

January 22, 2019

BOS BRIEF

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Key discussions at this week's Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting included **ways the County can support our furloughed federal employees**, especially in the event the government shutdown continues into the coming weeks. The County **continues to add support and services** for those struggling during this difficult time. [Click here](#) for a list of **available resources**, including **FREE Connector Bus rides** and **assistance with child care expenses**. In addition to the resources already in place, the Board directed County Executive Bryan Hill to continue

looking for ways the County can help, including **extending the February 15 personal property tax deadline** and **how to assist families** living in homes owned by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority who may have their **rental assistance benefits eliminated** beginning in March should the shutdown continue. The County is also **reaching out to utility and cable companies** to determine what options are available to County residents whose **ability to pay their bills** in a timely manner has been affected due to the shutdown.

As part of my **32nd Annual Town Meeting Board Matter**, I announced that our office is planning a **special tribute** at the Town Meeting to **recognize furloughed Federal employees and contractors**, as well as **those who are supporting them** during this challenging time. I hope you will join us to **honor our Federal employees** at this **important annual event!**

Top 3 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. County continues to look for ways to **support our furloughed federal employees and contractors**.
2. Approved **naming the South County Government Center** in honor of **former Supervisor Gerry Hyland**.
3. Appointed **Rachel O' Dwyer Flynn, AIA**, as new **Deputy County Executive**.

I was also very pleased to move a Board Matter, supported by all my colleagues, to **name the South County Government Center** in honor of **former Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland**. Gerry had an **innate compassion** for the struggles of residents on the Richmond Highway corridor and was **instrumental in bringing human services** to Mount Vernon residents who otherwise had to travel long distances to the main Government Center. The South County Center is **home to family services, community health, career programs, a senior and teen center**, and it provides a **central location** for informative community meetings and workshops. It is both fitting and proper to honor Gerry by proposing that we name the South County Center after this **incredible public servant**.

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events and important information** in the District!

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors January 22, 2019 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). 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.

The Board also designated:



January 2019 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

To view the January 22, 2019 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 5: Extended the review period for the 2232 application for a **T-Mobile cell tower** at 8120 McCauley Way, Lorton. The review period has been extended to March 23, 2019. *The full item can be read on pages 51 - 52 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Action 1: Approved **BOS Meeting Schedule** for calendar year 2019. *The full item and meeting schedule can be read on pages 73 - 77 of the Board Package.*

Action 4: Authorized the **County Department of Transportation (FCDOT)** to apply for FY 2020 Project Demonstration Program **grant funds** from the **Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)**. Funding in the **amount of \$250,000**, including \$50,000 in Local Cash Match, is being requested for **concept development and operations of a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Demonstration Project**. *The full item can be read on pages 93 - 96 of the Board Package.*

Consideration Action 1: Adopted **Election Year Policies for the 2019 Board of Supervisors Elections**. Notably, **prohibitions continue** on linking from **County government sites to personal or campaign websites** and on using **Board incumbent social media sites for campaign-related information**, questions or comments. New this year, the Board **adopted a moratorium on land-use public hearings and appointments to Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs)** from November 5, 2019, until the new Board takes office on January 1, 2020. *The full item can be read on pages 97 - 98 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Renaming the South County Government Center after former Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland (jointly supported by all Supervisors)

Gerry Hyland **dedicated most of his professional life** in service to the **greater Mount Vernon** and Fairfax County **community**. The accomplishments over his **twenty-eight year career** are **too numerous to mention** in one Board Matter, though I am certain many of his colleagues felt the number and length of his Board Matters could make a single Board meeting go on for what felt like twenty-eight years. Gerry took his job as Supervisor seriously and never lost faith that government could be an **instrument of positive change** in people's lives. Gerry not only ran on the moniker of **"A Leader Who Listens"**, he applied that philosophy to every issue he encountered by **empowering his communities** through communication and collaboration in the decision making process. [Continue reading...](#)

Action

Directed the County Executive to name the South County Government Center after former Supervisor Gerry Hyland in recognition of his longstanding service to Fairfax County.

