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[00:00:04] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of May 23rd, 2023, and this morning, before we begin our work, in a moment, we're going to have a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance, but before we do that, as a preliminary matter, Supervisor Herity will be participating remotely in this meeting for a medical reason, and I'll ask Supervisor Herity to identify himself for the record at this time and provide his general location.

[00:00:31] Supervisor Herity. Yes, this is Supervisor Pat Herity in my home in the Springfield District. Thank you. I move that the Board of Supervisors certify that the voice of the remotely participating member, Supervisor Herity, can be heard by all persons assembled here in the Government Center, and I further move that the Board confirm that such remote participation fully conforms with the Board's policy for remote participation in meetings.

[00:00:56] Second. And since I move. Yes, I just had to find the button. You've heard the motion, and the second is there discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye.

[00:01:11] Any opposed, say nay. Any abstentions? That motion carries unanimously. Thank you, Vice Chairman Gross. And as I mentioned, we always begin our meetings with a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and I'm going to, in a moment, ask board members if they would like

to keep in their thoughts and prayers any members of the community, and I'm going to start with a couple. First, and obviously I want to start with the unfortunate assault that occurred at Congressman Connolly's district office in Fairfax City. I think it goes without saying

[00:01:45] that no one, no one should ever have to face the violence that his staff members face just by simply doing their job and serving the public. And I think all of us know quite well the senior staffer who was pretty significantly injured we see her everywhere she does phenomenal work not just for congressman connelly but for our fairfax county community and we want to keep her in her in our thoughts and prayers as well as the student intern who was working in the congressman's office at the time and several of us at that very moment were at the capital area food bank ribbon cutting

[00:02:24] when this incident occurred in Congressman Connolly's office. And, of course, Congressman Connolly was there with us in the front row as a speaker at that event. And none of us at the time knew the horrific events that were occurring in his office. So if we could keep the two people, the two assault victims, as well as the entire staff of Congressman Connolly and our thoughts and prayers, obviously this is going to be with them for a while, and we want to be as supportive as we possibly can.

[00:02:53] Secondly, we take a moment in our moment of silence, if we could also remember Miss Jane Brew. And Miss Jane Brew is the mother of Akia from our clerk's office, Akua. I'm sorry, Akua, who is the coordinator for our board's authorities and commissions and works with each and every one of us in our office.

[00:03:14] And Miss Brew passed away in Ghana at the age of 83, was an adored mother and grandmother to many, will be dearly missed by her family and friends and if we could keep okua and her entire family in our thoughts and prayers and then finally we learned yesterday that our fairfax county police department confirmed human remains found in shenandoah national park were those of matea cabo zavellos who was reported missing from fairfax county may 9th last seen leaving his

[00:03:48] home in Oakton and on his way to George Mason University. And for those of you who followed this news, there was a massive search effort in the Shenandoah National Park that included our own Fairfax County Police Department, as well as a ton of other law enforcement agencies desperately searching for Mr. Zavellos after his vehicle was found parked at the Shenandoah National Park. And so if we could keep Mr. Zavellos and his entire family as well as his neighbors in Oakton and students at George Mason University who knew him in our thoughts and prayers

[00:04:26] as well this morning. And of course, we thank our outstanding Fairfax County Police Department for all of the efforts that they made desperately trying to search and find him and the coordination of all the other law enforcement agencies who were involved in the search for Mr. Zavellos.

[00:04:44] we thank them for that with that if there is anyone else who would like to keep anyone in our thoughts and prayers I'd recognize them at this time supervisor Alcorn thank you mr. chairman so this past Sunday there was a memorial service for the father of Sheriff Kincaid George Kleiner passed away it was a very very nice service family members gathered friends so he he was obviously very influential, at least through his children in our community, and just wanted to acknowledge that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Walkinshaw.

[00:05:23] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for mentioning the loss of Mateo Kobo Zavaios. I know the entire George Mason University family is mourning his passing, and also thank you, and I think you

articulated well the the terrible incident at congressman connelly's office and you know i spoke to the congressman that day and and have spoken to his staff since and obviously it's been a traumatic experience for everyone maybe the silver lining is it could have been even worse than it was as terrible as it was um and you know one of the things that i've thought about

[00:06:02] since then and and i hope this doesn't happen but you know the last thing we would want is young people who maybe are considering a career in public service to be dissuaded by this kind of incident. So it's incumbent upon all of us to make sure that we keep our staff and the entire community safe because unfortunately these these kind of incidents do happen. I also want to acknowledge the loss of Norma Heck and I missed last week's housing committee meetings. I attended

[00:06:35] her funeral. Norma was a longtime community leader and president four different times, I believe, of the North Springfield Civic Association. She was born on February 9, 1931 in junior West Virginia. She grew up working on a farm. She moved to North Springfield after she married Edwin Ansel Heck. They lived in North Springfield for more than 60 years. They raised There are three girls there, Laura, Rebecca, and Brenda.

[00:07:04] They were among the first five families to move into the neighborhood in 1955. She had a storied professional career in the building industry. She served our schools as a PTA president. She was a member of the advisory board for the Division of Children.

[00:07:22] She was a delegate. I did not know this about Norma. She was a delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Commission. She was chairwoman of the Annandale, I see Supervisor Grossig in her head, chairwoman of the Annandale District Committee on the North Springfield Civic Association.

[00:07:41] She served, as I mentioned, 15 years through four different tenures. She worked to get lighting installed under the 495 underpass in the neighborhood. She worked with VDOT and FCDOT to get more traffic lights and stop signs installed.

[00:07:58] a difficult accomplishment. She convinced VDOT to lower the speed limit on one of the main streets going through the neighborhood, helped to add bus stops and sidewalks, and she tried to get the neighborhood designated as a county sanitary district for trash collection. It didn't quite, there wasn't quite enough support in the neighborhood for that, but nonetheless, she took on the task of negotiating with the trash haulers to get community rates for North Springfield a very difficult thing to do but but she was able to do it she really made an incredible impact on

[00:08:37] North Springfield and the entire I'll say greater Annandale community but what was really powerful was hearing her family members including her grandchildren and her children talk about the impact she had on their lives at the funeral last week. So I just ask my colleagues to keep her family and the entire North Springfield community in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Walkinshaw, Supervisor Paljik.

[00:09:06] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And first of all, I just want to second your thoughts and words for our friends and colleagues over in Congressman Connolly's office. Also, as we talk regionally, Some of you may have heard our friend and colleague in Falls Church City, Phil Duncan, underwent successful lung transplant surgery here in Inova earlier this month.

[00:09:27] I know many of us had the opportunity to work with him on regional commissions, including MVTC. It looks like he's recovering well, but just want to make sure we all send our thoughts and prayers

to Phil and his family through a very difficult operation and recovery, and to thank all of the staff at Inova, Fairfax, who helped treat him so well and helped him on his way home.

[00:09:51] So just want to send our thoughts and prayers to our friend Phil and his entire family. Thank you very much, Supervisor Palchuk. And seeing no one else who would like to. Sorry, Supervisor Herity. I'm very sad to announce the passing of Mary Pauline Jones, the far too young age of 36.

[00:10:13] It strikes very close to home as Mary Pauline was a member of my political team, and more importantly, a friend. She was also a dear friend of my son, Sean, who shares a birth date, but not a birth year, with MP. Throughout her life, she was very active in the community, especially in the Herndon community she called home.

[00:10:35] Everything from Herndon's Friday Night Live series to community issues. She played key roles in the staff of a number of Virginia leaders, including Congressman Tom Davis, Congressman Rob Whitman, Governor Bob McDonnell, Attorney General Jason Meares, as well as roles on the U.S. House Government Oversight Reform Committee and with the Department of Education.

