



Virtual Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Nick Firth called meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Immediate Past President Dale Rumberger & Vice President Wendy Henley will be running the meeting today on behalf of Nick due to another obligation.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Past President Rumberger called for any edits/corrections to the posted November & December 2021 meeting minutes.
 - MOTION: Jonathan Kiell: Motion to approve the November and December meeting minutes as posted.
 - SECOND: Larry Clark
 - 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 is reviewing filing and tax status for the Federation with the State and Federal government
- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - Not present or represented
- **Appointment of 2022 Committee Chairs**
 - Recommendations were made and voted on in the December 2021 meeting. All details can be found in the December 2021 minutes and there have been no changes.
 - Still need a Corresponding Secretary. If interested, please contact Wendy Henley

III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - Not present or represented.
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
 - Recent materials provided to SCF for posting
 - Links to January 2022 and December 2021 Newsletters



- Mount Vernon District BoS Board Brief & Board Matters from December 7
- Winter Weather Preparedness Information
- Informational Handouts about the new Plastic Bag Fee
- Spreadsheet of all ongoing development projects in the SCF boundary.
- 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
 - Currently in-person, but will be considering other virtual options
 - Hear County and District updates, participate in Q &A's with your local leaders and learn about available County and community services.
- Inclement Weather
 - To see real-time information on snow plows, visit VDOTPlows.org
 - Current road conditions and hazards can be found at www.511virginia.org or by calling 511.
- Sign up for our newsletter!
 - Send an email with a request to mountvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Power Outages during Storms
 - Mason Neck was out of power for several days



- There have been several complaints surrounding Dominion's response time for that
- We're working collaboratively with Delegate Tran's office to push Dominion to be strategically undergrounding power to avoid existing storm challenges
- New Office Manager & Outreach Coordinator
 - Maddie Carcamo Reyes
 - Soon to be Mason graduate with a degree in Community Health
 - Bilingual in Spanish and enjoys volunteering at her church, baking and hanging out with friends
- Plastic Bag Tax Reminder – **now in effect**
 - Tax will apply to disposable plastic bags provided to consumers at grocery stores, convenience stores and drug stores. The purpose of the tax is to curb collective use of disposable plastic bags to reduce the amount of plastic waste in our local waters and the damage it causes.
 - This tax can be avoided by bringing your reusable bags every time you shop in Fairfax County.
 - Revenue from this tax will be used to support pollution & litter mitigation programs and the provision of reusable bags to recipients in need.
- Sunrise Incident
 - Vacant Lorton Rd/Richmond Hwy.
 - The Fire & Rescue Department responded to an outside gas leak (from a tree that had fallen onto a gas meter) that migrated into the vacant facility.



- Supervisor Storck did not receive an immediate report when it happened; spoke with Fire Chief Butler and understands now that it was not elevated because there were no injuries and no physical damages.
 - Has asked for an updated reporting process on significant issues
- IHOP Incident
 - Stabbing occurred on January 6
 - One man taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries.
 - Detectives are still investigating but it does not appear to be random. Suspect is in custody
- EQAC (Environmental Quality Advisory Council)
 - Meeting on January 15
 - Conference Room 9/10 of the Government Center
 - Open to the public for participation & observation
 - Public can provide written, verbal or video testimony on environmental topics of their choosing
 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment-energy-coordination/january-12-2022-eqac-meeting>
- Alpine X/Fairfax Peak
 - Alpine X continuing to work on their conceptual development plan/ entitlements package



- Finishing up traffic study in coordination with VDOT
- Aiming to submit zoning application early April 2022
- Working on Letter of Intent agreement with Fairfax County
- Lots of public engagement opportunities to come
- Lorton Visioning 2040
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 - A study that's been ongoing for 5+ years that is considering ways to strengthen the identity and sense of place in Lorton through recommended updates to the County's Comprehensive Plan
 - Last August, County staff brought in a consultant for the Lorton Visioning Plan Amendment Study:
 - Design Collective Inc out of Baltimore, Md will be doing most of the placemaking & visioning work
 - Partners for Economic Solutions will be conducting a market analysis/market study of the Lorton area
 - Various opportunities for community involvement in 2022
 - First of many, Virtual Open House on January 27 at 6:30 pm
 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/lorton-visioning/community-engagement>
- Signs Zoning Ordinance Amendment



