## January 28, 2020





At this week's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting I introduced a Board Matter regarding the County's ability to **monitor and enforce traffic laws on Jeff Todd Way**. Since the road opened in 2014, County law enforcement has **not been able to patrol this critical connection** for south county residents. Jeff Todd Way is **located on property owned by Fort Belvoir** and the Humphrey Engineering Center. It has required many approvals to **transfer the road to VDOT** and **provide for joint jurisdiction**, to allow Military Police and the County Police Department to patrol and provide traffic

enforcement. This is the **latest effort over the course of the last five years** to get this resolved. Read more in Board Matters below.

The Board also unanimously approved Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay's Board Matter to rename the Merrifield Crisis Response Center (MCRC) after former Board Chairman Sharon Bulova, who dedicated her life to making Fairfax County a better place for everyone. One initiative she championed was Diversion First - which prioritized treating addiction instead of criminalizing it. Her work led to the establishment of the MCRC, which houses this program. The building will be renamed the Sharon Bulova Merrifield Center. A public invitation will follow.

Supervisor James Walkinshaw, as Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee, introduced a Board Matter recommending the BOS send a letter of support for the **Solar Freedom legislation** being considered by the Virginia General Assembly. **Elimination of solar barriers** in current legislation will enable the implementation of the **massive solar project** the County and schools have undertaken. **Join me in encouraging our legislators** to enact a solar freedom bill now and remove these barriers.

The Board also recognized the **Mount Vernon Center for Dentistry** for its commitment to serving **families in need living** in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. We appreciate all the Center has done for **more than 25 years** to support dental health by providing **pro bono dental services**.



Respectfully yours in public service,

Dan Storck

Supervisor, Mount Vernon District Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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



Join me for the 33rd Annual Town Meeting on February 1, 2020, starting at 7:45 a.m. at Mount Vernon HS! Or, watch on Facebook Live or Channel 16. The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors January 28, 2020 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.

To view the January 28, 2020 Board Package click here.

#### **Adminstrative Items**

**Item 2:** Approved an extension of the 2232 application review period for **South County Police Station & Animal Shelter**. Ongoing conversations regarding **access to from Lorton Road** are delaying completion of the review, but not expected to impact the project which is expected to **begin in late summer 2020** and complete in winter 2022. *The full item can be read on pages 51 - 52 of the Board Package.* 

#### **Board Matters**

## **Recognizing March as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month**

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) refers to a number of **processes and techniques** used to **manage or resolve conflict**. ADR is an alternative to traditional adversarial processes and helps disputing parties **reach mutually agreeable outcomes** that consider the needs of all involved and minimize cost, while improving communication and moral.

Fairfax County has historically **celebrated March as ADR month** and also recognizes a leader in this field. This year's recipient is **Dr. Charles L. Chavis, Jr.** Dr. Chavis is an Assistant Professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution and History and the Director of the John Mitchell, Jr. Program for History, Justice, and Race, at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University.

#### Action

Directed the Board of Supervisors recognize March as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month in Fairfax County and the invite Professor Chavis to come before the Board on March 10, 2020 to receive this proclamation.

# Request for a Letter to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Regarding Jeff Todd Way

After September 11, 2001, **Woodlawn Road and Beulah Street**, which connected Richmond Highway and Telegraph Road, were **closed to public access through Fort Belvoir** for security reasons. Thirteen years later in August 2014, **Jeff Todd Way was opened** through a partnership with Federal Highways, Fairfax County, Fort Belvoir, the Army Corps of Engineers, VDOT and many others. This **much welcomed east-west link** reconnects the community and **eliminates at least a ten-minute detour** for south county residents.

Jeff Todd Way is **located on property owned by Fort Belvoir** and the Humphrey Engineering Center. It has required many approvals to **transfer the road to VDOT** and **provide for joint jurisdiction**, allowing Military Police and the Fairfax County Police Department to patrol and provide traffic enforcement. In November 2016, the Commonwealth of Virginia executed an MOA and transmitted it to be signed by the Army Corps of Engineers, however **it has not been executed to date**.

It is **critical that this agreement is finalized** so the Fairfax County Police Department can **provide traffic enforcement**, **promote safe driving and reduced speeds**.

#### **Action**

Directed the Board of Supervisors send a letter, under the Chairman's signature, to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army requesting immediate support and execution of the necessary agreements.

# Public Hearing on SE 2019-MV-017 (Semia Yusuf D/B/A Panda Child Care) to Permit a Home Child Care Facility

Approved a home child care facility at **9935 East Hill Dr., Lorton**. The full item can be read on page 104 of the Board Package.

# **Upcoming Land Use Cases**

### **Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearings**

**Feb. 5, 9:00 a.m. -** Kyle Metzroth, SP 2019-MV-091 Appl. under Sects. 8-914 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit a reduction in **minimum yard requirements** based on an error in building location to permit an addition to remain 10.2 ft. from the northern side lot line. Located at **8103 Kane Ct., Alexandria**, 22308 on approx. 10,826 sq. ft. of land zoned R-3. Mount Vernon District. Tax Map 102-1 ((14)) (B) 2.

# **District Information & Upcoming Events**

## **33rd Annual Town Meeting**

Please join me for the **33rd Annual Mount Vernon District Town meeting** on **Saturday, February 1, 2020**, from 7:45 a.m. – noon at Mount Vernon HS. Have your **questions answered**, learn about **issues important to you**, connect with **County agencies and service providers** and mingle with your neighbors. The highlight of the morning will be taking a "virtual flying tour" of the District and meeting your **new County Board Chairman Jeff McKay**. See you there!



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