[00:10:57] MP served as a board member on the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission and with my appointee to the Fairfax Area Disability Service Board. She graduated from James Madison High School, received her Bachelor of Arts from Christopher Newport, and then went on to do postgraduate studies at UVA's Sorenson Institute and the University of Delaware Leadership Institute. In addition to being a brilliant woman, a dedicated community activist and a respected leader, she was known as a patriotic, adventurous, fun-loving,

[00:11:30] thoughtful, and caring person. On the lighter side, she was a fellow Jimmy Buffett fan and as a foodie always had a great spread for the pre-concert activities. She was always sharing delicious recipes and restaurant recommendations from wherever she went. She was an unapologetic and vocal fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide when Jimmy's Taverns in Herndon hosted a memorial for it featured a picture of her and coach Nick Saban and she loved nothing more than Alabama. She was preceded in death by her father James Jones who was an officer in the Metropolitan Police Department.

[00:12:09] Her mom Sue Jones is also a member of my team and a very dear friend. Mary Pauline's funeral is today at 11, and I'm heartbroken that COVID's going to keep me from being there to support Sue and Tony and celebrate MP's life. I ask that we keep MP, Sue, her beloved partner, Tony, and all the new MP in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you very much, Supervisor Herity. And with that, if we are ready, we could all rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:12:43] Please face the flag. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

[00:13:08] and to the republic, which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Okay, we have five presentations this morning.

[00:13:30] We're going to try to get through them as quickly as we can. For each presentation, I will announce the proclamation and invite the designated speaker down to the podium. Anyone else who is here for that proclamation, of course, is welcome to join them. We will then read the proclamation after speaker's remarks.

[00:13:47] We will pose for a picture from the dais. And our first presentation this morning is to welcome the winners of the Shark Tank Technology Challenge. I know they're coming from a morning reception

right next door where they all received individual recognition of their efforts in this year's challenge.

[00:14:06] And we have with us today a few people. First, our Fairfax County Area Commission on Aging Chair, Kathy Cole, who is here to talk about their accomplishments. And I do see Kathy, if you could come on down. Kathy, and I would recognize you first.

[00:14:23] Welcome. Thank you, Chairman McKay and members of the board. I'm Kathy Cole, Chair of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging. But this morning I'm speaking to you as a member of the 50-plus Technology Committee, established as a result of the 50-plus Community Action Plan adopted in 2014.

[00:14:50] This is now the sixth year that the Technology Commission Committee has challenged high school students across Fairfax area to compete to develop a device or application that could improve the lives of older adults, adults with disabilities, or their caregivers.

[00:15:07] After empathetic research, design, testing, and retesting their products with potential users, student finalists pitched their products to a panel of Shark Tank judges on March 24th. We are very grateful to our judges, Corey Singleton, adjunct faculty member and assistive technology initiative manager for George Mason University, Rose Robinson, service source division manager who manages the day-to-day operations of the Wellness Center for Older Adults in Fairfax, David Hibbets from AARP's Business Development Department, Digital Strategy and Membership Division.

[00:15:44] And last, but definitely not least, is Pete Lamont, a partner at Integrity One Partners. We are extremely grateful to Integrity One Partners for the years of supporting our challenge and generously providing the financial awards that the students receive. Thank you to all of you.

[00:16:03] The students who are standing with me today are the winners of the 2022-2023 Technology Challenge. It is fitting that they are being recognized today as we celebrate Older Americans Month. They developed innovative, thoughtful, and helpful products for older adults, family caregivers, and adults with disabilities.

[00:16:22] Thanks to Integrity One Partners, cash prizes have been awarded to the first, second, and two honorable mention placed student teams. I'd like to take a moment to introduce you to these enterprising students. The projects worthy of honorable mention are from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Elijah Gusen-Dowdy, Abhinav Agarukala, and Johnny Liu, who developed Colorville, a web extension program that uses built-in color correction to aid those with color blindness while browsing the Internet.

[00:16:56] And from McLean High School, Nala Ben-Omeyer Easy, Odile de Vachon, Rosary de la Cruz, who developed Descartes, a deck of cards designed for people who are visually impaired and is best for those who have recent sight loss and are not yet familiar with Braille.

[00:17:15] Our second place winning team is from Langley High School, Rujuri Thakkar, who developed the glove that helps exercise and increase blood flow in paralyzed areas, specifically the hands. And our first place winner is a combo team of students from Oakton High School and Thomas Jefferson School, High School for Science and Technology.

[00:17:36] Sampreetimuthaswamy, Ira Gammapodya, Karen Zhao, Asmita Kodiala, who designed Capture Your Memories, a web application that helps individuals affected by dementia and their loved ones connect through media such as photos, videos, and audio.

[00:17:56] Congratulations to all of you, and we expect to hear great things about your accomplishments in the future. Our committee thanks Integrity One partners, our judges, teachers, principals, parents, and the board members for supporting this amazing intergenerational action.

[00:18:12] Thank you. Thank you very much, Kathy. Amazing stories, and we're so grateful, not only that we have this opportunity to honor our young people, But also, as you mentioned, thank the army of folks who helped make this happen, including our Commission on Aging, our business community, and most importantly, the parents who are here today of these young people who do a lot of work in the background to support you.

[00:18:38] And certainly our partners at Fairfax County Public Schools. Just yesterday, I was at Mount Vernon High School meeting with some young people on our Youth Health Ambassadors program. And whenever you visit one of our high schools and leave, you can't not be inspired by the young people across this county and the exceptional people who are here in front of us.

[00:19:01] Future generations will serve us well. I think we all can have the confidence in that. And so congratulations to all of you for your accomplishments. And I know that Supervisor Herity had originally sponsored this. And I would turn to you, Supervisor Herity, if you wanted to share any additional thoughts.

[00:19:20] Yeah, real briefly, I want to extend my congratulations to the winning team from Oakton and TJ High Schools for their winning project, Capture Your Memory. That was one of the presentations I actually got to see when I went to the Shark Tank Challenge.

[00:19:37] It was an incredible project and a well-deserved win, but I am equally as impressed by many of the other projects. I want to add my thanks again to the judges, the Fairfax County Schools, Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging, certainly Kathy Cole, thank you for all your continued work here.

[00:19:58] But a special thanks to Pete Lamont and Integrity One Partners who provided the checks for the winning team. Apologies, I was not able to be at the reception this morning, but congratulations to all the teams and hopefully we see you again back here next year.

[00:20:16] Thank you very much, Supervisor Herity. Anyone else who would like to be recognized? Let me start with Supervisor Walkinshaw, followed by Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to congratulate all the teams again. I had the opportunity to spend a little time with them during the reception this morning.

[00:20:32] They each described to me what they worked on and really some amazing stuff. A couple of the projects I was thinking, wow, I might actually need that. I'm not sure. There's universal benefits, but really incredible work and talents here.

[00:20:49] So thank you to the Commission on Aging, the judges, Pete and Integrity One, but especially the students and their parents who supported them through this amazing stuff. Congratulations to you all. Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw, Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say congratulations.

[00:21:06] But also, you know, going forward, we want you to come back after you've gotten your education. We want you to live here in Northern Virginia. We really do. And therefore, you know, we're open to your thoughts.

[00:21:27] I mean, we like to try to guess what it's going to take to attract you and your families and to come back to Northern Virginia. But tell us, you know, if there are things that you see that could make Northern Virginia more attractive to you than, say, Austin, Texas or, you know.

