

General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Zoom Video Conference  
June 13, 2023 | 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 7:00 PM.

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

A. Secretary- Ms. Angelina Fuller

Mr. Firth presented two sets of meeting minutes for approval, bringing minutes current.

December 2022 Minutes. Motion (Rumberger) Second (Clark). Motion carries unanimously

May 2023 Minutes. Motion (Firth) Second (Clark). Motion carries unanimously

B. Treasurer Report- Keith Shovlin

Mr. Shovlin provided the financial update as follows:

Truist Checking	\$940
Nuveen (TIA CREFF) Money Market Account (MMA)	\$6,131.56
Total	\$7,071.06

Upcoming invoice payments: PO Box Renewal (\$188) and Zoom Account and Web Hosting (\$476). Mr. Shovlin working with Truist to determine balance required to avoid service charges.

Funds Annual Shareholders Report: [TIAA.org/tcf\\_pro](http://TIAA.org/tcf_pro)

C. South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report- Casey Whitmarsh

Mr. Whitmarsh greeted the membership and presented the following updates:

a) Spotlight: Love Watch T.L.C. – skilled nursing and home care services to clients in their homes  
CONTACT: 571-574-2300 or [inof@lovewatchtlc.com](mailto:inof@lovewatchtlc.com) or visit [www.lovewatchtlc.com](http://www.lovewatchtlc.com)

b) Upcoming Events:

a. Father's Day Pig Roast at Fairwinds Brewery June 18 @ 12 PM

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fathers-day-pig-roast-tickets-640691223697?aff=oddtcreator>

b. Potomac Music's Summer Adventure Series <https://potomacmusic.com/summer-camps/>

**III. SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

D. Supervisor Pat Herrity

Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity not present or represented.

E. Supervisor Dan Storck

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck greeted the membership and delivered his update as follows.

1. Storck is working with Delegate Tran and Senator Surovell to get a Board matter and letter of support advocating for the VPRA's third rail for CSX and Long Bridge project to remain funded and in Phase 2 (see Senator & Delegate talking points below for more detail).
2. Recognition of South County HS Girls Outdoor Track State Champions at last week's Board meeting. Team took first place in two individual events and a relay for its second consecutive championship. The South County Girls' Indoor Track Team placed second overall in the Virginia State Championship
3. Pride Month will be celebrated by Storck's office this month
4. Congrats to all South County HS Graduates and Hayfield Graduates!
5. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Newington Forest Elementary school celebrated June 1
6. Summer Intern for Stock's Office: Paige Humphrey (2020 West Potomac High School alum double-majoring in Public relations and Political Science at Virginia Tech)
7. Reports of fire at the Lorton Rainwater Landfill were made around 11 pm on June 5 and were responded to by FCF&R. The landfill fire – caused by brush & wood - was under control within a day and no injuries reported.

C1: Students at Gunston Elementary School are still being kept inside because of smoldering. The landfill has a mulching operation and the site still has a plume of black smoke

8. Woods of Fairfax community experienced a sharp increase in stolen autos in early April when the Kia/Hyundai issues reemerged. 2 weeks ago, Franconia offices arrested several juvenile offenders who admitted to responsibility for the Kia/Hyundai stolen autos and several tobacco & shop burglaries
9. Capt. Lieb of Franconia reported that YTD 2023 has the lowest number of incidents during the past 5 years, with larcenies at an all-time low.
10. Crime Solvers Shred Event on June 17 at Walt Whitman MS from 8-11 am
11. Bunnyman Brewery at W-13 (Workhouse Arts) anticipating a Spring 2024 opening, and are working on building approvals and permits
12. CEO Leon Scioscia gave his resignation at Workhouse Arts House, effective at the beginning of this month. Rachel Kizielwicz will be the interim CEO

Q1: Central Green has several pavilion spaces that sometimes lend themselves to large festivities on the weekends. Recently, some users have been playing loud music with vulgarities that offend other users of the park. How can we remedy this?

A1: We will look into what can be done in terms of signage and encourage calling the police non-emergency line if any incidents arise while using the parks.

