



Virtual Zoom Meeting

## Tuesday, April 12, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Nick Firth called meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

### II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- March meeting minutes are delayed. Will approve at May meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Truist Checking: \$790.90

TIAA CREF Money Market: \$6,733.30

Total funding: \$7,524.20

- Treasurer Keith Shovlin reviewing the membership forms and updating digital records for an accurate accounting of Federation membership.

- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**

- *Spotlight: Century 21 New Millennium*

- Grand Re-Opening & Open House April 21 4-7pm



- 5990 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria
- OnStage with Christylez Bacon
  - April 15 from 7:30-9 pm
  - Workhouse Arts Center
  - <https://www.workhousearts.org/calendar/christylez-bacon?srh=OnStage+with+Christylez+Bacon>
- OnStage with Nataly Merezhuk
  - April 16 from 7:30 –9 pm
  - Workhouse Arts Center
  - <https://www.workhousearts.org/calendar/nataly-merezhuk?srh=OnStage+with+Nataly+Merezhuk>
- LCAC Spring Gala
  - April 23
- Brain Injury Services – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament
  - May 2 from 10:30 am – 4:30 pm
  - [www.braininjurysvcs.org/golf](http://www.braininjurysvcs.org/golf)
- AutoWorks Festival – Celebrating the Art of the Automobile
  - May 14 from 7-10 pm
  - Workhouse Arts Center



- <https://www.workhousearts.org/autoworks?srh=AutoWorks+Festival+-+Celebrating+the+Art+of+the+Automobile>
- Lorton Spring Fling
  - April 23 from 9-2 pm
  - South County High School Parking Lot
    - 90+ vendors
    - Instrument petting zoo, face painting, readings, etc.
- SFCC May STIR – Back to Business
  - May 19 7-10pm at Paradise Springs Winery
  - Registration required:  
[https://mms.southfairfaxchamber.org/members/event/reg\\_event.php?orgcode=SFCC&evid=65836151](https://mms.southfairfaxchamber.org/members/event/reg_event.php?orgcode=SFCC&evid=65836151)

### III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry**
  - Not present or represented.
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
  - Environmental Expo
    - April 23 10 am – 2 pm at Fort Hunt Park
    - Free family friendly festival with workshops, live music, live reptile and owl demonstrations, nature



walks, giveaways, solar cooking and robot demonstrations and more.

- Budget Public Hearings
  - April 12 at 4 pm, April 13 and 14 at 3 pm
  - Submit written testimony to [clerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:clerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov) or mail to Depart of Clerk Services at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax VA 22035.
  - Submit online to [https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/clerkservices/budget-public-hearing-testimony&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1652117851714096&usg=AOvVaw0EP\\_04eljhNkOXdoBf\\_O3F](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/clerkservices/budget-public-hearing-testimony&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1652117851714096&usg=AOvVaw0EP_04eljhNkOXdoBf_O3F)
  - Testify by Phone <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form>
  - Testify by Video <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/budget-public-hearing-video-testimony>
- Real Estate Tax Relief Program
  - Expanded for the first time in 15 years to benefit more seniors and people with disabilities.
- Workhouse W13/W15
  - Construction commenced last month with Facility Support Services.
  - Interior finish demolition commenced late March, with hazardous material remediation commencing this month.



- Anticipated completion Fall 2022
- Alpine X/Fairfax Peak
  - Letter of Intent being reviewed by County Executive
  - Flushing out details of schedule for entitlements; Alpine X is looking to submit beginning of Q2
- Lorton Community Center
  - Construction 78% complete with anticipated opening in August 2022
- South County Police Station
  - Construction 37% complete with anticipated opening Jan/February 2023.
- QUESTION: Do we know anything about staffing for the police?
  - Staff for the new police station is allocated in this budget. Will confirm number of staff.
- COMMENT: Please consider hosting Ides of Bark at Central Green in a year or two.
- QUESTION: Any update on Chairman McKay testing positive for COVID?
  - He is positive, but attended the board meeting virtually
- **Mount Vernon District School Board - Karen Corbett Sanders**
  - Chair presented the advertised budget for schools of \$3.3B
    - Overwhelming majority is paid for by Fairfax County



- 2.3% increase year over year
- Budget crafted around investments in increased access for opportunities, staffing and critical needs.
  - Access for opportunities
    - Advanced academics
    - Lead special education teacher at elementary schools
  - Staffing
    - Assistant Principals under a 12-month contract rather than 11-month
    - 4% market scale adjustment and step increases for eligible employees
- Month of the Military Child
  - 13,500 students connected with Military, with the largest percentage in the South County/Mt. Vernon area
- Adopting Recess Policy
  - Mandatory recess of 30 minutes for day for elementary and 15 minutes for middle school
- Complimentary Trust Policy



