

February 22, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
Matters Presented by Board Members

1 **Chairman (At-Large):**
Presentations Requests

2-3 Fund Request for Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) Facility Renovation Project

Vice Chairman (Mason):
None Submitted.

Braddock:
None Submitted.

Dranesville:
None Submitted.

Hunter Mill:
None Submitted.

Lee:
None Submitted.

Mount Vernon:
None Submitted.

Providence:
None Submitted.

4 **Springfield:**
Autism Awareness Month

5 Lyme Disease & Fight the Bite Awareness Month

6 **Sully:**
Authorization of Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Cornerstones, West Ox Road and Route 50

7-8 *Joint Board Matter with Chairman McKay and Supervisors Gross, Palchik, and Alcorn - United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)*



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I move to approve, without objection, the proclamation requests listed in this document, to be presented inside or outside of the Board room as appropriate:

- A proclamation to recognize Surveyors Week from March 20-26 to be presented outside of the Board room, which is an opportunity to recognize the historic contributions of surveying, and appreciate the new technologies that are modernizing the profession.
- A proclamation to recognize National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week from April 10-16, 2022, to be presented outside of the Board room.
- A resolution to recognize Shirley Ginwright for her service to Fairfax County as she stepped down from her position as Chair of Communities of Trust on February 17.



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During the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB) distributed 27 million meals throughout Northern Virginia, nearly tripling their output from the year prior. This year, the organization's goal is to distribute approximately 8 million meals in Fairfax County alone, helping to rapidly serve residents and provide much-needed assistance during this difficult time.

To keep up with the need, however, the Food Bank was forced to double warehouse capacity through short-term leases – an inefficient mechanism in the current real estate market. Furthermore, the organization's current Lorton facility is aging and needs frequent, costly repairs which have led to several inefficiencies in day-to-day operations.

CAFB leadership has been working on a plan to expand their current facility since even before the pandemic, growing it by nearly 400 percent in square footage which that will enable an anticipated 300 percent increase in food throughput. The project would no doubt be a crucial step to meeting increased need, incorporating ADA accessibility, and enabling response.

The CAFB anticipates the cost of the new 45,000 square foot facility to be in the range of \$35 million and expects it will take two years to build. They have reached out to the state, private partners, and the Northern Virginia local governments in communities they serve to assist with this critical project. The amount of funding being requested by these various entities are

staggered based on food distribution totals in each jurisdiction. After meeting with the CAFB and facilitating multiple conversations with senior County staff over the last year, I feel passionately about our need to help – and to ensure they are able to continue to serve our community.

Therefore, I move that the Board direct staff to allocate one-time ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$5 million to support the CAFB’s facility renovation project in Fairfax County. Funds should be allocated from the County’s second tranche of funding, which is expected to be received no sooner than this spring. It should be noted the County is also drafting an agreement to protect these funds should this project not move forward or if unexpected changes arise.



County of Fairfax, Virginia

**Supervisor Pat Herrity
Board Matter
February 22, 2022
Autism Awareness Month**

Background: Mr. Chairman, April is National Autism Awareness Month, promoting acceptance for individuals on the autism spectrum. One in 54 children in the United States and more than 3.5 million Americans are on the autism spectrum, including over 125,000 Virginians. Persons with autism form an incredibly diverse community with vastly different abilities, limitations, and preferences from individual to individual. The coronavirus pandemic has had significant impact on individuals on the autism spectrum, resulting in constant changes of routine and making it more difficult for them to access vital services. Approximately 80 percent of adults on the autism spectrum were unemployed or underemployed before the coronavirus pandemic, and economic fallout from the pandemic has caused them to lose jobs at a faster rate than the general population.

Young adults on the autism spectrum demonstrate the lowest employment rates among people with disabilities. Individuals on the autism spectrum have amazing strengths and skills that often go untapped when the proper supports are not in place. Existing incentives or strategies for businesses to hire persons with autism are currently under-utilized or unknown. Modifying hiring practices to accommodate persons with autism, taking advantage of Work Opportunity Tax Credits, partnering with a non-profit resource provider, and working with a job coach have all proven to be effective in supporting persons with autism and their employers. In fact, fifty-nine percent of individuals on the autism spectrum gained employment after receiving vocational rehabilitation services.

Fairfax County is fortunate to have organizations like ServiceSource, Phillips Programs, and others that are dedicated to this mission of promoting gainful employment for those on the autism spectrum. Our community is stronger and more diverse because of our autistic residents and our businesses and nonprofits who partner with them.

Motion: Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that we prepare a resolution that celebrates April as Autism Awareness Month and encourages all citizens to exercise respect and compassion for our relatives, friends, co-workers, and fellow Americans on the autism spectrum. I further ask that the resolution include recognition of the unique challenges faced by individuals with autism during the coronavirus pandemic and that it reaffirms the commitment of this Board to encourage businesses and employers to utilize existing incentives and strategies to assist them in hiring persons with autism. This resolution should be presented at the April 12th meeting.

