

December General Membership Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
December 13th, 2022, | 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Nick Firth, President of the South County Federation (SCF), called the Monthly Membership meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORT:

A. Secretary- Ms. Angelina Fuller

Mr. Firth motioned to approve the October meeting minutes, and Mr. Kiell seconded the motion. There were no edits or discussions, and the minutes were approved.

B. Treasurer Report- Keith Shovlin

Mr. Shovlin provided the financial update as follows:

Truist Checking	\$454.90
Nuveen (TIA CREFF) Money Market Account (MMA)	\$6,765.44
Total	\$7220.34

Mr. Shovlin reported that the Treasury report is still the same. The Nuveen account has remained the same since the last report. We continue to have issues with the Truist account as they currently are not allowing online banking for our account. So I'm trying to rectify that, and once that's accomplished, I'll be able to fix the shortfall with a fund transfer from the Nuveen account.

C. South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report- Casey Whitmarsh

Mr. Whitmarsh was not in attendance nor represented at the meeting.

III. SUPERVISORS REPORT:

D. Supervisor Dan Storck

Supervisor Storck greeted the membership and presented the following updates.

1. Economic Development: There were several committee meetings today, starting with economic development. The discussion centered on INOVA and how important they are to the community and all the different INOVA entities around here; Woodbridge, Annandale, Alexandria, and the Springfield Medical Center.
2. Huntington Club: It appears the county is getting closer to supporting the redevelopment of Huntington Club like what was done at the Mosaic District.
3. Transportation: Several transportation issues were discussed including how do we assess roads. The standard of service shouldn't just be the wait time of traffic lights; there's a lot more to it than that. The Fairfax County staff and FCDOT are now moving more closely to try to align a lot of our beliefs with what VDOT has been telling us to do for years.
4. Environmental Committee: We did several things related to the community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan, which we've been working on, and are now in the process of implementing. For more information, click [here](#).
5. Legislative Session: We had a legislative session with our state Senators and Delegate Representatives. We also presented our legislative package with what the Board is looking for this year.
6. Budget: There was a 3-cent real estate tax decrease; We fully funded our schools, provided tax relief and changing our tax relief formula for seniors and folks with disabilities; the personal property tax increased due to inadequate State reimbursement; Schools got a pay increase which was mostly funded through the county; We provided an additional \$100 million to the Fairfax County Park Authority.

7. Supervisor Storck sent out the December 2022 newsletter, his Board brief from the December 6th Board meeting, his Board Matters, and the spreadsheet of the ongoing development projects in the South County Federation boundary.
8. Supervisor Storck thanked the South County Federation leadership for their tireless effort to ensure that things that were expected were provided and that projects were done on time.
9. Some of the big deals we've gotten done this year include the Lorton Library and Community Center, the Lorton Community Action Center, and the adjacent park; Completed the Lorton Volunteer Fire Station #19; progress on the Lorton Police Station and Fairfax County Animal Shelter; Lidl in Lorton Liberty due to open in the Spring due to supply chain issues; Gunston Fire Station in the master planning phase; Workhouse Campus Master plan update in process; approved rezoning application on the long-vacant Sunrise site; opened Amazon Fresh and Popeyes; made strides with Fairfax Peak and continue to work with them to realize that part of our vision for the future; we have the supplement money that we've now gotten from the AAA code- some of the dollars can go towards the creation of the community garden at the Laurel Hill Nike site; adopted our resilient Fairfax plan.
10. 2023 Outlook: I have decided to run again. Elections for the Mount Vernon District and At-Large Supervisor positions, Delegates, State Senators, and several other County offices will occur.
11. We have a new Potomac Banks branding and are now branding all our tourism sites in this area. In addition, we're starting to market what's called a Tourism Improvement District, a TID which will allow us to have money produced in our community that we then use to market the sites, whether it's the Workhouse or George Mason, etc.
 1. The Bunnyman Brewery that's been approved; we have the outbuildings along 123 being renovated; we're still looking for a restaurant organization to lease W 15 at the workhouse; and we have a new Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process.

E. Supervisor Pat Herrity

Supervisor Herrity started his update with a quick commercial for his newsletter, The Herrity Report, and encouraged all to subscribe. Then, he talked about some things he had a major role in.