Mount Vernon's 32nd Annual Town Meeting

This year I am again fortunate to have the opportunity to **continue a Mount Vernon tradition** established by my predecessor in 1988, the annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting. The Town Meeting provides a **forum to inform the Mount Vernon community** about what its government is doing for them, and even more importantly, **listen to the people discuss and debate our future**. I am pleased that Chairman **Sharon Bulova**, County Executive **Bryan Hill**, School Board Member and Board Chair **Karen Corbett Sanders** and new Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander **Col. Michael Greenberg** will join me. The meeting will take place on Super Bowl Saturday, **February 2 at Mount Vernon High School**, from 7:45 am - noon. This year's Town Meeting will include a **special tribute to furloughed federal employees, contractors** and those who are supporting them during this challenging time. I invite all District residents and my colleagues to join me for this annual event.

Action

Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the Town Meeting on its various communications platforms.

Request for Concurrent Processing for SE 2018-MV-021, Starbucks Coffee Company

The **Saratoga Starbucks** is located at 8098 Rolling Road, Springfield. The applicant has filed a Special Exception Amendment application to permit a **drive thru at this location**, which was formerly a bank site. Starbucks will be **relocating its existing, non-drive-through restaurant**, located in the same shopping center as this building, to the former bank site. The existing structure will be renovated, including an **entirely new exterior façade**. The South County Federation has passed a resolution of support for this use. The **planning commission hearing is scheduled for February 6, 2019**, and the applicant plans to submit their minor site plan concurrently with their special exception application.

Action

Authorized the Department of Land Development Services to concurrently process the minor site plan and other engineering approvals associated with this pending application.

Public Hearings

Rezone from R-2, R-20 and HC to R-20 and HC to Permit Public Use at Woodlawn Fire Station

Approved rezoning of this property located on the **East side of Lukens Lane** approximately 600 feet South of its intersection with Richmond Highway. The property is planned for the **new Woodlawn Fire Station**.

Rezone from R-2 and HC to PDH-16 and HC to Permit Residential Development with an Overall Density of 12.6 Dwelling Units Per Acre, Approval of the Conceptual Development Plan and Waiver of Minimum District Size and Open Space Requirements on Skyview Drive

This property is located on the **E. side of Skyview Drive**, approximately 600 feet North of its intersection with Richmond Highway. The public hearing was **deferred until February 5, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.**

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments on Commonly Accepted Pets and Animal Control and Care

Approved a zoning ordinance amendment to allow **hedgehogs, chinchillas and hermit crabs** to be considered **commonly accepted pets**.

Proposed Plan Amendments Regarding Huntley Meadows Park Path from Telegraph Road to Harrison Lane and Huntley Meadows Park Trail from Telegraph Road to Lockheed Boulevard

The Plan Amendments consider the **removal** of a planned **minor paved trail through Huntley Meadows Park from Telegraph Road to Lockheed Boulevard** and a planned **shared use path through Huntley Meadows Park from Telegraph Road to Harrison**

Lane from the Comprehensive Plan. **Concerns about the impacts** of these planned facilities on natural and heritage resources were identified during the Embark Richmond Highway planning process. The public hearing was **deferred to February 5, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.**

Proposal to Abandon a Portion of Cinder Bed Road

Approved FCDOT's request for abandonment of a **portion of Cinder Bed Road** as part of the County's project to **realign the northern intersection of Cinder Bed Road and Newington Road.**

Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

1. Shikha Dixit (Health Care Advisory Board)
 2. Clarke Slaymaker (A Heath Onthank Award Selection Committee)
 3. Larry Zaragoza (Environmental Quality Advisory Board)
 4. Jolene Dutzman (Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court)
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Upcoming Events

- Jan 24 & 25: [Housing Hackathon](#) - 9:30 a.m.
 - Jan 24: [Public Meeting to Discuss Clark House for Resident Curator Program](#) - 7 p.m.
 - Jan 26: [Scout Tour Saturday](#) - 10 a.m.
 - Jan 29: [Public Meeting: Fort Belvoir Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning](#) - 6:30 p.m.
 - Feb 2: [Mount Vernon Town Meeting](#) - 7:45 a.m.
 - Feb 7: [Public Hearing: E-Bike Use on Trails](#) - 7 p.m.
 - Feb 12: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7:30 p.m.
 - [And more!](#)
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Shaping the Future Together: County Launches Strategic Planning Effort

What does the future of Fairfax County look like?