- Another upcoming project by DPD is their outreach phase for future changes to the regulations on Signs in the Zoning Ordinance
- Join county staff to learn about the regulations & enforcement of complaints, and to provide ideas for the county's review of these regulations
- Virtual community information sessions are scheduled
 - Tuesday, January 18 at 12 pm
 - Thursday, January 28 at 7 pm
- More information about the signs meetings can be found here:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning-ordinance/signs-part-ii>
- Lorton Volunteer Fire Station
 - All building work completed and final inspections scheduled
 - Remaining inspections to be performed by mid-January and Certificate of Occupancy is projected for February 1, 2022
 - Contractor has had major issues, and Supervisor Storck and asked that both the principals & firm itself never be used again in the County
- Noman Cole Improvements & Investment
 - Over \$50M in investments made in 2021 to improve the plant, with more to come in 2022
 - New UV light disinfecting plant is now fully operational



- UV process is a cleaner, more sustainable method using photons that penetrate microbial DNA to deactivate them and leave them unable to produce
- The new \$87M UV disinfection facilities are capable of processing 67 million gallons per day, with a peak disinfection flow of 133 million gallons per day
- Replacing the aging sodium hypochlorite system will save the county approximately \$750,000 annually in chemical costs and eliminates 200 yearly tanker truck deliveries
- Workhouse 13 & 15/Master Planning
 - The construction bidding process is now open for the planned renovations. Stay tuned for bid selection.
 - County staff has agreed to Storck's request to start a master planning process for the Workhouse Arts Campus
 - Have already briefed the Workhouse Arts Foundation of their intent to do so.
 - Contracted with VMDO Architects for the master bid plan, awaiting their proposal
 - Storck's office will be briefed on the proposal in the next few months.
- Infill Development Task Force
 - Forming an Infill Development task force to create a better understanding of the by-right development process for residential infill projects, and evaluate what options there are to change the



process both at a county and state level, that could benefit the community

- Expected outcomes include better understanding & awareness of residential infill development process, county responsibilities, rights of property owners, and possible policy changes that affect the process
- This is mostly an issue in the northern part of the District, where older neighborhoods are seeing this type of infill development
- If any SCF member would like to participate, please let Nick Rinehart know at Nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov

• **Springfield District School Board - Laura Jane Cohen**

- Yesterday was the first day back after winter holidays and inclement weather
- New Quarantine & Isolation Guidelines
 - All COVID letters come from the school
 - If your child has been a close contact or is diagnosed with COVID, the first thing to do is notify the school
 - Process is new because the Sara Alert clearance letters are no longer being provided by the health department
 - Isolation letters from FCPS now replaces that prior Health Department Sara Alert notification



- If a child has been paused because they have been a close contact to a school related case, the school provides a pause letter to the parent or guardian
 - The number of quarantine days has changed to 5 if there are no symptoms
- Isolation is still 10 days if you are COVID positive
 - While they would like to be able to follow the CDC recommendation of 5 days out, 5 days masked, the school system cannot due to the need to provide lunch (unmasked) to school children
- If you have a mask exemption, you must adhere to the full 10 days
- Staff who test positive can follow the new CDC recommendation
 - Out 5 days, 5 days masked where they can only remove the mask outside of the building.
- All Northern Virginia pediatric medical associations are continuing to encourage FCPS to have children wear masks because 6 ft for social distance cannot be guaranteed
- There are several unfounded rumors suggesting FCPS is “plotting” to go back to virtual learning. That is not the case. FCPS has not had to close



down grade levels, or entire schools. Committed to move forward with in-class learning.

