

November General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Zoom Video Conference  
November 8, 2022, | 7:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Nick Firth, President of the South County Federation (SCF), called the Monthly Membership meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORT:**

A. Secretary- Ms. Angelina Fuller

Approval of the Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer Report- Keith Shovlin

Mr. Shovlin provided the financial update as follows:

Truist Checking	\$454.90
Nuveen (TIA CREFF) Money Market Account (MMA)	\$6,765.44
Total	\$7220.34

The Nuveen account has remained the same since the last report. Concerning the Truist account, Mr. Shovlin learned that the required account balance is \$590 not to be charged the \$20 monthly service fee.

C. South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report- Casey Whitmarsh

Mr. Whitmarsh introduced himself and communicated his excitement about being at the meeting. The following are the key items shared:

1. The small business spotlight was shone on Inova Health System, a leading northern Virginia not-for-profit healthcare provider serving more than 1,000,000 people each year and governed by a volunteer board of community members. As a not-for-profit health system, their commitment is to meet the health care needs and improve the health and communities they serve, one of which happens to be this community. For those who need to be made aware, the [Inova HealthPlex Lorton](#) is the only ambulance-access emergency department in Lorton.
2. The [Salute to Veterans](#) is set for Wednesday, November 9, at the Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The Chamber invites members, local business owners, and community leaders to participate. This year, the Chamber is partnering with Boots to Suits, a nonprofit organization that assists veterans transitioning to civilian careers. Donations of gently used or new men's and women's clothing that are interview appropriate are most welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at Mr. Whitmarsh's [office](#) or the golf club.
3. The Chamber member, [Brain Injury Services](#), is live streaming its 3rd Annual Duck Race on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The duck race aims to raise funds to support their veteran clients and programs or services for their brain injury survivors. So, help them fill lake Accotink with rubber ducks by sponsoring your flock of ducks. For more information, click [here](#).
4. Another exciting event is the 17th Annual Lorton Holiday Extravaganza and Craft Show. The event is fun for the whole family and will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the South County HS.
5. The South Fairfax Chamber is sponsoring a Blood Drive for Inova Blood Services, which will be supported by an Inova mobile truck where donors can donate blood. The [blood drive](#) will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the South County HS.
6. The LCAC is having a Warm Coat Outreach on December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Lorton Community Center. They collect clean, new, or used coats, new hats, and gloves for all ages. More specifically, LCAC needs coats for size 10 youth to adult medium to fit older elementary through

high school children. If you're unable to drop off on December 4<sup>th</sup>, contact [Rob Rutland-Brown](#) to schedule a separate delivery.

*Mr. Whitmarsh Q & A:*

Q: Mr. Keith Shovlin- Is there anything special going on for Small Business Saturday?

A: Mr. Whitmarsh- The Chamber will be putting out social media information and links for the Small Business members. Mr. Whitmarsh also encouraged the meeting attendees to follow the [South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce](#) for access to updated information concerning local businesses and events.

### III. SUPERVISORS REPORT:

#### A. Supervisor Dan Storck

Supervisor Storck greeted the membership and shared that he visited 15 to 20 precincts today, Election Day. To his awareness, he noted that the biggest challenge to voting today is that several precincts are split, especially in the Lorton area, which initially resulted in confusion. Gunston Elementary School (ES), Lorton Station ES, and Laurel Hill all had two precincts. There were also some issues at the new Lorton library and Community Center regarding the Board of Elections system database. Supervisor Storck has several things to follow up on when the Board of Elections presents to the Board of Supervisors sometime in the next couple of weeks. He presented the following update.

1. This week, you should be receiving an information packet on Mount Vernon District happenings, including links to my November 2022 newsletter; Mount Vernon District BOS Board Brief from November 1<sup>st</sup>; Board Matters from November 1<sup>st</sup>, and a spreadsheet of all the ongoing development projects in the SCF Boundary.
2. Tour de Mount Vernon was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM, starting at the Workhouse Arts Center. It was very successful, with over 250 total riders. Thank you to all my staff, especially Cassidy and Camela, for their coordination. It was a wonderful ride throughout the district. Big announcement: next year, we are working with George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) folks and Charles Cuvelier to shut down the parkway and hold the 2023 Tour de Mount Vernon along the Parkway! Stay tuned for more updates.
3. The Lorton Community Center and Library Ribbon Cutting was held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The project includes renovating the existing library into a 16,000-square-foot library co-located with a new 30,000-square-foot community center and park renewal. The center also includes the Lorton Senior Center, Teen Center, Student Aftercare (SAC), and the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). The rejuvenated campus includes a new playground, fitness area, open field area, and a plaza and trail loop. The South County HS band played, and there were over 500 attendees. The South County Cares Church provided hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. A tremendous asset to have in the Lorton Area along Richmond Highway to support the surrounding community.
4. The Praesum SE/PCA (Sunrise Lorton) application was approved. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the BOS approved a medical care facility at the old Sunrise Lorton Site, 7665 Lorton Rd, in Gunston Plaza Shopping Center. The planned facility will utilize the existing building to become a drug rehabilitation/substance abuse treatment facility with a total of 40 beds and 24/7 onsite support staff. Approved proffers to include annual meetings between the applicant, my office, SCF, and Fairfax County Community Services Board (CSB) about the operations, educational meetings about substance abuse prevention amongst youth (coordinated by my office and CSB), and a \$5,000 contribution to LCAC.
5. At the November 1<sup>st</sup> BOS Meeting, the Board adopted [Resilient Fairfax](#), the County's first-ever Climate Adaption and Resilience Plan, one more element of the County's environmental strategies. The Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) focuses on reducing our emissions, and Resilient Fairfax prepares our community to adapt to the climate change already happening around us. Resilient Fairfax sets us on a path to a more livable, healthy, safe, and sustainable community. It defines a way forward through planning and anticipating future needs that will help protect our residents, their homes, public services, natural resources, and the critical infrastructure that we all rely on, building

