



Virtual Zoom Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 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**

- MOTION TO APPROVE March meeting minutes with minor amendment to add Keith Shovlin's name as the Land Use Co-Chair.

- SECOND: Wendy Henley

- Motion carries

- **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.



- Please send a message to the Federation to update the membership of your association.
- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
 - *Spotlight: Patricia Dinkens with Samson Properties*
 - Top-producing realtor specializing in negotiations and military relocation
 - <https://patriciadinkens.samsonproperties.net/agents/268933/Patricia+Dinkens>
 - 6363 Walker Lane #130, Alexandria VA 22310
 - 703-623-3476
 - Mama Mia | South County High School Theatre
 - May 13 at 7pm
 - https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/15597/south-county-high-school-theatre??performance_id=6210609&country=US&language=en
 - SFCC May Super STIR – Back to Business
 - May 19 7-10pm at Paradise Springs Winery
 - Registration required:
https://mms.southfairfaxchamber.org/members/evr/reg_event.php?orgcode=SFCC&evid=65836151

III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**



○ Not present or represented.

● **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**

○ Today's Board Meeting

- Approved budget for FY 2023, which starts July 1
 - Board approved a \$0.03 real estate tax decrease and reduced the personal property assessment from 100% to 85% which will lower the taxes. Despite this, many will still see tax increases. Expanded relief will be provided for seniors and other populations.
 - Tax for machinery and tools reduced, which cost approximately \$1M in revenue. This makes Fairfax County competitive with neighboring counties
 - Budget includes increased funding for affordable housing
- Approved the Scannell application for a second motor freight distribution hub, which SCF provided a resolution on in a prior meeting. Facility will meet all green building and green operating standards

○ Proposal to repurpose closed Sunrise facility in Lorton

- Encouraged Praesum Healthcare to return to talk to SCF and other community members about what they're proposing and how they can address raised concerns

○ Proposed Church on Windrush



- Special Permit amendment goes to Board of Zoning Appeals in June
- Concerned members should engage with the BZA and ensure that County staff has any issues in front of them
- Lorton Fire Station
 - Grand Opening May 27, Ribbon cutting in June
- 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
 - Opening in August 2022, Ribbon cutting in September
- South County Police Station
 - Anticipated opening Jan/February 2023
- COVID Status
 - Outbreaks are rising
 - Stay indoors if feeling sick and test if experiencing symptoms
- QUESTION: Do you have any information on increased landfill fees to offset the cost of DEQ operations?
 - Delegate Tran: Bill passed in State House and Senate. Vetoed by the governor, Bill is now dead so the fees won't change.
- QUESTION: Praesum Healthcare update on Community Health Advisory Board meeting?



- Held a public meeting Monday and made a motion to approve the use within the facility
- QUESTION: New date for the Ribbon Cutting for Central Green playground?
 - Not yet
- COMMENT: Storck's office will work to facilitate another meeting with the stakeholders of the police station & animal shelter.
- **Mount Vernon District School Board - Karen Corbett Sanders**
 - Based on BoS allocations, School Board is working on final tweaks to budget. Budget adoption on May 26
 - Focus on competitive compensation for all staff & professional development
 - 4% increase for teachers and step increases
 - Funding in support of Joint Environmental Task Force
 - Up to 10 additional electric school buses
 - Staff for outdoor learning
 - Career and technical education for environmental sustainability
 - Safe routes to school
 - Increases to HR for recruitment & retention
 - State funding is still unknown
 - New principal for South County HS will be announced this week
 - West Potomac's debate team made Nationals!
 - Proms are being held this weekend
 - Military Transitions Job Fair



- May 11 at the U.S. Army Museum
- County & Schools will be recruiting
- Student Job Fair | Trades
 - June 4 virtually held
 - Plumbing, electrical, welding, etc.
- Graduations 2022
 - June 2 Louis
 - June 3 Hayfield
 - June 6 South County
- COVID
 - Seeing outbreaks in school
 - If positive, quarantine requirement is 5 days with a subsequent 5 days masked
- QUESTION: Is there any chance that we will go back to an established system to collect & publish Covid data, rather than CDCs system?
 - County website has a ton of data that is still being collected/published
 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19/case-information>
- QUESTION: What other department/agencies are supporting the funding of affordable housing beside the school funding?
 - Fairfax County government is investing more than \$100M to affordable housing from a variety of sources:
 - COVID federal relief funding
 - Carryover funding