[00:21:45] What can we do? Because you are our future. You know, we need you. And so please let us know what it would take to attract you back. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Supervisor Palchek. Thank you all, and congratulations. I'm happy to follow that. As someone who left and came back, would love to see what it takes.

[00:22:06] But I think what you've done is so critical to that. You know, those of us who grew up here or are growing up here, knowing that our family is so important to us and knowing that the work that you are doing to ensure that we can help support our family as our family members age, helping them be able to age in place. I know that family caregiving, I just read an article, is seen as not the norm, but it really should be the norm and is the norm for so many of us, especially with immigrant families, so many more of us here in Fairfax County. So I really want to thank you, as my colleagues did.

[00:22:42] I think the work you did here is incredible. We know you're going to go off and do wonderful things, whether here in Northern Virginia or elsewhere, and we hope that the work that you've been able to do, the education that you've received, and I see many of your principals here in the audience and your staff members, so I want to thank all of you for your support for the students, is so critical to your experience, and hopefully you'll see what an incredible place this is, not just to grow up, but also to live and raise a family and to age here as well.

[00:23:11] So thank you. Thank you to all the partners who have made this a wonderful day. Thank you to your families. And we're very excited to see what the future holds for you. So congratulations and thank you finally for representing us so well here in Fairfax County. Thank you. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also want to add my congratulations and thanks to the work that you've all done.

[00:23:32] There's something that's resonating with me personally with the work that you're doing, And that is thinking about how we can expand from being a service-based economy to being a product development economy. So thinking about the technologies and some of the devices and some of the applications that you are developing, this will help us diversify this economy here in Fairfax County.

[00:23:58] So I'm hoping that you listen to this wise supervisor here and come back to this area after college. But I want you to also think about continuing this theme of how do we create products? How do we do things that are different here in this county?

[00:24:16] So thank you very much for what you've done. I'm very appreciative. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. And, you know, one of the things that wasn't mentioned is we focus so much on the inventions and the innovations of these young people and how they help seniors. But they help everyone.

[00:24:33] As somebody who, and I know some of my colleagues find themselves in this position that are constantly caring for older members of family and also very young members of the family and caught kind of in between, any use of technology, innovation that can help people be able to better do things that otherwise they would need assistance to do helps everyone in our community in remarkable ways and opens doors that otherwise wouldn't be open.

[00:25:01] And so what you're doing is not just innovating, but literally creating things that can change lives permanently. And we thank you tremendously for that. With that, I know you have already received

certificates at this morning's reception, but I think we are ready for a photo.

[00:25:19] And I know I can see a lot of folks from the Commission on Aging here as well. And if they want to join you for this photo, as well as the award winners, we would welcome that. And if you could come forward and face the audience.

[00:25:34] And next we have a resolution to recognize Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and McLean High School Scholastic Bowl teams for their first and second place finishes in the Virginia High School League 2023 Scholastic Bowl.

[00:28:12] And this was requested by myself, Supervisor Gross, and Supervisor Faust. I believe we have with us today Dylan Forche, the Director of Student Activities from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Quiz Bowl Team, and Noah Chin, a member of the McLean High School Quiz Bowl Team, if you could come on down.

[00:28:34] And if anyone else is here with you, they are welcome to come down and join you as well at this time. And at this time, I will turn to Supervisor Gross for a resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to offer this resolution on behalf of the board.

[00:28:52] Whereas in February, the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Scholastic Bowl team won its eighth consecutive Virginia High School League Scholastic Bowl championship. That's to be expected, eight consecutive years. After all, it is in Mason District.

[00:29:09] And whereas the school's Scholastic Bowl team has won numerous tournaments this year, including the James Blair IV Bowl at William & Mary, the Centennial Invitational Tournament, and Johns Hopkins University C++ Tournament, and Fall Invitational.

[00:29:25] And whereas the team was a semifinalist in the It's Academic Tournament and whereas the school will be represented at the high school national championship tournament in Atlanta this month and at the national scholastic championship in Chicago next month, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all students, all residents of Fairfax County does hereby congratulate the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Scholastic Bowl team and advisor Julia Fu for their championship.

[00:29:56] pinship and outstanding performance this season. And I'm going to second that. And we have a second resolution. Supervisor Faust, we can vote on these, I think, together. I'm hoping there's no concerns with that. Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I have the following resolution. Whereas in February, the McLean High School Scholastic Bowl team earned a second place finish at the Virginia High School League Scholastic Bowl Championship. And whereas this accomplishment is the team's second consecutive second place finish in the state tournament and whereas the McLean High School Scholastic Bull Team won both the Liberty District Conference

[00:30:35] and the Northern Regional Tournament earlier in the season and whereas the school will be represented at the High School National Championship Tournament in Atlanta this month, now therefore be resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County does hereby congratulate the McLean High School Scholastic Bowl team and advisors Jeff Barquetti and Lindsey Benedict for their outstanding performance this season. I'm happy to second that as well. Any discussion on the resolutions? Supervisor Gross

[00:31:12] to be followed by Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am a great fan of things like College Bowl, which was in the 60s on television, and now Jeopardy and the Jeopardy Masters. And Oh, my goodness. It's great fun, but it also shows a great depth of knowledge.

[00:31:31] It's not just rote memorization. It's really trying to figure out. And I think that probably for our students in front of us, these scholastic bowl championships are also are a lot of things you have to figure out sitting right there on the hot seat.

[00:31:50] the math questions and some of the science questions, which you really do have to figure out and work with your team. You're not just one person. So it really is a pleasure to be able to salute these teams for their outstanding success. But it also shows that you never stop learning.

[00:32:13] What you're doing today in these Scholastic Bowl championships will carry on, you know, the intellectual curiosity that you have will carry on throughout the rest of your life. So congratulations to you all. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. Supervisor Faust.

[00:32:29] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to congratulate both schools on amazing performances. When you're in the midst of it, you're probably not as impressed as we are watching it.

[00:32:45] It's unbelievable the depth of knowledge that you have. And, you know, just so proud of, in particular, in my case, the McLean High School, which is a pretty regular here in the boardroom with amazing accomplishments.

[00:33:02] So I just want to say congratulations and, you know, keep up the good work. Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Supervisor Palczyk. I'll be very brief. So proud of you. And I want to thank my colleagues for bringing this forward. I still remember when I was at TJ and we said we came for the sports.

[00:33:20] It was a little bit of a joke, but I love that VHSL really expands its definition of what kind of scholastic and after-school activities we focus on, able to address the brain and the brain development and keep it elastic as we grow older.

[00:33:38] I think it's very much appreciated and just want to congratulate you, your families, your coaches for the many, many, many hours that have gone into this. I know you've worked really hard, and you're probably really excited for summer break, so I'll let you get to the photo. But once again, thank you, and thank you for inspiring future generations of scholastic bowlers across the county.

[00:33:59] Thank you, Supervisor Palchik, and I'll also offer my congratulations. I mentioned earlier just how amazing our young people are throughout this county, and you all are all-stars for this achievement. And as Supervisor Gross said, you know, be lifelong learners.

[00:34:16] You're far ahead of most people in your age bracket, but life is about constantly learning and constantly challenging yourselves, and really what you've been able to accomplish here is amazing. We're so proud of the way you represented Fairfax County in particular, and also thank your coaches, our amazing FCPS staff that support you as well as the parents who are here and the ones who are not here who support you every day.

[00:34:45] And so really a true team effort, and so congratulations. With that, I think we're ready to vote on both resolutions. All those in favor of the motions, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And those carry.