resilience instead of responding to each individual climate disaster. More importantly, this plan takes equity into account at every turn, ensuring that the strategies outlined address our most vulnerable populations and those in greatest need of support.

6. The BOS approved \$5 million in pedestrian/bike infrastructure/active transportation projects, and to add additional speed display signs. The South County Projects are crosswalk at Hooes Rd/South Run Stream Valley Trail, and crosswalk at Hooes Rd/Dudley/Laurel Crest; sidewalk maintenance at Hooes Rd from Rolling Oak Lane; sidewalk/trail maintenance on Gunston Rd, from Old Colchester to Gunston Rd Elementary; and sidewalk maintenance on Rolling Rd, from Tanner Robert Ct. to Bristol Square Ct.

7. There is an authorized public hearing to consider leasing W-13 to Bunnyman Brewery with the meeting set for December 6th. I encourage you all to provide input to help shape the Workhouse's future.

8. The BOS voted to send a letter to the Prince William County BOS at the October 25th meeting. The letter is regarding the proposed Prince William County Digital Gateway Corridor and data centers that pose a threat to the Occoquan Watershed and Reservoir, the source of drinking water for our over one million Fairfax County residents. The letter endorses County staff's interjurisdictional memos expressing concerns about the gateway and requesting that, prior to any zoning actions, additional study and coordination occur so that the two counties can work together to address issues of mutual concern. It is not our Board's practice to weigh in on other Board land use issues, but the magnitude of the concern raised by this plan and the need to protect our water supply compelled us to do so and me to support it. My focus has been to continue privately speaking with my Prince William counterparts to share the community's and my concerns about the risks to our unique watershed, drinking water, and the natural world.

9. The Panera Bread is currently tracking for a December 6th opening date. Stay tuned for confirmation.

10. Regarding Alpine X/Fairfax Peak, there are no new updates currently since last month's update. Alpine X is still going through due diligence before they submit their full entitlements package sometime early next year. They are currently working on their energy strategy plan.

11. The South County Police Station and Animal Shelter Construction update follow:

- a. Police Station: drywall finish & primer paint in progress, installing floor tiles, screen wall on roof near completion.
- b. Animal Shelter: insulation and drywall near completion, Fence installation around dog yard in progress.
- c. Curb and gutter and walkway installation in progress.

I sent a letter to you all announcing the new name of the facility: Lorton District Police Station and Fairfax County Animal Shelter – Lorton Campus. The artwork discussions are ongoing.

12. Concerning Lorton Visioning, we are currently in the process of selecting new consultants to begin the work. The Selection Advisory Committee will start interviewing next week and Nick Rinehart is serving on the SAC. Hopefully, we will have a decision by the year's end.

13. Please join me and my staff on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM for the Holiday Open House in our office. Stop by, meet me, my staff, my elected BAC members, and your fellow Mount Vernon residents, and revel in holiday cheer.

14. I have a vacancy open for a Mount Vernon representative on the Fairfax County Wetlands Board. Help serve your community by serving on a Fairfax County Board, Authority, or Commission. Please ask your friends, neighbors, and community members if they are willing to help serve Fairfax County. Be sure to let us know which position you are interested in and submit your resume using one of the three methods: Fax to 703-780-1491; E-mail to [mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov); Mail to 2511

Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306-3273. Please be certain that your resume contains your street address, work and home telephone numbers, and E-mail address, if available.

*Supervisor Storck Q & A:*

*Q: Mr. Dale Rumberger-* We understand that the Prince William BOS approved the rezoning and the building of the data centers in their rural Crescent as they used to call it. Will the Fairfax County BOS be getting an update on the process now in Prince William so as to how it will affect any water quality in the Occoquan watershed? Or if there's nothing on the line, perhaps if you could bring that one forward.

*A: Supv Storck-* Dale what they approved was a comprehensive plan change. There's still zoning and other parts of this that they would have to approve so it's not over, but it is the first step of that process that they had to go through. I think we must be vigilant and stay focused. They have to respond to the detailed staff letter that was sent.

