



## Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

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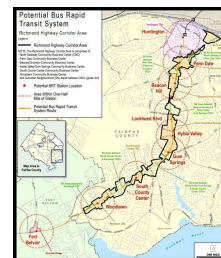


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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on March 20, 2018**. We have included items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's website. 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](#).

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR STORCK

At Tuesday's Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting, I **jointly wrote and moved with Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay a motion for Board approval of the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan amendment**. This amendment clears the way for **modern transit oriented development in the Richmond Highway corridor** to support a **bus rapid transit (BRT) system**, from the Huntington Metro Station to Fort Belvoir, and ultimately a **Yellow Line Metrorail extension**.



I was pleased to present a **mini-version of our Town Meeting fly-through** to my Board colleagues. The ten minute fly-through pictures how **after decades of ground-work and planning, Richmond Highway is beginning broad-based revitalization**. Embark, with its **highway widening, improved pedestrian and biking access, and BRT**, drives this revitalization by supporting a **modernized, multimodal future** for our corridor. It also pulls us **into the 21st century**, while **preserving and enhancing our environmental and historical resources** and building a **stronger, more connected community**.

Embark changes also support one of my **original visions for our District**; creating a **cultural corridor by connecting our many historical sites**, much like the Williamsburg to Jamestown historic trail. **From Fort Hunt Park**, to the Mount Vernon Estate, the Cultural Corridor Trail will connect the many parks and historic sites along the way to the **National Museum of the United States Army**, offering easy bus or bike rides between much of our early history.

The thousands of hours, years of **planning and public engagement** that **County staff, the Embark Advisory Group, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, South Fairfax Development Corporation, the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce and many others** have spent developing the Comprehensive Plan changes and Embark are greatly appreciated. These changes will prove to be a **major turning-point for our Historic Route 1** and a **long-lasting legacy** for us all! We have truly reached the end of the beginning, with **new public and private revitalizations** occurring frequently now. While decades more work remains to **realize our community's vision**, the future is now coming into focus a little more every day.

Click here to see the [Embark Story Map](#). The video of the full Board meeting will be available in coming days [here](#). The Embark public hearing and presentation began at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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

1. Board adopted the **Embark Comprehensive Plan amendment**.
2. Board received a **transportation status report**.
3. Board appointed **Walter Clarke as Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner** effective April 1, 2018.



At the BOS meeting, I acknowledged the contributions of the **Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Police Department, Department of Tax Administration, Fairfax County Fire Department, local dog park groups and our wonderful vendors** in making the **3rd Ides of Bark** a barking success! With more than **400 dogs and 1,000 of their human companions** in attendance, this year's event at **Grist Mill Park** was the largest ever.

I also presented an important Board Matter to advance projects in the Mount Vernon District. One land use matter will **accelerate the development process** for the proposed replacement of the **Woodlawn Fire Station**. I also recognized the **75th Anniversary of Hollin Hall Village**, the **State Championship win for the South County Boys Varsity Basketball team**, and the **11 years of service Earl Flanagan** provided the Mount Vernon District as Planning Commissioner.

The Board also designated:



April 2 - 8, 2018 as Public Health Week



April 2018 as Fair Housing Month



April 2 - 6, 2018 as Community Development Week



April 8 - 14, 2018 as Library Week

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

To view the March 20, 2018 Board Package [click here](#).

**Admin 1:** The Board authorized the **Department of Family Services** to apply for and accept **grant funding**, if received, from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**. This funding in the amount of \$980,677, including \$172,827 in Local Cash Match, will support the continuation of **Early Head Start Child Care Partnership and Expansion services** to 56 infants and toddlers and their families. If received, this funding will support classroom expansion for **16 new children in the Gum Springs Glen Early Head Start program**. *The full item can be read on pages 31 - 36 of the Board Packet.*

**Admin 4:** The Board authorized the **advertisement of public hearings** on the adoption of **Zoning Ordinance Amendments regarding Short-Term Lodging Uses** (Residential Owner/Renter Operated Dwelling Only) and a Proposed Amendment to Chapter 4 of the Fairfax County Code. Beginning in June of 2017, staff conducted **extensive public outreach and solicited input** on a **potential amendment to the Zoning Ordinance**. Staff also developed a **dedicated website** for the amendment. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments presented to the Board reflect only Short-Term Lodging (STL) conducted by an owner or renter in his or her permanent residence. The **proposed regulations reflect consideration of all the**

**input and feedback received.** The Planning Commission public hearing will be on May 3, 2018, and **Board public hearing will be on June 19, 2018.** *The full item can be read on pages 44 - 70 of the Board Packet.*

