



**Meeting at Workhouse Arts Center, Building 16  
Tuesday, Dec 12, 2017 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order (interrupting the general merriment around the holiday buffet) at 7:55 PM.
2. Administrative Matters & Officers reports
  - November minutes - A **Motion** to approve the November minutes was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
  - Treasurer's Report - Larry Clark stated there has been no change since last month
  - South Fairfax Chamber Report – Tom Repczynski not present
3. Supervisors' Reports.

**Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity** opened the floor to questions and commented on several items

- Opioids – “The news is just as bad as ever, including several deaths recently. We have exceeded the 2016 opioid death toll. Currently, more than 1 person dies per week.”
- Pension reform – “Two Supervisors and all the county employees are determining the answer to this issue. By 2025 we will have more people retired than are working, so we must get engagement to resolve this issue.”
- Customer service – “Companies and even governments have made customer service a priority, and we should provide this in our County. We are working on web-based surveys to gage success.”
- New County Executive – “Bryan Hill will assume the role of county executive, effective Jan. 2, 2018. He is currently the James City County, Va., administrator and clerk to its Board of Supervisors. He has great ideas, and is a hard-charging guy.”
- Proffer law – In response to a question on this new law, Supervisor Herrity opined that “we need to work proffers into our priorities.”



**Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck** commented briefly on some highlights from 2017:

- One new appointee is the Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner, Walter Clarke, who has been very involved in the EMBARK process. He will be getting support from Tim and Earl. The retiring Planning Commissioner, Earl Flanagan, is still contributing for a few more months.”
- Transportation improvements have included the Lorton Road widening, and the Richmond Highway widening from Fort Belvoir to Jeff Todd Way
- Land Use achievements -
  - Lorton Community Center
  - South County Police Station and Animal Shelter – “We will talk more next month about progress here.”
  - ESI Closure – “We have met multiple times with the CEO.”
  - Covanta Fire and Recovery Process – “I went there two weeks ago and witnessed many new pieces of safety equipment, and air monitoring stations as well as the air monitoring system.”
  - Liberty Day – “This will be on May 20 2018. Liberty is a wonderful new community!”
  - Workhouse Road Comprehensive Plan Amendment
  - Resident Curator – “The person chosen has done this kind of project before.”
- Events
  - South County Job Fair – “The SCF will again partner in 2018 with the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.”
  - Tour de Mount Vernon
  - Joint Public Safety Meeting
  - Hike the Woodlawn Historic District
- County Initiatives
  - Police Body Cameras Pilot Program

4. Legislative Updates – No Report

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair – No Report
- **Environmental & Parks**, Seeking Chair. No report.
- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair - No report.



- **Education, Seeking Chair**

Karen Corbett Sanders, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, commented regarding:

- Collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board - “There has been an intentional effort for the two Boards regarding the One Fairfax Resolution (to determine the impact on both of the Boards of various items). For the first time the two Boards presented a joint request for their budgets. The single message across both Boards is to pay a fair market wage to all employees. We hope to succeed within a couple of years.”
- School Planning – “We have been working with Tim Sargeant and Earl Flannigan to have a focused approach to planning for schools, including the use of currently vacant office space, the introduction of more wrap-around services in schools with high need populations, and community school initiatives, etc.”
- New School Calendar for 2018-2019 - “We will start a week before Labor Day. Teachers will be paid in August. In March, the Superintendent will put forth a proposal for the 2019-20 school year to allow families to plan further ahead.
- Collaborative effort with Supervisor Storck, state legislators and Gunston Hall - “We have obtained a grant to develop a “passport” program for students in fourth grade to visit the historic sites in the Mount Vernon and Lee Area. After the passport is full, children will be rewarded with something, so that our children realize that this area is the birthplace of America.”
- Opioid use perspective – “We are trying to educate kids earlier regarding the dangers of prescription drug use for pain, because kids are being given pain prescriptions at an earlier age. This may be linked to later problems as they grow.”

- **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair –**

- Introduced Fire Captain Nick Weresnick from Station 41
- Introduced Master Police Officer Allie Eggers from the Crime Prevention Unit (Franconia District)
- Jonathan hopes to present more information on health and safety in 2018.

6. Old Business – None



7. New Business –

- Election of New Officers for 2018-2019. Dale Rumberger introduced current SCF officers one-by-one (each of whom is willing to stand for re-election), and then opened the floor to any other nominations. There being no interested parties other than the current officer-holders, the current officers were then nominated to serve in 2018 and 2019 and approved unanimously by voice vote of vote-eligible attendees. One person observed with wry humor that George Washington, too, was re-elected unanimously. Does this reflect on the quality of the SCF???
- NEXT MEETING: January 16th (change of date) 2018, at South County High School Media Room
- Future Meeting Dates and meeting Focus :
  - Jan 16<sup>th</sup> – Park Authority regarding Lorton Rd parks near Barrett House
  - February 13<sup>th</sup> – New Ft Belvoir Commander
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> - ESI
  - April 10<sup>th</sup> – Legislative focus
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> - Safety and Security officials will brief
  - June 12<sup>th</sup> Transportation issue
  - July 10<sup>th</sup>
  - August (No Meeting)
  - September 11<sup>th</sup>
  - October 9<sup>th</sup>
  - November 13<sup>th</sup>
  - December 11<sup>th</sup> (Workhouse Arts Center)

A **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.