*Q: Mr. Rumberger-* We for two years have put in requesting funding for a trail connecting Pohick Estates on Pohick Road on up to Lorton Station Blvd and we were told it was the lack of funding and to that it was almost a couple \$100,000. Do we know where any of that is? We've asked Peyton back in August, but we have yet to get an answer.

*A: Supv Storck-* I'll have to check with Peyton what you all asked him and why he didn't give you an answer. We collectively made it very clear to FC dot that we're not concerned about widening Pohick, but we are very concerned about a safe place to walk. For a major trail development, it would take millions of dollars to put that trail in. The focus is on those segments that we can connect and those highest safety things where we can get the most bang for the buck.

*Q: Mr. Andy Normand-* The last design that was sent out talked about the trail. Basically, it was just a sidewalk being put in, and it said the sidewalk was going to be 10 feet wide. I brought that up several months back, but then I lost contact, you don't need a 10-foot wide sidewalk. So if you look at it with a different set of glasses and see a 4-foot wide sidewalk or a 5-foot wide sidewalk, the cost will be considerably less, not in half but still less. That could put it into the realm of do ability.

*A: Supv Storck-* The trails that we build are wider than sidewalks because they expect to have both pedestrians and bicyclists use them.

*Q: Mr. Normand-* Your trail description now raises another question. Really, you're connecting two sidewalks, so why not put in a sidewalk and get rid of the word trail which has different parameters than width and everything else.

*A: Supv Storck-* We need a trail because where the sidewalks are the road is a little bit wider, so bikes don't have to be on the sidewalk. In this section, the only way you're going to get a bicycle to use is to make it wide enough for two people at the same time.

*Q: Mr. JW Fenton-* I want to add to Larry's comments about speeding. It's a problem here in South County. As you know, there was a person killed on Lorton Station Blvd, there was another person killed at Fort Belvoir, and I think I have heard a person being killed on Ox Road by New Hope Church, and this is just recently. We hear a lot of racing at night, and we see a lot of cars on Lorton Road just speeding right along passing buses, stopped buses. Just thought I'd let you know about that.

*A: Supv Storck-* I'm very familiar with the issue. There are three things that I ask the police to contact me on anytime of day or night and one of them is a pedestrian fatality, and we've had way too many of those. Another is homicide, and we haven't had much going on in South County. The other is a police shooting or police discharge of weapons. Those are the things that they're supposed to wake me up and tell me anytime. I want to make sure that I understand from the beginning. Then I ask for police reports and typically that takes several weeks to get. The police report as to what they believe happened. That matters to me because there's some of this we can fix and some of this I don't know how to fix. I guess some things you can fix by having crosswalks in the right places, well-lighted areas, good signage and traffic signals, and sometimes even better kinds of what they call HAWK signal, which is what we have, alerting learning motors when somebody is crossing to slow down.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Dan, you mentioned that there was some sidewalk maintenance on Rolling Road and I didn't catch the two intersections. I would question, if they're between Old Keene Mill and the Fairfax County Parkway, if that section is being widened, why would we spend money there? That should be deferred.

*A: Supv Storck-* There is sidewalk maintenance at Hooes Road from Rolling Oak Lane and then some sidewalk trail maintenance on Gunston Road. Also, there is sidewalk maintenance on Rolling Road from Tanner Robert Court to Bristol Square Court.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* The digital gateway, of the factors submitted one of the concerns was that the modeling study that exists at Virginia Tech was not run. Many people thought it should have been run before the Prince William County BOS made their decision. If Prince William County decide not to conduct that study would Fairfax County or should Fairfax County run that study to see what the impacts are on the Occoquan watershed? Has anyone asked the County Attorney to do some research as to whether a county in Virginia has ever sued another county in Virginia for cross county effects?

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Regarding Alpine-X, I've been working with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, and I am very concerned about the traffic study they sent me and the terms of reference for it as it stood back in April. It hasn't been agreed to yet either by Alpine-X or VDOT. However, I remain very concerned about the following; the Alpine-X access position is that the bulk of their traffic will be in off hours, and in reality, there are no off hours from either the Lorton – I-95 exit or the 123- I-95 intersection.

*A: Supv Storck-* There definitely will be a time and place for that in those conversations. I think we need to let them present that, and I have yet to see the study.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* You mentioned the Grist Mill Park trail and its funding in a bond in 2014, and it is just now coming to fruition. Is that basically what you said?

*A: Supv Storck-* Yes, it should be done sometime in probably the first quarter of 2023.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* The intersection of Silverbrook Rd and Lorton Rd, and the issue is turn lanes. Two years ago, we brought up an effort to reconfigure the intersection.

