



## Supervisor Hudgins' News from the Board

Below are excerpts from the May 21, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. To reach the back-up material that does not have a direct link, please go to my website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/>. Some of the County links may not be active until later in the current week. If you have an item of interest or concern, please feel free to contact my office at (703) 478-0283.

### **05-21-2007 Board Action Highlights**

#### **Presentations, Acknowledgements & Reports**

There were no Hunter Mill District Presentations at this Board Meeting. For information on presentations that were given, please see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/presentations.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/presentations.htm)

#### **Appointments To Citizen Boards, Authorities, Commissions, and Advisory Groups**

Vacancy - Athletic Council Alternate. Interested person should forward resume to the Hunter Mill District Office.

#### **Administrative Items**

- **Authorized the advertisement of a public hearing to consider amendments to Chapter 4 (Taxation and Finance) of the Fairfax Code Relating to Courthouse Security Fees** relating to a fee increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in the courthouse security fee imposed on each criminal and traffic case in the Circuit and District Courts of the County. Senate Bill 1082 signed into law on March 15, 2007 permits the increase effective 7/1/07. Increase will support the Sheriff's office with cost associated with courthouse security and generate approximately \$0.9 million annually.
- **Authorized a Public Hearing on Amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 82-1-6, Adoption of State Law. Includes the following:** Ignition interlock and

loss of restricted license; Limits on driving on a restricted permit; Third offense driving on a suspended license' penalty Toy vehicles (including battery powered); Exemption for federal, state, and local officials from fees charged by DMV for obtaining data from DMV records; Driving without a license; penalties; Drivers licenses issued to persons convicted of driving under the influence; Issuance of a license to operate a motorcycle; Use of wireless telecommunications devices by holders of provisional driver's licenses; Alcohol-related reckless driving; Vehicle titling and registration; License plates for antique motor vehicles and antique trailers; penalties; Exemption from local tax and license fees for certain law-enforcement officials; Smoking in proximity to gas pumps; penalty; Maximum speed limit for school buses; Speed determination devices; Incident management; Stickers on mopeds; Law-enforcement escorts; Visual displays in motor vehicles; Child restraint devices; Vehicle safety inspection stickers; Parking: Added: VDOT commuter parking lot regulations; Designation of private roads as highways.

- **Authorized the advertisement of a Public Hearing to Amend Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 3 of the Uniformed and Employees' Retirements System** which would revise service-connected disability retirement benefits by changing the reduction based on Social Security benefits from 64 percent to 40 percent of benefits.
- **Authorized the advertisement of a Public Hearing to Amend Article 7 of Chapter 3 of the Uniformed and Employees' Retirements System**, to allow a change to the Police officers Retirement System that reduces the employee contribution rate from 12 percent to 11 percent and eliminates a 30 year cap on creditable service.

## **Action Items**

- **Approved Revisions to Chapters 1,2,5,6 and 17 of the Personnel Regulations** to reflect current terminology, clarify policy and procedures and more accurately reflect recruitment practices.
- **Authorized reallocation and disbursement of funds in the amount of \$108,000 from The Penny for Affordable Housing Fund**, towards the permanent financing for the Acquisition and Preservation of four units at Bryson at Woodland Park by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority. As of May 15, 2007, a total of 1,372 units of affordable housing have been preserved as a result of the Board's Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative. More information can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/5-21BoardPackage.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/5-21BoardPackage.pdf)

- **Authorized reallocation disbursement of funds in the amount of \$188,000 from The Penny for Affordable Housing Fund**, towards the permanent financing for the Acquisition and Preservation of three town homes in Fair Oaks Landing in the Springfield District by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority. As of May 15, 2007, a total of 1,372 units of affordable housing have been preserved as a result of the Board's Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative. More information can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/5-21BoardPackage.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/5-21BoardPackage.pdf).
- **Authorized the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority to submit grant applications** for renewal of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator and the Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinator under the Fiscal Year 2007 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Super Notice of Funding Availability
- **Authorized the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) to issue tax-exempt and taxable bonds in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000**, authorized submission of a letter of support for the Reston Glen Apartments to the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority in connection with an application for Private Activity Bonds, and authorized an Affordable Housing Partnership Program loan to be made by the FCRHA up to \$2,375,000 from The Penny for Affordable Housing Fund to Fairfield Laurel Glade LLC to refinance the acquisition, and provide funds for the rehabilitation and preservation of 40 units at Reston Glen Apartments. The 40 affordable units will be maintained at 50% of Area Median Income or less.