1. We passed the Senior Tax Relief this year, but the 401K issue still needs to be addressed.
2. We also addressed and reduced the machinery and tools tax affecting our small manufacturers and including our brewers, which is one of the reasons you're seeing Bunnyman Brewing expand in Fairfax County.
3. We've passed some Veteran Tax Relief, which again is long overdue.
4. I successfully got the Board to address our police staffing crisis. During the budget, I put forward a 10% additional increase for our officers on patrol where the greatest need is that Second Lieutenant and below. Unfortunately, the board cut that in half, spread it across public safety, and got us the 5% increase. We are short about 200 officers; we've dismantled many of our specialty units, like the speed enforcement teams, so they could return to staffing patrol, which is a priority.
5. I also put on the table a budget consideration item for carryover, a recruiting bonus of 15K for our officers going into patrol, and the Board adopted that.
6. We had a lot of crossover incidents on the Fairfax County Parkway between 123 and Burke Center Parkway as you go down that curve where the super elevation is wrong. We've got a bunch of signage up during the year, and VDOT came in at our request and did a special road treatment that's supposed to increase the friction on the road, especially when it's wet.
7. The I-66 express lanes opened.
8. I chair the Board Sports Tourism Task Force. Alpine-X moved forward again with another agreement. We still got the land use process ahead of us, but that project is still going forward.
9. We passed project labor agreements and prevailing wage for many county contracts.
10. We also passed public sector collective bargaining, which I don't think has worked anywhere in the country, and that will impact our taxpayers as we move forward.

11. The budget: 50% increase in the last ten years, about 5.7% last year, plus the property taxes.
12. We started using one-time money and carryover for recurring items.
13. Looking forward, things I'm working really hard to address are panhandling, and our crime increases. Panhandling is something Loudon County figured out how to fix. They've got an ordinance; they've charged between three and eight people that usually they let them know they're going to get charged and they move on, but the Board is still deciding whether to take a stance on that.
14. We're working on the Shape the Future of Aging Plan. I chair the Board's Older Adults Committee. We did a community survey and gauged ourselves against 84 other communities across the country; affordability was the key issue. We were ranked dead last, 84 out of 84 jurisdictions. People said they were happy with the services, however, a lot of people needed to learn about the services. People also want to stay in Fairfax County after retirement so we've got some work to do.
15. Public safety continues to be a challenge. The Commonwealth Attorney is going to be on the ballot.
16. We need to continue to address the retention issues in our Police Department. We need to really focus on retention, and that probably means salary increases. We are still in the bottom half, in fact, in many positions we're in the bottom quartile of our surrounding jurisdictions in what we pay our police officers. They need to be more of a priority.
17. Sports tourism continues to move forward. We've got Patriot Park North, our first county's first sports tourism facility, and again sports tourism is one of those ways to diversify your revenue base. Facilities that our residents get the benefit of, but at the same time, on weekends we attract tournaments, and they spend their money here, stay in hotels, and we get the sports tourism revenue that then pays for those facilities. So, Patriot Park North is coming online.
18. Budget challenges for next year are huge. Our commercial tax base, office parks, is the biggest piece of that, about 6.6%. We had a preliminary budget presentation, but it showed that with the 5% increase in homeowners' value that's with the 5% increase in taxes built-in, we're still \$125 million short on the budget.

F. Mount Vernon District School Board Representative- Karen Corbett-Sanders

Ms. Corbett-Sanders was not in attendance, but she provided a jointly written update with input from Ms. Laura Jane Cohen. Ms. Henley presented the information:

1. We are all looking forward to the snow they are calling for next week. Although we don't expect the weather to impact schools, it is important to know that FCPS has a weather policy that will allow for the first five snow days to be a full day off for all school-based personnel. From Day six on, FCPS will utilize the flexibility offered by the state and provide virtual learning beyond the first five.
2. Enrollment continues to increase in our schools; although we are below pre-pandemic levels, we have had 1200 students enroll since September.
3. The expenditure of ESSER funds continues to be a topic of interest. Attached is a one-pager on the status of that work.
4. The strategic planning work is underway. Over 100,000 students provided input via the survey that was distributed prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Additionally, 200 focus groups have been engaged. Community forums are being scheduled across the county. On February 7th, there will be a session at South County HS from 6:30-8:30, and virtual sessions have been scheduled for February 9th from 12-1:30 and February 11th from 9-10:30.
5. To address the needs of families that cannot attend preschool and want to ensure that these students are ready for kindergarten, the Office of Family Engagement is providing additional resources. Early literacy programs are available to children up to 5 years old. Applications are available at: <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/early-literacy-programs>.