*A: Supv Storck-* I'm fairly certain we sent an answer on that. I don't have it in front of me now, but I'm confident we've answered that question. I can ask that that be resent to you.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Regarding westbound Lorton Rd, it was our understanding, probably about two years ago, that the right turn lane onto Silverbrook Rd would be provided with a pork chop and it would be a continuous turn lane onto Silverbrook Rd from Lorton Rd facilitating both people exiting on the Lorton Rd I-95 exit to turn on to Lorton Rd and then up onto Silverbrook Rd and to keep that lane moving.

*A: Supv Storck-* I don't I don't know if that specific question was asked, but yes, I have answers for both of those. I don't remember what they are off the top of my head. I can have them sent to you and to the Executive Committee.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* I brought up the USAR stormwater funding issue at the last monthly meeting, and if I heard correctly the response was that the funding involved was transferred to Fairfax County Park Authority to fund the community gardens. My question is, is that correct? This was the AAA penalty.

*A: Supv Storck-* Yes, I believe that's what happened.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* My follow-on question is how does such a funding transfer take place? As I recall, the \$3 million in funding for the northern section of Giles Run Rd was transferred back and forth between the Park Authority and FCDOT, and it took Board action to move that money back to the Park Authority to build the Laurel Hill Common Green. How was that money moved from, I presume, the Board of Supervisors or the County Executive side of the street to the Park Authority?

*A: Supv Storck-* I don't know, I have to check that, Larry. But I know that it's different money because this is County money, it's not bond money. It's not specifically allocated to Parks or anybody else. I'm probably better off to give you something in writing that that addresses the whole thing.

*Q: Marty Schirmacher-* Several months ago on behalf of the Shirley Acres Civic Association we requested the original approved application for the Covanta waste energy facility, to check on a few things. This is a very large facility, and I made sure those original applications went to Nick's hands so South County Federation can hold on this for future reference on exactly for reasons like this. I asked your office for this several months ago and it's gone to Fairfax County Land Use and Development, and some others, and nobody can find this original application for such a major facility in Fairfax County. Don't you find that unusual? This is something that I think would definitely be on record to reference back to this facility. I find it very unusual and I'm going to ask for your help of how can we find this?

*A: Supv Storck-* Marty let me just make sure that I understand, you're looking for the original application for Covanta's waste to energy facility?

*Q: Marty Schirmacher-* Yes, for the Covanta waste to energy facility from the late 80s because I think it came online around 90. I have noted somewhere it was under another name, and then they changed the name to Covanta and did a bankruptcy, but still, all those properties and everything that was in there should still apply; all the agreements, and I'm curious why can't the county find it.

*A: Supv Storck-* I'll ask the question, and I'll find out. We think it'd be recorded somewhere, but it's been so long ago, Marty, I don't know if I'll be successful or not.

*Q: Marty Schirmacher-* Christina has been helping me. She's got a head start, and maybe she can tell you where she's already been with it. I tried to research it on my own and I found it very interesting, I couldn't find anything on that. Then I asked for your office's help because it's in Fairfax County, it's a major facility. I'm baffled, so if you could help me out with that we we'd like to look at it down here.  
*(Supv Storck lost connection)*

*Q: Marty Schirmacher-* You all live in the same area I do. I want to ask you about the panhandler that sits there at Silverbrook Rd. I watch him stepping out in front of traffic, leaving this trash lying around, obnoxious. I would hate to have company coming into town and have to explain that this has been going on for a year and a half, and that's just the way it is around here. I don't know how you all feel about it. I'm getting tired of seeing that. There's got to be something done.

**B. Supervisor Pat Herrity**

Supervisor Herrity was not in attendance nor represented in the meeting.

**C. Mount Vernon District School Board Representative- Karen Corbett-Sanders**

Ms. Corbett-Sanders greeted the membership and presented the following:

1. Dr. Michelle Reid, FCPS superintendent, is hosting Community Conversations, special events designed to help her get to know our school community and share more about her vision for our division. The upcoming community conversation centers around the FCPS strategic plan. Dr. Reid developed a questionnaire initially going out to all our students, and each school will conduct a session to get input from our students.
2. There will also be a much more robust engagement with our business community, and we would love for business leaders to reach out and be part of the engagement because we need to know where you see the jobs of tomorrow.
3. Ms. Sanders provided an update on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) tests (the nation's report card). There was a significant drop in scores in the state of Virginia and across the country in math and reading, particularly or most heavily seen in students living in poverty or are English language learners. In Fairfax County, it is .26 percent .26 of 1% of the total student body that took that test and only 1.25% of the students in the grades they were tested. The children who were selected were selected by the federal government. The only area where there was some flexibility was that parents had to opt their children into taking the test. There were no accommodations provided, so the FCPS is taking that data as a data point, not the only data point. FCPS is in the process of testing all the students using the i-Ready Program to ensure intentionality in how we are reaching out and

addressing the needs of each individual child. Whereas the federal data, the NAEP report says it should take three to five years to regain the growth, we see a bit more acceleration in Fairfax County.