## Information Items

- **Received information pertaining to Fairfax County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)** for the 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive year being recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for excellence in financial reporting for Fiscal Year 2006. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.
- **Approved a contract award for consulting services for Connector Bus Operations Planning Support.** [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/)
- **Received information from the Department of Purchasing and Supply Management regarding a contract award as part of the Fairfax County Incentive Fund.** The fund assists the development of new and creative solutions that provide and/or expand successful services to un-served or underserved seniors and/or adults (18 years and over) with disabilities. Five programs were selected out of sixteen applicants who will receive a total

amount of \$300,000 over three years, and includes: Specially Adapted Resource Clubs (SPARC), the Arc of Northern VA, KCSC in Vienna, Senior Navigator, and PRS, Inc. in Annandale. More information can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/5-21BoardPackage.pdf>.

### **Board Matters by Supervisor Hudgins and approved by the Board**

- To reallocation funding to maintain mid-day 505 Connector Bus Service through FY 2008.
- To authorize appointment of Mr. Mayo Stuntz to the Blue Ribbon Panel for the development of a Fairfax History Museum

### **Public Hearings**

**(4:00) Approval of Amendment to Chapter 61 Article 1, Section 61-1-3 (d) (1) (A) 2c: (Building Provisions of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia)** allow for \$0 fee for permits associated with restoration work (repair, replace or otherwise reconstruct a residential, commercial or industrial structure) necessitated by a declared catastrophic event. Under current legal requirement there is no provision for the waiver of fees where damage recovery efforts are often a strain of resources for the property owner.

**(4:00) Board Deferred Decision Only until June 4th on Amendment to Chapter 61-1-2 Definition (Building Provisions) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia** to address permit applications that are being received for additions to homes, but are actually entirely new homes (most or all of the existing house is usually demolished). Utilities (water, power and sewer) may not be adequate for the new structure. Proposed amendment will add the term addition and will limit the amount and type of demolition and/or new construction allowed without being subject to the inspection and permitting requirement for new construction. Construction higher than certain percentages will be considered construction of a new house, including utilities and shall require a new Residential Use Permit. Clear distinction in county code between very large house improvement projects that closely resemble new house construction

**(4:00) Approval of Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance re: Large Retail Sales Establishments** to impose size limits under which such uses may be permitted either by right or by special exception approval. Main objective is to mitigate the negative impacts that may occur under by right circumstances. A subsequent review will take place after 18 months of implementation. Additional

information can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/approved/>

**(4:30) Approval of Amendments to the Public facilities Manual (PFM) Related to Fire Hydrants, Sanitary Sewers, Sidewalks and an editorial change to the Public Facilities Manual (PFM)** related to fire hydrants, sanitary sewers, sidewalks, and an editorial change. The amendment related to fire hydrants revises the PFM to incorporate the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official's (AASHTO) minimum clear zone width for urban roadways. (Amendment complies with AASHTO). The amendment relating to sanitary sewers revises the PFM to eliminate the end cap for inside sanitary sewer drop connections. The amendment related to sidewalks revises the PFM to incorporate the Planning Commission's recommended changes to the sidewalk provisions that were adopted by the Board on November 21, 2005. The amendment related to fire codes revises references in the PFM to align with the Fairfax County Fire Prevention Code.

**(4:30) Approval of Amendments to Chapter 118 (Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance) of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia re: Consistency with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations.** In 2005-2006 the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Chesapeake Bay Local Access conducted a compliance evaluation of Fairfax County's local program for consistency with the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations. It was determined that the County had provided an extremely comprehensive plan, but noted some minor inconsistencies between the language in the County's ordinance and the Regulations. These amendments address those inconsistencies.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Board's Bicycle Initiative Program Startup Status Report includes the following items:**

- Communication, Outreach, and Events contact information established (see above links)
- County Bicycle Route Map RFP
- On-Road Bike Lane Initiative
- Interconnected Bicycle Network, Pilot Program
- Bike Racks on Buses
- Bicycle Locker Rental Program
- Transportation Demand Management and Bicycles
- Other initiatives including Inter-County coordination, and partnering with MWCOG programs

For additional information see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/FCDOT/bicycleprogram](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/FCDOT/bicycleprogram);  
For questions, contact [bicycleprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:bicycleprograms@fairfaxcounty.gov).

- **Summer Recreation at Southgate Community Center**  
RECQuest is a drop-in program for children in grades 1 through 6 with an emphasis on developing lifelong leisure skills. You may register for the entire 11 weeks, one week, or any combination of weeks. 11 one-week sessions, \$70 per week per child; sliding fee scale available. For more information on summer recreation or other programs, please go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Comm\\_Ctr/Southgate.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/Comm_Ctr/Southgate.htm) or contact the Southgate Community Center at 703-860-0676

**Special Notice:** Fairfax Connector Buses begin accepting **SmartTrip Cards** June 1<sup>st</sup>. The new fareboxes will continue to accept cash, like the current fareboxes. Any questions can be directed to Beth Francis, Department of Transportation, at 703-324-1153