6. We continue to be concerned about the increased presence of Fentanyl in Fairfax, the state, and the country. FCPS is working closely with the county to address this pandemic. Most important is the need for people to know the risks and signs of Fentanyl use, the services available, and the need to have courageous conversations. Information on this important work can be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/opioids>

7. The salad bars are returning to our schools beginning February 1st. Those schools with a salad bar before February 2020 will return to offering salads.

G. Springfield District School Board Representative- Laura Jane Cohen

Ms. Cohen was not in attendance, but she provided input to a jointly written update submitted by Ms. Corbett-Sanders.

H. Fairfax County Park Authority- Linwood Gorham

Mr. Gorham provided the following update.

1. I am happy to report that the Mount Vernon rec center stays on track for its renovation and will be closing on January 1st. We have a tentative date of January 19th for a groundbreaking. I'll report the exact time at next month's meeting.

2. I've been reporting to everyone that the garden plots and the bathrooms are on track for this Spring. This is the information I was getting from 2 levels up from the person working on that project at the Park Authority. Larry made an inquiry, I think it's about 10 days ago, and he got a response that frankly shocked and raised lots of negative words to describe the response that we got. As a result of that, I believe everything that you could think of and everything you could possibly ask for in adjustments with that project has been executed at this point. There has been a formal response to Larry, and for those of you that have seen it, I would say anything you can imagine to read between the lines of that response. You can feel pretty confident that that's happening. The bathroom project at this point is being taken over by the P & D Department head, and the Director of the Park Authority, J. Cole. I'm assured, at this point, that not a day will be wasted in the execution of the plans to complete the bathroom as soon as possible.

3. The garden plots, I'm assured are on track for this Spring as promised, and if they're delayed at all, it will be a short one or two-month delay.

4. There was a request that porta johns be put in the Central Green area year-round until the bathroom is complete. You will see porta johns in the next couple of days.

Mr. Gorham's Q & A:

Q: Mr. Clark- In conjunction with all of this realignment, I'd like to request that the FCPA keep track of when they submitted the permits and when the permits are approved. I think this is very appropriate for us to see how long it takes LDS to complete their part of the process and that'll be a lesson for anything going forward on other projects such as Overlook Ridge Park.

A: Mr. Gorham- That is something that I talked about today. I reminded them that there were two questions you had posed that were still outstanding, so I believe they will be giving you an answer on that.

Q: Mr. Clark- I'd also like to raise the issue that confounds some of us about why does the Park Authority have to pay LDS to have the work of a county agency done? I know that's not to be answered tonight; that's a larger issue.

A: Mr. Gorham- I hear you, and I agree. You even stated when you just made that statement that that's a bigger-picture thing that's not going to be answered tonight. But it would save the county a lot of money in the long run.

Q: Mr. Rumberger- I absolutely agree. I was hoping both Supervisors are still available or listening that that's exactly another place where costs can be lessened on what we do and I think it's an excellent running for both of you. I'll hold my stuff until we get to the Environmental and Parks report because

that's something on the community gardens and I just wanted to cover it there, but I appreciate you bringing it up.

A: Mr. Gorham- If you could bring it up now, I'm not sure I can stay that late, if it's OK.