- Outlines how personal data is handled by school personnel and volunteers
- Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development
  - Presented to Mt. Vernon Chamber of Commerce Leadership Cohort
  - 65,000 individual courses taken by middle and high school students
- Cyber Security & Social Media Awareness
  - Presented to Mt. Vernon Council Civic Association
- Increased Opioid Addiction and the Risk of Fentanyl Abuse
  - Hosting a series of webinars across the county to bring awareness and share risks
- QUESTION: I noticed there are a lot of people passing buses with their stop signs out and the red lights flashing. Is there any way we can put red light cameras to catch offenders?
  - Legislation had to be changed at the State level to allow us to put cameras on the buses, and we were right in the process of getting a competitive bid on it and then COVID hit



- We're ramping that pilot back up now. The cameras would act like speed control cameras, that would flash for any offenders passing and then generate a mailed ticket.
- **Springfield District School Board – Laura Jane Cohen**
  - Principal Selection Community Participation Meetings
    - Great attendance from parents and thoughtful questions
    - High response level for those interested in participating on interview panel
  - Hidden in Plain Sight
    - Partnership with Fairfax County Police Department
    - Film about Mental Health and recognizing signs in children
    - For more information about special presentations, contact Meg Hawkins at [Megan.Hawkins@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Megan.Hawkins@fairfaxcounty.gov)
- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
  - All projects queued up in the bond for the park authority are coming back 30% higher than they were originally allocated for in the bond.





- Currently prioritizing and reallocating as necessary
- Mt. Vernon Rec Center was a prioritized project, so all the funding within the magisterial district and some outside has been allocated for the Rec Center
  - As a result, Central Green and Museum at Workhouse are now completely unfunded
  - Working to attempt to restore funds, but for the time being they are now not funded
- Restrooms at Central Green
  - No one aware of any lawsuits and they are on schedule as last reported
- Garden Plots
  - Absolute, clear path forward utilizing the Nike Site.
  - Should be for use for next year's growing season
- Initial costs for study to reinforce decision on how to move forward with the Barn and make it stable came back exorbitantly high. Have instead asked staff to look at options used on other barns to stabilize.
- Proposed sportsplex submission through a PPEA still being discussed, but have yet to see an actual submission.
- QUESTION: What unconstructed items at Central Green are not funded?



- Bathroom are funded, but the fields around the Barrett House are not.
- COMMENT: Please share the listing of prioritization of projects, once made.
- QUESTION: Is there a sign-up for the community gardens to get a garden plot?
  - There is not a place to sign up for those specific garden plots. The County has a sign up for all its garden plots, generally. Since there is about a one-year wait, we encourage interested residents to sign up now and select any garden plot.
  - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/plots>
  - The garden plots will be open to anyone in the County.
  - Contact Linwood directly at 703-550-2777

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly** presented by Marlon Dubuisson
  - Infrastructure week will be held May 3-5
    - Day 1: Transportation, Roads & Bridges
      - Stringfellow Park & Ride station in Centerville with a rain plan at the Sully District Government Center



- Roundtable with 6 panelists will highlight the road and bridge construction and repair, with a focus on climate change, mitigation, resilience, equity and safety for all users.
- Day 2: Environment and Energy Investments
  - Prince William Service Authority Water Facility
  - Will provide more details if able to be opened to the public
- Day 3: Mass Transit and Rail Investments
  - Burke Centre VRE
  - Roundtable discussion with 7 panelists
- Contact Marlon at:
  - [marlon.dubuisson@mail.house.gov](mailto:marlon.dubuisson@mail.house.gov)
  - 703-256-3071
  - <https://connolly.house.gov/>
- **State Delegate Kathy Tran** presented by Benjamin Hermerding
  - Follow-up: VDOT Town Hall



- VDOT has responded and completed all follow-up requested a result from the town hall
- Follow-up: Dominion Town Hall
  - Wanted to ensure community meeting occurred with members from Mason Neck, who were hit hard in storm outages
  - Still awaiting an outage report on Lorton as a whole, to include Mason Neck.
- Earth Day Town Hall
  - April 21 at 7 pm
  - [https://bit.ly/earth\\_day\\_town\\_hall](https://bit.ly/earth_day_town_hall)
- Adjourned Session on March 12, without working out the budget. Budget will need to be voted on in a special session, and is due by the end of the fiscal year (June 30).
- Several bills still being worked out between the State Senate and House of Delegates
- Delegate Tran's office:
  - [delktran@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delktran@house.virginia.gov)
  - 804-698-1042
- QUESTION: What is Delegate Tran's position on funding the move of the Washington Commanders to Northern Virginia.
  - It is not the business of the State to fund professional sports stadiums. Voted against it and



plans to continue voting against it so long as public funds are being used.