4. The opioid epidemic is another area of concern to bring to the South County Federation's attention because it's an area where we all must lean in together, the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, and the community. Although Fairfax county's rates are lower than elsewhere, the state of Virginia has had an increase year over year of opioid overdoses by 60%. There is a new report by the Opioid Task Force which clearly delineates the roles. The [Community Services Board](#) is becoming very active, working with FCPS. The Virginia Department of Health is also very active in this area, and they are putting Narcan at every Middle and High School in the state of Virginia. It is imperative that our community is aware that this is an illness impacting every socioeconomic group. People also need to be aware of what the risks are and what to look for with their kids and their partners because the greatest risk demographic is actually 18 to 35. However, we're seeing it pushed further down into our youth. If you recognize the signs, get help from our community services board. If it's affecting a child, get help through the school, which will connect you with the appropriate resources.

*Ms. Corbett-Sanders Q & A:*

*Q: Mr. JW Fenton-* Have you seen a rise in any of the other drugs, marijuana, LSD, heroin anything else?

*A: Ms. Corbett-Sanders-* There's been a decrease in other drugs. Non-fatal overdose visits to the emergency department (ED) are amongst the highest for 18- to 34-year-olds. According to our most recent youth survey, there's been a decrease of 7.2%. In comparison to the nation, it's a decrease of 7.2% for vaping, a decrease of .5% for cigarettes, a decrease of 5.1% in alcohol consumption, a decrease of 4.4% in marijuana, a decrease of 1% for LSD, a decrease of .4% of cocaine, and a decrease in the use of inhalants of .8%. Where this is coming from is if most of the opioids are fentanyl-laced, something like 93% of the fatal overdoses across the country is linked to fentanyl, a highly addictive drug, and you're seeing it in packaging that has never been seen before. Someone thinks that they're getting a Percocet, or now they are most recently seeing it in counterfeit Ritalin, and it turns out that it's has fentanyl in it.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* I was walking my dog along Laurel Crest the other day and it was just past where the kiss and ride is to turn into the high school. It was at dismissal time for the Middle School, and when I got up about midway on the pond, I turned around and looked back, and all the cars coming from picking kids up at the Middle School were coming blasting down the turn there, and that's the first place that the yellow flashing lights go off for the school zone along Laurel Crest. Not one of the cars hit their brake lights which meant they were just whipping down there well in excess of the speed limit. My question is, should there be another set of school warning lights further down Laurel Crest, either at the first entry after Hooes road into the Middle School or not because it leaves that entire section from the kiss and ride all the way down past the Middle School in my view at risk.

*A: Ms. Corbett-Sanders-* I am so glad you asked that question, Larry. It's actually part of our legislative program to be able to do more in front of schools with not only lowering the speed limit but also signage because there's there are rules about how far apart these what they call Wanco meters are, and so we are actually looking for more flexibility from the state

D. Springfield District School Board Representative- Laura Jane Cohen

Ms. Cohen was not in attendance.

E. Fairfax County Park Authority- Linwood Gorham

Mr. Gorham provided the following update.

1. We have the bids in from the Mount Vernon rec center and are very optimistic. Hopefully, I'll have something firm to tell you about that next month but again very optimistic; lots of reason to believe that we've got it.

*Mr. Gorham's Q & A:*

*Q: Mr. JW Fenton-* I understand there's no money for fields at Central Green correct? Can we get lighting at some of the other fields at South County HS or the Middle School, like the night field or the field

above the track? If we could do that, we could solve our problems with too many kids and not enough field space. The night field is not lit, and we can't play there. The kids can't get out there and do lacrosse, soccer, or anything. The field above the track field is not lit, the same thing they can't play in the dark. RF1, which is right next to RF2 at the Middle School, is taken over by baseball. You can't put kids on there if the baseball people are playing.

A: *Mr. Gorham*- I agree with you in general. I'm willing to help out wherever I can to facilitate that. Of course, we are talking about school property in all these instances, but we've also contributed. I'm not sure if you know the history of the baseball field and the turf field at the Middle School, but the Park Authority, in fact, funded that entire project, including the lights, but maybe offline give me some more specifics, and I'll do what I can do or at least look into it.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

There were no legislative updates.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### A. Transportation- Peter Weyland, Chair

Mr. Weyland greeted the members and provided the following update.

1. The Amtrak Lorton auto train is the primary issue to update everybody. The issue with the afternoon outbound traffic spilling out on Lorton Rd. There's not a great deal of additional information. For those that are tracking this, we've met twice, once on zoom and once in person at the Lorton facility. The status of the proposed pilot project to reroute the onboarding and offboarding of vehicles in the afternoon has been postponed due to the need for additional contractor staffing at the Lorton auto train. Part of the problem is the contractor is not having a very easy time hiring the people that move the vehicles. The traffic study for Lorton station is nearing completion, and an initial draft report is expected soon. The stations team is also exploring the possibility of updated signage and message boards at the station to allow traffic to move more efficiently.
2. The Lorton Road turn lane off Silverbrook onto Lorton Rd, we will have more information about that as soon as we hear from Peyton and Supervisor Stork office.
3. The CSX railroad bridge over route one, a \$56 million project, due to begin construction it said 2022. Obviously at this late juncture, I imagine the project will be beginning in 2023, and that is to turn route one into a six-lane roadway, three each way. It's also going to have a pedestrian walkway and bike lanes similar to the CSX railroad bridge over Lorton Rd. That's it for tonight if anybody has any suggestions or issues, please e-mail me at peter@live.net thank you.

