



Hunter Mill Highlights

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This Board of Supervisors' meeting is our only meeting in December and the last for Chairman Gerry Connolly as he readies himself for his new position in the United States Congress. My colleagues and I on the Board had an opportunity to thank Gerry for his leadership and fellowship throughout his years as chairman and Providence District Supervisor. It won't be the same in the County without his leadership, passion and encyclopedia of jokes.

Save the Date: Wednesday, January 7, for the Hunter Mill District Town Hall FY2010 Budget, 7 to 9 p.m., at James Madison High School in Vienna. The Board and staff have completed their Lines of Business (LOBs) presentations and the Community Dialogues. Now I want to hear from you as we take the next steps towards a budget plan for FY2010. You can access the Lines of Business review and agencies' presentations on the County's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/budget/>

My staff and I extend our best wishes to you and your family for a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Cathy Hudgins

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12-08-2008 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **December 8, 2008 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 Agenda and Meeting Schedule*

section on the County's BOS Webpage for the specific Board date at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/meetings/2008.htm> Some County links may not be active until later in the current week. For items that relate to other Districts, see the Agenda or Board Summary at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/>

PRESENTATIONS

Certificate to recognize Claire and Kat Lanigan, creators of A Thousand Thanks to Military Children, a program that provides outreach and support to children of deployed members of the military.

Certificate to recognize the 75th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 152 of Vienna.

Adoption of the 2009 legislative program for the Virginia General Assembly and the approval of the County's 111th Congress federal appropriations request for FY 2010. The details of the legislative package can be viewed on the website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/legislation/draft09legislativeprogram.pdf>

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board>

Admin 1: Approved designating streets into the State Secondary System. Hunter Mill District streets added are Woodland Park Land Bay C-1: Sunrise Valley Drive (Route 5320) – additional right-of-way only.

Admin 2: Authorization to advertise the proposed Planning Commission public hearing for January 15, 2009, at 8:15 p.m. and the proposed Board of Supervisor's public hearing on February 2, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. for proposed Zoning Ordinance re: mobile and land based telecommunications facilities. Amendments to Chapter 65 (Plumbing and Gas Provisions) of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia (County Code) and Chapter 9 (Water and Fire Regulations) of the Public Facilities Manual (PFM). Proposed amendments to the Water and Fire regulations of the PFM would require that public water supply be provided for all new subdivisions where the lots have areas less than 75,000 square feet. Proposed amendments to the Plumbing and Gas Provisions of the County Code would require connections to public water when it is deemed available, and would require connection to public sewer when it is deemed available and when the structure is within an approved sewer service area. These connection requirements would apply to any existing or proposed building where there is no well or septic system, or that has a failing well or septic system that cannot be repaired.

Admin 3: Extension of review period for additional 60 days for 2232 application FS-H08-78, FS-H08-83 Cricket Communications – Rooftop Antennas @ 2340 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA., and 1800 Presidents street, Reston, VA., and FS-H08-93- Cricket Communications antenna collocation on existing transmission tower @ 9600 Center Street, Vienna, VA. FSA-H98-6-1 Sprint-Nextel Communications – add one dish antenna and one equipment cabinet to rooftop @ 8661 Leesburg Pike, Tysons, VA. In addition, the following applications are for public facilities and are not subject to the State Code provision for extensions not more than 60 day: **2232-H08-14, 2232-MD08-12 and 2232-MD08-13** – Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation on behalf of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Admin 5: Authorizes the Board to accept \$4,192,594 from the Department of Homeland Security. The funds will be used by various County agencies to address the planning, training, equipment needed to assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism. No local cash or match is required.

Admin 10: Authorization to advertise the Planning Commission public hearing for January 8, 2009, at 8:15 p.m. and the Board of Supervisor's public hearing on February 23, 2009, at 3:30 to amend increases the maximum allowable height of by right structure and rooftop mounted panel antennas; allows replacement utility poles and light poles on which antennas are mounted that are located in any street right-of-way to be greater in size than the pole being replaced, subject to limitations; and allows mobile and land based telecommunication hub sites to locate by right in residential districts in certain circumstances.