[00:35:01] And welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Good morning. My name is Dylan Forshay. I'm the proud director of student activities for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Today I'm here to recognize our 2023 Virginia High School League Scholastic Bowl champions. This year's competitors were Tim Johansson, Elliot Lee, Devin Hagan, and Andrew Shee.

[00:35:21] These students won the National District, Aquan Region, and Virginia High School League Scholastic Bowl Class 6 championships this year. And as stated before, this is the eighth consecutive year of TJ winning the Scholastic Bowl state title. What's most impressive about our students is their ability to demonstrate a love of learning while also showing some excellent sportsmanship while competing at a high level.

[00:35:46] TJ Quiz Bowl continues to run a strong program of about 80 attendees. In terms of outreach, the team hosts multiple tournaments for local middle school and high school students and nationwide online tournaments. TJ continues to mentor middle and high school age students to build and promote Scholastic Bowl.

[00:36:03] And TJ's own software, which is freely provided over the Internet, continues to be used for Quiz Bowl tournaments around the nation. As stated before, TJ's won numerous tournaments this year, including tournaments at John Hopkins, VCU, William & Mary, on national level, competing in the major quiz bowl tournaments, including the high school national championship tournament in Atlanta, hosted by the National Academic Quiz Tournaments, where we placed fifth last year among 272 teams, and the National Scholastic Championship in Chicago, hosted by the Partnership of Academic Competition Excellence, where we placed teams in second.

[00:36:38] Seventh won the JV title among the 72 teams aided by all of the students that you see here. TJ Quiz Bowl accomplishments are a testament to the depth and robustness of the program as well as thoughtful leadership of our students. Again, that's Elliot Lee, our Quiz Bowl captain.

[00:36:55] Tim Johanson, Quiz Bowl tournament director. Devin Hagan, our JV liaison. And Andrew C., one of our most dedicated competitors. Congratulations to our students. We're proud of you for your character. Your leadership, your determination, and your hard work. Thank you all.

[00:37:12] Well said, Dylan. Thank you very much. And again, congratulations to you and the team that helped coach them to victory. And I know we have with us Noah Chin as well. Welcome. I'd like to thank the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for having at this meeting to highlight McLean's runner-up finish in Scholastic Bowl.

[00:37:28] While we fell short of our ultimate goal, losing to an incredible Thomas Jefferson team, there are still an innumerable number of people to thank for helping us reach the summit. Most notably, I must thank our coaches, Mr. Brocketti and Mrs. Benedict, for helping us build team chemistry and always providing a place to practice. Others who supported the team included our principal, Dr. Riley, who attended the districts and watched our thrilling victory over Langley, and all of our teachers back at McLean, who helped develop our knowledge.

[00:37:53] This run to the final also saw what I believe to be the emergence of a golden generation of McLean quiz bowlers, with five new freshmen joining the team and each performing well in districts and regionals. Lastly, I am grateful that Fairfax County provides for these events and allows myself and each of my teammates to demonstrate all that we know and learn what we do not know.

[00:38:14] Thank you. Thank you very much, Nella. And we are seeing the sportsmanship exhibited right here in front of us with competing teams. I don't know that we've ever had literally competing teams here at the same time.

[00:38:31] And you would not know it, so well done, guys. And with that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if all of you could come forward and face the audience.

[00:38:55] Excuse me.

[00:39:16] Tippy-tips. can you can elevate a little right it's okay it's okay it's all right you're here you're here

[00:40:27] okay and next we have a resolution to uh recognize uh again mclean high school but this time their journalism students for their gold crown award win for the highlander the school's news magazine and website and this was requested by myself supervisor faust and supervisor palchick And if our speakers who are here for this today could make their way down, I understand we have Farrah L. Jazar, student journalist from McLean High School, as well as anyone else who is here with you at this time is welcome to come down.

[00:41:04] And at this time, I will turn to Supervisor Faust for resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While we're getting organized, let me introduce Harrison Crawford, who is a senior at McLean High School. And Harrison has been interning in my office as part of a school program that McLean High School offers to seniors.

[00:41:24] He's going to be attending Virginia Tech in the fall and plans to study geography. So I am surrounded by McLean High School. And that's a good thing. That's a good thing. So I move the following resolution, Mr. Chairman.

[00:41:43] Whereas the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, an international student press association founded in 1925, works to unite student journalists and faculty advisors at schools and colleges. And whereas McLean High School's The Highlander news magazine and website has been honored with a gold crown for overall excellence from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

[00:42:12] And whereas McLean High School was one of only 16 schools in the entire nation and the only school in Virginia to receive a gold crown in 2023, and whereas this is the second consecutive gold crown recognition for the Highlander student journalists, and whereas the Highlander was also recently recognized with a First Amendment Press Freedom Award for a sixth consecutive year.

[00:42:42] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby congratulate McLean High School student journalists and advisors for their outstanding achievements on the Highlander.

[00:42:59] So moved. I'm happy to second that along with, it sounds like half the board. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Faust. Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is, you're running an amazing program over there. And I see Ellen Rowley's here, the principal.

[00:43:17] You know, it's exactly the type of high school you want to see in your community. You're doing amazing things. And the kids, the students, I shouldn't say kids, I should say students, you have done an amazing job. I know how hard it is to accomplish the types of things that you regularly are accomplishing.

[00:43:38] And so we thank you. As a community, we invest in public education, and you are a tremendous return on that investment. So thank you for all you do, and good luck in the next phase of

your journalism pursuits.

[00:43:55] Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Any other discussions? Supervisor Palczyk. Very brief. It's good to see you all again, and congratulations on your work. And for me, I think what's so critical and important about what you do in your journalism class, club in classes is that you're getting so many skills in schools and right now you're probably a little bit focused on your GPAs and your SAT scores but what really is going to stick with you forever and help you throughout your career are these skills the collaboration skills the writing skills the communication skills the investigative skills your ability to be able to share what

[00:44:31] you've learned and what you want to share in the community and to help grow whatever future endeavors you have. So I want to congratulate you and your incredible staff and team at McLean High School. We are very proud of you. If we could just move you around to the whole county, I think we would see everyone here every meeting. So thank you. Congratulations to all of you and best of luck this summer and the years ahead. Thank you, Supervisor Palczyk. And I'll also offer my congratulations you know journalistic integrity in particular seems to be in in small quantities

[00:45:06] anymore with the advent of the internet and so many other things that call themselves journalism but are not the type of journalism that you all are practicing which is is is not only ethically based but also complete and to do that in your high school in the remarkable way that you did It makes us all proud.

[00:45:27] And I just, you know, I think it's worth repeating something that Supervisor Faust mentioned in the resolution, that McLean High School was one of only 16 schools in the United States and the only one in Virginia that got the gold crown in 2023.

[00:45:44] And I think that is kind of read over, but I think is remarkable. If you think about how many high schools are in this country and just how many are in Virginia, You are elite, and you deserve the recognition. So I offer my congratulations as well for making Fairfax County proud.

[00:46:02] We're proud of you and the work that you do and the support that you have. With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And welcome. The floor is yours.

[00:46:18] Good morning. My name is Farrah El-Jazzar. I am one of the editors-in-chief of the Highlander. It is a great honor to be recognized by the Board of Supervisors today for earning the CSPA Gold Crown Award. The Highlander's accomplishments would not have been possible without consistent support from staff, administrators, and the county. Throughout high school, I've had the pleasure of working with some of the most talented writers, designers, and artists that I know. Immersed among such talent, I've not only had the experience of seeing my peers' creative visions come to life, but also become a part of the journalism family.