- Estimated \$50-\$70M in investment in 2023.
 - There are existing 10% affordable requirements for any new housing developments in the County
 - RHA – rehabilitation and housing authority is a county organization that puts together the financing and directly invests in affordable housing and fund NFP organizations like Good Shepard Housing
- QUESTION: Historically, Prince William County gets more funding than Fairfax, despite Fairfax being larger. Why is that?
- The local composite index is driven by the income levels of the local jurisdiction.
 - The idea is “based on the local income, their local government can contribute more”
 - They then deduct any money realized through agricultural farming
 - Since we don’t have the same level of agricultural farming as our neighboring jurisdictions, we generally don’t get as much.
 - National model 45% locality, 45% state, 10% federal
 - In Fairfax County, 73% comes from locality, 23% state and 2% comes from federal
 - Federal funding is also based on incomes: local opportunity computation
 - These all result in a disproportionate burden



- QUESTION: Are there offsets from DOD for military students in Fairfax County schools?
 - \$158 per student – impact aid formula is based on the local opportunity computation.
 - Since we’re such a large system with over 13,000 students with a military connection, it is still a relatively small percentage based on our overall population
 - An individual family would have to sue based on the federal requirement of 50% funding to have any merit.
 - Due to the County’s advocacy the Virginia School Board’s Association is advocating on behalf of all schools in the State
- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**
 - Mount Vernon Rec Center
 - Public meeting held this past Wednesday to inform community about plans to move forward despite a 30% increase in construction costs
 - Rec Center was prioritized in the Mount Vernon district, so all monies from the bond referendum were reallocated as well as reallocations from other Park Authority sources
 - Bond cycles are typically every 4 years (2024), but there has been discussion of changing that to 6 years (2026)



- Cost savings also required the closing of the Rec Center for 2 years of construction rather than 6 years of phasing previously presented to help preserve open areas while others were under construction
- Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series
 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/s/mt-vernon-nights>
- Open Houses | Two resident curator houses locally on Furnace Rd.
 - Saturday, May 28 12-3 pm
 - Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi House
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resident-curator-program/hannah-p-clark>
 - Stempson House
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resident-curator-program/stempson>
- QUESTION: Will the website for the Mount Vernon Rec Center be updated with a new timeline?
 - Yes, it will eventually be updated
- QUESTION: When they are renovating the Mt. Vernon Rec Center, was there a consideration of indoor basketball courts?
 - Yes, however, it was decided we are not adding basketball courts as part of the renovation



- COMMENT: It would be helpful to distribute a list of where all the alternative basketball courts are along the Ft. Hunt corridor to put this issue to rest.
- COMMENT: L. Gorham will distribute to Dan & Karen
- QUESTION: Is there an update on the planned memorial for those lost in the pandemic?
 - There is not a current site selection, staff at the Park Authority is working on research for some initial efforts on the memorial

IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **State Delegate Kathy Tran**
 - House Resolution Commending Past President of SCF Dale Rumberger:
 - <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?221+ful+HR219ER+pdf>
 - Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee is studying the education funding for schools in Fairfax County and will make independent recommendations on our current funding formulas
 - Bi-annual budget still in negotiations. Two-year Budget must be negotiated by June 30.
 - Historic surplus of over \$2B



- A large portion of that is required to go into a rainy-day fund
- The remainder is flagged for increasing funding for essential government services and balancing that with providing tax relief
- Bill to establish a tax relief program to bring Washington Commanders to Virginia
 - Tax payer revenue is being proposed to help build the stadium and surrounding developments
 - Locations being considered are Loudon & PW Counties
 - Del. Tran does not believe in using public funding for arenas and stadiums and has voted **against** both proposals and will continue to do so
- Passed 800 Bills that were passed to Governor and he vetoed or made amendments to approximately 125 of those
 - All vetoes sustained
 - Some amendments didn't make it through, so he will either sign into law without changes, or not sign at all
 - Delegate Tran's Bill to expand language access to Medicaid program did get passed unanimously with the Governor's amendments



- Ceremonial Bill Signing will be held for bill to help surviving spouses of military killed in line of duty, as well as to streamline review of teacher license transfer applications when they move states
 - Localities can provide relief on real property taxes
- VDOT | Published repaving schedule
 - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fbf86e85fdcb43e482432f41ddeb51c7>
- Dominion Town Hall | Ongoing problems with Electric Grid
 - Follow-up with Mason Neck in June
- Delegate Tran's office:
 - delktran@house.virginia.gov
 - 804-698-1042

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland/Dale Rumberger Co-Chairs**
 - Lorton Autotrain Backup
 - Fairfax County police have been helping to direct traffic. Still awaiting meeting with Amtrak officials to address the safety issues with backups.
 - Pohick Rd./Rt. 1 –Sidewalk
 - County is designing a sidewalk (concrete/asphalt)
 - Gunston Rd.



