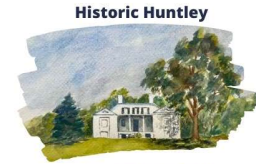




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## **Board Matter**

### **Franconia Governmental Center Community Conversations April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Mr. Chairman – At the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 9, 2021, the Board held a virtual public hearing and adopted a resolution authorizing the transfer of property at the Franconia Governmental Center to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA). To resolve any concerns about the validity of the virtual public hearing, the Board scheduled a second public hearing (or rehearing) for December 5, 2023. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 5, 2023, the public hearing was deferred until January 23, 2024.

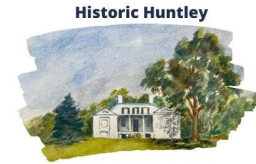
At the public hearing on January 23, 2024, I moved to defer the decision on transferring the property to the FCRHA to allow time for more community conversations before a transfer decision is made. As such, three community conversations were scheduled. The first of these community conversations took place this past Saturday, April 13, 2024, at John R. Lewis High School. The session was very well attended by members of the community. Input from well over 100 people on potential alternatives, improvements, and amenities needed within the community with or without housing was heard and collected by County staff. My office has also been



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collecting comments via phone calls and emails. It is likely that a few of my colleagues on the Board have also received correspondence.

The next community conversation will follow the same format to give members of the community who were unable to attend an opportunity to provide input. This second session will be held on Monday, April 22, 2024, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The third session to be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM will feature a report-out of the feedback received and outline possible options moving forward. You will notice in your package there is a flyer that provides information about the upcoming sessions. It is important to continue to inform the community of these upcoming opportunities to share their perspectives.

I would like to take a moment to extend my sincere appreciation to the staff from the many County agencies who have worked over the past few months to make these community conversation opportunities available to our community.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to advertise and promote the Franconia Governmental Center Site Community Conversations and, in addition, to post information about the meetings on the public meetings calendar.