

- During the past year, the number of people who were homeless in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community has decreased nearly 11 percent.

Who are the Homeless?

- In the January 27, 2010, Point-in-Time Survey, a total of 1,544 people who were homeless were counted; 892 were together with their families and 652 were single individuals.
- The number of homeless families decreased by over 16 percent from 2009.
 - 36 percent of all persons who were homeless were children under the age of 18.
 - More than 60 percent of adults in homeless families were employed.
- The number of single individuals who were homeless decreased slightly by 1.7 percent.
 - 60 percent of single individuals who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness or substance abuse, and many had chronic health problems or physical disabilities.

Chairman Bulova asked unanimous consent that the Board direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a press release sharing the County's progress on its Initiative to Prevent and End Homelessness. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chairman Gross returned the gavel to Chairman Bulova.

5a. TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC)
COMMONSENSE ACCESSIBILITY INITIATIVE (11:57 p.m.)

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Jointly with Supervisor McKay and Chairman Bulova, Supervisor Foust explained that the mission of the TAC is to provide advice, information and comments to the Board on major transportation issues faced by the County. In its role as an advocate for all County residents, the TAC has identified a need to bring greater thought and coordination to issues relating to making public transportation more accessible to disabled, frail and elderly County residents as well as other County residents who have difficulty accessing and navigating public transportation in the County.

To enable those residents to be actively involved in their communities, to maintain productive roles in the economy, and to have access to the full range of facilities and services needed to lead enjoyable and fulfilling lives, the TAC has recommended that the Board approve its proposal to establish and implement a

“Commonsense Accessibility Initiative” that would be dedicated to improving public transportation options for those residents.

Supervisor Foust said that the TAC’s proposed Initiative sets forth the dual goals of:

- Expanding and improving communication and learning tools offered to disabled residents to inform them of their public transportation options.
- Planning and prioritizing existing and structural improvement projects to ensure disabled residents with access to public transportation facilities and critical County locations.

As proposed, the initiative will also permit the TAC to use the transportation experience and expertise of its members to support the efforts of other Boards, Authorities and Commissions and County agencies responsible for providing services to disabled and elderly residents. He noted that the TAC has coordinated this proposal with the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board.

Therefore, jointly with Supervisor McKay and Chairman Bulova, Supervisor Foust moved that the Board:

- Approve the TAC’s proposal to establish and implement the Commonsense Accessibility Initiative.
- Commend the members of the TAC for advancing this important initiative.
- Direct staff to provide the appropriate support to ensure its success.

Supervisor McKay seconded the motion.

Following discussion regarding snow and adverse weather on the accessibility of sidewalks and bus stops, Supervisor Foust clarified that this was included in his motion.

Following further discussion of accessibility issues, the question was called on the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote.

6a.

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ACCEPTANCE OF A PORTION OF WHITLER’S CREEK DRIVE INTO THE SECONDARY SYSTEM OF STATE HIGHWAYS (SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT) (12:04 p.m.)

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Supervisor Herrity stated that after the completion of the Fairfax County Parkway project in the 1990 (R000-029-249-C512), the Virginia Department of