



Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

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The following are highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on **October 18, 2016**. Items below cover Mount Vernon District programs, actions, and residents, plus items that impact all of Fairfax County. For additional information, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. 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.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board designated:

- Oct. 15 as White Cane Day.
- October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month.
- October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Board presented:

- The [Environmental Excellence Awards](#), which recognize county residents, organizations, businesses and county employees who dedicate time and energy to benefit the environment and support county environmental initiatives.
- The [Exceptional Design Awards](#), which recognize outstanding achievement in the total design of a building and the site and to create an awareness of superior planning and design projects.
- The [Barbara Varon Award](#), which is given annually to a resident who has been dedicated to improving the community through volunteer service.

The Board recognized:

- Edward Batten for his years of service to Fairfax County.
- David West for his years of service to Fairfax County.
- Northern Virginia Technology Council for its 25th anniversary.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO CITIZEN BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, COMMISSIONS, AND ADVISORY GROUPS

Supervisor Storck appointed the following individuals at the last two Board meetings:

10/18 appointments

- John Burns, Architectural Review Board
- C. Richard Bierce, Architectural Review Board
- Brian Leclair, Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- Paul Luisada, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- Elizabeth Martin, Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Exception Review Committee
- Glenn Fatzinger, History Commission
- Cathy Ledec, Tree Commission
- Kimberly Vanness Larkin, Wetlands Board

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- Robert Surovell, Industrial Development Authority
- Robert Kuhns, Commission on Aging
- Hank Kim, Uniformed Retirement System Board of Trustees
- Deborah Hammer, Fairfax Area Disability Services Board

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 2: The Board approved the Mount Vernon District **Street(s) listed below be Added to the State Secondary System.**

- Huntington Mews Section 1 – Mount Vernon – Foley Street
- Huntington Mews Section 2 – Mount Vernon – Hunting Creek Road

Admin 4: The Board authorized the advertisement of public hearings on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that relate to the establishment of a new or the expansion of an existing winery, limited brewery, and/or limited distillery located on a farm in the Residential Conservation District. .

- Board action requested on October 18, 2016, to provide sufficient time to advertise the proposed Planning Commission public hearing on November 16, 2016, at 8:15 p.m., and the proposed Board public hearing on December 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.
- The proposed amendment is prompted by specific changes to Virginia law that relate to the establishment of a new or the enlargement of an existing farm winery, limited brewery, and/or limited distillery on land zoned Residential Conservation (R-C) District.
- The amendment does not seek to establish limitations on the normal operating characteristics of a farm winery, limited brewery, or limited distillery, as such characteristics, including tasting, sales and production, are set forth in the Code of Virginia and are specifically excluded from local regulation.
- The amendment proposes to amend the definition of agriculture and define farm winery, limited brewery, and limited distillery to include a minimum 20 acre lot size for such uses in all zoning districts where agriculture is permitted, except with respect to applications for an ABC Board license already pending prior this amendment. The amendment establishes new special exception requirements for expansions of buildings, structures and the uses thereof for existing farm winery/brewery/distillery operations, including standards related to events/activities, minimum setbacks, and prohibited uses, among others. The proposed changes regarding the R-C District are necessary in order to comply with changes to Virginia law that were adopted in the 2016 Legislative Session and took effect on July 1, 2016.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: The Board adopted a Resolution approving the Issuance by the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority of its Revenue Bonds for the Benefit GreenSpring Village, Inc. Refunding.

Action 2: The Board authorized the County Executive to Execute the Agreement between the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service and Fairfax County.

Action 5: The Board approved the allocation of \$1.2 million in the Tysons Grid of Street project funds to design Lincoln Street, which will help with traffic flow near Old Meadow Road and Magarity Road.

Action 7: The Board accepted the Public Financial Management, Inc. Public Safety Review, which suggested 11 recommendations to the organizational and compensation structure for the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office.

BOARD MATTERS

Hopkins House 77th Anniversary

The Hopkins House is a world-class, nationally acclaimed Community-Based Organization, supporting Education, Opportunity and Community by way of its highly-rated preschool academies in Alexandria, Southern Fairfax and Herndon, with successful work-force development programming and basic needs assistance to deserving families. They have served over 51,000 children, youth, and families over the seven decades since its founding in 1939. Learn more: www.hopkinshouse.org

- **The Board unanimously consented to offer its congratulations to Hopkins House and authorize a proclamation to be presented on November 7, 2016, at the 77th anniversary of the Hopkins House.**

Joint Board Matter with Chairman Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Dan Storck for MWAAs Implementation of a DCA Fly Quiet Program & Implementation of a Permanent MWAAs Noise Advisory Working Group

Residents in the Bell Haven, Villamay, Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Hollin Hills, Wellington Heights, and other communities of the Mount Vernon District have been subjected to continuous high noise levels since April 2015, created by aircraft departing DCA and turning west five miles south of the airport to pass overhead in dim power at altitudes between 2200-3500 feet.

The current MWAAs working group is chartered to inject broad-based community input into noise-related discussions, and to move the noise discussion beyond the airing of individual and neighborhood complaints toward a cooperative effort to identify practical solutions and recommend those solutions to the MWAAs for submission to the Federal Aviation Administration for consideration and action.
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/mwaa-airport-noise-report.htm>

To date, noise complaints north of DCA have resulted in two Working Group recommendations that the FAA that the FAA revise the current north flow departure procedure waypoints to maximize the time aircraft spend flying directly over the Potomac River and minimizing the time aircraft spend flying over adjacent communities.

