



2016 LOB Presentation Meeting Recap

Friday, March 4, 2016

Board Members Present:

Jeff McKay, Lee District, Budget Committee Chair
Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Penelope Gross, Mason District (Vice Chairman)
John Cook, Braddock District
John Foust, Dranesville District
Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
Kathy Smith, Sully District
Linda Smyth, Providence District
Daniel Storck, Mount Vernon District

Reston Community Center (RCC) (Leila Gordon, Tom Ward, Renata Wojcicki)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/40050-ppt.pdf>

- Supervisors complimented staff on high quality of services.
- Discussion regarding implementation of special tax rate which is currently 4.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.
 - Reston community did not want typical community center being built in County at the time (late 1970s).
 - Looked at McLean Community Center as model.
 - Petition signed by 50 residents and approved.
 - Community continues to affirm special tax.
 - Started at 3 cents and doubled to 6 cents by 1984 and became a separate agency.
 - Reduced to 5.2 cents and then to current 4.7 cents.
- RCC is purposeful in design. New link with Opportunity Neighborhood mentioned.
- Discussion regarding budget and difference between revenues and expenditures.
 - Staff responded that RCC will begin to return funds to fund balance by lowering expenditures.
 - Had been spending from fund balances intentionally from FY 2009 to FY 2014.
 - Now pursuing a balanced budget profile.
 - Reserves discussed.
 - Cost recovery for core costs (operations and personnel) from fees cannot exceed 25 percent and currently around 17 percent.
- Supervisor Cook – What are plans to reinvigorate summer performing arts programs given demand for summer programs?
 - Staff responded that MCC is competing with many other options.
 - Suggested to collaborate with other similar programs.
 - Supervisor Storck – Is there a formula for fees versus tax revenue?

McLean Community Center (George Sachs, Ashok Karra)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/40060-ppt.pdf>

- Clarified that this is not part of the General Fund budget.
 - Money has never been included in the General Fund budget for the building (same for Reston Community Center).
 - Fully supported by the tax district and ownership is with the County.
- Complimented staff for good work on programs and significant capital program without an increase in the tax rate.
- Discussion took place regarding balancing between tax rate and use of reserve balances.

Park Authority (Kirk Kincannon, Aimee Vosper, Sara Baldwin)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/p5151-ppt.pdf>

- 60 percent of operating budget supported through fees, not General Fund support.
 - Compares favorably to other jurisdictions who rely more significantly on tax support.
 - General Fund support relative flat from FY 1988 when inflation taken into account.
 - Success story in terms of efficiency.
- ☹ Sustainable lighting savings should be expanded to school athletic fields.
- Supervisors complimented presentation, enthusiasm, helpfulness of staff, extent of partnerships and that Park Authority has a lot to be proud of.
- ? Supervisor Cook – Provide update on naming rights issue.
 - Staff responded that they have been working on issue for two years and after working with the Office of County Attorney will be able to move forward.
 - Scholarships and charitable giving discussed.
 - ✦ ☹ Explore expanded business and individual support for camp scholarships.
- ☹ Increase awareness in the community regarding what Park Foundation funds (i.e., use social media).
- Slide 17 depicting incremental growth of General Fund support versus revenue fund is striking.
 - Especially in light of increased number of parks, acreage, etc.
- Use of volunteers touted.
- Discussion regarding cost recovery (60%) compared to other jurisdictions and special tax district community centers.
 - Staff responded that dynamics in Fairfax County enable fee sustainment because product has value.
 - Need County support in parks because not charging for use of parks.
 - Ways to leverage teen service hours was discussed.
- Suggested that more emphasis be placed on Foundation contributions through more focused fundraising campaigns.
- ☹ County must address maintenance/overuse issues in highly utilized parks (i.e., too much trash)?
- ? Supervisor Gross - Provide an update on items included in past and upcoming Park bond referenda.

Libraries (Jane Goodman, Katie Strotman, Melanie Quinn)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/q5252-ppt.pdf>

- Supervisors commented that people love their libraries and appreciate customer survey to help evaluate capital needs and future expansions.
- Floating collection is a customer service enhancement.
 - ☹ Consider how floating collection is managed with respect to location of special collections.
 - For example, Vietnamese language materials are not necessarily available at neighborhood libraries where there is the greatest interest in those materials.
- Kiosks have been instrumental in freeing up staff to provide more research assistance.
- Customers want more meeting space in libraries.
- Historical preservation highlighted as being important, identified in Park Authority presentation as well.
 - ☹ Consider ways to preserve and display artifacts and materials important to Fairfax County's history.
- Friends of the Library leverage important resources.
- ? Supervisors Foust and Storck – With respect to 13-LOBs Q&A (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/q_a/13-lobs-library-spending-per-capita.pdf) include debt service as well as updated jurisdictional data.
- ☹ Consider resurrection of All Fairfax Reads.
- Discussion took place regarding Lifelong Learning programs and how staff positions are utilized.
 - ☹ Discussion took place regarding how the libraries and Fairfax County Public School libraries intersect and a suggestion was made to explore closer cooperation.
- Online visits defined as the number of people coming to website.
- ☹ Include Board in the review of the final survey draft.
 - Staff explained that they have just begun process and have secured services of vendor that is experienced in reaching out to library users.
 - Not really comparable given Fairfax County's size.

- ? Supervisor Smyth – Explain the most recent Access Services data.

Consolidated Community Finding Pool (CCFP) (Michelle Gregory, Karla Bruce, Vin Rogers, Gail Ledford, Lee Ann Pender)
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/10020-ppt.pdf>

- CCFP leveraging ratio of \$5 for every \$1 invested should be emphasized.
- FY 2017 Advertised Budget Plan includes 5% increase and represents the first year of a new two-year cycle.
- Unique model and reflects community engagement.
- Supervisor Gross – needs have changed over time as fewer teen programs are currently included.
- ⌚ The County must continue strengthening the capacity of local non-profits.
 - Staff responded that many partnerships are being developed and no one non-profit fills all of the needs the community has in terms of resources and expertise.
 - Also there are opportunities with George Mason University for training.
 - Thinking about non-profit centers in four areas of the County.
 - More could be done.
- Struggle to balance those who want partners and those who want to be entrepreneurial.
 - Staff mentioned possible creation of an Innovation Fund to encourage entrepreneurial spirit.
 - Supervisor Cook – Supports idea of incubator for non-profits to help with administrative functions etc.
 - Leadership Fairfax could be possible partner in helping to strengthen the capacity of local non-profits.
 - Are there grant opportunities to develop a program or a university?
- ? Supervisor Smyth - What percentage of the CCFP funds is spent on compensation for non-profit staff?
- ? Supervisor Storck – What are the outcomes associated with the CCFP?
 - Staff described that with the recent changes to CCFP, common metrics are being gathered across all projects.

Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) (Gail Ledford, Elwood Jones, Michelle Wilhelm)

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/lob/2016/83000-ppt.pdf>

- ASAP Fees set by the state in 1986, there is no Northern Virginia differential and a locality cannot add to the fees.
 - Presents challenges.
 - General Fund support increased significantly in FY 2015.
- ⌚ Keep ASAP in mind for new facilities and possible co-location with other diversion programs.
- ? Supervisor Foust - What is the conviction rate as a percentage of DUI arrests?
- Waiving of ASAP fees by judges is a concern.
- Could impaired driving definition get expanded to distracted driving and added to the ASAP's workload.