##### B. Public Safety- Jonathan Kiell, Chair

Mr. Kiell was not in attendance.

##### C. Land Use- Nick Firth and Keith Shovlin, Co-Chairs

Mr. Firth introduced guest speakers, Ms. Evelyn Grieve, President of the Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter, and Ms. Reasa Currier, Director of the Department of Animal Sheltering, respectively.

Ms. Grieve introduced herself and expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to address the meeting attendees. The Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter is the nonprofit partner of the Fairfax County animal shelter and has been the fundraising partner for the shelter since 2006.

1. We provide several programs for the shelter; major medical dental parasite prevention TNR for community cats, college two kit tags and leashes for adoptive pets, and a lot more above what the shelter and the county's budget can provide for citizens of Fairfax County.
2. Our goal and mission are to help all pets that come into the animal shelter.
3. We are one of the only shelters in the county that provide parasite prevention.
4. Flyers were sent to Mr. Firth for membership distribution. There is a lot of great information within the flyers, such as what donations go for, etc.
5. The new shelter will be opening in South County, and we will raise funds for the pets down in South County.



6. If you have any questions, contact me via [email](#) or phone at (571) 277-5018. If you have any questions about the [Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#), what we do, or if you want to help, partner with us, ask about donation opportunities or want to be a business that works with us, we're always happy to speak to you.

[Ms. Currier](#) introduced herself and thanked the membership for the opportunity to give a brief overview of the Department of Animal Sheltering. She also shared that she's also a relatively new South County resident. Her overview follows.

1. Regarding the shelter, we are a little bit behind in progress, as is everyone, with all these material delays. We were planning a Spring opening, but now we're looking closer to June for the building to be completed, and we will probably move in in July, and the ribbon cutting will be in August or September.
2. We could not do the work we do without Evelyn and the Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter.
3. Ms. Gina Lynch (Humane Society) is also on here today. She's an amazing volunteer with our Animal Services Advisory Commission through Fairfax County, so we have a great support system.
4. For those who don't know about the animal shelter, we are the only municipal open-access shelter in Fairfax County, meaning we take them all regardless of breed, temperament, or size. Every year we have consistently a live release rate of over 90%, which means most of the animals that come to us are placed in loving adoptive homes.
5. We're one of the highest-performing shelters in the country. Only about 40% of shelters nationwide can do what we're able to do, and that's because the county provides us with the resources.
6. The Lorton shelter is going to be the same size and footprint as the current facility at West Ox, so it's about 88 dog kennels, 40 cat kennels, and two catios meaning the cats can have indoor/outdoor access.
7. We have big dog play yards, and of course, all the trails to swim around the shelter will allow us to get out and exercise all our residents adequately.
8. It's so important that everyone understands this about the Fairfax County animal shelter; sheltering animals is just one thing we do. We also offer so many different programs and services for the community, and it was important to the leadership, including Supervisor Storck, that we provide the same services at South County that we do at West Ox.

*Ms. Currier's Q & A:*

*Q: Mr. Rumberger-* will you roll something out on Facebook or next door or something when you start wanting volunteers trained etcetera to support the shelter?

*A: Ms. Currier-* Our onboarding process for volunteers is straightforward, so for most of our volunteers, it's 1/2 an hour to 45-minute orientation, and then you are ready to go. We will start training volunteers as soon as we are operational, so look for that mid to late summer. There is obedience training in West Ox, and we're going to be hiring another trainer just to serve the Lorton campus.

D. Environmental & Parks- Larry Clark and Dale Rumberger, Co-Chairs

Mr. Larry Clark turned the Overlook Ridge Park update over to Mr. Nick Rhinehart to introduce Ms. Aimee Vosper, Fairfax County Park Authority Deputy Director. Ms. Vosper introduced herself to the membership and announced that there were approximately 12 staff members, Park Authority and County staff, as well as Waste Management staff on Zoom. Ms. Vosper had a detailed slide show which was presented by various staff members.

2. Ms. Sam Hudson, the Planning Branch Manager, provided an overview of the project schedule.
  - a. The overall estimated timeline continues to be on track for the park opening to the public in early 2025.
  - b. Slight adjustments were made to estimated durations for a couple of the phases; site plan revision, building plans and permits, and the amendment to the access agreement.

