



Virtual Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Nick Firth called meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- President Firth called for any edits/corrections to the distributed January 2022 meeting minutes.
- MOTION: President Firth: Motion to approve the January meeting minutes with amendments provided by email.
 - SECOND: Wendy Henley
 - Motion carried unanimously

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Sun Trust Checking:	\$790.90
TIAA CREF Money Market:	\$6,733.30
Total funding:	\$7,524.70



- Treasurer Keith Shovlin continues to work with the IRS to reinstate 501(c)(4) status as a non-profit political association promotion social welfare.
- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - *FitForMoms Southwest NOVA*
 - Pre and post-natal fitness classes for all stages of motherhood
 - Reviews are a great way to support the business
 - Contact:
 - 757-897-5724
 - Text FIT4MOM to 72727
 - southwestnova@fit4mom.com
 - West Springfield Teen Job Fair
 - March 12 from 1-3 pm
 - Interested participants can contact Casey, or Supervisor Herry's office directly
 - Merident Corwin, Deputy Chief of Staff
Supervisor Herry
 - 703-451-8873
 - History in the Kitchen @ Gunston Hall
 - 10:30-11:15 am
 - <https://gunstonhall.org/events/history-in-the-kitchen-2/>



- SFCC March STIRE
 - March 22 6-8pm at Hometown Grill
 - Registration required: [Register for this Event](#)
- State Farm Annual Grant
 - Expanded version for its 100-yr anniversary with 100 potential winners based on voting
 - Will continue to update so that we can support!
- **Appointment of 2022 Committee Chairs**
 - Final appointments have been determined by incoming President Firth
 - Education Committee: Wendy Henley
 - Parks & Environmental Committee: Dale Rumberger & Larry Clark
 - Land use Committee: Nick Firth
 - Public Safety Committee: Jonathan Kiell
 - Transportation Committee: Peter Weyland

III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - Not present or represented.
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**



- Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting 2022
 - The 35th annual town meeting be held February 12, 2022
 - 7:45 am – 12:00 pm
 - Mount Vernon High School
 - Live on Channel 16 and Facebook
 - Young entrepreneurs will be part of the meeting this year, a first for the Town Hall
- Maddie Carcamo Reyes, **new** Office Manager & Community Outreach Coordinator
- Re-Naming Advisory Committee
 - Recommissioned to evaluate the names of the Board of Supervisors districts with a focus on equity
 - Will recommend renaming, if needed and complete its review by March 1. Committee will not propose new names
 - Mount Vernon had strong support to leave district name unchanged and this committee is no longer considering a name change for Mt. Vernon
 - Comments can be sent to fairfaxcountyredistricting@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Alpine X/Fairfax Peak
 - Anticipating presentation of updated concepts/landscape in April/May
 - Environmental study (including solar) & traffic studies in process



- Still negotiating LOI with County, hope to have finalized by end of February
- Lorton Visioning 2040
 - Held first Virtual Open House on January 27 at 6:30 with 60 participants
 - Various opportunities still exist for community involvement in 2022
 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/lorton-visioning/community-engagement>
 - Lorton Visioning Community Survey
 - ENGLISH:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L8QFDHB>
 - SPANISH:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LCJ9C68>
- Lorton Volunteer Fire Station
 - Certificate of Occupancy is anticipated this month with a forthcoming ribbon cutting ceremony TBD.
- Workhouse 13 & 15/Master Planning
 - Please spread the word that vendor opportunities exist for the newly renovated W-13 and W-15 buildings that will activate the campus, anticipating completing by Fall 2022
 - Master Planning process underway
 - Workhouse Master Plan proposal presented
 - Working to define and describe a scope of work working with the stakeholder team that will consist of a four-phase work plan



- More community engagement to come
- Infill Development Task Force
 - Met Monday January 31 to cover how they govern the current “by-right” infill development process
 - Industry & Developers also provided additional insight on their best practices and confirmed their commitment to work with the community for future projects
 - Community representatives are hoping to improve the process, including increased communication and meeting community needs adequately
 - If any SCF member would like to participate, please let Nick Rinehart know at Nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov
- South County Police Station/ Animal Shelter
 - Still on track for Winter 2023 completion
- Lorton Community Center/ Library
 - Supervisor’s office is meeting with Capital Projects Team to discuss artwork options for the library interior (to include working with Workhouse Arts)
 - On track for Summer 2022 completion
- **Mount Vernon District School Board - Karen Corbett Sanders**
 - Drumline World Finals (WGI Competition)