- Central Office associates are helping to cover sub shortages where appropriate
- QUESTION: Vice President Henley: Can you provide the written guidance you have to SCF for posting?
 - Yes, happy to do so.
- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
 - Acquired the Fairfax Arms
 - Historic building adjacent to the Old Colchester Park & Preserve
 - Will continue to preserve & interpret its historical significance
 - Old Colchester was the first incorporated town in Virginia. Located on what was then Kings Highway, it was a thriving port town.
 - Parking in Horse Area
 - Has been cleared & gravel has been placed. Will continue to be done as-needed.
 - Can be used for parking today and will be installing gates in the future
 - Staffing Changes



- Park Planning Director Stephanie Leedom stepped down
- Advocating for bringing back retired former Director Dave Bowden as a contractor
- Virtual meetings have been reinstated at the Parks Authority and will be in place for the foreseeable future.
- QUESTION: Could we have a consolidated map of the tennis courts that have been restriped for pickle ball in the South County jurisdiction?
 - ANSWER: Yes. I'll have that for you next month. Frankly, I'm hoping to double stripe all existing courts, unless there is a good reason against it.
- QUESTION: Do you have any insight into why the current Planning Director is stepping down?
 - ANSWER: I believe that the existing project workload of medium-sized projects was not desirable

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly** presented by Marlon Dubuisson
 - Infrastructure Bill
 - State numbers are trickling in, with estimation that General Assembly will allocate in January to the counties



- Will share those numbers when they are available
- Redistricting
 - Mason Neck may now migrate into the 7th district
 - If SCF needs assistance with making connections, we can help facilitate those conversations
- Contact for Marlon Dubuisson
 - Marlon.Dubuisson@mail.house.gov
 - 703-256-3071
- **U.S. State Delegate Kathy Tran** presented by Benjamin Hermerding
 - General Assembly Session begins January 12 (60-day session)
 - Biannual budget year; will be passing a state budget to allocate resources for the next two years
 - Comprehensive Legislative package, which will be challenging in the House minority, but are still hopefully about a lot of our Bills
 - If you're interested in what is happening in Richmond, please sign up for Delegate Tran's newsletter –“an a-partisan update service”
 - Winter Storm on January 3



- There is a lot of fact-finding occurring to try to determine what went wrong and ensure it doesn't happen again and/or the State government (and Dominion) is better prepared in the future
- I-95
 - Rain led to a layer of ice on freezing roads & the quick, subsequent blanket of snow led to I-95 shutting down and the VDOT crews inability to clear it in a timely manner
 - VDOT is doing a review of their response during the storm & many elected officials are frustrated by the response and will be monitoring the release of those reports
 - Frankly, people sitting on the highway overnight just should not happen. We'll be ensuring that we get more information to help prevent it from occurring in the future.
- An outage report has been requested by SCF Vice President Wendy Henley. We have reached out for the request from Dominion and are hoping to conduct a Town Hall meeting explaining the efforts during the storm, any lessons learned, and making the infrastructure more resilient.
 - Storm last week was one of the top 5 most damaging storms in Dominion's history
 - There were over 50,000 outages in Fairfax County



- They had 4,800 Dominion employees deployed to work
 - Power outages were caused by the heavy, wet snow and wind
 - Road conditions contributed to extended outages by not allowing them to get the locations in a timely manner
 - Mason Neck suffered as one of the worst hit areas. They lost power on Monday, and still didn't have it back by Thursday evening
 - Lorfax area experienced outages until Friday evening. The area was inaccessible by truck, so poles had to be climbed by hand. Cold temperatures also complicated restoration efforts
 - Over 1,000 customers were impacted by multiple jobs – including one job that was over 20 down wires
 - They are going to review if underground lines will be considered in the future
- QUESTION: Based on the new map what district is Delegate Tran in?
- Delegate Tran lives in the 18th House of Delegates district on the new maps
 - Delegate Tran was elected to represent the 42nd District through the end of her term and plans to do so



- There have been several questions about whether an election will be held this November or the following November
- Contact Information:
 - delktran@house.virginia.gov
 - 804-698-1042

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger Co-Chairs** presented by Peter Weyland
 - Current 2022 Focus
 - Projects on the radar for traffic
 - Alpine X
 - Development (new town center) just over the Occoquan bridge in Woodbridge
 - Expansion of Fort Belvoir
 - Failed Intersections
 - Lorton Rd. at Silverbrook
 - Lorton Rd. at 123
 - Fairfax County Parkway (by the storage tanks in Newington)
 - CSX Bridge over Rt 1



