

P.O. Box 442, Lorton, Virginia 22199

**Meeting at South County Secondary School
Tuesday, May 12th, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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

BOARD REPORTS (10 Minutes)

Called to order at 7:35.

Meeting chaired tonight by Education Chair Christine Morin, who recognized the attendance of federation founder Marcia Hanson.

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes. Passed via voice vote.

Financial Report: Calvin Smith, Treasurer. Checking: opening balance \$2,921.12, \$300 donation from South County Chamber of Commerce for Parade, TIAA/CREFF \$6472.79, total balance \$9,193.91.

Distribute attendance sign-in sheet.

SUPERVISORS/LEGISLATORS TIME and DISCUSSION

Gerry Hyland (Mount Vernon Supervisor)

Two unanimous votes in support of land swap for middle school.

Gerry is optimistic that the swap will take place by August.

South County Middle School funding is on the referendum in November.

Gerry spoke of the bad experiences people have when they unwittingly move into an area where industrial and commercial facilities can be built almost in their back yards. He recalled the situation involving the self storage facility on Pohick Road just on the east side of I-95. Gerry has made available a survey of about 20 industrial zoned parcels in the Mount Vernon District very close to residential areas. He suggested possibly changing the comprehensive plan.

In a related matter, Linwood noted the requirement of a transportation study to be done for some rezoning and that the amendment applicant is responsible for undertaking the study.

Laurel Hill Adaptive re-use committee will likely make a recommendation in June or July. Gerry prefers an RFP be issued assuming the plan is acceptable.

Gerry expressed his striving to see the issue of the ballfield be thoroughly thought out.

Gerry noted that he could not recall in his nearly 20 years as supervisor having gone against the recommendation of the federation. But he noted that there is little or no influence on contracting between the county and contractors. He was speaking to the issue of Covanta operating the incinerator at the Lorton landfill. He noted that this is not normally open to public comment. He has confidence the county staff will be diligent in negotiating a contract in the interests of the citizens of Fairfax County.

Linwood noted that the chief desire of the federation in this matter is to take the "date-certain" closure not be be subject to negotiation.

EnviroSolutions and the park authority have entered an interim use agreement.

Gerry will be holding meetings to address community concerns about Laurel Crest Drive.

Lorton Farmers' Market has started. Gerry noted that the fourteen vendors also vend at the Mount Vernon Farmers' Market, which he considers the best in the county.

Park Authority has turned down the Cold War Museum as currently proposed due to a prolonged period of unfruitful negotiations. The park authority has invited those interested to come back when they have a more viable plan. A member suggested something similar to what a nearby horse stable had or an interim museum to test viability.

STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Parade
 - Grand Marshall: It was noted that Linda Seaton, who instigated the parade 20 years ago, should at some point be Grand Marshall. But, lifelong Lorton resident Gladys Bushrod turns 100 years old this year. It is proposed that Gladys Bushrod be 2009 Grand Marshall and Linda Seaton be 2010 Grand Marshall. Christine Morin noted that Linda agrees it should be Gladys this year.
- Education (Christine Morin) (15 Minutes)
 - Noted that Supervisor Hyland had covered the Middle School news
 - Elementary School PTA officers selected and they have gone right to work
 - Fairly quick pace in getting the SCES ready is visibly evident in progress on the school grounds
- Land Use (Linwood Gorham) (10 Minutes)
 - Spoke of the upcoming comprehensive plan review.
 - Noman Cole Plant will be working on 20 year plan.
 - Gloria noted that much of the plan is for regulatory required improvements
 - Expressed disappointment with the plan submitted by the Alexander Company for Laurel Hill Adaptive re-use that seems to ignore community desires regarding number and style of housing units. They wish to present at the June federation meeting.
- Transportation (Dale Johnson) (5 Minutes)
 - Researched the fine for sign violations: \$100 per sign.
 - Gloria Bannister noted that there are proffers that should be keeping developers from putting up popsicle signs.
 - Linwood Gorham noted that there is a business on Gunston Cove Road west of I-95 that is specifically dedicated to putting signs up on weekends
 - **Resolution 09-18** calls upon Fairfax County to adopt an ordinance modeled after the one in Prince William County regulating signs. Passed via unanimous voice vote.
 - VDoT will be adjusting the alignment of the lights at the intersection of Lorton Road at the exit/entrance to southbound I-95.
 - Multiple safety concerns along Laurel Crest Drive
 - Bus access point
 - Heavy trucks using it to “cut the corner” of Silverbrook & Hooes
 - Speeding
 - Suggests adjusting location of bus access point, declaring “No through trucks”, and placing more speed limit signs
 - Supervisor Hyland suggested a face-to-face with reps from all stakeholders to decipher the rules and authority for what needs to be done
 - Discussion of transportation priorities. Dale presented his findings from some research into projects and asked members to think it over and give him feedback.
 - Lowell spoke of some successes with his concerns after voicing his opinion to local officials such as Gerry Hyland, local police and local road authorities. He said his top concern is the aging rail bridge over Route 1.

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- Public Safety (Clint Herbert) (5 Minutes)
 - Three priorities for the public safety committee: neighborhood watch, summit of district commanders, and community police station
 - Possible future presentation by Fairfax County Police Gang Unit
 - 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?
- Parks & Environmental (Gloria Bannister) (5 Minutes)

OLD BUSINESS

- Lorton Community Action Center (5 Minutes)
 - LCAC thanks the community for their continued support in these tough economic times
 - In gathering stats for March & April for the Feinstein Challenge, LCAC found donation of total monetary and food donations roughly 3% higher than in 2008.
 - LCAC has been selected as the gleaner for the Lorton Farmers Market

NEW BUSINESS

- Next meetings
 - June 9th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.
 - July 14th meeting is at the South County Secondary School.
 - There will be no general meeting in August

Adjournment at 9:18

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

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