F. Mount Vernon District School Board – Karen Corbett-Sanders

1. High School Graduations nearly completed, with FCPS high school classes as low as 425 student graduates and as high as 600. South County celebrated Michelle Togbe's selection as the countywide SAC & Dale Rumberger's new annual scholarship award
2. Digital face at schools will focus on addressing opioid & fentanyl overdoses this Summer
3. Committee Report from CTE Advisory Committee and the Family Life Education Committee anticipated over the next few weeks

4. Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority will donate abandoned airport cars (20 so far this year) that are then rehabbed and sold in Fairfax County

5. Last day of school is this Friday! Reminder to practice safe driving and awareness for cyclists and pedestrians this summer.

Q1: Can you explain why the FCPS School Board denied the attorney general the complete National Merit Report?

A1: The report was developed under attorney-client privilege so the outside law firm could have in-depth conversations with staff and families county-wide. Those conversations are all protected and private. Non-confidential results and an update were provided, but it was not provided in its entirety. All analysis and the report were taxpayer-funded.

G. Fairfax County Park Authority- Linwood Gorham

Mr. Gorham presented the following items:

1. Community Garden plots in Lorton are complete with a ribbon-cutting anticipated in the near future. All plots are already reserved!
2. Central Greens bathroom project has commenced. FCPA will still press to trim the schedule, which is currently anticipating completion next Spring.

**PRESENTATION: LORTON LANDFILL – OVERLOOK RIDGE PARK** \*Slides Posted to the website

Presented by Aimee Vosper (Deputy Director, FCPA), Jennifer Josiah (LDS) and Dave Casa (Waste Management/Owner)

- Current Milestone: Site Plan Revision submitted & accepted into the PLUS system ([001883-SP-002-3-5](#))
- Parking Opening now anticipated 1/29/2026 (slipped from 07/2025)
- LDS committed to a compressed site plan review process to gain back as much time as possible to the schedule
- Site Plan Revision approval is dependent on revision of the Soil Report (WM submitted initial Geotech report Spring 2022 and anticipates Soils Report submission in Summer 2023)
- Access Agreement Amendment is running concurrent with the site plan review. Currently in review and should be complete at the time site plan is approved
- Coordination with DEQ continues, with Major Modification review anticipated to take up to one year **after** site plan approval and land disturbance permit is issued

Q1: Has anyone from the FCPA or County staff has met with DEQ (e.g. providing them with the most recent site plan acceptance)?

A1: Noone from County has met with them. They simply cannot start reviewing until the site plan is approved.

Q1(cont): If the goal is to shorten the timeline, I think the discussions should be government to government

A1: Yes, we will reach out.

Q2: Why can't construction begin in the Winter?

A2: It's a preference of WM for risk mitigation due to weather conditions/logistics

Q3: What is a land disturbance permit?

A3: There is an actual permit issued for the site plan that officially states approval of the site plan. In layman's terms its final site plan approval with a permit.

C1: Supervisor Storck is disappointed with the delay given that just one year ago, we committed to the end of 2025. Concurrs with Mr. Clark that there should be efforts made to move the timeline to the left, and Mr. Gorham agreed that Mr. Clark's insight on government-to-government discussions to shorten DEQ review process were worth pursuing.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

##### H. Virginia State Senator Scott Surovell

Philip Scranage, Chief of Staff, greeted the group and presented the following on behalf of Senator Surovell:

1. CSX Update: The widening to add the third rail track through Lorton and Long Bridge project (originally a Phase 2 project to be completed by 2030) has been delayed by approximately 5 years, into Phase 3 of the overall improvements. Working to advocate for widening sooner
2. CONTACT: [District36@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:District36@senate.virginia.gov); [PScranage@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:PScranage@senate.virginia.gov) or 571-249-4484

##### I. State Delegate Kathy Tran- presented by Ben Hermerding

Mr. Hermerding greeted the members and presented the following items:

1. Working with the Senator's office to advocate for CSX third rail and Long Bridge project to remain in Phase 2, to include inquiry into funding sources
2. Primary on June 20 – Vote! Early vote locations open until June 17
3. May celebrated Military Appreciation Month with the following Purple Star Schools – going above and beyond to meet a series of criteria serving military-aligned students:
  - a) Cardinal Forest
  - b) Washington Mills
  - c) Washington Irving
  - d) Silverbrook
  - e) Gunston
4. State is winding out of COVID regulations/policies and is doing a Medicaid unwinding. Any residents with related Medicaid issues should reach out to Delegate Tran's office for assistance.
5. Some surplus funds remain unallocated with the possibility of a special session called to allocate those funds in the coming weeks
6. Contact information: (703) 539-2066 and [delktran@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delktran@house.virginia.gov)
7. Newsletter sign-up: [https://secure.ngpvan.com/OP4ARiDiLOiLxE0\\_xtDRfg2](https://secure.ngpvan.com/OP4ARiDiLOiLxE0_xtDRfg2)

Q1: The CSX third rail and Long Bridge project was a funded project that is now somehow not. Who moved it and why? My understanding from the recent community meeting was that unrelated engineering issues and other project prioritization is impacting this delay.