**Admin 5:** The Board authorized the **advertisement of a public hearing** to consider proposed amendments to Articles 8, 10, 18, and Appendix 2 of the Zoning Ordinance, to **amend the minimum required rear yard coverage limitations for single-family detached dwellings** and to make other editorial amendments. The proposed amendment would provide residents with **increased flexibility** in the use of their minimum required rear yards. The Planning Commission public hearing will be on April 18, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., and **Board public hearing will be on May 15, 2018** at 4:00 p.m. *The full item can be read on pages 71 - 93 of the Board Packet.*

**Admin 7:** The Board authorized the **advertisement of a public hearing** to adjust the **FY 2018 budget appropriation level**, based on third quarter budget adjustments in both the County and School budgets. Public hearings on the FY 2018 Third Quarter Review will be held on **April 10, 11 and 12, 2018.** *The full item can be read on pages 100 - 101 of the Board Packet.*

## INFORMATION ITEMS

**item 1:** The Board received a **report from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) on transportation projects and activities within the county**, the "Fairfax County Transportation Status Report." The report includes an update on all active projects, including those projects in the Third Four-Year Transportation Program for FY2013 through FY2016 and the Transportation Project Priorities (TPP) for funding for FY2015 through FY2020. **The FCDOT [web map](#) graphically shows project locations and allows the user to click on a project and see basic information, including project name, scope, and status.** *The full item can be read on pages 217 - 354 of the Board Packet.*

## BOARD MATTERS

### 1. Board Matter: Expedited and Concurrent Processing of the Rezoning Application and Site Plan for the Woodlawn Fire Station

The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) is working on **construction plans for the replacement of the existing Woodlawn Fire Station.** The existing Woodlawn Fire Station building and systems are well beyond the end of their life cycle and no longer meet the current and future operational needs of the county Fire and Rescue Department. I asked the Board to **expedite the planning and zoning process** to keep this important project on schedule.

### 2. Board Matter: 75th Anniversary of the Establishment of Hollin Hall Village

Established in 1943, **Hollin Hall Village** is a community of approximately 650 single family homes and has been home to thousands of Mount Vernon District residents who have enjoyed the **community's small town feel and quality of life.** Hollin Hall Village contains two shopping centers with community staples, specialty stores, the Hollin Hall Senior Center, and the Mount Vernon Park Swim and Tennis Association. All of these are within an easy walk for all Hollin Hall Village residents. There is also a baseball field which is the home field to many neighborhood children and future residents, since **many families remain in Hollin Hall Village for multiple generations.**



Hollin Hall Village continues to uphold and preserve its pleasant small-town environment, while continuously **remaining involved with the issues impacting the future of the Mount Vernon District.**

#### **Action**

*Directed Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation commending and congratulating the citizens of Hollin Hall Village on their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

### 3. Board Matter: South County Boys Varsity Basketball Team, VHSL Class 6 State Champions – Joint Board Matter with Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity

The **South County High School Boys Varsity Basketball team** finished the 2017-2018 season with a 27-3 record. They made school history by being the first boys' team to win a District, Region and State Title in the same season. They clinched the **#1 seed in the District** with a 75-72 win over Lake Braddock at the end of the regular season and then captured the **Patriot District title** on February 16 when they defeated Fairfax High School 45-27. The team went on to defeat Annandale, Woodbridge and finally Hayfield 74-54, in the **Occoquan Region Championship** game at Robinson.

The win against Hayfield gave them a birth to the **programs' first State Championship Tournament.** In the State quarter-finals and semi-finals, they won two hard fought games vs. Madison High school 41-40 in



regulation and Battlefield High School 63-54 in regulation. The state Championship game was played at VCU on March 8 vs. Western Branch High School. The team earned their **first VHSL Class 6 State title** with a 63-47 win over the Bruins.

#### **Action**

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to invite the South County Boys Varsity Basketball Team to come before the Board of Supervisors to be recognized for their achievement on June 5, 2018.*

#### **4. Board Matter: Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner**



**Commissioner Flanagan was appointed to the Planning Commission in December 2006**, and has wisely served the Mount Vernon District and Fairfax County for **11 years**. During his tenure, Commissioner Flanagan has been involved in every major task force and community planning and land use decision in Mount Vernon. He led the Mount Vernon Area Plan Review for many years. He also led the effort to create the **vision for the adaptive reuse of the Lorton prison**, and he recently served on the **Embark Advisory group** that has created new comprehensive plan language that will redefine the Richmond Highway corridor for the next several decades.