Mr. Rumberger's Update- I think for people to know and understand something you had shared, and that is the style of the community garden over at Nike park is going to be a raised bed. You said you'd worked with the county staff and they've gone back and looked at it and analyzed it, and the cost of breaking up concrete and or asphalt to do it was not only prohibitive, but that's actually not a wise way of doing it. I've researched the raised bed garden, and some minimum specifications are recommended for that; 20 inches high 6 inches of gravel at the bottom of the permeable base, felt base put on to have drainage go through etcetera. So what I thought was going to end up being a negative to how to build a community garden area like that could end up very much being a great positive. I also thought that they used more water when one would think that they dry out quicker etcetera. If you use the process that the experts outline with 20 inches tall and with six inches of base gravel in it, they actually retain more water than average and so you use less water in keeping the garden plot available. I think, along with that, that actually allows community groups to mark them. You can come up with a very clever name plating and marketing of your plot in your area. I think it's a possible win but you know one of the things we might want to start doing is that the thing on top of the six inches of gravel is at least a minimum of 10 inches of leaf mulch. As people are right now in the middle of mulching and leafing, if they knew that they were able to keep their bags of that to add that onto those sites later on in the spring etcetera, it would reduce the flow going to the transfer station on either at I-66 or closer to us at Furnace Rd. But, we'll be able to start banking that to create their garden areas. So it's little things but it's the anticipation of that moving forward, and I appreciate you all continuing to push that.

A: Mr. Gorham- So a few of the details that I know just for informational purposes about that point, one of the reasons we decided to go with the more expensive raised bed approach there was twofold; one was that area where the gardens are actually going to be is an old gravel parking lot so it's very hard. You'd have to take soil out of there, you know gravel and the like, and put it back in. Then that got into grading permits which can be very complicated and timely so the raised beds to my understanding, don't require grading permits. Where we're at right now is that they have gotten some quotes about the four raised garden beds. They were somewhat higher than what they expected, but they still intended to execute on schedule.

Mr. Rumberger- One of the things that I also learned in doing some of this research is that they don't use pressure-treated lumber because it does leach those materials, lead, arsenic, and zinc that are in the pressure treatment process all treatment cca of those timbers. They're recommending galvanized steel, which is actually a sought-after way to make those which I thought was going to be cost prohibitive and then later on read that it isn't because their minimum length of time, is a 20-year lifespan. I think that's all possible but if you want, I'll go ahead and hit the rest of what I have here. I appreciate that on the community garden. We need to be more specific about getting information out We might also send it out to the Supervisors or through the Park Authority. Boy Scouts that are looking at Eagle Scout projects building the boxes be donated to those sites would be a worthwhile project and that could be done very easily and cleanly.

I appreciate your commentary about the central green bathrooms. I very much appreciate at least getting the porta johns there, but the summer of 2024 to me, as I've said I'll never understand why we didn't, when we built it, put the bathrooms in for funding and construction then. I know it's a Park Authority issue and a funding issue as well, but there seems to be something out of joint there that doesn't work.

The Overlook Ridge, I'm making sure everybody does understand that we completed conversations with our concerns about the lack of potable water at the summit of Overlook Ridge Park. We have been told by the Director herself that there will be no potable water at the summit of Overlook Ridge Park when it

finally does open in 2024. We've complained about that, I tried to look at other opportunities, but they were not available and so that is the closure of that issue. Not a very good one but it is what it is.

And finally, we know that the Mount Vernon rec center is on schedule for renovation and I also know that part of that renovation cost was borne by the loss of playing field financing that we had in the playing fields by Bartlett House.

Q: Mr. Rumberger- Do we have a time-specific Linwood where the county has rebuilt their matrix of when that money will be made available and when the playing field will come back in the planning and construction that we could share?

A: Mr. Gorham- So there's obviously no guarantees it's not done till it's done, but I feel very confident that I could that money in the next bond that's passed.

Q: Mr. Rumberger- that next bond isn't until like 2025 or 2026 right?

A: Mr. Gorham- Yes, I think that they were moving us from a four-year bond to a six-year bond. I'm sorry I don't remember the exact years. Whenever the next park bond is, I'm very confident that it will be in the next park bond whatever year that falls on.

A: Mr. Gorham- As far as the design of the garden plots and the like, that's way above my pay grade. If you want to inquire about it, call or call me offline and I'll give you the numbers of the people that you need to talk to. I know there's a fair amount of expertise in the park before you come with that so I'm relying on it being built with good quality, best practices.

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

A. State Delegate Kathy Tran- presented by Ben Hermerding

Mr. Hermerding greeted the members and proceeded to give the update.

