



Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

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The following are highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on **November 1, 2016**. Items below cover Mount Vernon District programs, actions, and residents, plus items that impact all of Fairfax County. For additional information, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. 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.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board designated:

- November as American Indian Heritage Month.
- November as Adoption Awareness Month.
- December 1 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

The Board recognized:

- Michel Margosis for his years of service on the Human Rights Commission.
- Karen Garza for her years of service as the Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools.
- Reston Chorale for its 50th anniversary.
- Burgundy Farm Country Day School for its 70th anniversary.
- Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association for its 40th anniversary.

Recognition of Accreditation:

- The American Public Works Association presented the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services with its accreditation for following nationally recognized public works practices.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 2: The Board extended the Review Period for 2232 Applications. In the Mount Vernon district, the review period for the following application was extended:
Verizon Wireless, 6065 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA, Mount Vernon District

Admin 3: The Board authorized a public hearing for changes to taxi cab regulations (Fairfax County Code, Chapter 84.1, Public Transportation) to help them complete with ridesharing services, including allow transport of service animals in training for free.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: The Board approved a memorandum of understanding to authorize the Fairfax County Police Department to participate as members in the Presidential Inauguration Task Force

Action 2: The Board authorized the Department of Transportation to sign a standard component agreement for distribution of I-66 Inside the Beltway toll revenues allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board

to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

Action 3: The Board approved the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services' Gym Allocation Policy.

Action 4: The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$100,000 in Office of Economic Adjustment Funding for the Richmond Highway widening project from Jeff Todd Way to Telegraph Road.

*Supervisor Storck brought forward a motion to deny ABC license for Pohick LLC, Limited Brewery and Winery. Motion carried unanimously.

*****The Board urged state leaders to increase funding to Fairfax County Public Schools.**

The Board encouraged local government and school leaders in the Urban Crescent to join this effort, building on the successful campaign with that coalition last year. The **Board approved** sending of three letters to 1) Governor McAuliffe, requesting a return to the original Virginia Retirement System (VRS) rate schedule and asking that the state provide its portion of a salary increase for teachers; 2) the Fairfax County General Assembly delegation, requesting support for both of those items; and 3) members of the Urban Crescent initiative on K-12 funding, encouraging other local governments and school divisions to reach out to the Governor and members of the General Assembly with similar requesting.

Urban Crescent Background: Increasing state funding for K-12 education has been a top priority for Fairfax County for many years. Because public education is a shared state and local responsibility, local governments throughout the Commonwealth came together prior to the 2016 General Assembly session to advocate for more state funding. The effort included localities throughout the “**Urban Crescent**,” which includes Northern Virginia through Fredericksburg and Richmond and out to Hampton Roads. The business community throughout the state joined the Urban Crescent effort, understanding how critical a strong public school system is to the Commonwealth’s economic success. As has been frequently noted, Virginia is in the top 10 of states in income but in the bottom 10 in state education funding – an unfortunate dichotomy that has increasingly gained attention.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Board **deferred the public hearing to February 14, 2017** at 3 pm, on a proposal to rezone **L & F Bock Farm** to provide **Independent Senior Living Housing units** adjacent to the Mount Vernon Hospital site.

In order to have additional time to respond to the community concerns, address questions, and respond to misinformation circulating through the community regarding the age minimum, Supervisor Storck asked for a deferral on L & F Bock Farm. Planning Commission Verbatim Excerpt and Staff Report available online at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/bos-packages/>

The Board held a public hearing on the proposed **Legislative Program for the 2017 Virginia General Assembly**. The proposed Legislative Program and Human Services Issue Paper were made available by close of business October 27, 2016, at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board>

The Board held a public hearing and approved updating the **Public Facilities Manual (PFM) to include provisions related to expansive soils and slope stability. The proposed amendment is necessary to standardize the best practices used by experienced professional engineers to deal effectively with expansive soils and slope stability concerns.** The proposed amendment was prepared by Land Development Services (LDS) and coordinated with County Attorney and Geotechnical Review Board (GRB). The amendment was recommended for approval by the Engineering Standards Review Committee. The amendment will become effective at 12:01 am on November 2, 2016.

Major elements of the amendment include:

- Procedures for laboratory testing of fissured and deltaic clays to evaluate the potential for slope failure are being codified.
- Slope analysis shall include a minimum factor of safety of 1.25 and all walls 8 feet in height and greater shall provide a preliminary global stability analysis.
- Best-practice designs for foundations and slabs in problem soils are proposed.

The Board held a public hearing and approved the Schools Committee's recommendation **to amend the location and character criteria for public school facilities in the Public Facilities section of the Policy Plan element of the County's Comprehensive Plan** (proposed plan amendment 2016-CW-1CP, Countywide Policy Plan).

On March 1, 2016 the Board of Supervisors authorized Policy Plan amendment 2016-CW-1CP. The authorization directed staff, working with the Planning Commission Schools Committee, Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County School Board, to consider development of revised locational and character criteria for public school facilities in the Public Facilities section of the Policy Plan element of the

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Hiring our Heroes JOB FAIR** on Fort Belvoir Saturday, **November 5, 9:00am-12:00pm**, service members, veterans, and military families [Click here for event details and registration information](#)
- **Catch the 1,000 Book Bug at your Fairfax County Public Library**
Kingstowne Library - **November 5**; Martha Washington Library - **November 12**
10:30 am - 12:30 pm. for an exploration of early literacy, as they launch the *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* initiative. Parents of children under 5 can build a knowledge of early literacy skills and learn tips on making reading time fun. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library
- Still Room in the Circle for YOU! **#NobodyShouldGoHungry!**
Consider helping to feed your neighbors at the Lorton Community Action Center Complete the Circle **FOODRaiser, Sunday, November 6 from 1-2:30 pm** at South County Middle School in Lorton. This is a fun and meaningful service project to help feed hungry families who live very near us. We'll create an Art for the Sky "living picture," enjoy live music, refreshments, and a family fun festival. Register now as an individual/family or team, with more info available here [Complete the Circle Page](#)
- **Mount Vernon Salutes Veterans.**
This special event will be held on **Friday, November 11, from 9 am - 4pm.** Performance by the [United States Air Force String Orchestra](#) at 3 pm.
In honor of our nation's veterans, Mount Vernon admits FREE all active duty, former, or retired military personnel. [Buy Tickets](#). Honored guests are also invited to place a flower at Washington's Tomb where the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution present a wreathlaying ceremony in honor of our nation's veterans.
- **Holiday Food Drive!**
Join the Fairfax County Police Department for two holiday food drives to help feed the hungry of the Mount Vernon community this holiday season by bringing a non-perishable donation to either the Mount Vernon Police station or dropping it off in one of the collection boxes located at area churches and businesses. **First collection is November 12.**
- **How to Bring Nature Home - 8 Success Stories, 7:30pm, Wednesday, November 16**
Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, VA 22306.
"Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home," an eight-part, 90-minute documentary by Catherine Zimmerman that explores how we can restore and incorporate nature into every landscape and redefine our relationship with nature, a practice some call conservation landscaping.
[Documentary details](#)
- **Small Business Saturday at the Workhouse, November 26.**
For details on this and other upcoming special events at the Workhouse, visit <http://www.workhousearts.org/get-involved/special-events/>

Absentee Voting



Voters line-up to vote **absentee** in Mount Vernon, 2511 Parkers Lane.

[The last day to vote absentee in-person is Nov. 5.](#) Learn more:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/>

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