



Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

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The following are highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on September 12, 2017. 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 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.](#)

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR STORCK

I would like to thank County Executive Ed Long for nearly 40 years of public service to the residents of Fairfax County. At the September 12, 2017, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board recognized Ed Long's career with a video retrospective. He will officially retire on September 15, 2017, and the Board will be tasked with finding a new County Executive. Ed Long will be missed, and I wish him well in his next adventures. His retirement video can be found by clicking [here](#).

I would also like to congratulate Karen Diviney on her new role as Director of Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Karen has been serving as acting director for the Department since September 2016, but will now take on her official role as director effective immediately.

Lastly, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Carryover Package, which includes \$35.81 million for funding county reserves and infrastructure based on county policy and \$15.4 million to fund the demolition of the Massey Building.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of GrandInvolve for receiving the 2017 Governor's Community Organization Award



The Board also designated:

- **October 2017 as Fairfax Pets on Wheels Month in Fairfax County.**
- **September 2017 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Fairfax County.**
- **September 2017 as Kinship Care Month in Fairfax County.**
- **September 12-23, 2017 as Constitution Week in Fairfax County.**
- **September 2017 as Sickle Cell Awareness Month in Fairfax County.**
- **September 2017 as Emergency Preparedness Month in Fairfax County.**

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Please use the following link to the September 12, 2017 Board Package:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/2017/sept12-board-package.pdf

Admin 2: The Board authorized the Fairfax County Police Department to apply for and accept funding, if received, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant in the amount of \$126,799. Grant funding will be used to purchase 46 Forward Infrared Scout TK Compact Thermal Night Vision Monocular Devices for patrol operations and one FARO Focused 3D Laser Scanner X130 Mapping Systems to digitally record evidence at crime scenes.

For more information, please review pages 11-19 of the Board Package.

Admin 3: The Board authorized to release the "Fairfax County, Virginia, Analysis of Impediments to Fairfax Housing Choice 2016-2020" for public comment.

For more information, please review pages 20-121 of the Board Package.

Admin 4: The Board authorized for the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to apply for Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding. The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH) coordinates one Continuum of Care Program applications on behalf of various County agencies as well as Fairfax County non-profit organizations. HUD requires that the projects included in the Continuum of Care Program application be certified as consistent with the County's Consolidated Plan. Combating Homelessness for both families and individuals is a high priority in the County's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2016-2020. The plan was approved by the Board on April 28, 2015. Therefore, the projects in the Continuum of Care Program application are consistent with this priority.

For more information, please review pages 22-28 of the Board Package.

Admin 6: The Board approved Gunston Hill Lane and Groom Cottage Drive into the Secondary Street System.

For more information, please review pages 31-37 of the Board Package.

Admin 9: The Board approved traffic calming measures and "Watch for Children" signs as part of the Residential Traffic Administration Programs at Lafayette Drive and Shenandoah Road.

For more information, please review pages 52-55 of the Board Package.

ACTION ITEMS

Please use the following link to the September 12, 2017 Board Package:

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Action 2: The Board recommended that (1) staff continue to pursue the collection of delinquent taxes found in Attachment A, and continue collection of non-tax delinquencies; and, (2) the Board removes certain small noncollectable overdue accounts listed in Attachments D and E pursuant to Virginia Code Section 58.1-3921

For more information, please review pages 68-71 of the Board Package.

Action 7: The Board endorsed comments on proposed modifications to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Smart Scale Transportation Funding Prioritization Process.

For more information, please review pages 161-173 of the Board Package.

Action 8: The Board adopted a resolution reflecting amendments to the *Virginia Code* related to the procedures for use of construction management and design-build construction procurement methods.

For more information, please review pages 174-191 of the Board Package.

Action 9: The Board approved Fairfax Connector's September 2017 service changes that address needed service reliability improvements system-wide, expand service on Fairfax Connector Routes 321 / 322, and balance resources with ridership.

For more information, please review pages 192-233 of the Board Package.

BOARD MATTERS

1. Supervisor Storck's Board Matter to Thank the Land Development Services (LDS) Team for their Exemplary Project Management Expertise and Response to the River Towers Building Event

Background

Recently, an unfortunate event in our county met with a successful resolution through effective collaboration among stakeholders, facilitated by an innovative new Project Management Program in Land Development Services.