1. I want to jump back into trucks on Furnace Rd on Route one. I have not heard of a legislative change needed for VDOT to address that. VDOT sometimes drags its feet on things, and we are always happy to speed them up when needed.
2. Last Friday, Kathy took a tour of the new Lorton Community Action Center at their new location. She was so excited about it that she grabbed one of the other delegates from Fairfax County and George Barker and took them there for a tour as well. While there, she dropped off nearly 1000 boxes of Mac and cheese form 2 from her synagogue, so we're really proud of the work that they've done to make the community a better and to serve people who need it.
3. Kathy also went on a tour of South County High School with Laura Jane Cohen as a part of Take Your Legislator to School month. Unfortunately, Karen Corbett-Sanders had a schedule conflict and was unavailable that day.
4. On January 11th, we will start the new General Assembly session. It's what we refer to as a short year; that is, we are not passing a bi-annual budget, only an updated budget in this next session. So, it will be 45 days instead of a 60-day budget session. The 45-day session will be from January 11th until February 25th if everything goes according to plan, and we expect everything to go according to plan because it's a short session.
5. We only have so much time to pass the legislation. We are limited to 15 Bills which Kathy always says cramps her style.
6. There are four pieces of legislation that might interest the South County Federation, but I will highlight the first one. It is a continuation of a Bill that one of the residents of the 42nd district brought to us. Originally it was to have education technology be more accessible for blind and visually impaired students. The current standards are not great. Basically, a lot of the technology that schools purchase via a smart board or an app that students use don't have to meet certain requirements necessarily. We want to raise those standards. It's important that every student can access the tools that they need to learn. There is a section of the Virginia code that exists right now called the Information Technology Accessibility Act. We're looking at expanding that to help students, not just sight-disabled students, but

students with various disabilities. Again, all students should be able to access the teachings their teachers are trying to provide.

7. Some residents of Mason Neck brought a concern to us regarding homes in what's called the resource protection area. It prohibits certain types of construction, and I will not speak to what those are because I'm no expert on them. Basically, some homeowners did not know that they were under the resource protection area. They made some changes and then incurred many expenses. So they came to us because they don't want this to happen to anybody else. We're putting in a piece of legislation requiring that a buyer is notified that the house they want to purchase is under the resource protection area.

8. We will also carry a budget amendment to help with car taxes. We know that this year in particular, the car tax has been really hard on Fairfax families, and we want to provide at least some sort of temporary relief on that.

9. We're going to put in a piece of legislation that would allow schools and school districts to have more say about the speed limits and other road infrastructure around their schools. We are working on the particulars of that with Karen Corbett-Sanders.

10. In September of 2021, we asked for a road study on Oxford Rd, 123. We had several people reach out to us about safety issues, particularly at the intersection of Palmer Dr and Oxford Rd. There have been several fatal crashes in the last year and a half on that stretch of road. VDOT gave us that study earlier this month, and we have some concerns with it. We raised the concerns with them, and we met with them about it. We want to make sure that they are speaking to residents about it as well. That said, we are doing a virtual town hall tomorrow with VDOT. We will have Fairfax Police Department on there as well to discuss that speed study. It will be 8:00 PM tomorrow December 14th, at 8:00 PM. It will be about an hour long. I'll drop the link into the chat so if you want to register that would be great. I'm only going to send out the study to everybody who registers. I have also sent it to the leadership of the South County Federation.

11. We also do a series of legislative town halls and newsletters. We include the town halls that Delegate Tran hosts and participates in, in our newsletters along with information coming out of Richmond. So if you still need to sign up for a newsletter, I encourage you to do so.

Mr. Hermerding's Q & A:

Q: Mr. Shovlin- I noticed from the e-mail that was sent out with the invitation to Kathy's campaign launch this past Sunday that you were listed as the contact on that, and just wanted to see check on the division of your role while on her staff versus all her campaign staff.

A: Mr. Hermerding- Yeah, I continue to run her legislative office, and as much to the chagrin of my partner, I moonlight doing some campaign work for her including helping set up some events. We're going to bring on a campaign manager hopefully, in the next couple of weeks. So, that means I at least and some of my evenings during the week back, but I continue to run our legislative office and do a little campaign work on the side.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Transportation- Peter Weyland, Chair

Mr. Weyland greeted the members and provided the following update.

