



Supervisor Hudgins' News from the Board

Below are excerpts from the **October 15, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting** that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. To reach the item-related back-up material, please go to the County's Board Package at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/9-24BoardPackage.pdf>; If you have an item of interest or concern, please feel free to contact my office at (703) 478-0283. This update is posted on my Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/. Some of the County links may not be active until later in the current week.

10-15-2007 Board Action Highlights

Presentations, Proclamations, Acknowledgements & Reports

- **Connector Bus with Bicycle Rack was demonstrated to the Board** and all visitors in front of the Government Center. All Fairfax Connector buses are now so equipped.
- **Proclaimed October as Head Start Awareness Month.** For more information, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc/news_release_6.htm.
- **Resolution recognizing the Northern Virginia Area Health Education Center** for its service to Fairfax County and Northern Virginia.

Appointments and Reappointments To Citizen Boards, Authorities, Commissions, and Advisory Groups (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/)

- Authorized the re-appointment of **Ms. Linda Rubinstein** to the **Alcohol Safety Action Program Local Policy Board**.

Vacancies: HM District is currently seeking persons to fill vacancies on the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee, the Fairfax County History Museum subcommittee, and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Citizens Advisory Council.

Administrative Items

- Approved **Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 08051** in the amount of **\$1,487,990 for the Health Department to Accept Grant Funding** from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Virginia Department of Health for Women, Infants, and Children Grant allowing the Health Department to continue to certify eligible families. For WIC food packages, to provide counseling to at-risk and high risk families and continue lactation promotion activities.
- Authorized the extension of review period for 2232 Review Applications (Braddock, Dranesville, Hunter mill, Mason, Providence, and Springfield Districts) for Hunter Mill FSA-H00-07-1, Spring Nextel Communications to replace existing antennas, add antennas and equipment cabinet at 13865 sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA.

Action Items

- **Approved a contract agreement between the County and Sprint-Nextel for the redevelopment of a regional 800 MHz rebanding plan for the National Capital Region.** The agreement requires Sprint Nextel to pay all reasonable costs of planning and implementation of the rebanding activities. The rebanding effort reassigns the radio frequency spectrum used by Spring Nextel and local governments, including public safety and public service frequencies used by the County.
- **Authorized the County Executive to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relative to Improvements to Route 657, Centreville Road.** VDOT has determined and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) concurred **that the proposed project will constitute an adverse effect on the eligible Floris Historic District.** VDOT and DHR in consultation with the County of Fairfax and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) agree that the project be implemented in accordance with stipulations which take into account its effect on historic properties and drafted an MOA to ensure that they are carried out. **VDOT is required to:**
 - a) Avoid physical encroachment on the Frying Pan Spring Meetinghouse, National Register of Historic Places listed property.
 - B) Conduct archaeological testing to delineate the boundaries of the Meetinghouse cemetery and enumerate unmarked graves,
 - c) Install historically appropriate fencing and a gravel-surfaced parking lot at the Meetinghouse,
 - d) Compile documentation on the Floris Historic District and provide historical documentation reports to Fairfax County public libraries.**Bowman's Store:** VDOT and DHR have agreed that because of its condition, it is not prudent to dismantle and move Bowman's store, and following documentation, the building will be demolished.