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County of Fairfax, Virginia

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Lyme Disease & Fight the Bite Awareness Month**

Background: Mr. Chairman, tick and mosquito season will be here before we know it, and many will be spending more time outdoors in the warmer months. Throughout the last few years of the pandemic, residents have spent more time outside, contributing to higher numbers of confirmed and likely cases of Lyme Disease. Lyme Disease, Zika Virus, West Nile Virus, and other vector-borne diseases can have severe health impacts on our constituents. Lyme Disease is the fastest spreading vector-borne disease in the United States. Several hundred cases of Lyme Disease have been reported in Virginia in the last few years and many cases go unreported, as symptoms, like the ‘Bulls-eye’ rash, go undetected or are misdiagnosed. The Virginia Department of Health shared with my office that in 2020 many efforts to track Lyme disease were diverted to the pandemic effort so many more cases than normal likely were unreported.

Lyme is a terrible disease that can take many forms, from muscle pain to arthritis, to heart disease and Bell’s Palsy. It can cause flu-like symptoms as well as extreme fatigue. Lyme Disease Awareness month is officially recognized in May and offers us an opportunity to bring this issue to the public’s attention. County residents can protect themselves by performing tick checks after outdoor activities and promptly removing attached ticks. With more people spending time outside during the pandemic, it is even more important to educate residents on how to protect themselves from disease-carrying ticks. This education is especially important for our children as 30 percent of the 476,000 cases reported by the CDC annually are children.

Mosquito bites also can transmit various diseases such as Zika and West Nile Virus. Fairfax County residents can be instrumental in eliminating places where mosquitoes lay their eggs by checking their properties weekly for stagnant water by tipping and tossing flowerpots, buckets, toys and other containers that might collect water.

Motion: Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that we prepare a resolution declaring May 2022 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month to be presented to Monte Skall, Director of National Capital Lyme & Tick-Borne Disease Association at our May 10th meeting and ask that the Office of Public Affairs share information on preventing and recognizing the symptoms of Lyme Disease. I also ask that OPA share this information with our partners at FCPS for students and their parents to educate themselves as well.

Mr. Chairman, I also ask without objection that we prepare a separate resolution declaring May 2022 as Fight the Bite Awareness Month to be presented to the Fairfax County Health Department at our May 10th meeting.

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Sully District

Board Matter

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Authorization of Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cornerstones, West Ox Road and Route 50

Mr. Chairman,

The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority currently owns approximately 1.12 acres identified among the Fairfax County tax assessment records as Tax Map Parcels 46-3 ((1)) 8 and 9B. This property is vacant and may provide an opportunity for the construction of housing with on-site support services to serve low and very low income individuals. Affordable housing in this location will have access to transit along Route 50 and West Ox Road with proximity to retail, recreation, medical and other services in the area. Cornerstones, Inc. has prepared a proposal for the construction of a single multi-family building that would contain up to 34 units designed primarily for one-person households. The development would include on-site supportive services 24 hours a day. The property is currently planned for low density residential use at the baseline level and for office use at the overlay level. Review of a Comprehensive Plan amendment is needed to consider this proposal.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Tax Map Parcels 46-3 ((1)) 8 and 9B to consider affordable housing at a density of up to 35 dwelling units per acre as an alternative use on the property. A noise impact study should be a key component in the review of the amendment. The Plan Amendment should be reviewed concurrently with an application to rezone the property once such amendment is submitted.

This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on these applications by the Board, and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards. This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the applications.

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Joint Board Matter with Chairman Jeff McKay, Supervisor Penny Gross, Supervisor Dalia Palchik, Supervisor Walter Alcorn

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United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Mr. Chairman,

Fairfax County has a rich history of supporting policies and initiatives that promote gender equity, eliminate violence against women, and make Fairfax County a place for women to grow and thrive.

In 1971, Fairfax County established the Commission for Women tasked with advising the Board of Supervisors (BOS) with ways to promote the full equality of women and girls in Fairfax County. The Commission helped establish the Human Rights Commission (now affiliated with the Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs), the Women's Shelter (now Artemis House), the Women's Re-entry Center (a career development center for women re-entering the workforce), and the Victims Program (now the Victim Services Section of the Police Department). The Commission is also a leader in creating many Fairfax County employment policies favorable to women and families.

This year marks the 50-year anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, prohibiting sex-based discrimination in any school or other education program that receives federal financial assistance.

In 2017, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the School Board adopted the One Fairfax policy that commits the county and schools to consider equity in decision-making and in the development and delivery of future policies, programs, and services.

In 2020, the Lucy Burns Museum opened at the Workhouse in Lorton, Virginia and the Turning Point Suffragists Memorial was dedicated to honor the suffragists contributions to the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, securing women the right to vote.

Fairfax County is engaged in a broad range of strategic initiatives and activities to promote gender equality and advance educational, economic, and social opportunities for those impacted most by discriminatory policies and practices. The County has an appropriate and legitimate role in affirming the importance of the principles of The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices and a broad coalition of community organizations including the Commission for Women organized the "Fairfax Working Group for CEDAW" to raise the awareness of human rights for women and girls and to promote measures that will eliminate inequities and discrimination experienced by women and girls in the County.

That being said, there is more to be done to achieve equity and equality for women.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask that staff and appropriate partners, review the recommendations from CEDAW and provide an analysis to the Board of Supervisors on what initiatives are in place now, what additional initiatives are on the horizon, and what additional resources may be necessary to further advance these efforts. This analysis is to be presented to the BOS by September 30, 2022. I also ask that staff prepare a resolution in support of CEDAW and invite the appropriate individuals to receive the resolution at the March 8 Board meeting.