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## **The Fourth Ides of Bark – A Howling Success!**

### ***Background***

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, more than three hundred dogs and five hundred of their human companions attended the Ides of Bark event on a gorgeous day at Grist Mill Park in the Mount Vernon District. The Ides of Bark is a dog festival that is aimed at bringing the community together, enjoying the day with our four-legged friends, and learning valuable information about pet care. As someone who appreciates the joy that a dog can bring, and understanding the importance of community gatherings, we continue to celebrate the Ides of Bark each year.

This year, participants received many treats from local canine businesses, watched demonstrations by the Fairfax County Police Canine Unit, learned pet care and pet CPR from pet technicians, and even had the opportunity to participate in a canine obstacle course. This amazing community event could not have happened without the incredible support of our Mount Vernon Community Coordinator, Shirley Short, also Barbara Nugent, Philip Hagar, Jennifer Braun and the rest of Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Police Department, The Fairfax County Fire Department, local dog park groups, Channel 16, and our wonderful vendors.

My sincerest appreciation goes out to everyone who helped makes this a successful event and I encourage other Board members to do the same in their district.



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**Joint Board Matter**  
**Supervisor Dan Storck**  
**Supervisor Kathy Smith**  
***Include Animal Shelter Donation in Rabies Mailer that goes out in***  
***December***  
**April 9, 2019**

In the spirit of supporting our animal friends, I wanted to acknowledge the wonderful work done by the coordination between Fairfax County Animal Shelter and the Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter, a nonprofit partner.

Thirteen years ago, The Friends Group was started with a single idea: to help take care of the major medical expenses for pets at the Animal Shelter. In their initial year, they provided \$10,000 of support.

In 2018, The Friends Group funding increased to **\$275,671**. Over the last thirteen years, they have been able to expand their support considerably and a few of the programs currently being funded include: medical, dental, parasite prevention for all dogs, cats, and rabbits upon intake, spay/neuter for community cats, pawfax(for senior pets), collars, tags and leashes for all dogs and collars and tags for all cats.

In order to continue to support our shared mission to ensure that every pet is given the best chance to find and stay in a loving forever home, The Fairfax County Animal Shelter continues to look for ways to spread the word to **expand our annual donor support**. As you all know, this was a passion for former Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I move that we include an animal shelter donation flyer in the rabies mailer that goes out in December 2019. The Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter have graciously offered to cover this additional cost.



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### **Montebello Condominium Association Recognition April 9, 2019**

The Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association has received two honors from the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute. The awards, Community Association of the Year and overall Communicator of the Year were presented on Saturday, February 23, 2019, in recognition of the excellent commitment Montebello has made to vision and communication.

The criteria for receiving these awards were spread among evaluation categories for financial health, environmental management, staffing, safety and access, and quality of community life. Montebello's commitment to best practices in these areas has encouraged programs like their English Language for non-English speaking staff, and their presence on media platforms that have brought their diverse community closer and made it more connected.

In addition, Montebello was recognized with the Mary Thonen Beautification Award for their efforts in enhancing the Richmond Highway corridor. The award, sponsored by the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, is presented to businesses along the Richmond Highway corridor which make significant efforts in landscaping and maintenance to their properties.

The efforts of this condominium association are noteworthy and this recognition is well deserved.

Therefore, Madame Chair, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation signed by the Chair and myself, commending and congratulating the Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association.



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## **Joint Board Matter**

**Supervisor Jeff McKay**  
**Supervisor Dan Storck**  
**Supervisor John Foust**  
**Supervisor Penny Gross**

**April 9, 2019**

Madam Chairman – In response to the February 5, 2019 Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter, staff provided a presentation on energy and climate action planning at the April 2 meeting of the Board’s Environmental Committee, which included a framework and requirements for developing a Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP).

In order to engage with residents and businesses to create and implement a CECAP, staff indicated that two additional positions and \$276,749 would be required. In addition, staff anticipates that additional one-time funding for contractual support for community engagement and plan development would be required.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, without objection, I move that \$276,749 and two positions for Energy and Climate Planning be added as a Consideration Item for the FY 2020 Budget. I further move that a consideration item for contractual support for the development of a Community-Wide Energy and Climate Act Plan be prepared for the FY 2019 Carryover Review.

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# **Joint Board Matter**

## **Supervisor Jeff McKay**

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**April 9, 2019**

Madam Chairman - The Board of Supervisors chartered the Embark Housing Advisory Group in 2018 in order to facilitate a more focused policy discussion of the issue of preservation and housing affordability in the Richmond Highway Corridor in light of the Embark Comprehensive Plan amendment. The main challenge for the advisory group was to recommend proven housing policies to help ensure that the anticipated new development and investment in the coming decades serves the needs of the Corridor's long-time low and moderate income residents, and preserve its racial and economic diversity.

The advisory group developed a report that included a set of three recommended principles: 1) No net loss of existing, market affordable rental homes in the Richmond Highway Corridor, as feasible; 2) Use the equity lens of One Fairfax; and 3) Future housing development should reflect community needs. These policy principles are to guide future land use and housing funding decisions in the Corridor as a companion to the Embark Comprehensive Plan amendment.

The report recommends that the Board direct staff to prioritize and implement, or further develop, a menu of strategy options intended to advance the principles. The strategies, which fall under two categories, *leveraging public investments* and *public-private partnerships*, are not intended to be prescriptive or all-inclusive, but to provide a range of actions to consider, from policy changes to potential programmatic changes.

The report was presented to the Strategic Economic Development Team in March and is now presented to the Board for adoption of its recommendations.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, we move the Board adopt the recommended principles contained in the Report of the Embark Housing Advisory Group and direct staff to prioritize and implement, or further develop, the strategy options put forth in the report. Further, recognizing that many of the “market affordable” rental units in the region are outside of the defined Corridor boundary, we move the Board direct staff to explore the applicability of the principles and strategies contained in the report to the areas outside of the Corridor boundary so as to consider the impact of encouraging greater density in those areas and the potential resultant effects on stable residential neighborhoods. Following that work, we also move that these findings be discussed at a future Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee meeting.



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## **Supervisor McKay**

## **Supervisor Storck**

**April 9, 2019**

Madam Chairman— United Community Ministries (UCM) of Alexandria is celebrating 50 years of service to our community.

UCM is a nonprofit organization that lends a helping hand to those in need throughout the Richmond Highway Corridor. The organization started with one employee and a \$7,000 budget. Today, it has grown into a widely-known, successful nonprofit that provides food, clothing, financial assistance, health education, employment services, and emergency assistance to children, youth, and families in need. It provides these services through the Stepping Stones, Forward Steps, and Healthy Families programs.

This organization also understands the need of access to affordable and quality clothing and early child care. That is why, in addition to their programs, they operate both the Back-Porch Thrift Store and an Early Learning Center, helping families gain access to clothing, furniture, housing goods, and child care.

UCM prides itself in taking care of the community from infancy into adulthood, including giving out several scholarships to rising college students every year. We know it takes a united community to end multi-generational poverty. They have changed the lives of many since their start 50 years ago, and thanks to their wonderful work in the region, we are all better for it.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, without objection, we ask that a proclamation to be signed by yourself, Supervisor Storck and I be prepared for presentation to the directors and volunteers of UCM outside of the Board room in celebration and appreciation of their 50 years of service to our community.