Commissioner Flanagan is well known for his collegial and friendly demeanor with residents, for his willingness to meet with residents and developers at any time, and for providing guidance to help make sound land use decisions. It is also well known that Commissioner Flanagan **served as an artillery non-commissioned officer with General Patton's 3rd Army in Europe in World War II**, and was awarded the **Army Commendation Medal** for an advance landing of the 71st Division at LeHavre, France. **We are extremely grateful for Commissioner Flanagan's service to the Mount Vernon District, Fairfax County, and the Country.**

#### **Action**

*Directed staff to issue a proclamation, signed by the Chair and myself, to recognize Commissioner Flanagan for his many accomplishments to be presented at a future Board meeting.*



#### **5. Board Matter: Third Ides of Bark – A Howling Success!**

On March 18, more than **four hundred dogs and one thousand of their human companions** attended the **Ides of Bark event at Grist Mill Park** in the Mount Vernon District. The Ides of Bark is a dog festival that Supervisor Hyland started with hopes that his successor would continue the tradition. 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 and the attendance continues to grow.

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 the **Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Police Department, Department of Tax Administration, The Fairfax County Fire Department, local dog park groups 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.**

[Click here](#) to see the full Board Matters.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT IMPACT THE MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT**

### **Public Hearing on the Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2019**

The Board heard public comment on the **Proposed Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2019**, as issued by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC). The CCFAC will present **final recommendations** to the Board for action on **May 1, 2018**. The Proposed Action Plan identifies the proposed uses of funds allocated to the County under the **three federal grant programs** which are estimated to total \$8,495,913. These funds are used to **support housing, community development, fair housing, homelessness and community service needs** throughout the County.

The Board heard from **many concerned citizens** about the importance of these funds in their communities. We appreciate everyone who came out to speak to us.

## Public Hearing on the Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment 2015-IV-MV1, Embark Richmond Highway

The Board approved the **Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Embark Richmond Highway**. The comprehensive plan changes **increase density, widen the highway** and preserve the median width for a future a **Bus Rapid Transit System** and, ultimately, a **Metrorail extension** from Huntington to Hybla Valley. The Embark project is estimated to be a **\$750 million investment** and, for the past two years, we have had an **engaged Advisory Group** working on this project.

The Board heard from **several engaged citizens groups** during the public hearing. Generally, the speakers were **supportive of the Embark plan** and **very appreciative of County staff's work** to date. They expressed some concerns related to the future availability of **affordable housing, protecting our environmental resources and the inclusion of utility undergrounding** during roadway construction. A follow on motion proposed by myself and Supervisor McKay directed staff to continue to review and look for ways to **address these concerns**. I am grateful to those who came out to share their views on a cold, slushy night!

## Public Hearing on SE 2011-MV-006 (Hamdi H. Eslaquit D/B/A Hamdi's Child Care/ Selim M. Eslaquit)

The Board approved a **Home Child Care Facility**, with a maximum of 12 children, to be located at 6606 Winstead Manor Court, Lorton, 22079

## BOARD APPOINTMENTS

### Mount Vernon residents were reappointed to the following:

1. Jim Klein (Trails & Sidewalks Committee)
2. Melody McGuin Thorson (Small Business Commission)
3. Walter Clarke (Planning Commission) - as of April 1, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Foster Care and Adoption Information Session Monday, March 26 from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

#### [Lorton Library](#)

Whether you've made the decision to open your home to a child or simply want to learn more, take the first step, come to an Information Meeting. [Read more...](#)

### INOVA: Solving the Care Continuum Puzzle Wednesday, April 4 from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

#### Aldersgate United Methodist Church

From Medicare-based therapy at a rehabilitation center to home health care, hospice services to care management; providing care for an elderly loved one can be a puzzle. Join representatives of leading community-based skilled services and senior service providers as we help you solve the puzzle that can surround a hospitalization and discharge. [Read more...](#)

### Public Meeting: Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Wednesday, April 4 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Mount Vernon High School

Join us for a third public information meeting hosted by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) about plans to widen Richmond Highway from four to six lanes between Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road. A brief presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

### *Save the Date!*

#### Community Open House

#### Original Mount Vernon High School Redevelopment Project

Thursday, April 5 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### [Original Mount Vernon High School](#)

Fairfax County would like to invite you to a Community Open House about the Original Mount Vernon High School Redevelopment Project. Supervisor Dan Storck, County staff, the Alexander Company and Elm Street Development will discuss the overall vision and process for the redevelopment master planning. Community attendance and input is encouraged. The Open House will convene in the cafeteria.

