



Virtual Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 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**
 - Meeting minutes were unanimously approved for April, May and June 2022. Final minutes were sent to the membership and will be posted on the Federation's website.
- **Treasurer's Report:**

Truist Checking:	\$790.90
TIAA CREF Money Market:	\$6,733.30
Total funding:	\$7,524.20
- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - Small Business Spotlight: Best Travel, LLC
 - Owner Melinda Fortunato combines her personal travel experiences and planning expertise to transform client travel desires domestically and internationally.



- Contact: 540-623-7473 or text BESTTRVL to 866-866-5545
- UPCOMING EVENTS:
 - July 23 | DC Transit Band
 - 6 pm at Lorton Station Gazebo
 - July 23 | The U.S. Commodores Concert
 - 7:30 pm at Workhouse Arts Center Rizer Pavilion
 - Saturdays in July | Community Market
 - 10 am – 2 pm at Workhouse Arts Center

III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
 - Not present or represented.
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
 - Board Meeting Highlights
 - Lorton Prison Redevelopment
 - Recognizing 20th Anniversary of Lorton Prison Property Purchase
 - Final Development Plan Amendments for Liberty buildings P1 and P3 were authorized
 - Lidl opening on track for Summer 2023
 - Workhouse Campus Masterplan



- Please take the community survey for your thoughts on how to better integrate the campus with the community and make future improvements
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQBQH6Y>
- Overlook Ridge/Lorton Landfill
 - Tracking for 2025
- Undergrounding Utilities
 - Working on Board approval of a revolving fund that would support undergrounding projects in the County
 - Considering a utility tax that would be imposed to start the fund and provide the basis for bonding
 - Richmond Highway undergrounding is a current priority along with several other projects
- Amazon Fresh | Lorton Market
 - Opened new store June 23
- Liberty Market
 - Yafa Grill will join Retail A block along with Ledo Pizza, Taco Rock and Petite Smiles
 - Structural steel and masonry are complete. Roof complete and slab poured
 - Elm Street estimates completion of base retail building in September 2022
- Alpine X
 - Traffic Study for the project still under review, entitlements still tracking for later this year
- Lorton Community Center



- Anticipating August 2022 opening/occupancy
- Early September ribbon cutting ceremony TBA
- Currently hiring staff – Job Fair being held July 23 or 26 at Lorton Senior Center
- I-95 Landfill – Solar Project
 - Hearing September 13 on agreement with Sun Tribe Solar for 5-megawatt solar panel facility on the former household landfill (near Alpine X proposal)
 - District School Board Rep. Karen Corbett Sanders requests Supervisor Storck propose electric charging stations for buses at this site or another relevant location on this side of the County to support the use of their electric buses
- **Mount Vernon District School Board - Karen Corbett Sanders**
 - Welcoming Dr. Michelle Reid as the new Superintendent effective July 1
 - Business Community can attend the Franconia-Mt. Vernon- Greater Springfield area Chamber of Commerce meeting on August 11 at Belle Haven Country Club for Dr. Reid’s first speaking engagement
 - Recruitment and Retention of personnel and the impact of the great resignation
 - Working on strategies to build pipeline and triage the current vacancies to include more job fairs.



- Successful fair at Ft. Belvoir for the first time.
 - All hands on deck approach to ensure that all of our classrooms have excellent teachers in their classrooms at the start of the year.
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- Said good bye to Principal Morris and welcomed Principal Khoshaba at South County High School
 - New Student Rep on the School Board is also a rising senior at SoCo, Michelle Togbe.
 - SoCo seniors brought home \$6,703,000 in scholarships. In total almost \$20 million was earned by graduating seniors in schools where MV students attend.
 - Cappies recognized SoCo Drama for stage manager Dominique Monette for Puffs and Anna Rae Eppard for best supporting actor in a male role in Puffs as well.
 - The Board recognized the So Co Lady Stallions Track and Field at our last meeting for their state championship.
 - Summer Mental Wellness consultations will be available for students & families through August 5th.
 - Thursday night will recognize 10th anniversary of SoCo Middle School.



- Year-end budget will be presented this Thursday and voted on September 1. Received more funds than initially expected because of higher than expected sales tax revenues and funding for bonuses for SOQ funded positions and grant funds for infrastructure.

- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
 - FCPA has not been immune from recruiting challenges and currently has 3 Department leadership vacancies
 - Golf Operations
 - Park Operation
 - Planning & Development
 - Summer Camps/Programs have been very successful with completely full programs this year

- **Lorton Workhouse Foundation President & CEO – Leon Scioscia**
 - Fireworks event this year was a great success
 - W13 & 15 renovation is well underway with hopes of a restaurant & brewery leasing the space

- **Humane Society – Gina Lynch**
 - Shelter is completely full – this is a great time for adoption



- Providing food, microchipping and wellness (shots for rabies) assistance to community for qualified families/areas of the county
- Annual Golf Tournament for Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter will be held September 19

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Senator Mark Warner** presented by Anh Phan
 - Warner.senate.gov for all updates
- **U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly** presented by Marlon Dubuisson
 - Congressman Connolly attended the Independence Day events at the Workhouse
 - President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
 - Traveled to Madrid for recent summit
 - Pushing for NATO to create a Center for Democratic Resilience
 - Hungary is still a holdout
 - Retired or current federal employee TSP
 - Recent website revamp to enhance virtual support
 - New login required
 - Can act as a liaison for anyone experiencing issues