The Mount Vernon community is asking for the same consideration to be given to the southern part of Fairfax County with recommendations for MWAAs and FAA to reduce the excessive noise concentrated on affected communities and not to simply move the problem to other communities both within and beyond the Mount Vernon district. Identifying and rectifying the issues of outgoing and incoming aircraft noise is critical for a complete solution.

In addition, implementation of a DCA Fly Quiet Program provides an opportunity to influence airlines to operate as quietly as possible in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area. A successful Fly Quiet Program should reduce both single event and total noise levels around the airport and along the departure and approach flight paths. Fly Quiet reports communicate results in a clear, understandable format on a scale of 0-10, zero being poor and ten being good. This allows for an easy comparison between airlines over time. Individual airline scores are computed and reports are generated each quarter. These quantitative scores allow airline management and flight personnel to measure exactly how they stand compared to other operators and how their proactive involvement can positively reduce noise in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area.

- **The Board authorized staff to write a letter to MWAAs indicating the Board of Supervisors support to implement a DCA Fly Quiet Program, and create a permanent MWAAs Noise Advisory Working Group, and address noise issues of outgoing as well as incoming aircraft.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board **deferred decision only to November 1**, at 3 p.m. on the proposed **L & F Bock Farm** to provide affordable **Independent Senior Living Housing units** adjacent to the Mount Vernon Hospital site, approximately 0.1 mile SouthWest of the Intersection of Hinson Farm Road and Parkers Lane. The Planning Commission Recommendation includes: 1) approval to Amend the Proffers Previously Approved for Residential Use, to Permit Deletion of Land Area, located on approximately 4.38 acres of land 2) to ReZone to Permit Independent Living Facilities and Modification of the Minimum District Size Requirements with a Total Density of 29.22 Dwelling Units per Acre, located on approximately 4.38 Acres of Land, and 3) to Permit Independent Living Facilities, located on Approximately 4.38 Acres of Land Zoned PDH-5 and Proposed as R-8.

In order to have additional time to respond to the community concerns, address questions, and respond to misinformation circulating through the community regarding the age minimum, Supervisor Storck asked for a deferral on L & F Bock Farm and worked with county staff to answer questions and a response finalized by Oct. 19.

The Board **unanimously approved** the **Charles County Sand & Gravel Company**, Inc. to Permit Heavy Industrial Use (Concrete Batching Plant), located on approximately 5.23 acres of land zoned I-6. This property is located at 9520 Gunston Cove Road in Lorton, 22079. On June 16, 2016, the Planning Commission voted 6-4 to recommend the following actions to the Board of Supervisors: 1) Approval of SE 2015-MV-019, subject to the approval of the proposed Development Conditions dated March 8, 2016; and 2) Approval of a modification of Sections 13-303 and 13-304 of the Zoning Ordinance for the transitional screening and barrier requirements to that shown on the SE Plat.

The Board held a public hearing and approved the **proposed plan amendment 2014-IV-MV3, located on the East of Metroview Parkway, South of Cameron Run**. Plan amendment 2014-IV-MV3 proposes to amend the Comprehensive Plan guidance for an approximately 6.3-acre area located in the Huntington Transit Station Area (TSA). The subject area is currently planned for office use up to 200,000 square feet. The amendment considers adding an option for residential up to 360 multifamily dwelling units. The Staff Report for 2014-IV-MV3 has been previously furnished and is available online at:

The Board held a public hearing and approved the **proposed plan amendment 2015-IV-MV3**, located on the **East side of Richmond Highway, North of Fairview Drive**. Plan amendment 2015-IV-MV3 proposes to amend the Comprehensive Plan guidance for an approximately 5.2-acre area located on Richmond Highway in the MV3-Belle Haven Community Planning Sector, partially within Land Unit G of the Penn Daw Community Business Center. The subject area is currently planned at the baseline for community-serving retail use at an intensity up to .50 floor area ratio and residential use at a density of 3-4 dwelling units per acre, with an option for redevelopment through a concurrent plan amendment and rezoning process. **The amendment considers multifamily residential use to include up to 375 dwelling units and up to 7,500 square feet of retail use.** The Staff Report for PA 2015-IV-MV3 has been previously furnished and is available online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/planamendments/2015-iv-mv3.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Harvest Family Days**

Mount Vernon celebrates the autumn season with Fall Harvest Family Days! The entire family enjoys autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, 18th-century dancing demonstrations, a straw bale maze, farrier (blacksmithing) demonstrations, corn husk dolls demonstrations, early-American games and music, and much more! Fall Harvest Family Days takes place Oct. 22-23, rain or shine. Learn more:

<http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/2016-10-19/>

- **Haunted Attraction at the Workhouse**, Oct. 21-22 and **Oct. 28-29**

<http://www.workhousearts.org/get-involved/special-events/>

- **Mount Vernon District Community Resiliency Exercise, November 3, 2016**, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.,

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306.

Register at mtvernonresiliency.eventbrite.com

- **Small Business Saturday at the Workhouse, November 26, 2016.**

For details on this and other upcoming special events at the Workhouse, visit

<http://www.workhousearts.org/get-involved/special-events/>

- Mark your calendars for **Tour de' Mount Vernon**, encompassing physical activity, scenic routes and history. This first-ever event is planned for **November 2016**.

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