- **Approved the establishment and assembly of the Fairfax County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team** to enhance the County's coordinated response to incidents of domestic violence in the County.
- **Approved allocation of \$110,000.00 to the Reston Historic Trust for community revitalization to be used for the Reston Museum.** This allocation is a portion of the requested amount of \$250,000 as part of the grant application to the Department of Housing and Community Development under the Investing in Communities Program. Because of a technicality, the monies were allocated to other projects so they would not be lost. The remaining funds will be secured from the FY 2009 Community Development Block Grant allocation, subject to appropriation.
- **Presented testimony for Public Hearing on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Six-Year Program for Highway and Transit funds for FY 2009 through FY 2014.** The public hearing will be held on **November 13, 2007 at 6:00 PM at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.** The FY 2009 to FY 2014 Program is scheduled to be adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation board (CTB) in March, 2008. Requested funding for highway projects include those in the **Board of Supervisors' Four-Year Transportation Plan.** The County also requested funding for the **Metro Capital Improvement Program, Public Transportation Projects (Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project, Dulles Corridor Transit Enhancements)** which include \$170 million for a Transportation Management Plan (TMP), Tysons Parallel Streets, Fairfax Connector Buses, Pedestrian Access Plans, Herndon-Monroe Expansion, and Wiehle Avenue-Reston Avenue Access Management Plan (RMAG). Also requested was funding for the **County Ridesharing Grant, additional Bus Service, Advance Public Transportation Systems (APTS).** County request with the State \$305 million that included the **HOT Lanes and Route 50 widening plan west of Route 28** be allocated before the Final Program is adopted. Full funding is available for **widening Route 7 from Loudoun County to the Dulles Toll Road** but the project from **Reston Avenue to Tyco Road** has been removed from the program because VDOT wants to convert accrued funds to federal funds (which would incur delays). BOS request that the recommendation not be implemented because right-of-way acquisition is starting and bond funds have already been used for the project. **General Items** include requests for a) **Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)** continuation of state matching funds and incorporation of Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's recommendations regarding FY 2009 CMAQ and RSTP programs, b) **Transportation Enhancement Funds** - Current state policy divides funds equally among construction districts. Fairfax County has only received

3.6% of the funding but has 13.7 % of the population. BOS request that funds be allocated by population.

- **Endorsed Fairfax County Projects for funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVRTA) Revenues and Fairfax County's Commercial Real Estate Tax for Transportation Purposes for FY 2008 - FY 2010** if adopted at a rate of at least \$0.08 per \$100 valuation (As of tax year 2007, each penny on the commercial real estate tax for transportation purposes is equivalent to approximately \$4.4 million in tax revenue. January 1, 2007 values used for illustrative purposes only.) **Hunter Mill District Project requests** included: **Fairfax Connector Bus Priority Service (960), transit capital for new buses, bus shelter program, pedestrian, bike, and spot improvement programs.** Roadway improvements: **Route 7 - Reston Avenue to Reston Parkway, and Route 7 - Reston Parkway to the Dulles Toll Road.**
- **Endorsed the Natural Landscaping Manual and the Implementation Plan** which establishes a criteria for the successful implantation of natural landscaping projects; establishes operational guidelines and supports the tree canopy goals, the Tree Action Plan, and the Board's 20-Year Environmental Excellence Plan for the County. Natural landscaping is guided by locally native plant species and communities and incorporates natural features such as topography and water into designed landscapes that attempt to emulate plant relationships found in nature. Some of the environmental, economic and social benefits of natural landscaping include air quality improvements, resource conservation, pesticide and fertilizer use reductions and water quality improvements. Specific County facilities were identified where the natural landscaping techniques could be applied and energy conservation plantings in county parking lots are scheduled to be installed, beginning on October 15 on a variety of county owned properties.

Information Items

- **SCC Final Order for Washington Gas Light Company Proposed Rate Increases Results in Customer Refunds and Significantly Lower Rates than Requested, SCC Case no. PUE-2006-00059.** On September 15, 2006, Washington Gas Light Company (WGL) filed an application with the State Corporation Commission (SCC) requesting a \$23.0 million increase in rates, revisions to its terms and conditions governing natural gas service, and approval of a three-year performance-based rate plan. In late July 2007, WGL, SCC staff and county staff reached a settlement of all issues. The remaining parties did not oppose this settlement and on September 19, 2007 the **SCC Final Order adopted the terms of the settlement, which is expected to save the estimated 201,940 WGL residential customers in Fairfax County more than \$21.3 million over**

the course of the plan, or approximately \$6.4 million per year. For more information, please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2007/230.htm.

