

October 5, 2021



At Tuesday's meeting, the Board approved its **first County-wide Strategic Plan**. The plan outlines **ten key areas of focus** for the Board and:

- Sets a clear, unified, **community-driven vision** for the next 10-20 years.
- Aligns and integrates existing **issue- and department-specific plans**.
- Provides a tool for **focusing and prioritizing initiatives** over the next 3-5 years.
- Aims to **communicate progress** on achieving measurable outcomes to all stakeholders.



I am particularly pleased that the plans includes a section on **effective and efficient government**, as we need these metrics to ensure we can measure our efforts and **report back to the community**. I am also encouraged that the plan includes a separate **section on the environment** to help us achieve the **significant carbon neutrality goals** we have adopted in the past year.

The Board held a **public hearing on a collective bargaining ordinance** that would permit collective bargaining for County employees. **School staff are NOT included** as they are under the purview of the School Board. I **support a collective bargaining option** for our employees, however, we have several areas of the proposed ordinance that **need additional work and consideration**. I am pleased that the **decision on this ordinance was deferred** until the next Board meeting on **October 19**, so that Board members can consider the **significant and thorough testimony** provided at the meeting. **Thank you to everyone** who submitted testimony.



We **recognized and thanked Pam Michell** for her service to the County as **Executive Director of New Hope Housing** for the **past 30 years**. Pam has led New Hope Housing with a philosophy of **dignity and respect** for every person and as a **place that welcomes all**, including those unwelcome elsewhere. During her tenure, New Hope Housing has **served more than 50,000 of our homeless neighbors** and transformed from a program of three shelters **serving roughly 100 people a day**, into a **continuum of services** that includes three year-round shelters, three hypothermia shelters, **seven permanent supportive housing programs** and a host of support services **serving approximately 450 people a day** in Fairfax County, Falls Church, Alexandria, and Arlington County. **We wish Pam happiness and relaxation in her retirement!**

#### **Additional Meeting Highlights:**

1. Approved a public hearing on proposed amendments to **Wetlands Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 116)** of the County Code to align with new state code with regard to the **implementation of living shorelines**. Public hearing will be held on **November 9 at 4:00 p.m.**
2. Approved a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment **to the Interim Agreement** between the Board and **Alpine-X LLC** regarding the **potential indoor ski facility**. Please know we are still in the **early stages of this potential project** and, if approved, this action will allow Alpine-X to take the next step in the **process to submit a plan to the County**. Public hearing will be held on **October 19 at 3:30**

p.m.

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,



Dan Storck  
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors October 5, 2021 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.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en español**, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Nick Rinehart** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 780-7518 o por correo electrónico: [nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:nicholas.rinehart@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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### The Board also recognized and designated:



#### September as Emergency Preparedness Month

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To view the October 5, 2021 Board Package [click here](#).

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## Administrative Items

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**Item 4:** Authorized the **Department of Neighborhood and Community Services** to apply for and accept grant funding from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in the **amount of \$324,653** to be used to **purchase five wheelchair lift-equipped vehicles** to replace existing high-mileage County vehicles.

**Item 7:** Authorized acceptance of grant funding in the amount of **\$6,704,767 from the Virginia Department of Health** to be used to enhance **contact tracing** and **laboratory testing** activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Authorized public hearings on:

- Proposed amendments to **Wetlands Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 116)** of the County Code to implement legislation adopted by the General Assembly that specifies the review and documentation required for **permitting living shoreline** approaches for shoreline management and **protection of wetlands** within the County Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. Public hearing will be held on **November 9 at 4:00 p.m.**
- Proposed **amendment to the Interim Agreement** between the Board and **Alpine-X LLC** regarding the **potential indoor ski facility** and related development on the I-95 Lorton landfill. Future **development of the project will be contingent on**, among other things, the Developer successfully achieving **future regulatory review and permission** for the Project. Such permission will include all **required land use**

## Action Items

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**Item 2:** Accepted funding in the amount of **\$500,000 for the Bikeshare Expansion project** associated with the Transportation Alternatives Program. The funding will be used to purchase the capital equipment for **ten stations** to support **80 bicycles** in locations throughout the County. *The full item can be read on pages 477 - 488 of the Board Package.*

**Item 4:** Adopted the **Countywide Strategic Plan**, outlining the **ten community outcomes**, indicators of success and proposed strategies. *The full item can be read on pages 579 - 624 of the Board Package.*

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## Supervisor Storck Board Matters

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### Proclamation Recognizing Sherwood Regional Library on its 50th Anniversary

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors **purchased the property** that the Sherwood Regional Library occupies in 1964. In **September 1971 at the Library dedication ceremony**, it was added as the **13th public library** in the Fairfax County Public Library system. The original library was 20,000 square feet and **by 1989 it was so busy** that the County voters supported **adding an additional 16,400 square feet** to the building. The **new and improved Sherwood Library** was unveiled in June, 1992.