1. Allows an increase in the maximum allowable height of structure or building rooftop panel antennas that are permitted by right from 6 feet to 8 feet.
2. Currently by right replacement utility poles and light poles on which antennas are mounted that are located in any street right-of-way cannot be increased in size. The proposed amendment allows such replacement poles to be increased in size provided that such poles do not exceed 64 feet in height and 18 inches in diameter. Board Agenda Item December 8, 2008
3. Defines a mobile and land based telecommunication hub site as an equipment cabinet or structure that serves a mobile and land based telecommunication system when there are no antennas located on the same lot as the equipment cabinet or structure.
4. Allows mobile and land based telecommunication hub sites by right in (a) all C Districts, I Districts, except the I-I District, and in the commercial areas of all P Districts; (b) in any zoning district on lots containing Group 3 special permit uses, except home child care facilities and group housekeeping units, Group 4, 5 or 6 special permit uses, Category 1, 2, 3 or 4 special exception uses, and Category 5 special exception uses, except for bed and breakfasts; (3) and in any zoning district on property owned or controlled by a public use or Fairfax County governmental unit, provided that the hub site meets certain size, setback and screening requirements.
5. Clarifies that the height of replacement utility poles and light/camera standards shall be measured as the vertical distance between the lowest point of finished ground level adjacent to the structure and the highest point of the structure, including antennas.

Admin 11: Authorizes a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the County Code related to election precincts. This ordinance would divide the McNair (Hunter Mill), Laurel Hill (Mount Vernon) and Newgate (Springfield) precincts. State law requires precincts to be split once the vote count exceeds 4,000, which it did in each of these precincts in the November election. McNair will be divided and a new precinct

named Coppermine will be created. Both precincts will continue to vote at McNair until the construction at Coppermine Elementary is complete.

Admin 12: Confirms the addition of the Director of Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) Alternative School Programs as a member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Policy and Management Team (CPMT). The appointment of the Director of FCPS Alternative School Programs will enhance CPMT's knowledge and expertise in the areas of residential and private day academic placements and assist the team in policy and management and decision-making.

Admin 13: Approved authorization to advertise a public hearing to obtain input for the Department of Community and Recreation Services' grant application to the Commonwealth of Virginia for three replacement vehicles. A grant application in the amount of \$156,000 will be used to purchase three wheelchair lift-equipped replacement vehicles for the FASTRAN fleet. The grant will cover 80% of the cost with the remaining 20% or \$31,200 required Local Cash Match coming from the Department of Community and Recreation Services' budget.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: Approval of standardized languages for vegetated buffer easements and reforestation easements that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) pursuant to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance may require, as a part of the best management practices waiver/modification process, the establishment of buffer management areas as a precondition to the approval of infill-lot grading plans. Reforestation is one of the low impact development practices incorporated into the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) in 2007. The PFM requires that reforested areas be placed in an easement.

Action 2: Approved the sale of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2009 A and General Obligation Bond Refunding Bonds. The Board approved the sale of General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds an amount that will generate \$204 million to fund construction of capital facilities and infrastructure as previously approved by the Board. Also approved the sale of General Obligation Refunding Bonds to refund certain maturities of the Series 1999A bonds, of which \$73.15 million of bonds are outstanding and are currently callable. Assuming current market condition, a refunding of these bonds does not generate the minimum savings threshold established by the County; however, if interest rates fall by approximately 20 basis points (0.20%), a refunding may be viable and the Count would be in position to take advantage of this potential opportunity for interest rate savings.

Action 3: Authorizes the County Executive to execute the 800 MHz Regional Coordination Funding Agreement. This agreement governs the relocation of public safety and public service radio systems that are required by federal law to be relocated. Sprint-Nextel is required to pay all of the costs of planning and implementing the relocation.

Action 4: Approved an adjustment to the current FAIRFAX CONNECTOR bus fare policies and rates, to include;

A. Standing fare policy: Future FAIRFAX CONNECTOR fare increases shall generally follow Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) fare increases in implementation date and rate structure. The public meeting process for any future rate increase shall be incorporated, as much as possible, into the County's annual budget public hearing process.