- Contracts awarded for integrated sewer system special projects basic ordering agreements with Camp Dressers and McKee, parsons and CH2M Hill in the amount of \$1,000,000 each for special studies, design and construction administration. These firms were selected based on their technical expertise and relevant experience in the wastewater treatment design and technology.
- Annual Report on the Board's Four-Year Transportation Program and Other Active Transportation Projects presented. **Hunter Mill District Projects include:**
 - **Completed:** Chain Bridge Road between Gosnell and Westbriar, Reston Parkway at South lakes Drive, Reston Parkway at Sunrise Valley Drive, West Ox Road from Ox Trail to Lawyers Road, Fox Mill Road at Reston Parkway, North Shore Drive from Temporary Road to Sycamore Valley Drive, South Lakes Drive, Reston Town Center Transit Center
 - **In Progress:** Colts Neck Road from South Lakes Drive to Hunters Woods Shopping Center; construct sidewalk on west side of Colts Neck Road - completion 11/07.
 - **Projects Not Included in the BOS 40Year Transportation Program;** In design: Leesburg Pike from rolling Holly to Reston Avenue - widen to six lanes. Towlston Road - replace bridge over Rocky Run; Beulah Road bridge rehabilitation over wolf Trap Run - project initiation; Soapstone Drive Walkway (Phase 1) - install sidewalk on west side of Soapstone Drive from South Lakes Drive to Snakeden Stream Valley - in design waiting authorization of CMAQ funds; Fairfax County Parkway - widen to six lanes with HOV from Rugby Road to Sunrise Valley Drive - study. For additional information:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/transportation_plan.htm.
- **Recognition of Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports and the Annual Budget by the Government Finance Officers Association; Performance Measurement Program by the International City/County Management Association; and, Investment Policy by the Association of Public Treasurers.** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the CAFR for the County's Integrated Sewer System, and the Annual Budget has been recognized for excellence in financial reporting and budgeting. For the fourth consecutive year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial Reporting has been awarded to the County of Fairfax Integrated Sewer System for the Wastewater management Program's third CAFR, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Fairfax County has also received the GFOA's distinguished Budget Presentation

Award for the last 22 years and is one of 22 jurisdictions out of 200 participating in ICMA's Center for Performance Measurement and earned the Certificate of Distinction this year. For more information:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2007/228.htm.

Board Matters

- **Announced the establishment of the Hunter Mill Cool District Initiative.** The goal is to have residents, business communities, non-profits and faith communities, and schools embrace and promote the Fairfax County Cool Initiatives within Hunter Mill District to help reduce emissions that may be contributing to Global Warming.
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/178.htm
- **Approved appointment of Beverly Cosham, William Keefe, and Claudine Varesi** elected to the Reston Community Center Board of Governors at the annual preference poll election held on October 13, 2007.

Public Hearings

3:00 PM: Approved amendments to The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, to add a new chapter, Chapter 120 (Tree Conservation Ordinance) re: coverage of Heritage, Memorial, Specimen and Street trees. The amendment provides for the identification of trees for potential designation under the ordinance by the Urban Forester or by citizens, citizen's groups or organizations. Easements may be required to protect the natural vegetation, topography, and other natural features within the tree's critical root zone. Trees preserved under the ordinance may only be removed with permission of the Board and the Board may require replacement of trees approved for removal. Property owners must preserve and protect designated trees, including the critical root zone, and advise the Urban Forester of any trees that appear to be damaged, diseased, or dying. A civil penalty of \$2,500 may be assessed for violations of the ordinance.

Additional information: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2007/232.htm

3:30 PM: Approved PCA A-936-02/DPA A-936-04 and PRC A-936 (2222 Colts Neck Road L.L.C.) to remove church use from approved Development Plan and associated modifications to proffers and site design to **allow for 210 senior independent housing units located.** With the approval, Supervisor Hudgins has secured an additional forty-two affordable/workforce housing units for persons who have a median household income of not more than 80% of the area median income; commitment to restore, stabilize and enhance the Snakeden Stream Valley, a contribution of \$161,300.00 for the Friends of Reston for use in developing the Reston Nature House and off-site sidewalk improvements.

4:30 PM: Approved conveying County-owned property to the Fairfax County Park Authority and authorization for the County Executive to sign on behalf of the Board, a Land Bank Agreement. Parcels must be used for public park purposes. Parcels in Hunter Mill District include: Map No. 18-4 ((13)) parcel H, containing 6235 acres in Hunter Mill Estates, conveyed to the Board of supervisors by Deed of subdivision in Deed Book 9287 at Page 1274; Map No. 25-1 ((1)), Parcel 3A containing about 24.1731 acres, McNair Farms, recorded in Deed Book 2155 at Page 0378.