[00:46:51] We work as a well-oiled machine. We go from doing rap battles and ranking the worst foods of all time to writing articles regarding Youngkin's changes to Virginia's history curriculum or the debate on affirmative action in an instant. The staff has put their heart and soul into this publication, and I am proud to say that each and every one of my peers is so deserving of this award.

[00:47:14] I often say that I'm with my fellow editors and reporters more than I am with my family. I've never seen a group of students and our advisor, Lindsay Benedict, so dedicated, self-driven, and

committed to reporting accurately and efficiently while ensuring their journalistic aspirations come to life.

[00:47:30] The Highlander teaches perseverance and teamwork. Working on a staff that imitates that of an established publication while facilitating a welcoming, creative environment has inspired me and so many others to continue to pursue journalism professionally.

[00:47:46] Again, I'd like to thank the Board of Supervisors for honoring our achievements. I know that the Highlander will continue to do great things, both in print and on our website, and look forward to seeing all the publication accomplishes in the future. Thank you. Thank you very much.

[00:48:03] Well said, and congratulations. I think we're ready for a photo, and I know your principal is here. Anyone else who is here, please come down and join us for the photo, and if you could come forward and face the audience.

[00:48:14] And next, we have a proclamation to recognize and designate the month of May 2023 as Older Americans Adult Abuse Prevention Month.

[00:49:54] And this was requested by myself and Supervisor Herity. Our speaker today is Kathy Mouha, Vice Chair of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging. If you could please come on down, as well as anyone else who is here with you that would like to join you, they're welcome as well.

[00:50:10] And at this time, I am going to turn to, I believe, Supervisor Walkinshaw. You have the proclamation? Supervisor Herity has it as well. Supervisor Herity, do you have the proclamation as well? Well, I've got the proclamation language. I don't have the proclamation. Okay.

[00:50:26] But I've got the language. Well, we'll figure this out then. Why don't we, if you would like to read the proclamation, we have the proclamation here. But if you would like to read the language at this time, we would welcome that. Mr. Chairman, I have a proclamation to move.

[00:50:42] Whereas every May we recognize Older Americans Month and this year's theme of Aging Unbound provides an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences, discuss how communities can combat stereotypes and promote flexible thinking about aging, and consider how we all benefit when older adults remain engaged, independent, and included.

[00:51:03] And whereas Older Americans Month is an opportunity to celebrate the strength of our older adults and the aging network in Fairfax County with special emphasis on aging in place so older adults can stay in their homes and live independently in their communities for as long as possible. And whereas May is also Adult Abuse Prevention Month in the Commonwealth, and while recognizing the vitality of the county's older adults, we must also recognize that vulnerable older adults need protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. And whereas Fairfax County has many resources for older adults who want to age in place in the county and for older adults,

[00:51:44] caregivers, and individuals with disabilities through the Aging, Disability, and Caregiver Resources line. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County does hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as Older Americans and Adult Abuse Prevention Month in Fairfax County and urges all residents to recognize the contributions made to the community by older adults and to be alert for the symptoms of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. So moved. Second. It's been moved and multiply

[00:52:19] seconded. Discussion on the resolution, Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman. Earlier this month, we celebrated volunteerism in Fairfax County, much of it by our older adults. Today, we celebrated the shark tank winners an initiative from the 50 plus community action plan and later this morning we'll hopefully be approving the shape the future of aging plan it is truly older americans month in fairfax county uh special thanks to our area agency on aging staff and the commission on aging for all their work that they do to serve our older adults who play vital roles and positive

[00:52:58] roles in our communities as family members mentors leaders members of the workforce and more Thank you to our older citizens and thank you to all that are here today. We appreciate the good work you do and the way you enrich the community. While I promised her I wouldn't embarrass her, I do want to take a moment and recognize and thank Jackie Woodruff with the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging on her retirement after 21 years of service to older adults.

[00:53:28] she's been an invaluable part. She really has been an invaluable part of multiple older adult plans, including SHAPE and a champion for improving older adult services. She's a wonderful person to work with and will certainly be missed by me and my staff, as well as, I'm sure, county staff. Jackie, thank you so much for all you've done, and I wish you the best in your retirement.

[00:53:58] Thank you very much. Anyone else who would like to be recognized? Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just add that last year, you and I and former Supervisor Cook cut the ribbon on the Senior Wellness Center at Braddock Glen, and it has been running strong over the last year, one of the many resources for older adults in our community.

[00:54:27] I was looking at the schedule today. They have Chair Zumba at 1 o'clock. Actually, all of us up here could benefit from that. Creativity leads to wellness classes, fraud prevention classes, blood pressure screenings later this week, all kinds of wonderful resources and opportunities for older adults taking place there every day, thanks to our partners at ServiceSource.

[00:54:50] So thank you to the Commission on Aging for all of the work that you do, And we're going to talk about shape the future of aging a little bit later today. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. And I want to thank the commission as well and the county staff that's here.

[00:55:06] You know, one of the things that I know we work hard on but could always do better is making sure that people in our community know that this county has folks and resources available to them should they need help. And I know as part of Older Adult Abuse Prevention Month, promoting the Aging, Disability, and Caregiver Resources line more widely for people to understand that there are people here who are experts in this area and available to help people who may be struggling.

[00:55:37] The other thing I do want to mention is when we think about abuse, I think a lot of us in our own mind define what that is, but there's so many other subtle things that unfortunately our older residents in the county are subjected to, and one of them is the financial exploitation, which is a form of abuse.

[00:55:56] And I want to thank the staff that put on the scam jam every year. I find it to be enormously useful having parents of my own who have been abused financially hits close to home and happens so often.

[00:56:11] I don't think people realize that there's constant attempts to take advantage of older residents of Fairfax County because they know of their generosity in so many ways. And so I do want to thank the

staff for all of the work they do to prevent abuse, but also to help people who are struggling get the resources that they need.

[00:56:33] And it's one of the fantastic things about Fairfax County that I think a lot of people take for granted until they need the assistance. And we all need to be doing our job to promote these resources that are available that can really help our older residents in the county.

[00:56:49] With that, I think we're ready for a vote. all those in favor of the resolution please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries Kathy welcome the floor is yours thank you good morning Supervisor Herity Supervisor Walkinshaw Chairman McKay and members of the board on behalf of the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging I'd like to thank you for honoring older members of our community with your proclamation of older Americans and adult abuse prevention month as the federally mandated advisory board for the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, the Commission on Aging is grateful for your year-round support of older adults,

[00:57:28] their families, and caregivers. We look forward to your continued support of the Shape the Future of Aging plan. The theme for the 2023 Older Americans Month is Aging Unbound, which emphasizes the diverse experience of aging. Older adults in our community continue to make our county a better place by the very value of their individual lives and the plurality of their experiences.

[00:57:52] Within Fairfax County, you'll find older adults aging independently in place, residing in intergenerational households, assisted living, and long-term care facilities. Sadly, a small but growing segment of this population has no traditional or permanent housing.

[00:58:09] Older adults are involved and engaged in active Fairfax County Senior Center programs, continue or return to employment, and receive or give in-home care. Many older adults volunteer with programs such as the award-winning Grand Involve Program, which pairs older adult mentors with elementary school children.

[00:58:28] Some older adults choose to remain active participants within their existing neighborhoods. Greater communities are as active participants in their religious and cultural customs, traditions, and rituals. Aging Unbound celebrates the uniqueness of older Americans, honoring all experiences as valuable.

[00:58:47] Aging Unbound conceives of a promising and organic future, a future that seeks to create a quality of life through enduring social norms that are consistent with a culture of lifelong support, care, and participation within the community. Fairfax County offers vital older adults programming.