B. Fare (Rate) Adjustments (effective Sunday, January 4, 2009): CONNECTOR bus fares and transfer policy will be adjusted to substantially mirror WMATA's approved fare structure,

Base Fare

- SmarTrip Users: The base fare for non-express routes will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25; the express bus fare will remain unchanged at \$3.00.
- Non-SmarTrip Users: The base fare will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.35; the express bus fare will increase from \$3.00 to \$3.10.
- Senior/Disabled: The fare for non-express routes will increase from \$0.50 to \$0.60. The senior/disabled express fare will be reduced from \$2.00 to \$0.60.
- This fare change includes all Fairfax CONNECTOR bus routes as well as the bus routes provided by Metrobus in Fairfax County including those that are currently operated at a reduced fare: 2T, 2W, 3T, 12A-C-D-E-F-G-L-M-R-S, 18R and S, 20F-X-W-Y, 24T, 28T, and REX.

Transfers

- Bus-to-Bus
 - SmartTrip users will transfer bus-to-bus for no charge within a three-hour window. This is an increase from the two-hour window currently in place for FAIRFAX CONNECTOR and WMATA.
 - Non-SmarTrip users will no longer be issued a paper transfer; riders will pay another full cash fare when transferring bus-to-bus.
- Rail-to-Bus
 - SmartTrip users will be charged \$0.75 for a rail-to-bus transfer, an increase from \$0.35.
 - Non-SmarTrip users will no longer be issued paper transfers at Metrorail stations (or on buses). Customers will pay another full cash fare when transferring from a train to a bus.
- The TAGS (Transportation Association of Greater Springfield) fare will remain at \$0.25.
- The VRE EZ-bus shuttle fare will increase from free to \$0.25.

Action 7: Accepted the Josiah H. Beeman Commission Report to Facilitate the Transformation of the Fairfax-Falls Church Mental Health System. The Board accepted the Josiah H. Beeman Commission Report and directed the County Executive and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board develop an implementation plan within 90 days that includes estimates of the level of investment required, the degree of difficulty anticipated, and an estimated timeframe for implementation.

Action 8: Authorized an Affordable Housing Program Partnership Tier I Predevelopment Loan from Fund 144, Housing Trust Fund, and an AHPP Tier III Loan from the Community Development Block Grant Section 108 Loan, to Wesley Strawbridge, L.P., for the Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Preservation of the 128-

Unit Strawbridge Square Apartments (Mason District). Approved an Affordable Housing Partnership Program (AHPP) Tier I predevelopment loan of \$50,000 and an AHPP Tier III loan of \$5,040,000, subject to an appraisal, as part of the overall financing for Strawbridge Square Apartment.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 8: The contract for implementation of the 800MHz Radio Rebanding Agreement was awarded to Motorola.

Item 9: Comments Regarding the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) Proposed Access Management Regulations and Standards for Minor Arterials, Collectors, and Local Streets. The 2007 General Assembly approved legislation directing the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT's) commissioner to develop and publish access management standards for state highways. These regulations and design standards are intended to reduce traffic congestion, improve safety, support economic development, and reduce the need for new highways or widening of existing highways. The goal is to maximize performance of existing facilities by setting requirements for entrances, turn lanes, spacing between intersections, and other roadway elements.

During the second (current) phase, the regulations and standards that were developed during 2007 for minor arterials, collectors, and local streets are undergoing public comment and review.

County staff has concerns about specific elements of VDOT's proposed standards and regulations that appear to be more appropriate for rural or developing areas of Virginia than for Fairfax County. Staff previously submitted detailed comments to VDOT on the draft regulations and standards that were reviewed in 2007 prior to the phasing of implementation by type of functional classification. VDOT made modifications since that initial review that have addressed many of the previous comments; however, there are still some issues of concern. Major staff comments are described below.

