

Minutes  
Greater Wilton Woods Citizens Association  
September 21, 2010

Meeting called to order by Larry Dempsey, President, at 7:40pm.

A list of attendees is available upon request.

Treasurer Report \$6,511.49 balance

Wilton Woods Garden Club is selling boxwood wreaths again this year to raise funds for the Memorial Garden. They are \$50. Contact Bonnie Clark if you would like to order a wreath. They will be available in early December.

Mr. Dempsey provided an overview of the meeting

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and Virginia Representative Mark Sickles discussed the recent tragic accident on Franconia Road. They expressed their sympathy to the family of Rebecca Johns expressed their appreciation to the citizens of Wilton woods for their support of the Johns family and stated their commitment to work with VDOT to address the traffic and safety issues along Franconia Road between Rose Hill and Telegraph Road. A study has been initiated, but will take several months to complete. VDOT will meet with GWWCA members when the study is complete to discuss the results of the study.

Supervisor McKay and Representative Sickles strongly encouraged residents to submit any suggestions concerning possible actions addressing these issues be sent to them via email. There was general agreement among those present that people should be able to cross Franconia Road safely.

Supervisor McKay provided an overview of county activities.

Road improvements –

- A public hearing was held at Hayfield High School regarding widening Telegraph Road. The county has approved \$10M for road improvements.
- Mulligan Road will connect Route 1 from Telegraph

- Work on the final section of the Fairfax County parkway began in early September.  
Lee District
- A spray park and treehouse are under construction. The projects are being funded by the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund. The cost is approximately \$1.5M. The space will be free to the public.

#### Land Use

- Addition of sidewalks
- Wegman's approved just south of Hayfield
- Springfield Mall (Vernado owner) approval for massive rezoning and refurbishing has been approved and Phase 1 has commenced. The entire interior of the mall will be rehabilitated and the final revitalization will include residential, hotel and retail. The project is expected to take 10 years and will look like Pentagon City when completed.
- Costco will go into the multiplex location on Route 1.
- Walmart will go into Mount Vernon District on Route 1 across from Pen Daw shopping center. This will not be a traditional WalMart, but a new urban Wal Mart.

#### Foreclosures

- Presently, there are approximately 120 foreclosed properties in Fairfax County; however, there are very few in Lee District.

#### Property Tax

The auto decal tax is back. The fee for a standard car is \$33.

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JEFFREY C. MCKAY  
LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

September 16, 2010

The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Office of the Governor  
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor  
1111 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor McDonnell:

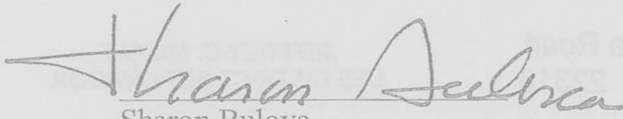
On August 30, at the intersection of Cannon Lane and Franconia Road, a car and a child on a bicycle collided with tragic consequences. The community now grieves the loss of a bright, happy, intelligent, and engaging nine-year-old girl. (The police news release is attached)

There is a long history between the Virginia Department of Transportation and the community regarding traffic control and the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as motorists along Franconia Road between Rose Hill Drive and Telegraph Road. Since the accident, we have received many suggestions for safety improvements in this largely two-lane section of Franconia Road. We are not traffic engineers and need your assistance to evaluate these suggestions. We do know this section of Franconia Road to be quite congested. The road is a primary residential thoroughfare and fronts heavily used athletic fields, churches, and a middle school. While there are some sidewalks and trails there are no crosswalks, making it treacherous to cross the road.

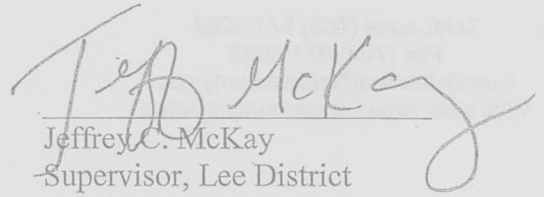
We ask VDOT to conduct a detailed review of Franconia Road and its side streets between Rose Hill Drive and Telegraph Road to identify improvements to pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The review should also revisit the earlier request from the Wilton Woods community for a traffic signal at Franconia Road and Clermont Drive. VDOT has previously studied this location and concluded that the most effective safety solution at this intersection would be a dedicated east-bound turn lane onto Clermont Drive—rather than a signal. Please reevaluate the studies of this location and include the results in the evaluation of the Rose Hill/Telegraph segment. The review should, however, focus on pedestrian and bicyclist safety and not only on ways to more efficiently move cars.

We thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter. We look forward to hearing whatever suggestions you find may be appropriate and stand ready to assist you in sharing this information with the community.

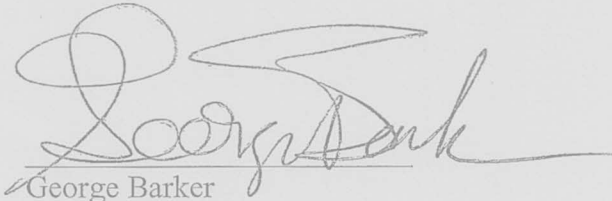
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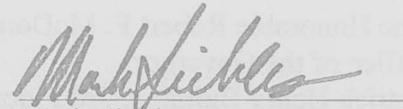
Sharon Bulova  
Chairman, Fairfax County  
Board of Supervisors



Jeffrey C. McKay  
Supervisor, Lee District



George Barker  
Senator, 39th District



Mark Sickles  
Delegate, 43rd District

Cc: The Honorable Sean Connaughton, Secretary, Virginia Department of Transportation

Encl: police press release