

February 5, 2019

BOS BRIEF

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At yesterday's Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting, I was pleased to lead an aspirational and actionable **Environmental Board Matter - Fairfax Green Initiatives** - calling for the BOS to consider additional County actions to **dramatically accelerate** our efforts to address **climate change and environmental preservation**. I believe it is crucial that we **act expeditiously** and urgently if we are to begin to **stem the growth of greenhouse gasses** which are **dramatically altering our environment**, our world and the people, places and property in our communities.

Key actions include:

- Developing a **Community-wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)** and a **County-specific Climate Resiliency and Adaptation Plan**
- Contracting with an **energy savings performance contractor (ESPC)**
- Accelerating goals and targets for the **County's Operational Energy Strategy**
- Increasing **locally generated energy** (like solar) to offset all County government energy usage
- Increasing dedicated **County energy**, climate change and environment related **staffing**

The Board Matter, **joined by Supervisors McKay and Foust**, outlines **many more initiatives and actions**. While the **financial impacts of these actions range** from no-cost to some that may have significant costs, **all have strong environmental returns**. As a business person, I also sincerely believe that the **financial return on investment (ROI)** on most, if not all, of these initiatives **is high**, at least a \$3 return for every \$1 invested, which means they **can save, not cost**, the County money. **Energy efficiency** is something we can **all embrace and take action** on immediately.

Thank you to all my Board colleagues for their **unanimous commitment** to this important step in the **County's ongoing efforts to improve our environment**. Thank you also to the **community environmental and climate change groups** who have reached out to me and provided background to inform this Board Matter.

Top 3 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. Unanimously approved my **Fairfax Green Initiatives** Board Matter.
2. Approved the removal of the **planned Huntley Meadows bike trails** from the Comprehensive Plan.
3. Approved a **new mobile food vending zone on Corporate Court** in Newington.

I supported the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to **remove the planned Huntley Meadows bike trails**, with Supervisor McKay's follow-on motion that **directs staff** to immediately begin to **identify connectivity alternatives** to be included in the Countywide Trails Plan update. While I strongly support **connectivity and walkable, bikeable communities**, I do not want to see negative impacts on our local treasure.

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors February 5, 2019 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

The Board also designated:



February 2019 as Teen Dating Violence Month

To view the February 5, 2019 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 2: Approved the of acceptance of **additional streets** into the **State Secondary Road System**. The streets added in the Mount Vernon District include: **White Spruce Way, Paper Birch Drive, Birch Bay Circle, and Douglas Fir Drive** in the Laurel Hill community. *The full item can be read on pages 9 - 13 of the Board Package.*

The Board authorized public hearings:

- On the proposed **Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2020**. The **public will have an opportunity to comment** on the proposed use of funds as described in the proposed Action Plan. Citizens may also comment on **housing and community service needs** in the County, as well as provide information concerning changes in **housing and community service trends** since the last Board public hearing on the Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2019 held on March 20, 2018. The hearing will be held **March 19, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.**
- On a proposal to abandon and discontinue portions of Lorton and Furnace Roads, and petition for acceptance of the **new alignment for Lorton, Furnace and Workhouse Roads**. This is a technicality based on the **realignment of these roads** following the recent widening and improvement project. The hearing will be held **March 19, 2019, at 4:30 p.m.**

Action Items

Action 2: The Board discussed **proposed revisions to the Traffic Calming General Operating Procedures** in the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP). Based on questions raised by the BOS, the **revisions will be reviewed next week** at the Transportation Committee meeting and **brought back to the Board** for endorsement on **February 19, 2019**. *The full item and meeting schedule can be read on pages 88 - 125 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Mount Vernon's 32nd Annual Town Meeting

On **February 2, 2019**, I hosted the 32nd Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting at Mount Vernon High School. At 7:45 a.m., the doors opened to the **exhibit hall** where 80 County agencies, non-profits organizations, and other groups were able to connect with and **answer questions from Mount Vernon District residents**. This year, the town meeting theme was "**Economic Revitalization**".



I would like to **thank all the agencies** that were able to attend and who continue to make this tradition so successful. I would also like to thank **Chairman Sharon Bulova, County Executive Bryan Hill, Mount Vernon District School Board Member and Board Chair Karen Corbett Sanders, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Congressman Don Beyer, and Fort Belvoir Garrison Colonel Michael Greenberg** for their willingness to

join me on Super Bowl Saturday and for providing residents updates on key issues affecting the Mount Vernon District, the County, and our nation. Thank you to **former Supervisor Gerry Hyland** for adding his unique charm to this annual event and **especially in recognition of Chairman Sharon Bulova**.

Thank you also to Fairfax County Communications Productions **Channel 16**. [Continue reading...](#)

Fairfax Green Initiatives

Based on a new report from the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), our planet is **facing unprecedented climate changes** requiring more **immediate steps to reduce our carbon emissions**. The IPCC, a group of the world's leading climate scientists, is urging governments to take action to reduce emissions by 45% by 2030 in order to keep global warming at a maximum of 2.7 degrees F (1.5C). We believe Fairfax County must do more as well by **accelerating and increasing** our previous actions, plans and commitments.