On Sunday, October 2, 2016, a serious structural failure occurred at 6631 Wakefield Drive, a 9-story T-shaped condominium building built in the 1960s as part of a development known as River Towers. Columns that were supporting the stem of the building had partially collapsed, resulting in a sudden shift in portions of the building. Residents of the building described the event as similar to the shaking felt during an earthquake. The Building Official immediately ordered the evacuation of 32 of the units while the damage was assessed and repaired, leaving the affected tenants displaced for an unknown amount of time. The River Towers Association, led by a board of volunteers, was understandably overwhelmed with the gravity and significance of the situation as they tackled the task of suddenly managing a multi-million-dollar repair project, while addressing the needs of residents who had temporarily lost their homes.

Recognizing the critical nature of the project, Land Development Services volunteered to assign a project manager from its newly established Project Management Team. The project manager liaised between the Association, the structural engineer and contractor, and multiple Fairfax County agencies. These agencies included the Building Division, the Department of Code Compliance, the Fire Marshal's office, Zoning, Site Review, Department of Housing & Community Development, and the Department of Tax Administration. The project manager communicated regularly with representatives from each of these agencies to understand the status of their individual issues and to ensure processes were aligned to best serve the owners and tenants of River Towers.

The project manager stepped in to connect the dots for all involved, maintaining regular contact, following up on tasks and deadlines, and scheduling coordination meetings to resolve issues as they arose. A weekly report to the Mount Vernon District Office provided updates on the status of plan preparation, permits, repair work, and communications. These regular communications and overall coordination helped to keep the project progressing efficiently. I am pleased to report that the structural repairs to the building were completed and residents could return to their units on June 8, 2017.

River Towers is just one of the examples of the key role a member of the Project Management Team has played in coordinating a complex project with multiple stakeholders. Project managers have assisted developers in efficiently navigating the land development approval process, acting as a liaison for high profile projects, and partnering with stakeholders to help meet a project's goals and milestones.

Project managers use a variety of project coordination tools, which lead to positive outcomes:

- **Driving Effective Communication:** The project manager establishes a regular plan for communication on a project, which could include regular status updates, conference calls, coordination meetings or other methods. Delays are minimized when the project manager proactively tracks communication.
- **Maintaining Schedules:** The project manager can work with the applicant and the various review agencies involved to identify a comprehensive schedule agreed upon by all stakeholders. The project manager will follow up with individuals responsible for tasks listed in the schedule and track the actual time table. The schedule will illustrate how changes in schedule dates will affect later milestones, so that all stakeholders fully understand how to minimize the chance of delays.
- **Establishing Project Continuity:** The project manager is one of the few county staff who stays involved in the project throughout every phase of review and approval. This "common thread" provides a voice of continuity, ensuring that requirements and requests made early in the process do not lose their intent as the project evolves. Similarly, the project manager's experience with implementation and enforcement of approved plans can maximize the chance that the project will get implemented as intended, by recommending strategies to reviewers early in the process.

The Project Management Program, which began as a pilot in June of 2016 as part of the Fairfax First initiative, has been a successful strategy to achieve Goal Three of the Board of Supervisor's Economic Success Strategic Plan: To Improve the Speed, Consistency, and Predictability of the Development Review Process.

I would like to thank Bill Hicks, Helman Castro, Brian Foley, Kirsten Munz, Ellie Codding, and the LDS team

for their immediate and exemplary response to this event. The LDS team provided very professional services and hands-on support both before, during and after the event.

2. Joint Board Matter with Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Storck and Supervisor Herrity on Alternative Accountability Program Capstone of the Year Award

Madam Chairman, Supervisors Storck, Herrity, and I were privileged to attend the presentation of the 2016 Capstone of the Year Award to Fairfax County for its Alternative Accountability Program (AAP), a community restorative justice program that serves as an early diversion option for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The Capstone Award is presented annually by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy. Appropriately, the ceremony on September 1 was held in the courtroom of the historic Fairfax County Courthouse, which first opened in April 1800.

A multijurisdictional team from Fairfax County courts, public safety, schools, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, developed a strong, multi-system collaboration designed to increase successful program completion and decrease recidivism among youth, as well as using a data-driven approach to reduce racial and ethnic disparities at the point of system referral. The Fairfax County AAP program competed against 244 others nationwide to be selected for the Capstone Award.