5:30 PM Approved amendments to the Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority restated and amended service agreement to establish funding formulas for construction of nutrient reduction facilities, expansion of the UOSA Flat Branch delivery system from 54 million gallons per day (MGD) to 64 MDG, and hydraulic improvements at the plant. This is mandated by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in response to goals of the Chesapeake 2000 Agreement between D.C. MD, PA and VA to reduce nutrients being discharged in the Chesapeake Bay watershed in order to improve its water quality.

5:30 PM: Approved the sale of a total of three million gallons (MGD) per day of Fairfax County's unused capacity at the Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority's Treatment Plant to Prince Williams County and the City of Manassas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Public Schools** have asked if this office would help distribute information about upcoming meetings their staff is holding to **conduct a study of several high school boundaries** in the western portion of the County. While the BOS is not responsible for school boundary policy, we are providing the information to assist the Schools in sharing the information for the opportunity of community involvement in this process. The **School's Town Meeting schedule** is as follows:

Monday, November 12, at 7:30 PM
Chantilly High School,
4201 Stringfellow Road
Chantilly, VA 20151

Monday, December 3 at 7:30 PM
Westfield High School
4700 Stonecroft Blvd
Chantilly, VA 20151

Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 PM
Oakton High School

2900 Sutton Road
Vienna, VA 22181

The **Southgate Community Center** is holding its **Second Open House** and Annual Meeting on **Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Take a tour of the Center; talk to staff, program providers and advisory council members, and tell us what activities you would like to see at the Center. There will be games, door prizes and refreshments. The Advisory Council meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at Southgate. Please feel free to attend any meeting. The Southgate Community Center is located at 12125 Pinecrest Road in Reston. For more information, contact 703-860-0676, TTY 711.

The Seventh Annual Hunter Mill Winter Coat Closet begins November 13, 2007 and ends March 15, 2008 in the Community Room at the Hunter Mill District Office, at 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Hours of operation will be Tuesdays, 10am - 12pm; Thursdays, 5pm - 8pm; and Saturdays, 10am - 1pm.

Donate new and "gently used" child and adult sized (XL & XXL are especially appreciated) winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. All donations are tax deductible.

Contact Mandy Guernsey at Reston Interfaith 571-323-9565 or Mandy.Guernsey@restoninterfaith.org, to volunteer or for more information.

Monday, October 15 was a Good Day for Affordable Housing and the Environment in Fairfax County with the following initiatives (details above):

- The Board approved administrative standards to accompany Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding the **Workforce Housing Program** adopted at the September 24, 2007 Board of Supervisor Meeting. The Workforce Housing Program, addresses proffered dwelling units designed to accomplish at least **12% affordable units in new high - rise / high density residential development**, and be affordable to those households earning tiered ranges of income of 80 - 100 %, 100 - 110%, and not more than 120% of the Metropolitan Statistical Area Median Income.
- Announced that **Fairfax County had purchased the Wedgewood Apartments in the Braddock District of Fairfax County**, comprising 34.8 acres and 672 units and bringing the **number of preserved units in the County to over 2,200** since the inception of the Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative in Spring 2004.

- **Approved residential developments** in Providence District with estimated 310 affordable units, Springfield District with estimated 90 affordable units, and **Hunter Mill District with an estimated 26 affordable units**, all achieving at least 12% affordable housing, combining for over 400 new units as a result of the new Workforce Housing Program.

Zoning ordinance amendments were approved **to protect certain trees** (see 3:00 Public Hearing and County press release at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2007/232.htm)

The County's "Cool Counties" initiative was reinforced with the establishment of the **Cool Hunter Mill District Initiative** to involve residents, business, non-profits, faith communities, and schools in the effort to **help reduce greenhouse gas emissions**.

Endorsed the Natural Landscaping Manual and the Implementation Plan which establishes a criteria for the successful implantation of **natural landscaping projects**.