

Friends of Lancaster County LLC Meeting April 13, 7:00PM

President Charlie Costello called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
Approximately 40 members were present.

Charlie Costello again stressed the importance of attending all of the regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission and board of Supervisors.

Tonight's featured speaker is Donald McCann, an at large member of the Planning Commission, the NN land Conservatory and the School Board. He presented the Corridor Protection Plan, a method to promote business and preserve the rural character of NN counties. Key elements include reducing access and sharing drives to prevent conflicts on two lane roads, lighting, signage and landscaping buffers.

Mr. McCann noted that VDOT should consider relaxing road restrictions and pointed to the Taylor's Creek Road project as one that destroyed the rural character of the road.

Jim Sapione asked about clear cutting of forest plots. Mr. McCann responded that an effort is underway to buy easements along roads and creeks from forest companies to preserve buffers.

Discussion then turned to the status of the CVS site in Kilmarnock. It was noted that when a locality has guidelines it gives them leverage with large companies like CVS and them will go to design B or C rather than the standard "A" low cost high impact design.

Walt Fadley asked about old and rundown structures. The response is that this cannot be dictated to the landowner.

Bruce Burgess and Mary Alice Rath were thanked for their excellent work creating a logo, poster, and membership form for the organization.

Mr. McCann mentioned increasing interest in the Tax benefits of Conservation Easements and that some large parcels have been protected this way.

Jim Sapione noted that a Committee is reviewing the existing Comprehensive Plan section by section. There are 10 individuals on the committee.

Anyone interested in a correct version of the voting District Map for Lancaster County, the correct copy is in the Voter Registrar's Office on Route 3.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 an 7 PM.