[00:59:05] The Board of Supervisors demonstrates commitment to these older adults, particularly today by the adoption of the Shape the Future of Aging plan. This plan is the construct where countywide initiatives will be created in the areas of service, housing, accessibility, personal well-being, and economics.

[00:59:26] The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging and the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging in partnership with community stakeholders and volunteers will work tirelessly to develop sustainable, accessible strategies that provide for and benefit older adults in Fairfax County.

[00:59:41] May is also Adult Abuse Prevention Month, recognizing that while we have a lively, active, older adult population, there's also a very real need to protect the more vulnerable older adults from

abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Through the SHAPE plan, many strategies will work in conjunction with existing programs like the Silver Shield Anti-Scam Program to keep our older residents safe.

[01:00:05] In conclusion, the COA gives many thanks to all of the members of the board and especially acknowledges the invaluable support of the Older Adults Committee Chair, Pat Harity, and Vice Chair, James Wackenshaw. The Commission on Aging is grateful for the opportunity to work with the board on the Shape the Future of Aging, and we look forward to together shaping the future of aging in Fairfax County.

[01:00:28] Thank you. Thank you very much, Kathy, and thank you for the work of the commission, yourself and the work of the commission. Much appreciated. I think next year we're going to need a reminder to wear purple. We feel a little bit out of place. But at this time, I think we are ready for a photo, and if you all could come forward and face the audience.

[01:03:24] And finally, this morning we have a resolution that I don't think any of us is excited about. But we have a resolution to recognize Tom Bishadny, retiring director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, for all of his achievements.

[01:03:43] And this was requested by myself. And, of course, Tom is here with us, thankfully. And at this time, I am going to turn the gavel over to Supervisor Gross so that I may read the following resolution.

[01:03:59] Whereas Tom Bishodney, who served Fairfax County for 34 years, including the last 12 as director of Fairfax County Department of Transportation, retired this month. And whereas Tom Bishodney has guided the department through some of the most significant transportation projects in the country, including the completion of the Metro Silver Line at Dulles Airport, the expansion of express lanes on I-66, the Blue Line extension to Franconia-Springfield, as well as the forthcoming Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit program, and whereas Tom Bishadney has played an essential role in the development of extensive pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in the county,

[01:04:39] including the pedestrian bridge over I-495 and Tyson's, the trail along I-66, the Scotts Run Trail, and the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail, as well as countless miles of sidewalk and trail projects along numerous roadways all over the county.

[01:04:56] And whereas Tom Bishadney has been a strong advocate for transit, including growing the Fairfax connector to the largest bus system in Virginia, leading implementation of the Free Student Bus Pass Program and the Transit Ridership Incentive Program, and providing leadership over the future bus rapid transit system on the Richmond Highway Corridor.

[01:05:16] And whereas a champion for transportation in Fairfax County and around the region, Tom Bishadny has worked to build consensus, create and strengthen relationships, and model the best in public service, for which he was recognized as the A. Heathon Thank Award and the county's highest award for individual employees.

[01:05:37] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby thank Tom Vashodny for his insight, dedication, and service, and wishes him well in retirement.

[01:05:54] You've heard the motion seconded multiply. I think it was unanimous the second. He said discussion on the motion. Yes. Mr. Chairman, then I'm going to start at that end. Yeah, I think there will be

discussion, much to Tom's chagrin. but but in all seriousness this is a moment that you know i i literally uh despise and love at the same time um and i think obviously despise because none of us um can envision a world without tom bashodney heading the department of transportation in fairfax county but i also love

[01:06:28] it because you can see how relaxed tom is relieved uh having just come back from a trip and he was commenting to me how nice it was to sit and not have to worry about catching up on phone messages and email messages and all the time that was, you know, all the things that happened while he was away is experiencing the retirement that he is well-earned. And so that makes me happy. But I will tell you that, you know, having seen a lot of county staff over my years come and retire, I don't know that I've ever had someone retire and have more people

[01:07:04] from around the region approach me and literally say, what are you going to do now? Because Tom was so well respected across Virginia and certainly across the DMV area by the staffs that so many of the organizations that we serve on, whether it's NVTC or NVTA, VDOT, so many of the other organizations and agencies that the director of DOT has had to coordinate with over a lot of years. Just universal love, respect, and admiration for Tom in his years as

[01:07:43] DOT director and really in all of his years as an employee of Fairfax County. And so, Tom, your mark is literally all over Virginia, all over Fairfax County. And when I look at all the infrastructure that was built over your tenure, it is amazing. Amazing how we have transformed ourselves into a true multimodal community. Amazing when you think about the time saved by so many of our residents because of these infrastructure advancements and the benefit that you as leader of DOT have brought to the lives of so many people in the county. You know,

[01:08:20] we think about hard infrastructure. We don't often think about just the couple minutes of time saved when someone can get to a kid's event or get home in time for dinner or get to work on time because of the work that you do and the environmental work that comes with so many of these projects.

[01:08:37] And we have come a long way, and I literally just mentioned a few in this resolution, but if you look at our active transportation tracking system of all the projects in the county, the complexity of them and the number of them and the number that had been completed over the last 12 years and more, it is a remarkable legacy.

[01:08:58] And finally, Tom, just on a personal level, just your demeanor and the way you have approached things have been something we can all learn from. Your calm presence is the reason why you have so much respect, not only of this board and county staff, but of leaders in transportation across our region.

[01:09:20] And, you know, that we have always valued, even in difficult times, your steady hand and calmness. And so I wish you all the best in retirement. And I know that you're still in the community and will be in the community. And so I'm already thinking of, you know, 10 or 12 other things I could ask you to do as a volunteer.

[01:09:41] Be voluntold to do because you just can't let Tom's skill and Tom's background and his institutional knowledge vanish. We all have to find ways to make sure we continue to tap into that. But, Tom, seriously, congratulations on one heck of a career, on one heck of a run in public service that is second to none.

[01:10:06] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Madam Chair, Vice Chair. Definitely a bittersweet presentation and resolution here. So, Tom, thank you, not just for all the time you spent as director, but before then, too.

[01:10:24] And for those of you that are not aware, Tom was really instrumental in the Tyson's replanning and not just the integration of transit, but the street grid. And even beyond that, funding for those transportation improvements that really was missing at the time.

[01:10:47] And Tom really did step up, pulled everything together, and really made that happen. So I want to let you know, still haven't given up on Boone Boulevard through Dyson. We're still working on that. And at some point, we actually might want to call at least the part in Hunter Mill, maybe Bashadney Boulevard.

[01:11:08] So I don't know if that would work or if CTB would have to approve that. I don't know. But, you know, aside from the high-level things and accomplishments like that, you know, it's also your ability to work from top to bottom and also on the ground.

[01:11:26] And I just remember, I think it was 2014 after the phase one of the Silver Line opened up. And I believe it was the first workday after either the station opened or the first workday after the new connector routes had been put in.

[01:11:44] I can't remember. It was one or the other, maybe both. But I remember commuting and getting off the connector bus and going through the parking garage there. And there you were. And you were there, and you had a clipboard, and you were, like, making notes about what you were seeing, you know, just basically doing your job in a way to understand what was going on in the ground.

[01:12:06] And to me, that sort of that combination epitomizes your public service, what you've done for the county and the residents. And thank you, Tom. Thank you very much, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Tom, thank you. What an incredible record of service.