- Requesting Storck's office provide greater oversight and coordination for discussion with Amtrak given the impact for the area
 - Need to create a queuing system or other solution that is better than the way they are currently doing it

● **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**

- 2021 Crime Summary Report
 - Posted on the SCF website under Public Safety
 - <https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2021/12/31/fcpd-2021-crime-summary>
 - Crime in 2021 fell by 10%, with crime down in most area. One exception was in homicide, where we saw a bit of an increase.
 - Police Department is making an increased effort to get the officers to engage more with the public. There is a new requirement for patrol officers to spend at least 30 minutes every shift outside their vehicle in an effort to increase engagement between the public & the police department
 - As we gear up to having a police department in Lorton, that will be of the utmost importance
- Understaffed Police
 - This issue of being short staffed (by over 100 Police Officers) is not isolated to Fairfax County
 - Still actively hiring and recruiting



- Looking to increase female officers by 30%.
While the County is down to just 15%, they are still higher than many areas in the Country
- **Land Use, Nick Firth/Keith Shovlin Co-Chairs** presented by Keith Shovlin
 - Final Redistricting Maps (SCF Boundaries)
 - New County Magisterial District
 - Mount Vernon, Springfield and Lee Magisterial Districts
 - Congressional Map
 - Nearly 50/50 between the 8th and 11th Congressional Districts with the split right along Rt. 1
 - House of Delegates
 - 15th, 18th, and 19th Delegate Districts
 - Senate Map
 - 33rd, 34th and 35th Senate Districts
 - Resolution on new residential development on Lorton Rd.- Lorton Valley West
 - Christopher Companies – Clark Massie, John Reagan, Bob Brown of J2 Engineering
 - 3-story townhomes above grade. Two-car garage below two levels of living.



- 6.5-acre site located on the South side of Lorton Rd., immediately adjacent to the Lorton Valley community
- Currently comprehensively planned 5-8 dwelling units per acre
 - Proposed rezoning density of 4.7 dwelling units per acre is below the plan density range
- Property has been owned by the Hughes family for 60 years
- Significant topo- 85 ft elevation change between the high & low point, with significant flood plain as well
- Proposed contributing to the renovation of fitness center in Lorton Valley if residents are allowed to use it and amenities become available through joining their HOA
- Sole access points are from Cumbria Valley and Kirby Lionsgate
- Construction traffic would have a significant impact and have agreed that all construction would be from Cumbria Valley
- No access will be from Kirby Lionsdale until project is completed



- Proposing trails within community that will connect the existing trails within Lorton Valley to the Apple Orchard loop
 - Providing 60% open space, far greater than the 25% required
 - Exceed the 10-year tree canopy requirements by over 35%
 - 138 Parking spaces exceed 81 required
 - Providing a product that compliments Lorton Valley and completes the infill development
 - Hearing before Planning Commission tomorrow evening at 7:30. Will go before the BoS on January 25.
 - QUESTION: Why does the resolution say 30 single-family dwelling rather than townhouses.
 - An error that will be corrected in the final resolution
 - MOTION: Larry Clark: Final resolution be approved as amended.
 - SECOND: Wendy Henley
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Amazon Fresh



- There are distribution chain issues getting inner equipment & shelving. This pushed their estimated opening to Spring 2022.
- Panera Bread
 - Have secured permits and will be breaking ground as soon as possible
- Newington Commons Developments
 - Villas at Newington Chase
 - Southern Oaks Reserve
 - Both developments have presented proposals for annexation to Newington Commons that will be heard in February at a special meeting for voting
- **Education, Wendy Henley, Chair**
 - Update provided by Laura Jane Cohen
- **Environmental & Parks, Larry Clark, Chair**
 - Zoning Interpretation for Overlook Park
 - Will compare to the SEA-1 and the original site plans. Will present thoughts at February SCF meeting

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- No new business to report.



- COMMENT: South County Athletic Association needs coaches! Please visit <http://www.scaasports.net>

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

NEXT MEETING: February 8 (held virtually)

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

Recorded by Angelina Fuller