- Contracting issue resolved and drumline & color guards will now compete with all other qualifying high schools
- Adopting advertised budget at upcoming Board meeting on Feb 24. Final adoption will be in May
 - \$3.3B covering roughly 180,000 students in the system
 - Increased staffing for middle school, high poverty schools
 - Special Education Chair at each elementary school – number of students with disabilities has increased and the total number across the county is over 19% of student body
- Gun Violence Prevention Policy
 - FCPS will implement a gun violence prevention policy enacting legislation passed in Richmond in 2021 to allow schools to extend their limitations on guns to administrative buildings
 - Also reviewing curriculum, initially implemented in 2019, to educate students on preventing gun violence and increase support for students & families on suicide awareness. Curriculum will include teaching students about the risks of ghost guns.



- [https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CB4W3H837577/\\$file/20210507%20-%20Forum%20Topic%20-%20Gun%20Violence%20Prevention%20-%20LJC%20KF%20-%20FINAL.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CB4W3H837577/$file/20210507%20-%20Forum%20Topic%20-%20Gun%20Violence%20Prevention%20-%20LJC%20KF%20-%20FINAL.pdf)
- Sexual Harassment/ Sexual Assault Curriculum
 - School Board instructed superintendent to develop curriculum for K-12 on Title IX. Curriculum will address sexual harassment, sexual assault, consent, and the legal environment.
 - [https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CB45WE1235C3/\\$file/Forum Topic - Title IX Training \(SP KCS\) FINAL.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/CB45WE1235C3/$file/Forum%20Topic%20-%20Title%20IX%20Training%20(SP%20KCS)%20FINAL.pdf)
- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
 - Restroom Redesign Change at Central Green
 - 14 additional months proposed for construction to move forward.
 - Working to reduce that timeline
 - Nike Fields
 - Two fields are 95% designed
 - Turkey Barn
 - Assessing costs and have hired a consultant to help with budgeting



- Garden Plots
 - There is new interest and representatives to propel this cause
 - Next meeting: At the Nike Site on Thursday, February 24 at 12:30 pm
- QUESTION: What happened with Central Green? I'm disappointed at the timeline – we were under the impression this was moving forward (with funds allocated) and this delay is coming out of left field.
 - ANSWER: I completely agree, and the flames are turned up on this issue.
- QUESTION: Can we see a copy of the layout on the ballfields so that we can review? Trying to understand the real estate with talks of garden plots. The space seems tight to me.
 - ANSWER: Gardens will be close to the parking lot by the Nike barracks building and the ballfields will be by the Barrett house. The plans can be shared, and I think you'll find they are very similar to what was presented to the federation in the past.
- QUESTION: There are gardens below the Lindsey house by Liberty? Are there plans to restore them?
 - ANSWER: I'm not sure they are park authority property, but I will check to see.
- QUESTION: Is the turkey barn at the front end of the green?



- ANSWER: Yes
- QUESTION: Any update on Stephanie Leedom’s replacement?
 - Board meeting is tomorrow & hoping to know more then. At this point Amy Vosper is acting.
- Contact Information for Linwood: 703-550-2777
- **Workhouse Arts Foundation President/ CEO – Leon Scioscia**
 - New OnStage musical performances begin March 5
 - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month from March-November
 - <https://www.workhousearts.org/onstage>

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **State Delegate Kathy Tran** presented by Benjamin Hermerding
 - General Assembly Session began January 12 (60-day session)
 - Bill for At-Risk Infrastructure – not moving forward
 - Bill created a public process for distributing millions in federal funding through the Commonwealth Transportation Board
 - Old Colchester Bridge



- Hoping federal money would have been able to flag this for funding
 - Bill was killed on a party line vote in subcommittee
- Town Hall with Dominion
 - Working to obtain an after-action report
 - Will set a date for a future town hall, with more details to come once available
- Town Hall for Transportation
 - Thursday, February 24 at 6:30 pm with VDOT
 - Register here:
<https://bit.ly/TranTransportationTownHall2022>
- Contact Information:
 - delktran@house.virginia.gov
 - 804-698-1042

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger Co-Chairs** presented by Peter Weyland
 - CSX Longbridge Project
 - \$1.9B project
 - Will construct a new two-track bridge upstream of the existing Long Bridge, and the existing bridge will be retained to create a four-track crossing. Project also includes construction of a new bike-pedestrian shared-use path spanning the GW



Parkway and the Potomac River and is working to provide additional long-term railroad capacity and improve the reliability of the railroad service through the Long Bridge Corridor.