[01:12:24] you know, the chairman mentioned a couple of things, you know, I would love to know how many thousands and thousands of community meetings attended over the years. And somehow you've managed to be the calmest person in the room at every one of them. Um, and taken, taken maybe, uh, some, some abuse at times. Um, but also as the chairman mentioned, you know, your regional leadership, and, you know, when in this region, when Tom Boshadny speaks, people listen, whether

[01:12:59] that's in Northern Virginia or the District of Columbia or Maryland, you have really become a serious regional leader and expert that everyone counts on. And I think, you know, one of your many accomplishments is overseeing over the course of your career a shift from a really auto-centric model and philosophy to a multimodal model and philosophy. And that's not an easy shift, not always welcome in every part of the community or by every person in the community, but it's really important to our continued success. And just, you know, I mentioned the

[01:13:36] thousands and thousands of meetings and, you know, all of us up on this dais live that lifestyle and There's no way to do that without it having an impact on your personal life, and it is a sacrifice. Those are dinners and time at home and TV shows not watched and books not read, all in the service to this community.

[01:14:02] So thank you for those many, many, many, many thousands of meetings that you've done over the years. Thank you, Tom, and best of luck with your retirement. Thank you, Supervisor Walker.

Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Chair. And, Tom, I really first met you about eight years ago on a project that we all are still deeply enmeshed with.

[01:14:26] And I think somehow or other, at least I'll say I thought that it would somehow be a little bit further along, but I also recognized what I didn't know at the time and, frankly, how difficult and challenging and all the different elements have to be assembled to bring a project like this forward, Not only because we're widening Richmond Highway, and that's huge, but also that we are also bringing a state-of-the-art bus rapid transit system, the first in Fair West County and definitely the first in our, at least our area.

[01:14:55] I know that Alexandria has a small one that I don't usually tell people about because I don't want them to think that that's what a bus rapid transit system will look like, at least with respect to the one and the leadership that you've had there and bringing that together.

[01:15:12] And I think for me, I know each of us are maybe going to kind of highlight a particular thing. Obviously, your stoicism and your patience, your quiet firmness, even when we didn't necessarily agree with that. Those are all, I think, core parts of being a professional.

[01:15:28] And you were always the professional. And the other element of that for me is, and I still I shake my head because no matter where what we may be talking about somewhere in Fairfax County, you would have encyclopedic encyclopedic knowledge of whatever is happening there and that still astonishes me i mean i know the challenge and difficulty i have just to understand all the elements that are happening in the mount vernon district and and maybe adjacent districts because of those impacts but you have had that and then as a final note our i truly enjoyed our

[01:16:03] our rides to my ride with you down to our our legislative session each year as a chance to really on a one-to-one basis where we're spending a couple hours in the car talking about anything that that really is needed to be talked about but you could really get a chance to talk to and meet somebody more one-to-one than you ever do any other setting so I absolutely wish you the best and thank you very much for your service and the difference that you've made for our community thank you supervisor Smith thank you you know as Supervisor Stork said your knowledge about all the projects so you know being in a

[01:16:40] community meeting. It was always very reassuring that you were there. You could answer community questions because sometimes those meetings were tough. And it was like, okay, Tom's here with me and I know we're going to be okay in that meeting. And then, you know, talk about the Route 28 project that we have from 29 down to Prince William and when we lost the regional funding from the state and how, you know, the pivot with that project, which will be a great project because it's designed with the full width when we ever need to get to eight lanes.

[01:17:11] And so it's that creativity looking and moving us forward. But really, you are wonderful with the public. You're wonderful in public meetings, and I think it helps the county do well. So I wish you very, very well, and you looked very calm at that ribbon-cutting for the trail.

[01:17:27] So congratulations, Tom. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chairman. I'll say, Tom, congratulations. I'll say that you have epitomized and you are an exemplary public servant.

[01:17:44] Just to see all the time, as Supervisor Watkinshaw indicated, the time that you've spent in service to this community has been extraordinary. I don't know how you did it. I mean, I would be on the

Zoom, I'd be in person, and you would be there.

[01:18:01] And I'm just like, he's everywhere. So thank you for your service. And I want to also say thank you for helping us expand the commercial tax base here in Fairfax County. I think what some might not know who are listening is that when we do projects, and I'm talking about large-scale projects in Fairfax County that have incentives connected to them, it is the transportation improvement that serves as the base of that incentive for Fairfax County.

[01:18:34] So because of your department, we have Hilton, MicroStrategies, Microsoft, we have IntelSat. We have so many companies that we've been able to win because of the ability to use infrastructure as the match.

[01:18:54] And then last I'll say, I had a conversation with you, and this is probably more than nine plus years ago, and we were talking about the extension of Jones Branch Connector. There were a number of companies that had come into the office at the Economic Development Authority and said, we need that extension.

[01:19:16] And at the time, Dr. Gordon was the president's CEO, and we organized a meeting. You came over, and you carefully explained what needed to be done in terms of fundraising because there's a certain amount of money that we need, I think, in excess of $41 million for that project.

[01:19:35] And you identified that there were ways to go about that. But I want to say you were exceptional in raising the money and getting that project completed. And I want to say that the CEOs and those who are involved in that project came back to our office and were just so impressed when we got to the place where that extension was done.

[01:19:59] So, so many projects that you've done like that. That's just one example. So I just want to say I hope you can continue to enjoy yourself a little. It looks like you got a little tan here too, Tom. I know there's a little more color than I'm used to seeing with you. Not quite to me yet, but you're moving in that direction, Tom.

[01:20:20] But I want to say how much I appreciate the time and the service, and I hope you won't be a stranger. Thank you very much. Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Tom. It's been many years now, and, you know, I said the first couple years that I worked with you, I thought you were assigned to the Drainsville district.

[01:20:47] I had no idea you were also putting in 24-7 and eight other districts. I mean, it's, you can't even, it's almost inconceivable how knowledgeable you are of an enormous county.

[01:21:06] It is so complicated. And as someone pointed out, the transition from, you know, the roads to the multimodal, which in your world meant instead of gigantic projects that are pretty easy to keep track of, there's hundreds of little projects all over the place.

[01:21:24] And you could cite every detail about every one of them. I mean, I've been trying to reach. I didn't realize you retired. I need half a million dollars for a, you're the only guy who can help me.

[01:21:44] There's no one else. But anyway, you did help me many times, as I'm sure you helped many of the supervisors solve problems. and, I mean, challenges that, you know, constituents, you seem to be able to, had a radar that you were able to detect when it really was a problem for me and when you really did need to step in and figure out how to help, you know, get something done.

[01:22:16] And, I mean, you made my life much easier as a result, and you made my constituents' lives much better as a result. So thank you, and good luck, and I'm sure we'll see you around, I hope. Yes, thank you.

[01:22:32] Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Supervisor Herity, are you – I'm trying to go around the dais appropriately. Yep. Supervisor Herity, go ahead. Yes, hard to go last here, and so many people have said so many things. You did look like you certainly were retired at the I-66 ribbon cutting for the trail, so that is good to see.

[01:22:56] And I appreciate Supervisor Lusk's comments on your importance to the commercial tax base. That's often forgotten, but there is so much that goes on behind the scenes in transportation that is important for our residents. And really, it's our residents, I'll speak on behalf of our residents, are grateful for your transparency, for being there at the community meetings, for handling and addressing those questions, and finding solutions.

[01:23:26] I specifically want to express my appreciation recently for your responsiveness on the Lee Chapel Road incident and that ongoing project and working through difficult long-term projects like the Parkway Visioning and the Shirley Gate Extension, both critical things to our district as we move forward.

[01:23:50] But you will be extremely missed. Hopefully, you aren't going far. I've got the same problem, Supervisor Faust, have. We now have a solution for Lee Chapel Red. I've got to figure out a way to fund it. You were always the go-to guy there, so we are certainly going to miss you.