A1: Supervisor Storck, Delegate Tran and Senator Surovell's offices have not seen the increased cost estimate that they are describing and were also blindsided. There is a lot more information gathering to do, but all offices are also working to determine the answer to that question and also, a solution for it to remain in Phase 2 and remain funded.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### A. Transportation- Peter Weyland, Co-Chair; Dale Rumberger, Co-Chair

Mr. Rumberger greeted the members and presented items below:

1. Furnace Rd: Trucks there are down to 9 trucks (used tires and furniture have been removed) and signage is being erected to prohibit truck parking. It is improving! SCF will remain vigilant.
2. Still pushing for additional left turn lane from Silverbrook onto Lorton Rd and new signage for those trying to access 95 from Lorton Rd – this project remains unfunded
3. Plans have been shelved to add any additional platforms at Lorton Station
4. VRE is offering free rides every Friday this Summer

C1: White tape from the intersection of Silverbrook + Lorton Rd up to Liberty indicates surveying. Request for Transportation Chairs to work with County to determine why.

J. Public Safety- Jonathan Kiell, Chair

Mr. Kiell gave the following update.

1. There is no information yet on Captain for the new Lorton Police Station. The Police Station/Animal Shelter opening has been delayed until mid-Fall.
2. The Franconia Police Citizen's Advisory Committee had a presentation on Opioids and Fentanyl with informational handouts that will be posted to the SCF website.

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

Mr. Firth introduced Mason Neck Citizen's Association member Nancy Wilochka/Marvin Miller for an update on the BLM Meadowood – US Army Caisson.

There are concerns of impact on public sewer and loss of Mason Neck's largest recreation space for the permanent conveyance of BLM Land for the US Army Caisson population. The resolution approved by MNCA last night is requesting a pause on the rushed acquisition of the acreage. Specifically, that the Senate Arms Service Committee defer the markup and slow the process to identify other alternative private & public locations/options for the Caisson horses. A 2019 environmental assessment for the site in Old Colchester cited a 30-acre expansion, but no recent materials reference such expansion. MNCA is not looking for SCF to weigh in on a new issue, but is looking for support to take the time to make a more informed decision.

C1: Linwood Gorham agrees in the notion that the process should be slowed to analyze other options and make informed decisions.

C2: Dale Rumberger is frustrated by local and federal governments reaching into South County to take local land that is otherwise not available in Northern Va. Strongly opposes the notion of dedicating land in perpetuity and supports the need to slow this process down and review other options.

SCF Consensus to draft a letter of support asking to slow the process.

Vote: All in favor, passed unanimously.

Mr. Shovlin presented the following items:

1. Liberty Update: Ledo Pizza, Always Polished, Petite Smiles and Taco Rock are doing fit-outs. Playground for the new childcare center, Brynmor is under construction, with fit-out occurring inside as well. Brynmor is anticipated this Fall, along with end of year openings for other shops across from Lidl. There is an LOI for another business, but have yet to release name/details.

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

Mr. Rumberger greeted the membership and notified the membership a resolution will be brought forward in July for the Living Shorelines regarding what residents can/can not do along the shorelines. After a recent Supreme Court ruling, residents and SCF Officers are trying to determine the impact. Environmental & Parks are also studying the impact of data center buildings/ development and what parameters should be enforced (also being reviewed by the BoS). Lake Accotink Park has a subcommittee now led by Bulova that will be reviewing what will occur with the park.

Q1: Is the data center review going to be internal or done by a third party and can we get an outline of the analysis/report?

A1: Nick Rinehart will send SCF a copy of the Board matter and the Supervisor believes it will come back to either the Land Use or Environment committee for review.

Thanks for those that participated in the clean-up for Adopt a Highway. The second clean-up will be held in September with more details to follow.

M. Education- Wendy Henley, Chair

Ms. Henley was not in attendance.

**VI. ACTIONS & PENDING ISSUES: No reports.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 11, no August meeting, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.