- QUESTION: Has Delegate Tran filed for reelection in the 19<sup>th</sup> district?
  - Delegate Tran lives in the 18<sup>th</sup> district.
- QUESTION: The Governor proposed an increase in landfill fees. Will those fees be picked up by the County or passed on to the consumer?
  - Will provide more detail next meeting.

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger Co-Chairs** presented by Peter Weyland

- Lorton Autotrain Backup
  - Request for a meeting has been made. Waiting to hear back.
- Pohick Rd./Rt. 1 –Sidewalk
  - Funding that was originally secured was walked back. Looking into this and will update
- Gunston Rd.
  - Verizon has completed their cable runs that will allow for the 3 power poles to be removed.
- Considering introducing no thru-truck traffic on Workhouse Rd.
- Silverbrook/Lorton Rd. Turn Lane



- Will be marking for 3 left turns off Silverbrook turning onto Lorton Rd.
- QUESTION: Pohick Rd. Sidewalk – I found a newsletter outlining the original proposal: 7-ft sidewalk on north side, 10-ft sidewalk on the west side, and curb & gutter. Do you know exactly which portions are now unfunded?
  - Will inquire and see what I can find.

• **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**

- Station 19 Update – Captain Kristi Bartlett
  - Excited to move to the new station location after a 4-yr project. Occupancy permit received and move will be in the next 90 days (after punch-out list is complete).
  - New station is a great asset to the community and helps meet the needs
  - Station 19 is a career & volunteer station.
  - Recently updated their computer data system so it syncs with Prince William County. Data system locates the closest unit to a call via GPS and puts them into the Southern parts of Lorton faster.
  - COMMENT: Just to clarify, Station 19 is the one by Gunston Plaza. There are 4 stations supporting the South County region directly.



- QUESTION: What is the manning at the station day to day?
  - 10 career staff every day, which supports 4 on an engine, 4 on a rescue and 2 on a paramedic unit. Volunteers are in addition to staff.
  - Station will have a phone support unit as they respond to hazmat calls.
- QUESTION: If Alpine X were to come to fruition would you respond?
  - Station 41 is the responding station, but we will certainly respond and may also supply a paramedic unit
- QUESTION: Will there be a room available for community use?
  - Yes, there is a community hall that will be available. However, we can't begin renting out that until Phase 3 is completed, which includes construction of the parking lot. Coordination for renting the hall will be through the volunteers.
- QUESTION: What will happen to the current auxiliary buildings your housed in?
  - Trailers are owned by the County. They are likely at the end of their lifespan.



• **Land Use, Nick Firth**

- Taco Rock will be coming to Liberty development, along with a Ledo pizza and a pediatric dentist.
- Amazon Fresh opening soon sign is up, but no published grand opening date.
- Popeyes is now hiring and looks to be nearing completion.
- Panera Bread is anticipating a late summer opening
- AutoZone is coming to Gunston Plaza

• **Education, Wendy Henley, Chair**

- Virginia Lottery Proceeds
  - By statute, the proceeds go to the Virginia Department of Education for distribution to each public school division as part of the budget.
  - 2021 funds were distributed, but its unclear whether they are included in the Fairfax County Public Schools budget
  - Karen Corbett-Sanders has been sent a request to study this, and SCF is asking for increased transparency in this matter

• **Environmental & Parks, Larry Clark & Dale Rumberger Co- Chairs**

- Overlook Park Update
  - FairfaxNow highlighted that the new park aims for 2025 completion.





- According to the project dashboard, the project was scheduled to open on April 10, 2024.
- The 9-month delay is now unaccounted for and the approval duration has now surpassed the construction duration.
- SCF is requesting a meeting that Supervisor Storck’s office pass a letter to Kirsten Munz and facilitate a meeting to discuss this issue and determine any methods to avoid this and future delays
- Central Green Bathrooms
  - Requesting the consideration of a sign stating bathrooms are coming with a timeline for completion.
  - Children’s tot lot is a huge hit. Thank you for the design.
- Overflow parking
  - It was brought to SCF’s attention that an adjacent proposed development was promised overflow parking in Central Green’s lot
  - Requesting Supervisor Storck and the Park Authority convene to issue a statement on auxiliary parking
- Occoquan Watershed
  - Proposed data center at the headways of the Occoquan. Working with Prince William &



Fairfax to determine what the impact would be to the drinking water supply.

- COMMENT: There was a stormwater issue at the USSR site and funding was allocated but never used. We're unaware of where it went. Can Supervisor Storck's office please check on where it was ultimately distributed and let us know?

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- May meeting to include Legislative Update

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

NEXT MEETING: May 10 (held virtually)

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2022: June 14, July 12, August (no meeting), September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13

Recorded by Angelina Fuller