

County of Fairfax, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

March 26, 2019

TO:

Board of Supervisors

FROM:

County Executive

SUBJECT:

October 30, 2018 Board Matter 3a – Joint Meeting with the Fairfax County

School Board Concerning Energy and Environment

At the October 30, 2018 Board of Supervisors (Board) meeting, Chairman Bulova announced that on October 11, the Fairfax County School Board adopted a resolution calling on State and Federal lawmakers to act to address climate change. She stated that the Board of Supervisors has already taken a strong position on climate change and reducing overall impacts on the environment through the adoption of its Environmental Vision, its commitment to Cool Counties, the recent adoption of the Operational Energy Strategy, and multiple environmental positions in its legislative agenda. The Board is also engaged regionally through the Council of Governments (COG) and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC).

Chairman Bulova agreed with the School Board's resolution and noted that by collaborating further on all matters regarding the environment, the County and the Schools can make a lasting impact and effect real change in the County.

Therefore, Chairman Bulova moved that the Board direct the County Executive to:

Compile information relative to the County's commitments to energy and the environment to share with the School Board to be presented at a joint meeting in early 2019. An emphasis should be placed on potential areas for cooperation with FCPS.

A copy of the Board Matter with accompanying Informational Matrix of Cooperation amongst FCG and FCPS (Informational Matrix) is included as attachment 1. This memorandum briefly describes the Informational Matrix and highlights possible key areas of potential future collaboration for consideration during the discussions at the Joint Meeting.

County Action

On December 7, 2018, staff from the County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the Department of Cable and Consumer Services, the Department of Vehicle Services, the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Department of Planning and Zoning, October 30, 2018 Board Matter–Joint Meeting with the Fairfax County School Board Concerning Energy and Environment Page 2 of 2

the Facilities Management Department and the Environmental and Energy Coordinator met to begin the dialogue of how best to organize and prepare a comprehensive and coordinated staff response (*Informational Matrix*) to address the Board Matter.

Guidance Document

As an outcome of the initial planning meeting, County staff developed an *Informational Matrix* that responds to the direction in the Board Matter. The *Informational Matrix* is divided into two parts. The first part provides the environmental vision statements across seven core service areas: land use; transportation; water; waste management; parks and ecological service; climate and energy; and environmental stewardship. These are the same vision statements that can be found in the Board of Supervisors' *Environmental Vision*. The Environmental Vision represents the County's commitments to the environment and energy at a very high level.

Part 2 demonstrates the County's leadership to protect and enhance the environment in support of the Environmental Vision by highlighting goals and targets across multiple focus areas within each core service area of the Environmental Vision. The focus areas describe existing goals, targets, if applicable, and demonstrate existing collaboration with FCPS. In addition, staff has included a conceptual discussion of proposed future collaboration for consideration and discussion at the Joint Board meeting. The proposed future collaboration included is by no means meant to capture all possibilities, but rather act as a starting point to help facilitate a meaningful discussion.

The *Informational Matrix* is intended to help facilitate dialogue during the Joint Board meeting. It is not intended to be used as an implementation strategy for County or School staff.

If you have comments or questions regarding this memo, please contact Kambiz Agazi, Environmental and Energy Coordinator, at 703-324-1788 or at kambiz.agazi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Attachments: October 30, 2018 Board Matter 3a

Environment and Energy Information Guide

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