- Verizon has completed their cable runs that will allow for the 3 power poles to be removed. Still awaiting removal.
- Silverbrook/Lorton Rd. Turn Lane
 - Still no progress and still awaiting update on timing for the turn lane.
- Fairfax County is seeking \$572M in funding for electric buses and other road projects
 - Public Input/ Comment period is open until May 22
 - <https://thenovaaauthority.org/syp-comment>
- Roads & Bridges Roundtable convened May 3. Virginia will receive \$7.7B in highway funding, \$535M in new bridge funding, and \$106M for an electric vehicle charging network
- QUESTION: Pohick Rd. Sidewalk –Original proposal: 7-ft sidewalk on north side, 10-ft sidewalk on the west side, and curb & gutter. The second portion might be funded, but what about the status of the entire length of the sidewalk?
 - It is still in design: 530 ft, 7 ft. wide concrete sidewalk on the north side, and a 2,250 ft, 10 ft. wide asphalt sidewalk on the south side, as well as with curb and gutter improvements. We will update in June.
 - COMMENT: 10 ft. wide could be smaller because they're connecting it to a 4 or 5 ft. sidewalk



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

- 2022 National Night Out
 - Tuesday, August 2
- Each of the 9 departments in County have a Citizens Advisory Committee that meets monthly
 - Meetings open to anyone interested in participating.
 - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/communityadvisorycommittee>

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

- RESOLUTION: Old Towne Pet Resort in Springfield
 - Despite operating on the site for over 20 years, they were recently informed of violations to the zoning regulations.
 - No proposed changes or additions, simply requesting to retain current operations that are not in compliance (outdoor component of the site)
 - MOTION TO APPROVE: Nick Firth moves to approve as written
 - SECOND: Dale Rumberger
 - Resolution passed unanimously
- Adopt a Highway | South County Federation
 - Lorton Rd. from Silverbrook to Hooes Rd. is currently available for adoption



- Commitment includes requirement to clean trash twice a year
 - Working with DOT, they will supply trash bags & vests
- Includes both sides and the median
- EXCOMM will review
- Amazon Fresh opening soon sign is up, but still no published grand opening date.
- Popeyes opened this past Wednesday.
- Panera Bread is anticipating a late summer opening
- Lidl construction is also progressing steadily
- Voting will be opening next Thursday to annex the Southern Oaks Reserve Development and the Village at Newington Chase from the Newington Heights Association.
 - Held at South County High School
 - Requires a 2/3 consent vote of membership (212 homes) and a change to declaration which is a 75% consent approval
- **Education, Wendy Henley, Chair**
 - Cybersecurity in Public Schools
 - Who are committing threats
 - Criminal groups
 - Insiders
 - Nations



- Terrorists
- Types of Threats
 - Ransomware
 - Video Conferencing Disruption
 - Denial of Service
 - Phishing
- Attacks Increasing
 - 1,331 incidents since 2016
 - 408 publicly disclosed attacks against K-12 schools or districts in 2020 and 166 in 2021
- Risks of Social Media
 - Screening for harmful content not uniform
 - Unrestricted access to platforms by adults & children
 - Privacy and Location Information controls differ by app
 - Live streaming does not filter dangerous content
 - Increased exposure to detrimental content may result in self-destructive behaviors
- Cyberbullying on the rise
 - 16% of students national in grades 9-12 experience cyberbullying
 - 50% LGBTQ students experience harassment online
 - Teenage girls are more vulnerable than boys



- Doxing: posting personal information about some to exact revenge or threaten to destroy the privacy of individuals
- Social Media platforms most often reported for cyberbullying
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - SnapChat
 - TikTok
 - Twitter
 - WhatsApp
 - YouTube
- FCPS response to cybersecurity threats
 - Hired new CIO
 - Technology upgrades (e.g. multifactor authentication)
 - Established protocols with social media companies to deal with highly abusive social media accounts
 - Reviewed vendor security protocols
 - Cybersecurity awareness campaign and professional development
 - Updated security management plans to include cybersecurity threats
- Safeguards for Students
 - Digital citizenship included in curriculum



- Updated acceptable use policy to be more specific about IT social media threats
- Restricting the installation of applications outside of those officially approved by FCPS
- Expect additional modifications of roles and responsibilities in Student Rights & Responsibilities policy.
- What can parents do?
 - Start conversations about safe usage beginning in elementary school
 - Monitor usage and establish ground rules
 - Friend or follow your child’s account

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

- Overlook Ridge Park Meeting on May 18
 - Recent reporting in Fairfax Now that the park “could” open in 2025, a delay in bringing park to fruition.
 - COMMENT: The Park Authority has never envisioned paying for any of improvements with bond funding (including staffing or maintenance for Overlook Ridge Park)
- Covanta | Furnace Rd. Richmond Highway to Lorton Rd. Clean up



- Cleaned up over 2,000 lbs of trash and recyclables!

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Early voting has started for democratic primary on June 24

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

NEXT MEETING: June 14 (held virtually)

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

Recorded by Angelina Fuller