1. The Amtrak progress on Lorton Rd is stalled. We hope to have some updates over the holidays or early next year. The primary reason for the trial study is to alleviate spillages of outbound traffic in the afternoons on Lorton road. The contractor that transports the vehicles when the people get out of their cars for the Lorton auto train is having trouble hiring, so once they get staff up, they will start a study to alleviate that spillage. So, we should know more early next month.

2. In the news today, you may have heard Fairfax Chairman Jeff McKay is calling on Transurban, the builder of the hot lanes on I-95, to review running the hot lanes North and South in both directions simultaneously 24/7. Transurban is reviewing the request, and we hope to track that and find out more again in the months ahead.

3. I had a call from Jeff Gager, Vice President of the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling, regarding Lorton Station Blvd. You may have heard that there was a fatal accident several months ago with a bicyclist getting injured, and Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling would like us to look at the previous traffic study from Lorton Station that was implemented several years ago in trying to make a Lorton Station Blvd safer for bicycling. Part of that was perhaps reducing the four lanes to two and providing a designated area for pedestrians and bicyclists.

4. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a \$5 million plan for pedestrian and bicycle improvement and maintenance projects. Two of the projects are Hooes Rd and South Run Stream Valley trail; install a rectangular rapid flashing beacon. Additionally, on Hooes Rd, Dudley Dr, and Laurel Crest Dr, install new crosswalks and ramps.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at peter@look.net, and I'll be happy to take a look at whatever requests or concerns you may have regarding traffic and transportation impacting South County.

Mr. Weyland's Q & A:

Q: Mr. JW Fenton- One of the things I've seen with the Amtrak traffic is the blockage at Lewis Chapel Rd. Traffic is blocking that intersection. Is there anything that VDOT or Amtrak can do?

A: Mr. Weyland- As you may know Amtrak has a designated traffic transportation policeman at the entrance to the Lorton auto train. I know I saw as many as they even quoted 75 cars lined up on Lorton Rd going all the way to that intersection. I'll bring it up with them; they may need an additional transportation attendant. But yes, it's a concern, and I'll be happy to dig deeper into that specific issue.

Q: Mr. Marty Schirmacher- I have noticed lately that there is nobody from Amtrak; there's no police or anything there because several times in the last couple weeks, going eastbound on Lorton Rd, they're stacking up, and they're blocking all the lanes. It's very common from Armistead Rd to the Amtrak they're coming the other way from Silverbrook, and they're backing up there, and typically they blocked it off. I've noticed more and more that there's no enforcement there, so I wonder if they have a shortage.

A: Mr. Weyland- Generally there has been, but I'm only there sometimes. I'll inquire further to see if they will have a designated attendant there every afternoon. I was not aware that there wasn't one on some occasions. I'll inquire with Amtrak. Hopefully, their trial where they're going to be rerouting the lineup of cars and allowing more of the vehicles to stack up early as opposed to spilling out on Lorton Rd, but yes it's a serious concern. They've been very good at addressing the issue to a certain extent. They realize it's a big problem and they've been very communicative. They've got several people that are looking into it, but we haven't seen any real progress over the last several months we've been meeting.

Q: Mr. Rumberger- Peter once again, very concise report. I also heard the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors talking about Transurban lanes going from you know the DC all the way down below Fredericksburg. Perhaps we'll contact his office and see a time in the future when maybe he can give us 10 minutes to share an update about how that would happen or what the process is et cetera. That could potentially solve a couple of issues, but I think it needs to be accurate information in the mix when we look at planning for transportation road grids, Alpine-X, and everything else. It's very recent news; this came out in the last 48 hours, so I'll circle around and talk with you and then see if we get him to give us 10 minutes on that.

B. Public Safety- Jonathan Kiell, Chair

Mr. Kiell greeted the members and provided the following update.

1. Both Supervisors actually mentioned increasing threats to public health and safety, weather, and others, so it is in everybody's best interest to be prepared. I will put several links into the chat. The first and perhaps most valuable is the Community Emergency Response Guide, the Fairfax County document that goes through a number of the threats to public safety and some good preparedness planning issues. If you represent a community, I recommend you take a look at the document, forward it

to your communities, and encourage people to look through how to prepare for winter storms and power outages and volcanoes, and the like. Also, I'll put in links to the Fire Department and Police Department websites and the 2021 annual reports from them both.