- c. Completed milestones- Park Concept Plan Updated Oct 2021; Zoning Interpretation Approved March 2022; 2232 Approved June 2022.
3. Mr. Harvey Clark, LDS, provided an overview of current activities and phases.
  - a. For the site plan, there are approximately 9 sheets that need to be revised by Waste Management (WM) consultants.
  - b. LDS provided a list of the revision process and requirements to WM.
  - c. We meet regularly with WM to coordinate the upcoming submittal process, and the anticipated date is early December.
  - d. The Geotechnical report is like the site plan submittal process. Geotechnical Review Board (GRB) members did a site visit in March 2020 and forwarded their comments to WM consultants in September 2020.
  - e. We anticipate the Geotechnical report will be submitted early next month along with the site plan revisions.
4. Ms. Vosper provided an update on the Access Agreement Amendment.
  - a. Both the County Attorney and FCPA have been reviewing terms and are about to share those terms.
  - b. Have not shared terms with WM yet due to some items needing to be resolved. However, progress continues, and we hope that the agreement will be executed upon the approval of the site plan revision.
5. Ms. Sam Hudson gave the Next Steps update.
  - a. WM submittal of the Site Plan Revision and the Geotechnical report submittal by the end of the year.
  - b. The County will then undertake the preview of those submittals in the spring of next year with approval expected in early summer.

*Ms. Vosper Q & A:* Ms. Vosper deferred to Mr. Dave Kaasa, District Manager of Lorton Landfill

*Q: Mr. Bob Steven-* What's the percentage of off-gas not caught by the entrapment system?

*A: Mr. Dave Kaasa -* Please clarify the question.

*Q: Mr. Steven-* No one treatment system from an earthen berm is 100%. Roughly what percentage is it?

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* So you're talking about the collection that the collection efficiency of the hill? We have a collection system on the northern and southern sides. We are exploring options in the middle of the hill at this point, so that's where we stand.

*Q: Mr. Steven-* What exactly do your gas probes do?

*A: Mr. Kaasa -*They monitor the gas migration off the hill.

*Q: Mr. Stevens-* Exactly, so we have a responsibility to the public to make sure they know that there is off-gassing from waste and potentially toxic substances coming from that berm.

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* There's nothing coming from that hill. Nothing is off-gassing through that cap.

*Q: Mr. Stevens-* So what are you monitoring?

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* Are you talking about the border probes? That's for gas migration, so that's a requirement under Virginia Solid Waste regulations.

*Q: Mr. Stevens-* What's in that gas?

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* Methane.

*Q: Mr. Stevens-* Are you sure it's just methane?

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* Yes, we've sampled that already once.

*Q: Mr. Stevens-* Can we see those records?

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* No, they're not public.

*Q: Mr. Stevens-* Therein lies the problem.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* On slide three, has anyone approached DEQ about shortening their permit modification schedule, which appears to stop everything from progressing forward?

*A: Ms. Vosper-* I don't think we're stopping anything. You mean forward in terms of the park construction?

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* I'm looking at the bars there and I don't see any bars until after the DEQ permit modification outside the dotted box.

*A: Ms. Vosper-* The dotted box was just to show you where we're concentrating on at the moment; it's not stopping anything.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Looking at the same slide, park construction does not start until the DEQ permit modification is completed is that correct?

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* Yes that is correct we're working on things concurrently. We are going to get the DEQ permit modification into the EQ as soon as we can, and I cannot push or pull them, but I'm going to give them ample time. While they are working on that DEQ permit, I'll be off working on park construction plans. That way, when you're given permission to move forward, we'll be full steam ahead and ready to go.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Back to the staff. Has anyone from Fairfax County approached DEQ about shortening their permanent modification timeline, which would then move the park construction bar to the left?

*A: Ms. Vosper-* We have not recently, but we certainly could do so.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* This also shows that there's no Fairfax County Park Authority programming prior to opening. It's our understanding from past inquiries that park program generally is well in advance of actual funding. So, if funding is required for Overlook Ridge Park, why is the park programming not taking place at an earlier date?

*A: Ms. Vosper-* I just want to make a point Larry that we have not changed any of these bars except the three that have the highlights on them, but your comments are well taken. We're not going to not do any programming or not ask for funding before the park is completely constructed. In fact, for things to fall into place correctly and be able to program and pay for vendors or concerts, we have to ask for funding. Probably the 2024-2025 budget cycle, which starts in latter 2024. Although the bar says the programming won't happen until after the construction, we will be planning on the programming and the budgeting before the end of construction to ensure we hit all the targets.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* All I have to work with is what you're presenting here, which generates my questions. If that bar should be more to the left, then you should put it more to the left.

*A: Ms. Vosper-* That's a good point, and we can. We wanted to keep the same graphics, but we can show some of the changes and iterations as we move through it so we can adjust the bars. Larry, you bring up a good point about programming, so we will reflect that in our next update with a timeline that reflects this discussion we've had tonight.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Can you go to slide 5, please? Can the detailed list of the Site Plan Revision process and requirements provided to Waste Management by the county staff be released to the public, and if not, why? Under federal law, once an agency sends out a document, it's considered in the public domain. So, my question is, while you have sent this to WM, is it releasable for us to look at and review?