The Mount Vernon community will be **celebrating this milestone on Saturday, October 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Sherwood Regional Library. The **Friends of Sherwood Library** are sponsoring outdoor entertainment including a children's performer, **Groovy Nate** and a mariachi band, **Mariachi Aguila DC**. Inside the library there will be a **scavenger hunt, children's craft and papermaking activities**, a historical display commemorating **50 years of library service** and the opportunity to check out the STEM-inspired Tech Lab. [Read more...](#)

#### **Action**

*Directed a proclamation be prepared and signed by the Chairman and myself to be presented at on October 16 to the Sherwood Regional Library for 50 years of service to our community.*

### Proclamation Recognizing Pohick Episcopal Church for Hosting its 75th Annual Pohick Country Fair

**Historic Pohick Church**, established in 1732 and home parish to vestrymen such as George Washington, George Mason and George William Fairfax, is hosting its **75th Annual Pohick Country Fair**. The Fair is an **annual day of fun, historic reenactments, games, food, music, and famous handmade apple butter** that parishioners and clergy of the church have held since 1944 for the **enjoyment of the local community** and Fairfax County. This festival is an established community event and **draws hundreds of visitors** from inside and outside the County.

#### **Action**

*Directed a proclamation be prepared and signed by the Chairman and myself to be presented at a future date to Pohick Episcopal Church, recognizing them for their 75th Annual Pohick Country Fair.*

### Proclaim October 6, 2021, Energy Efficiency Day in Fairfax County - Joint with Supervisor Penny Gross

Each year, Energy Efficiency Day presents an opportunity to focus on the many benefits of taking action to save energy. Many energy and climate experts use the phrase "efficiency first" when talking about ways to make a real difference, and for good reason. Energy efficiency is fundamental to our clean energy future and is critically important to the reduction of greenhouse gases as well.

By taking action to become more energy efficient, we can address one of the two biggest sources of greenhouse gases in Fairfax County – energy use in buildings. The community has established a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050, which is ambitious, but achievable if everyone does their part. [Read more...](#)

### **Action**

*Directed:*

- A proclamation be prepared with my, Chairman McKay and Supervisor Gross' signatures designating October 6, 2021, as Energy Efficiency Day in Fairfax County.
- The Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination register the County as a participant in Energy Efficiency Day 2021 on the [official website](#), where information can be found to publicize energy efficiency tips and information in recognition of this day.

## **Adoption of Auditor of the Board's November 2021 Audit Committee Work Plan for the Upcoming Quarter**

As **Audit Committee Chairman**, I presented the Auditor of the Board's **Proposed Audit Committee Work Plan for November 2021**.

### **Action**

*Adopted the Auditor of the Board's November 2021 Audit Committee Work Plan for the upcoming quarter.*

## **Resolution Condemning Organ Harvesting from People of Conscience in the People's Republic of China** - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors John Foust, James Walkinshaw, Pat Herrity, Dalia Palchik, Walter Alcorn, Rodney Lusk and Kathy Smith

On June 13, 2016, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution 343, **condemning the practice of state-sanctioned forced organ harvesting** in the People's Republic of China from prisoners of conscience, primarily practitioners of the **Chinese spiritual practice of Falun Gong**, but also of other religious and ethnic minority groups. [Read more...](#)

### *Action*

*Adopted the resolution to condemn the harvesting of organs from prisoners of conscience in China and to direct staff to conduct efforts to inform the medical community and residents of Fairfax County regarding concerns about travel to China for organ transplants.*

## **Funding Safer Pedestrian and Bicyclist Facilities** - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisors John Foust, Penny Gross, Walter Alcorn, Rodney Lusk, Dalia Palchik, Kathy Smith and James Walkinshaw

