

DSBA General Membership Meeting

May 20, 2008

Location: Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, 43987 John Mosby Highway, Chantilly, VA

Please see the sign in sheet for a list of members and guests in attendance.

Bill Dean welcomed the members and guests in attendance and called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Due to the number of guests in attendance, he gave some background information as to what the DSBA goals, missions and accomplishments are/have been.

Bill Dean talked about the agenda for today's meeting and advised the members that the DSBA strongly supports the Dulles Loop Implementation Group. The DSBA believes that the DLIG has the only comprehensive plan for the Route 50 corridor. Bill Dean introduced the letter that the DSBA sent to Leo Schefer, DLIG, and told the members that copies were available on the membership table. Bill summarized the DLIG's plan briefly by reading through the letter and then introduced our first guest speaker, Bob Chase, Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance.

Bob Chase distributed his presentation and reminded us that funds for road improvements come from the state – not the county. Bob said that the NVTA has \$1.6 billion less in the plan than we thought we had at this time last year for all current transportation funding needed. In the next 5 years, it is estimated we will lose \$500m in construction costs.

Bob urged the DSBA to consider endorsing the Northern Virginia Business Community Resolution (copy handed out to all attendees) prior to the special session coming up on June 23. Bob let the members know that the NVTA needs our support and the support of the businesses.

Bill Dean asked Bob Chase if he's read the plan of the DLIG and if he supports it. Bob said that the NVTA is in favor of changing the Route 50 corridor to tie the Fredericksburg area to the Dulles Airport area. The NVTA is very supportive of the DLIG's plan. Bob said that the goal of the NVTA is to make the corridor successful.

Bob Buchanan asked Bob Chase if the NVTA sees individual leadership that the members of the DSBA may be able to contact specifically about the transportation issues. Bob suggested contacting Delegate Vivian Watts or Dick Saslow.

As there were no further questions, Bill Dean introduced our second guest speaker, Leo Schefer from the Washington Airports Task Force on behalf of the Dulles Loop Implementation Group. Leo thanked the DSBA for holding a special DSBA meeting in March. Leo stated that the DLIG made a recommendation to VDOT and that copies of that recommendation are available at the registration table for each member. Leo stated that current projections for 2030 show that Route 28 near Dulles

Airport will handle 230,000 to 280,000 vehicles per day. Traffic projections for 2030 on Rt. 50 predict that it will handle over 80,000 vehicles per day. Projections for 606 determine that it needs to be an 8 lane highway and able to carry around 140,000 vehicles per day. Leo said that the Government is not doing anything to make traffic to the airport easier. Representatives from the counties, state, airports authority and private sector sat down and decided they needed a master plan and an implementation plan for immediate improvements to the entire loop without foreclosing on future expansion. Members from each of these areas (counties, state, etc.) formed a group - the DLIG. The DLIG hired Michael Baker as their Manager for the project.

Leo stated that airport traffic has grown significantly over the past 12 months even though flight operations have decreased by 2.7%. International airport traffic out of Dulles has increased by 14% and by 1% for domestic travel. Leo stated that the more we can make the Dulles Loop functional, the more we can make the property in the area become profitable.

Bill Dean advised the members of the DSBA that the Board would like to form a CLI working group/committee and will contact the membership with additional details.

Bill Dean advised the DSBA members that the Board would like to elect 2 new members to the Board of the DSBA – Dave Gunter, CGR and Steve Snow. Diana Hays will coordinate the elections in conjunction with the By-Laws and correspond with the members directly.

Bob Chase will forward the Northern Virginia Business Community Resolution to Diana Hays. Bill Dean will forward a recommendation and the resolution to the members for consideration and possible submittal to the NVTA.

As there were no questions for Leo, Bill thanked our guest speakers and let them know that our next meeting is scheduled for Monday Sept. 15 at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church and that our guest speakers are Congressman Frank Wolf and Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.