1. The regulations and standards are heavily oriented towards vehicular traffic flow and increasing capacity by limiting traffic signals and intersection spacing. There needs to be more explicit consideration of accommodating pedestrians and bicycles in the transportation system.
2. The proposed access spacing standards, turn lane lengths, and other elements often cannot be met in urban areas such as Fairfax County, particularly in retrofit situations and in areas such as Tyson's Corner, Springfield, Annandale, Merrifield, Springfield, and others which are planned for higher density and town centers within urban grid systems.
3. Staff recommends that all developer plans submitted by October 1, 2009, be exempt from the spacing standards rather than only plans that have been approved by October 1, 2009, as proposed by VDOT.
4. The definition of a private entrance as limited to serving only two private residences is a problem, since Fairfax County allows pipestem driveways serving up to five residences and they may not be able to meet the sight distance requirement for a

commercial entrance.

5. It is not clear how the transition period will work in implementing these new standards and regulations. Many of the topics covered in new Appendix G of the Road Design Manual are also covered in existing Appendix C and the process for obtaining design waivers is different.

BOARD MATTERS

Hunter Mill District Town Hall on FY 2010 Budget: In an effort to provide residents with a summary of the Lines of Business process, an understanding of the challenges the community faces in the FY2010 Budget, and to address citizen concerns, I am convening a Hunter Mill District Town Hall FY2010 Budget meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at James Madison High School in Vienna.

Town Hall Meeting on the Foreclosure Crisis: On Thursday, January 8, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., I will host a Town Hall Meeting on the Foreclosure Crisis for homeowners and renters who live in Fairfax County. The meeting will be at the Reston Community Center, located at 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA, and presentations will be given by the Homeownership Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Consumer Affairs Branch of the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection. Representatives from Legal Services of Northern Virginia will be available to provide foreclosure counseling and answer questions. Additionally, information will be provided by various County agencies that can also provide much needed services during these very difficult financial times. Space is limited so register early at the Hunter Mill District Office at 703-478-0283.

Activities of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Coordination Committee (EECCC). Last month, the County Executive formed the Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Coordination Committee (EECCC) in response to the directive from the Board of Supervisors that a full-time energy manager be hired to address energy efficiency and conservation efforts across the County. The County Executive provided in correspondence to the Board that the formation of the EECCC Committee would be as effective as and less costly than adding or designating a county staff person as energy manager. This EECCC Committee is charged with developing cross-organizational strategies to reduce the County's demand for energy. I requested the County Executive report back to the Board on current and future activities of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Coordination Committee (EECCC) no later than March 9th, 2009 so that the Board is both fully informed and fully engaged in this important effort.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4:00 p.m. Public Hearing to Establish the Reston Community Parking District (Hunter Mill District). The Board adopted the amendment to the Fairfax County Code shown in Attachment I to establish the Reston CPD in accordance with existing large area CPD restrictions.

The Parking District includes all of Reston Small Tax District 5. See http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/large_cpd.htm for map and information. The parking prohibition will be in effect seven days a week, 24 hours per day on state owned secondary roads.

The Reston large area CPD is the second non-petition based CPD established in the County; the first was the Mount Vernon District established on March 10, 2008. Existing CPD signs within the Golf Course Square and Vantage Hill communities which are within the new district will not be removed

4:30 – Public Hearing on the Proposed Comprehensive Agreement with JPI Development Services, L.P., for the development and operation of “The Residences at the Government Center” pursuant to the Public-Private Education and Infrastructure Act of 2002. The contract was approved by the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

W&OD Trail Connection - The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), following a public meeting with the community, review of public comments, and in consultation with design engineers, is moving forward with a connector trail from the W & OD Regional Park to Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Construction could begin in late spring or early summer, 2009. For further information, contact NVRPA 703-352-5900 or thafner@nvrpa.org.

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Town Hall Meeting on the Foreclosure Crisis will be on Thursday, January 8, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA. Call my office for reservations (space is limited) – 703-478-0283.

The Coat Closet, sponsored by my office and Reston Interfaith, has given out over 2,000 coats during the first month of operation this year. Your donations of new or nearly new winter coats for children and adults are still needed. The Coat Closet is conducted on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon, Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the North County Government Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, in Reston. Please call my office for additional information (703-478-0283).

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