- a. FFX Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Guide: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/ceerg
 - b. FFX Fire Dept Website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems
 - c. 2021 Annual FFX FD Report: www.fliphtml5.com/murtp/dxck
 - d. FFX Police Dept Website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police
 - e. 2021 Annual FFX PD Report: www.issuu.com/fcpd/docs/for_issuu
- C. Land Use- Nick Firth and Keith Shovlin, Co-Chairs

Mr. Firth provided the following update.

1. I don't know if there's anything new on Panera Bread. It was due to open tomorrow, but there have been further delays. Hopefully, we'll be open within the next few weeks.
2. As I mentioned before, we are sorely disappointed that the Windrush Dr religious facility got approved at the BZA. I'm disappointed with the manner that it got approved if anybody was watching the BZA I think the meeting was their embarrassment to the Board of Zoning Appeals and a blemish on their process. The applicant has continued to reach out, even after their approval, to one of the landowners in the area. I think they recognize the cost that has already been incurred and involved in building this type of facility and continue to explore possibly another location for their establishment. The federation submitted multiple letters and provided in-person testimony to no avail. So we'll continue to push through with the permitting process and make sure we can do anything and everything to either get them to choose another location or to make this as palatable as possible with those changes that VDOT did along 123 near Palmer. It is challenging and disappointing, and this is a bitter pill to swallow.
3. There are some Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) nominations that have been put forth, and a few are in our area. To track a nomination, click [here](#).

Mr. Shovlin provided the following update.

1. America's Best Wings will be opening in Gunston Plaza early next year and will occupy one of those spots toward the back.
2. It looks like Liberty Shopping Center is filling in a bit more. They have only one spot left in the line of shops across from Lidl, so things are coming together for that shopping center, opening in the Spring of 2023.

Mr. Firth's Q & A:

Q: Mr. Rumberger- I am sharing with you that the Parks and Environment Committee will be bringing forward a resolution proposal in January. One of the items you spoke strongly in opposition to them doing was the allocation and usage of Central Green Park as a parking place for overflow for Church events. We had specifically said no, and in fact, our Park Authority representative Mr. Gorham shared it with the Park Authority, and they had said no. As I remember, the ultimate wording of the passage of the BZA, they still included that in there as their potential for overflow parking for the utilization of Central Green Park. Is that so correct?

A: Mr. Firth- Not entirely. Let me pull it up here. I'm just going to read it verbatim. There seems to be misunderstanding that there's no development condition that approved the use of the Central Green as overflow parking. They will be happy to receive any submissions to use them on a case-by-case basis. It's written in the application but not in the development condition.

Q: Mr. Gorham- I need to correct the record. I did not reach out to the Park Authority on this; that was Nick (Firth). I don't want to have any perceived conflicts of interest at all, so that's not something I did.

Q: Mr. Firth- Dale, did I answer your question?

A: Mr. Rumberger- I think so. I want to make sure it is on the record, and if we need to have a resolution from the South County Federation to the BZA or staff so that they know and clearly understand that that

is not an acceptable alternative to any of their development conditions for the church. We don't do that for any place else, we're not going to begin doing that here by allocating what meager space we have for those few parks that we do have available to us.

Q: Mr. Clark- It's the staff report and the development conditions. They list several actual locations where parking will not be permitted, but Central Green is not among those. So, how can you amend the staff report or change it?

Q: Mr. Firth- We need to look at the final development conditions and push on every button that we can.

D. Environmental & Parks- Larry Clark and Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs

Mr. Larry Clark stated that most of the committee's items were already covered with Mr. Gorham's update and the information shared with the Land Use update.

E. Education- Wendy Henley, Chair

Ms. Henley will contact Dr. Kamar Khoshaba, Principal, South County HS, to confirm his availability for the SCF January meeting.

VI. SPECIAL MENTION:

Mr. Firth gave a special mention of our former Crosspoint representative Mr. Bob Robertory who passed away recently. Bob was the long-term representative, and Kathy Bonifill replaced him at one point. I always consider ourselves a tight-knit group and I think I sent an e-mail out. It is sad to lose someone in our community, and he was a long-term participant in the process, fighting for rights for our community. Bob was especially active during the closing of the landfill process. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

VII. ACTIONS & PENDING ISSUES:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING: January 10th