- <https://longbridgeproject.com>
- CSX Rt. 1 Bridge replacement planned to begin construction this year with major completion in 2025
- There will also be a new bridge replacing the one-lane bridge near Fair Winds Brewery
- Lorton Autotrain
 - Back seems to be getting worse, with one-lane backups recently become two-lane backups on Lorton Rd.
 - Congressman Beyer's office is helping to set up a meeting to discuss queue options.
- Alpine X Traffic Impact
 - Expecting details from the traffic study soon that will be discussed at a future meeting
 - Larry Clark is working to determine the assumptions that were used for this traffic study and ensure they accurately reflect the community's current issues.
- QUESTION: All of the projects we've discussed for years seem to be coming together at one time. Has anyone ever looked at the impact and how these timelines fit together?



- There are several more projects we could add to the ones mentioned today and it is definitely a puzzle.
- COMMENT: Do we need to meet with Supervisor Storck and get some sort of project management view of all these projects that will be benefiting this area? It's a tremendous amount of money, impact and infrastructure happening at the same time.
- COMMENT: Nick Rinehart: Peyton Smith will bring this idea back to supervisor Storck.
- COMMENT: We need to resurrect the I-97/Rt. 301 corridor as an "I-95 East." The recent snow storm proved it. We're just overwhelmed and it's not getting better.
 - Quick Description – in a trip from Baltimore to Richmond it would by-pass the metropolitan area. Start at Baltimore, come down I-97 and hypothetically take 301 and make it into an interstate highway, including crossing the Potomac River which could use the model of the Deleware-Memorial bridges on I-95. This would be an alternative that could be used to avoid major delays on I-95 experienced today.
 - If we ever want this to move, Virginia delegations needs to talk to Maryland delegations.



- COMMENT: Delegate Tran: Suggest that these topics & questions are discussed at the VDOT Town Hall.
 - We've also talked to VDOT about this I-95 East option. It would require a tremendous amount of federal funding and that makes it difficult to envision as an immediate solution.
 - To help, we can suss out which part of this is a Virginia decision and which parts require meeting with our Congressional delegation. Virginia stands to get hundreds of millions in the federal infrastructure act that was passed last year. We will make sure the needs of our districts are lifted up for funding accordingly.
 - COMMENT: Thank you for helping to push this and not let the conversation die out because this is very important to our area.

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

• **Land Use, Nick Firth**

- Amazon Fresh
 - Hoping to open early Summer
- Panera Bread
 - Began clearing on the site today
- Popeyes
 - Expecting an opening this Spring



- Starbucks at Shoppes of Lorton Valley has requested to move within the same center to an independent pad site
 - SCF requested they return in 6 months to 1 year once we see how the traffic flows at the Popeyes
- Lidl at Liberty
 - Construction continues and they are about to put on the steel roof structure now
- Newington Commons Annexation
 - Annexation vote delayed to March 17
- **Education, Wendy Henley, Chair**
 - Update provided by Karen Corbett Sanders
- **Environmental & Parks, Larry Clark, Chair**
 - Garden Plots
 - Still trying to determine specifics for location given concerns with location near the middle school
 - Overlook Ridge Park
 - Larry is working to compare the SEA to the current zoning interpretation. There were several issues observed, so SCF is working with County staff to attempt to remediate these differences and ensure they are corrected.

VI. OLD BUSINESS



- Living Shoreline Resolution – presented by Larry Zaragoza on behalf of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations (MVCCA)
 - In 2020, a new law was passed arising from Senate Bill 776 that fundamentally changed the permitting process for any kind of shoreline stabilization structure, with a bias for natural living shorelines
 - It’s believed to be a subjective process by the community, and one that is problematic for areas that have already been developed.
 - Requires using a specific portion of your yard to accommodate a living shoreline, in addition to the costs being very expensive
 - MVCCA worked with 44th District Delegate Paul Krizek on his proposed House Bill 739 that will grandfather existing shoreline stabilization structures, but it was tabled at committee. Two inherent reasons for tabling:
 - There was testimony offered by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and others that suggested there is no problem to solve
 - It was suggested that this effort would benefit from support of the Supervisors.
 - A SCF resolution has been prepared and the hope is that SCF will support the grandfathering of existing shoreline stabilization structures



- Will be presented in March for voting

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- No new business to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 8 (held virtually)

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2022: April 12, May 10,
June 14, July 12, August (no meeting), September 13, October
11, November 8, December 13

Recorded by Angelina Fuller