On January 28, 2020, this Board adopted a Board Matter sponsored by Supervisors Alcorn and Lusk that, inter alia, emphasized the importance of making our **County much safer for pedestrians and bicyclists**. Their Board Matter made the case that, despite significant past commitments, many important access and safety projects remained **unbuilt due to lack of funding** and that some of our **most vulnerable residents** have borne the brunt of unsafe or limited pedestrian access. They also emphasized the importance of **implementing the new tools and technologies** that will be identified in the ActiveFairfax Transportation Plan, but they made it clear that **focusing on solving pedestrian and bicycle safety problems** should not wait until final completion of that planning process. [Read more...](#)

### **Action**

*Directed the County Executive to do the following:*

*For consideration by the Board at the Board's next Transportation Committee meeting:*

- *Compile a list of previously identified and currently unfunded pedestrian and bike projects that would contribute to pedestrian and bike access and/or safety and that can be commenced as soon as funding is identified;*
- *Recommend criteria for immediate evaluation of projects to be funded with additional funding in fiscal year 2022; and,*
- *Identify additional potential funding options for allocation to these pedestrian and bike projects during fiscal year 2022;*

*For consideration by the Board at the Board's next Transportation Committee meeting, if feasible, or at the following Transportation Committee meeting:*

- *Compile a list of previously identified and other potential projects that would improve access and safety for pedestrian and bike projects that are currently unfunded and could be commenced over the longer-term (fiscal years 2023 through 2027);*
- *Recommend criteria for evaluation and selection of projects from that list; and,*
- *Identify longer term (fiscal years 2023 through 2027) additional funding options for*

pedestrian and bike projects that satisfy the criteria discussed herein.

We further move that the goal for new funding over the approximately six-year period through fiscal 2027 shall be at least \$100 million, and shall be in addition to any funding that was previously allocated to transportation projects.

## **Yard Waste Removal - Joint with Supervisors Rodney Lusk, Penny Gross and Walter Alcorn**

As we are all aware, the County is currently facing an **extreme labor shortage** within the **Solid Waste Division** of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. This labor shortage is particularly pronounced amongst our **County truck drivers**. Public Works is currently **short by approximately 25% of the drivers needed** to resume regular solid waste collection in the County. The shortage is **further compounded** by workers who are out sick or on various other types of leave, magnifying the issue even further. [Read more...](#)

### **Action**

*Directed the appropriate staff to prepare a series of recommendations for the Board to consider for the purposes of training, attracting, and retaining CDL holders.*

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## **Public Hearings**

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### **Amend County Code Regarding Removal, Immobilization, and Disposition of Vehicles Unlawfully Parked on Private or County Property**

Approved amendments to County Code to **increase the hookup and initial towing fee** for vehicles with GVWR of 7,500 pounds or less **from \$135 to \$150** and for towing a vehicle between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. or any Saturday, Sunday, or holiday from **\$25 to \$30**.

### **Amend County Code to Add an Employee Collective Bargaining Ordinance**

We heard from over 60 residents and interested parties last night regarding an ordinance to amend Chapter 3 of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, County Employees by adding Article 10, Collective Bargaining, Sections 3-10-1 through 3-10-18. The **decision was deferred** until the next Board meeting on **October 19**, so that Board members can consider the **significant and thorough testimony** provided at the meeting.

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## **District Information & Upcoming Events**

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### **The FCEDA Invites You to – Successful Retail Attraction in Commercial Revitalization Districts**

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority invites you to join a **special half-hour presentation by Keith Sellars**, President and CEO of Washington DC Economic Partnership (WDCEP). The presentation will cover what it takes to **build a winning retail tenant attraction/mixed-use project team**, how this team is deployed in revitalization efforts, **best marketing practices applied to revitalization**, and how this all came together in achieving some of WDCEP's biggest wins.

**When:** Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**Where:** Zoom link to be provided after confirmation

Please **RSVP by October 14** to [events@fceda.org](mailto:events@fceda.org)

### **Tour de Mount Vernon is Back!**

Join me for our **annual community bike ride** on **Saturday October 23, at 8:30 a.m.**, starting and ending at **Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House**. The Tour de Mount Vernon brings cyclists on a **fun ride**



through the northern and central portions of the Mount Vernon District including a **scenic route through Fort Belvoir**. The route will consist of paved roads, paved trails and will have several challenging sections. **Ride monitors and Fairfax County Police** will be on hand to help with directions and keep everyone safe.

**NEW this year! All riders and volunteers** will receive will receive a voucher for **admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon** good until the end of the year. The 6th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon is **dedicated to our friend and inspiration, Dave Evans**. [Learn more](#)

[and register to ride today...](#)

**We also need volunteers!** [Register here...](#)

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