- HR-521 Passed the House – First Responders Fair Retire Act
 - Allows disabled federal first responders to continue receiving federal retirement benefits in the same manner as though they had not been disabled
 - Allows federal first responders to remain in the accelerated retirement system if they are placed in another civil service position after returning to work from a work-related injury or illness
- Contact:
 - Marlon Dubuisson, District Director
 - FX Office: 703-256-3071
 - PW Office: 571-408-4407
 - Marlon.Dubuisson@mail.house.gov
- **State Delegate Mark Sickles**
 - New districting maps – Sickles will represent the 17th District
 - There will be a brand new delegate in the 19th District that will be comprised of existing areas within Candi King, Kathy Tran and Mark Sickles districts.
 - Primary will be next June for all seats
 - Economy is really strong and revenue is high



- Main concerns remain mental health & disability services
- Remains focused on early childhood programs and keeping tuition down
- \$5B in sales from sports betting
 - Only 5 of 12 licensees paid any taxes due to a deduction allowance for promotions
 - Fixed that in the budget
- Gunston Hall remains a focus for preservation and modernization
 - Hopes to build a visitor center in the future
- Army Museum is building outdoor facilities and a garden from funding
- **State Delegate Kathy Tran**
 - Green Energy Goals
 - Previously, we were stringent on how we were able to generate green energy and offset regular electricity
 - 2019 bill that Tran supported allows for things like the I-95 Landfill Solar Panel project
 - Commendations from the General Assembly
 - Reinhardt Gray – Retired Park Manager at Mason Neck



- Kelly Daugherty – Teacher at Gunston Elementary School
- Harold Simmons – Retired Building Supervisor at South County Middle School
- Budget
 - Inflation has affected us all & there has been quite a bit done to invest more in our education and health system, while also providing tax relief
 - \$4B – raising the standard tax deduction
 - Providing Rebates
 - Eliminated state portion of grocery tax & menstrual products
 - Tax relief for eligible military retirees and spouses
 - Refund on a portion of the earned income tax credit up to 15%
- New Protections for Virginians in 2022
 - Small businesses protected from merchant cash advances
 - Uninsured and under-insured hospital patient protection from medical debt
- Delegate Tran’s office:
 - delktran@house.virginia.gov
 - 804-698-1042
- QUESTIONS:
 - Are there any updates for solar at Laurel Hill Golf Course, or on the use of solar to offset utility costs at universities?



- The golf course is still part of the planned solar locations and has been approved by the Park Authority Board. Currently challenged by the vendors. Delegate Sickles will also look into it and respond. Both Delegates believe it's possible for university to use solar now.
- Where does infrastructure funding stand?
 - Federal agencies are responsible for the pots of money. They have several years to distribute that money. The announcement of Dulles expanding their airport is just a first batch of funding releases. Lots more to come on infrastructure funding. Virginia DOT will look holistically at the needs in the State.
 - 2031 is estimated BRT completion date to Ft. Belvoir
 - For an invitation to an upcoming webinar with White House regarding Transportation & Infrastructure email anh_phan@warner.senate.gov
- Can we get better maintenance and oversight for landscaping along VDOT roads?
 - VDOT does 2 cuts a year with a limited budget. Delegate Tran will follow up on the request.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger Co-Chairs**
 - Lorton Autotrain Backup



- Amtrak has confirmed meeting to address the spilling of queued cars onto Lorton Rd. and related safety concerns with a final date and time TBD.

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

- 2022 National Night Out
 - Tuesday, August 2

• **Land Use, Nick Firth & Keith Shovlin Co-Chairs**

- Adopt-a-Highway
 - Silverbrook to Hooes Rd. will be adopted by SCF
 - Anyone from the South County membership is invited to help at clean-up events twice a year which will be announced once adopted.

• **Education, Wendy Henley, Chair**

- Reporting complete with Karen Corbett Sanders

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

- Presentation | Land Use and Data Centers in PWC
 - Carey Needham, Representing HOA Roundtable of Prince William County (Civic Association)
 - 2 Land Use Proposal Issues in the Rural Crescent area (low-density, agricultural)



- PW Digital Gateway Comp Plan Amendment
- 2040 Comp Plan Update
- These are running concurrently and are expected to go to Planning Commission in September 2022 and Board of Supervisors in October 2022
- Much of the Data Center expansion will impact the Occoquan Watershed – which is directly in conflict with the prior work done by both Fairfax & PWC to protect the watershed
- Concerns due to this magnitude of proposed development
 - Salts and emerging contaminants produced by data center cooling centers are not removed in water and wastewater treatment process
 - Watershed supplied approximately 1 million residents in NoVa
 - Increase in chemical and pollutant runoff
 - Increase in discharge flow -specifically salinity from data centers- and the increased risk to water quality in Reservoir
- HOA Roundtable is asking (with others) for further analysis of the impacts and oversight of future planning



- COMMENTS
 - Recommend concerns about health impacts be added to these
- Resolution | Support of House Bill 739 on Living Shorelines
 - Virginia law sets an adversarial precedent between property owners and the government by making it very challenging to navigate maintaining a sea wall or bulkhead
 - Protect property owners from what could be a very costly expense
 - Supports a change in legislation that grandfathers in existing structures, while also allowing installation of a living shoreline for those that choose them
 - MOTION TO APPROVE: Peter Weyland
 - SECOND: Dale Rumberger
 - Motion Carries Unanimously

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING: September 13 (held virtually)



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

Recorded by Angelina Fuller