Below are **energy-related initiatives** which we believe are **crucial for consideration and expeditious implementation** if we are to begin to **stem the growth of greenhouse gasses** which are dramatically **altering our environment**, our world and the **people, places and property** in our communities. These initiatives have been discussed with leading area organizations, acknowledged related experts and now with you, our colleagues. [Read more..](#)

Action

Supported multiple proposed actions to accelerate Board consideration and action on a variety of green initiatives. [Read more...](#)

Joint Board Matters

Acknowledgement of Housing Hackathon

As you know the County held the **Housing Hackathon** last week at the University of Virginia's and Virginia Tech's Northern Virginia Center in Falls Church. The Hackathon was designed to spur innovation as part of our **ongoing efforts to grow** our innovation ecosystem and **advance our Economic Success strategies**.

I'm pleased to say that **it was a success** - it was great to connect the County with the innovators in our community to help us **solve local government challenges**. There were four presentations, all of which were thoughtful and impactful. It was clear the teams worked hard to come up with **plausible solutions** for those who need or seek **affordable, accessible, and/or fair housing options**. [Continue reading...](#)

Action

Directed a resolution to be prepared and signed for presentation to all three of the teams, judges, and mentors involved, including House.gov, House Guides, and the George Mason University Geographers at a later Board Meeting.

2019 Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs

My office (Supervisor Herrity) and Connection Newspapers, along with a variety of Supervisor's offices, businesses, and community organizations, have hosted **very successful teen job fairs and resume building workshops** for the past few years. These events focused on students and younger job seekers looking for a variety of employment opportunities; full time, after-school, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, and volunteer positions. The fairs have **provided hundreds of teenagers** the opportunity to get in front of employers and for **employers to find talented County students** to fill their positions. Thousands of students and hundreds of employers have attended these job fairs over the years.

This year I am teaming up with Connection Newspapers, Fairfax County Government, Fairfax County Public Schools, and Supervisors Cook, Smith, Smyth, McKay and **Storck** to bring our community five County Teen Job Fairs and Resume Building Workshops. They will be **open to all teens** in the County looking for employment or **tips to build their resume**. Free booth space will be provided to any business or organization to advertise their available positions. **Both teenagers and businesses or organizations may register** to attend by [visiting](#).

First jobs are important and these events help connect teens and employers face to face and prepare our youth for the workforce. Job Fairs in the Mount Vernon District will

be held on **Saturdays April 6 & 27 from 10 a.m. - noon at South County HS and Mount Vernon HS, respectively.**

Action

Directed the Office of Public Affairs to help publicize the 2019 Fairfax County Teen Job Fairs and Resume Building Workshops to the local community.

Public Hearings

Rezone from R-2 and HC to PDH-16 and HC to Permit Residential Development with an Overall Density of 12.6 Dwelling Units Per Acre, Approval of the Conceptual Development Plan and Waiver of Minimum District Size and Open Space Requirements on Skyview Drive

Approved the rezoning of this property located on the **E. side of Skyview Drive**, approximately 600 feet North of its intersection with Richmond Highway.

Proposed Plan Amendments Regarding Huntley Meadows Park Path from Telegraph Road to Harrison Lane and Huntley Meadows Park Trail from Telegraph Road to Lockheed Boulevard

Approved the Plan Amendments to **remove** a planned **minor paved trail through Huntley Meadows Park from Telegraph Road to Lockheed Boulevard** and a planned **shared use path through Huntley Meadows Park from Telegraph Road to Harrison Lane** from the Comprehensive Plan. The Board heard from **many citizens** in support and opposition to the trails remaining in the Comprehensive Plan. A **follow on motion directed staff to immediately begin identifying connectivity alternatives** to the subject shared use path and minor paved trail **in advance of the Countywide Trails and Bicycle Master Plan update.**

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Regarding Article 12, Signs, and Related Provisions

The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment includes a **repeal and replacement of Article 12, Signs**, to include changes that will, among other things: (1) **rewrite existing provisions in a content-neutral manner**, to include **new provisions for the regulation of minor (temporary) signs** and the **prohibition of off-site signs**; (2) reorganize **all provisions in a more user-friendly format** to include graphics and a new section of defined terms; (3) **establish new regulations for electronic display signs**; and (4) establish more **uniform regulation of signs** in all zoning districts. In addition, related sign provisions found throughout the Zoning Ordinance are also proposed for amendment accordingly. Following **robust Board discussion and citizen testimony**, the Board referred this item to the **Development Process Committee on March 12** and **deferred the Board decision to March 19, 2019.**

Consider Amendments to the County Code Related to Mobile Food Vending within Virginia Department of Transportation Rights-of-Way

Approved a proposed amendment to designate **two new mobile food vending zones** that would allow for **mobile food vending** from authorized public streets within the Dranesville and **Mount Vernon Districts**. This amendment designates **Corporate Court in Newington** as a mobile food vending zone.

Thank You to Everyone Who Made the 32nd Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting a Huge Success!

For those who joined us, please help us improve this **annual event** by taking our 10 minute survey. Even if you did not see the Town Meeting, please **consider taking the survey** and completing the **questions regarding what issues are important to you** and how you would like to receive **communications from our office.**

[Click here](#) to take the survey!

If you were unable to join us, there are many options below to watch a recorded



version of the meeting.

WATCH IT LATER!

Replays are scheduled for the following dates:

- Sunday, February 10 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, February 16 at 8 p.m.
- Monday, February 25 at 8 p.m.

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