The County Government is beginning a [strategic planning process with the community](#) to **shape the future together**. Our goal is to hear all voices and reach all segments of our community.

What are **hopes and aspirations** for the future of our community? What **challenges do we face** and what **priorities** must we address first?

This effort will span most of 2019, but in this first phase, **the community is being asked to:**

1. Take a **short five-question online survey**
2. Consider **joining a community conversation** in person between February 13 and March 6
3. **Share the survey and conversation invitation** with neighbors, co-workers and county family and friends

[Read more and take the survey...](#)

Public Meeting: SM-1 Deactivated Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning Project at Fort Belvoir

Tuesday, January 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria

Fort Belvoir is holding the first of several **public information meetings** and inviting public

feedback on future efforts to **decommission and dismantle the deactivated SM-1 former nuclear power plant** at Fort Belvoir. On January 29, the project team will host an **information session** at the **South County Government Center** for anyone interested in providing feedback and learning more about the project. The session will consist of an **open house from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** for the public to meet and interact with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Fort Belvoir personnel working on the project. A **formal presentation will follow from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** about the SM-1's history and ongoing decommissioning planning, with a subsequent question and answer session. The deactivated SM-1 former nuclear power plant on Fort Belvoir has been **deactivated since the early 1970s**. Project is anticipated to be complete in 2025.

[For more information on the project...](#)
[To sign up for the project email list...](#)

Snowden Ashford Road Closure, Lorton

Snowden Ashford Road will be **closed for construction starting Monday, January 21**, and will remain **closed until further notice**. This road provides access from Lorton Road to **Liberty, Giles Run Meadow and Laurel Hill Park**. Construction **will not impact access** to the park facilities or Liberty, as all can be accessed from **Silverbrook Road by way of Power House Road**.



Metro Seeks Public Input on FY 2020 Budget Proposal

Metro is inviting the public to comment on its proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget, which is committed to **delivering better service and value** to riders while controlling costs and identifying efficiencies.

The **\$3.4 billion capital and operating budget proposal** is committed to moving Metro beyond "Back2Good" to make the system "better than good" by **expanding rush hours, extending service on the Yellow and Red lines** and enhancing the value of Metro's unlimited rail and bus passes. Metro's proposed budget prioritizes safety and compliance, investing \$1.4 billion through Metro's Capital Improvement Program for safety and reliability improvements, rebuilding the Metro system and **improving the effectiveness of the current rail and bus network**. Metro encourages customers to comment and values their input. **All comments will be provided to Metro's Board of Directors** for consideration prior to adopting the budget.

Several key initiatives are being considered including:

- Expand weekday rush hours to provide more frequent service later in the morning and evening from 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Extend service on the Yellow Line to Greenbelt instead of Fort Totten or Mt Vernon Sq.
- Extend all Red Line trains to Glenmont during weekday rush hours and weekends instead of ending some trains at Silver Spring.
- Run all eight-car trains.
- Implement a \$2 weekend flat fare on Metrorail, excluding special events.
- Reduce the cost of the 7-day bus pass from \$17.50 to \$15.
- Add unlimited local Metrobus trips to Metro's unlimited monthly rail pass, SelectPass, at no additional cost.

Customers may provide feedback online, in person or by mail through 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 2019:

- [Take the on-line survey and provide comments](#)
- [Attend an open house and public hearing](#)

[Read more...](#)

32nd Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting

Saturday, February 2, 7:45 a.m. - noon
Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt.

Vernon Rd., Mount Vernon

Are you passionate about your family, home or community? If so, I hope you will join us at the **32nd Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, February 2, 2019**, from 7:45 a.m. – noon at Mount Vernon HS to **listen to and question your local leaders**. Join us for a **special tribute to our Federal government employees, contractors and the businesses, agencies and non-profits** who are supporting them in the challenging time! [Read more...](#)



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