Madam Chairman, in view of this significant achievement, which recognizes intense collaborative efforts between governmental agencies and the community to help at-risk youth succeed, and also is a wonderful example of what might be accomplished under our One Fairfax approach, we ask, without objection, that Bob Birmingham and members of the AAP team be invited to the October 24 Board meeting so that we can learn more about this outstanding collaborative achievement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing on PCA 91-V-003 (Sumner Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc.)

The Board approved PCA 91-V-003 to allow the applicant, Sumner Crossing Homeowners Association, Inc., to amend RZ 91-V-003, previously approved for 49 single family attached dwelling units to permit the construction of 35 additional parking spaces.

The development features 26 residences that have a one-car garage and driveway, and 19 units with no garage or driveway. There are currently a total of 55 common area parking spaces with 38 spaces reserved for the 19 owners without a garage. In the statement of justification the applicant cites a decision of the Virginia Supreme Court which gives garage unit homeowners the right to the same amount of common area as the non-garage units, including parking spaces owned by the Home Owners Association. Adding the additional 35 parking spaces will increase the number of common area parking spaces to 90 spaces, enabling all residences to utilize two parking spaces each in the common area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Meeting TONIGHT in Mount Vernon on Short-Term Rentals

As Fairfax County considers [zoning rules for short-term rentals](#), offered through sites like Airbnb, residents can weigh in at three community meetings in September. The meetings will offer a chance to provide feedback, ask questions and learn about the results from a community survey. The meeting offered in the Mount Vernon District is on:

- **Sept. 13, 2017, 7 p.m.:** [South County Government Center](#), 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria



Upcoming Embark Community Meeting

Learn more about EMBARK Richmond Highway at the Community Meeting #5

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Location: West Potomac High School Library
6500 Quander Road, Alexandria VA 22307

Time: 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.

Tour the Woodlawn Historic District *The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail*

Be our guest on a Familiarity Tour with Supervisor Storck to explore the sites in the Woodlawn Historic District of Southern Fairfax County!

Join local historians and trail planners in a one-mile walk that includes interpretation at Woodlawn Estate, Arcadia Farm, and Pope-Leighey House and a FREE tour of the George Washington's Distillery® and Gristmill. FREE tours of the Woodlawn and Pope-Leighey Houses and George Washington's Mount Vernon are available for registered participants (limited quantity available).

The event is intended to promote community awareness of the connections between natural areas, historic landmarks, and routes for longer cycling, hiking, or paddling opportunities along the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

Free parking available at Woodlawn. The tour will begin from the parking lot at **10:00 AM on Sept. 23, 2017**. Registration opens tomorrow, to register visit <https://www.novaregion.org/>

September 23, 2017 - Woodlawn Historic District Tour Itinerary

- 10:00 – Begin outside Woodlawn Mansion (<http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/home>)
- 10:30 – Walk from Woodlawn Mansion Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture (<http://arcadiafood.org/>)
- 10:45 – Walk up to Alexandria Friends Quaker Meeting House (<https://woodlawnfriends.org/home/>)
- 11:00 – Return down the paved trail and cross Route 1 for free tour of George Washington's Distillery® and Gristmill (<http://www.mountvernon.org/the-estate-gardens/distillery-gristmill/>)
- 12:00 – Optional free tours of Mount Vernon Estate, Woodlawn Mansion, and Pope-Leighey House for registered participants (register here <https://www.novaregion.org/>)

Special thanks to the tour organizers:

National Park Service-Potomac Heritage Trail, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Mount Vernon Ladies Association, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, Visit Fairfax



Support the South County Marching Stallions on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm for "The Twilight Rock n Run 5K, 1 Mile Glow Walk and Kids Fun Run." This is a family-oriented evening run with music to benefit the South County High School Band.

All events begin on South County High School's campus and will end in the school's stadium. The 5K race is on a paved, mostly flat course that goes past Laurel Hill Golf Club and South County Middle School. The overall top male and female, as well as the top 3 runners in 5 age categories and fastest team will receive awards!

To register go to: www.schsbands.org.



Fairfax County

Vendor Forum

Where Connections Are Made

October 5th, 2017

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, VA 22035

Fairfax County's Annual Reverse Tradeshow

2017 Theme: Growing & Securing Your Business in Uncertain Times

- Network with Fairfax County departments and their large contractors
- Discover marketing and business fundamentals that can help grow your company
 - Explore alternative options for funding your business
- Learn how to properly and effectively pursue work with Fairfax County

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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpmm/vendorforum/



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