*A: Ms. Vosper-* I can check with LDS on that, but I'm sure the site plan process and county requirements are online. So we can send you the link to those processes the county adheres to.

*A: Mr. Harvey Clark-* It is wide open, and Waste Management has it, which is as transparent as possible. So we'll send it to you.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* The April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, dashboard posted by the county had the Site Plan Revision building permits and site construction all completed by the end of this year. What has accounted for

what appears to be a delay of over a year from the original projections? And yes, I know the dashboard was only an estimate, but nonetheless, a year's delay must be attributable to something.

*A: Ms. Vosper-* I don't believe it's a year's delay. What we have, I think, is a couple of months' delay in terms of getting the site plan revision and the Geotech information in for the Geotech board. I don't recall having a year's delay.

*A: Mr. Harvey Clark-* There was a 2232 delay which was a couple of months maybe 6, maybe 4 not sure.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Let me send you all the April 30th, 2021, dashboard which had the timelines in it. You can see what was posted. I know it's only an estimate, but it will show that there's been a year delay in these submissions, and my question is, what is that attributable to?

*A: Ms. Vosper-* We have been working diligently with the 2232 and the zoning interpretation. The minute those two things were approved, WM set forth to start on the site plan revision. WM has been meeting with LDS to take the site plans 90 plus sheets in chunks so that they could make sure that when they do their submission, they will get things right. I don't see a year delay, but I will certainly look at the dashboard.

*A: Mr. Kaasa-* Larry, ever since I've been involved with the project it was always communicated that the park would open in 2025. I know some things have slipped, and some things won't. Some things will shrink, and some things will swell, but working with LDS and Amy and everybody over in Fairfax County, we've been working diligently and behind the scenes to ensure that the park is constructed in 2024 and is open to the public in 2025. So, yes, the bar chart has moved, but overall, as a project, I think we're on schedule when you look at the grand scope of things.

*A: Mr. Larry Clark-* David, I appreciate that; my concerns have never been with WM. You all came to the table years ago and asked to meet with the South County federation and said we're not in the dump business. So, we're going to close this and we're going to deliver what was agreed upon.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Can you go to slide six please? Is the consultant to the county or to Waste Management?

*A: Mr. Harvey Clark-* It's Waste Management.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* Go to slide 9, please (Next Steps). The line says County review of everything from December to Spring 2023 and approval of site plan estimated early Summer 2023. Why is there a time delay between the completion of the review and the approval, and what's the difference between Spring 2023 and early Summer 2023?

*A: Ms. Vosper-* It takes time to get signatures, get all the paperwork in line, and all the things that have to happen when you're about to go under construction. It could certainly be Spring 2023 when the approval is done, it's a matter of semantics.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark-* In the site plan requirement for the provision of a potable water source at the summit, my basic questions which have never been answered are: Did staff consider using a tank truck to supply water at the summit or reject providing a potable water source at the summit out of hand? If staff considered providing an affordable water source at the summit, what were the reasons or arguments against it? What specific parameters were responsible for rejecting it? I go back to the 2022 where Kirsten Munz noted the Virginia Plumbing Code as the reason, but as I went into the beginning of the plumbing code and went through the remainder of the provisions, it seemed to me that a tank truck transporting water to the summit was an acceptable provision for potable water. A specific exception said you could run showers or sink water to an open drain. In other words, what specific parameters were responsible for rejecting that option, and what documentation can you provide to support your decision?

*A: Mr. Gorham-* I'll give you exactly the same answer that I gave you two weeks ago, and that is, it was considered by the group and it was the consensus I believe of the entire working group at the county that they didn't think a truck or coolers or anything that wasn't potable water on the top of a landfill and the sun was a viable or desirable option; bringing up things like the water would just get hot being in the

sun, and you'd have to monitor the bacteria. Remembering also that this is planned to be an unmanned park, not a manned park, so with those things considered, and this was considered at several different meetings, the group decided that it was not a good option to put any kind of cooler or tank or anything else for water facility at the top of the landfill when it was complete. That's the answer I gave two weeks ago, and It's still the answer now. Again, I believe it was the consensus of the entire working group that it was not desirable.

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark- Linwood, my final question is, can you provide me minutes of the discussions and the factors that were considered in making the final decision toward costs considered? There are multiple factors, so rather than just a verbal explanation, I'd like to see the minutes of the meetings where these were discussed.*

*A: Mr. Gorham- I'm not sure that that detailed of minutes exists. Maybe somebody else on this call because basically the entire committee is on this call right now can say if there are minutes that reflect those things.*

*Q: Mr. Larry Clark- I would like an official response from the Fairfax County Park Authority regarding their discussions and deliberations and the factors considered in deleting the potable water source from the approved site plan for Overlook Ridge Park.*

E. Education- Wendy Henley, Chair

Ms. Henley had nothing further to add to what Ms. Corbett-Sanders presented.

**VI. ACTIONS & PENDING ISSUES:**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING:** December 13<sup>th</sup>