers one and two of three.

Irma Clifton spoke of a book published in 1932 from the family that was responsible for Lorton; or was named after. Only 100 were printed at the time. Some donors have arranged for it to be reprinted. Irma presented the first copy to Supervisor Hyland. Gerry requested nine copies to give to the other district supervisors.

Sharon Bulova (Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors)

Sharon Bulova came to speak about budget issues. Friday is the last workshop before markup Monday. Gerry Hyland had insisted the south county police station has been moved from CIP priority level four to level two. Spoke of possibility of redrawing police service areas. Advertised budget will have schools with less of a share of bonding; down to \$140 million. Plan is to have their level remain at \$155 million. CIP funding priority levels are from 1 to 5. Levels 1 and 2 are those projects likely to be presented for funding; but there is no set timeline for the various levels. Bulova estimated 7 or 8 years for the police station. Question about full day Mondays. Bulova noted that the teachers make use of the time for planning. Member suggested the proposed county history museum could possibly co-locate along with the Cold War museum as a way to help both projects along in this difficult economy. It was noted George Mason University has expressed interest in the county history museum.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Education (Peter Dickinson for Christine Morin) (15 Minutes)
 - Combined budget meeting tomorrow at 7PM at Lorton Station ES
 - Give public info on likely impact of the expected
 - Laurel Hill ES PTA kickoff
 - Interim officers selected
 - School Bond Referendum to be voted on this November
 - Includes \$50 million for south county middle school
 - Comprehensive plan amendment language hearing
 - Support letters have come from several communities

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- Land Use (Linwood Gorham) (10 Minutes)
 - Resolution 09-15 not opposing the swap of the middle school and Nike missile control sites between Fairfax County Schools and Fairfax County Park Authority. There were concerns raised that have been raised in previous meetings. Two adjacent communities are concerned about the lighting. Linwood is confident that the wording has been closely gone over and there has been a good faith strong effort to clearly express the community desires and expects to have input. Christine (as Hyland staffer) feels the two planning commissioners are well aware of community concerns. The planning commission will make the final '2232' decision. Question: Are 2232 votes strictly up or down, or can the commission suggest changes that would lead to a yes vote. Tim Sargent said the commissioners have the option of telling applicants their 2232 will likely be rejected if changes are not made. There was involved discussion. Linwood read the latest wording regarding lighting that changed 'may' to 'shall' regarding ballfields. Resolution passed 43-0-0.
 - Presentation by L.A.F. about proffer condition amendments address in 09-xx
 - Resolution 09-16 not opposing proffer condition amendments by Lorton Arts Foundation. President Grogan noted L.A.F. good response to our concerns. Member noted a suggestion of making Lorton Road a historic byway. Proposed by Earl Flanagan recently. It was noted the small piece of road that allows access to Route 123 via Occoquan Regional Park will be maintained in partnership with NVRPA. Noted that the visual is not necessarily what will be done in regards to easements; rail/pipeline. The presenter noted LAF is aware of the new tree ordinances and has addressed them. Motion carried 48-0-0. Presenter noted planning commission hearing May 6.
- Transportation (Dale Johnson) (5 Minutes)
 - HB1192 & County Roadway Advertising Pollution
 - Delegate Bulova has proposed legislation giving a locality 100% of fines levied for violating the state sign ordinance; currently state gets half, locality gets half
 - Dale is looking further into how it is handled in Prince William County
 - Consulted state code and found 3-day exception, seems to fall short on meeting the goal of keeping these popsicle signs off our roads,
 - Laurel Crest Drive Safety Issue
 - Has not been turned over to VDoT, some residents of his neighborhood have noticed safety issues with kids walking to and from school, trucks using Laurel Crest to cut the corner from Hooes to Silverbrook
 - Again noted the good response on the VDoT hotline
 - Concern expressed on truck traffic on Lorton Road
 - Vulcan Quarry noted that there are retail trucks that they have less control over.
- Public Safety (Clint Herbert) (5 Minutes)
 - First meeting of Public Safety subcommittee. Kevin Mullins presence was quite helpful due to his long involvement
 - Put call for district station on the back burner
 - Hoping to have meetings with district commanders in next few months
 - Invited gang unit lead officer to come and give an area-centric talk on gang activity in our area
 - Seeks to survey the neighborhood watch teams in our area
 - How many are there? What do they see most? How can we get more involved?

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- Parks & Environmental (Gloria Bannister) (5 Minutes)
 - Eagle Festival, Mason Neck State Park, April 25th
 - Potomac Watershed Cleanup; four rolloff dumpsters; donated by Conrad

OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (5 Minutes)
 - Golf Tournament
- President Grogan read a thank you letter from Tom Howard

NEW BUSINESS

- Next meetings
 - April 14th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.
 - May 12th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.
 - June 9th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.

Adjournment at 9:56.

Note: South County Federation website is at <http://www.southcountyfederation.com/>

Members	Member Through	Present	Non Aligned Caucus Members	Memb	Present
Afton Glen			Gomolinski-Lally, Eleanor		
Barrington	2009		Fedorshick, John		
Cavanaugh Crossing			Clifton, Irma		yes
Courts of Laurel Crest			Meeker, Rose		
Crosspointe	2009	yes	Dreude, Thomas		
Gunston Corner THOA					
Gunston Manor	2010	yes	Other Attendees		
Gunston Square		yes			
Hallowing Point Civic Assoc	2009		Gerry Hyland (Mt Vernon Supervisor)		yes
Harbor View		yes	Sharon Bulova (County chairwoman)		yes
Hollymeade			Conrad Mehan (EnviroSolutions)		yes
Laurel Hill Community Association	2011	yes	Tim Sargent (Planning Commissioner)		yes
Laurel Highlands			Jim Cooper (VMC)		yes
Lorton Station	2009		Greg Werkheiser		yes
Lorton Valley			Sharon Mason (Lorton Arts Foundation)		
Mason Neck Civic Association	2010	yes			
McGuire Woods		yes			
Newington Forest		yes			
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Non-Aligned Caucus					
Occaquan Overlook					
Overlook Point					
Pohick Square		yes			
Saratoga Community Association					
Shepherd Hills					
Springfield Oaks					
Shirley Acres					
Silverbrook Hunt	2009	yes			
Southpointe	2009	yes			
Spring Hill		yes			
Stone Manor	2009	yes			
Wildwood		yes			
Williamsburg Square	2009	yes			