[01:24:06] So on behalf of our residents, thank you, and hopefully you're not going far. Thank you, Supervisor Herity, Supervisor Poucher. Thank you, Wes. You're gross, and I'm happy to go after that because I know you're not going far. Tom, you're literally leaving some huge shoes to fill, literally and figuratively.

[01:24:27] And I can tell you from day one and even before being on this board, because we know transportation, traffic and safety on our roads and on our sidewalks and trails is for our whole community. That includes our kids, our families, our safe routes to school. And so even before having the privilege of working with you on this board, I was so impressed and learned so much from you at those community meetings and in those conversations about how do we make this safer, especially for our pedestrians and cyclists and our kids.

[01:24:58] There's one question that we often get, and I think Jerry Connolly still talks about it. How hard can it really be to build a sidewalk? And if anyone has the answer to that, you'd be surprised, and it is Tom.

[01:25:14] You know, I have some major projects and multimodal projects that we've worked on, not to mention having Route 50, Route 29, I-66, all of the gallows, all of these major corridors right through the center of the county.

[01:25:29] And I know that you know you're leaving a lot of work for us, but you've done so much preparation, and you're leaving us in great hands with your team. I think there's one bridge that I'm very excited about being built, and that is the bike ped bridge that's going to make it easier for you to bike to my office from your home in Providence, because I know that while you've said no so far to post-retirement work and appointments, we'll get you soon, soon enough, and we know where to find you when we need that funding or when we need just your thoughtfulness to think through some of these projects.

[01:26:08] they are all complex and I think enough can't be said about your demeanor your utmost professionalism both working with us which is not an easy feat but also in working in our community you know there's one issue that's not easy, there's no easy solution and you're never going to have everyone on the same page and that's transportation and traffic and how we address those needs and so I really appreciate your work through all of these years, I'm I'm grateful that you won't be too far unless you're traveling or at home with your extended

[01:26:43] family, but we do know that you have helped us, as was said, start to build a bridge moving forward to this multimodal world, and more than anything, your ability to help us coordinate, argue sometimes with Virat, and help ensure that we do have this wild idea of ours that we think about how to ground them and what are some possible ways to move forward and to resolve those issues and so really appreciate everything you've done again only thing that makes me feel

[01:27:19] a little more comfortable is that I know you're not too far physically and that you've left us with an incredible team at FCDOT to help us through so thank you again I'm happy to see you a little bit relaxed and when you get bored you know how to reach us. Thank you Supervisor Supervisor Palachick, Supervisor Stork, you asked a very...

[01:27:39] Yes, and I'm sorry, Madam Chair. I forgot, this is a very auspicious day in, actually, the Franconi and Mount Vernon District and Richmond Highway in particular, one that Tom was very involved with, one that we believe and hope will make a huge difference in our communities and particularly in the lives of our pedestrians and cyclists and, frankly, auto drivers.

[01:28:01] This is the first official day that the speed limit on Richmond Highway goes from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour and tom and fc dot and your work with vdot and i know the initial i'll say skepticism that you had about how vdot would look at this as because of what had happened a decade ago and some of that work but it all came to fruition and we are now officially in a 35 mile per hour zone from jeff todd way north to the beltway so one more thing to thank you and thank your FCDOT staff and all the work that they've done so thank you Tom thank you and WTOP had a

[01:28:39] rather lengthy commentary about that this morning um Tom one thing I must say um when you get the resolution you'll see it's in very small print because there was so much to say we don't normally go to a second plaque because it's got two pages so it's really small print but um everything you know, it really captured your career. You came here for a job, and you stayed for a career, and that's really what we love to see in our Fairfax County employees. I'm thinking back to your predecessors, and I'm probably going to get myself into trouble here. Shiva Pant, Young Ho Chang,

[01:29:19] Kathy Ictor, and then you. I believe that was the... Yes, that's right. And so, and your tenure has been the longest as head of transportation. You've been, you know, each department head had brought special skill sets, but also there's a pivot required as things move forward. And I think that's what we've seen with you. We didn't used to talk about multimodal much, and now we talk about multimodal all the time. When we don't just talk about it, we do it. It's already been

[01:29:55] said you were unflappable and cool under pressure um we didn't used to have a sidewalk request list even though we knew it wouldn't be funded we we now have an entire list and that's what came under your tenure um this is spring construction and i will say that um it's even though we grit our teeth because sometimes the sidewalk construction means somebody's going to be in one lane, but because I'm thinking of the Sleepy Hollow Walkway, which was first promised by then

[01:30:29] Supervisor Tom Davis in 1983, it's getting done under my watch, and it will be done very soon, and I am really thrilled, even though there was a lot of angst about it, but you can't just say, own if there are people who disagree you know you can't just say no we won't do it um why would anybody want to walk along sleepy hollow road it's too dangerous well you've just made my point and so um i think that tom you stuck with us on it and thank you very much um from the standpoint

[01:31:08] of um your future i would caution you to remember that kevin greenleaf tony griffin even chairman Bolova had been appointed by this board to do various boards, authorities, and commissions, so I suspect there's a board authority or commission in your future. But, you know, really, there's just, there's one little piece of unfinished business. From my perspective, it demonstrates that transportation improvements take a very long time. The Seven Corners Ring

[01:31:45] road. You know, that was devised about 10 years ago. We know it's going to take a long time. It's on a planning horizon of several decades, but it's been a frustrating time to try and get anything done on that one. But you have always been one to encourage us to stick with it, find the funding, cobble things together, and we'll eventually have a project.

[01:32:20] And that, I think, has been one of your legacies also to the department and to the county is if we can't do it big, we break it into sections and we get it done. Sometimes folks are upset about that because they'd like to see it all done, you know, instantly.

[01:32:41] but we know that it takes a long time and you have always been patient with us and showed how we need to be patient with each other so thank you Tom for your outstanding career and we're from what I hear you will stick around so that's a very good thing we will be able to I think I have your cell phone online so it may be that we may have to say Tom do you remember when we did this, but I remember when Tom called me earlier this year, and he called me out of the

[01:33:17] blue, and I'm thinking, I don't have him on my schedule. I don't have anything to talk to him about, and he told me that he was following my example of retiring, and that was a little bittersweet, but certainly understandable. We know there's a point where it's time, and so So it's hard for people to understand that sometimes.

[01:33:42] I never thought that I would recognize when it was time, but it's time. And you have a lot of life ahead of you, and I hope you enjoy it. With that, we are ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion to approve the resolution say aye.

[01:34:01] Aye. Any opposed say nay. Any abstentions, that motion carries unanimously. Thank you very much, Vice Chairman Gross. And before I turn the mic over to Tom, you mentioned how long it takes sometimes for transportation improvement projects to happen. And we saw Tom at the trail opening just last week.

[01:34:20] And I think it's fair to say whether Tom wants them or not, he's going to be getting dozens and dozens and dozens of invitations for years to come for projects that he began and was a part of but have yet to be built.

[01:34:35] And so there's a lot of the work of Tom Bajodny that is still yet to be seen, but is well on its way. And so whether Tom likes the invitations or not, we'll know, based on his attendance at these events, how much he appreciates those invitations.

[01:34:51] But we appreciate the fact that your work is, you know, we mentioned a lot of projects in the past, but there's so many more that you've laid a foundation for. And I know we'll see you at some of those events, and that makes me feel a little bit better. um about this resolution and so uh with that uh tom welcome the floor is yours well thank you mr chairman members of the board um i really appreciate the uh the um recognition your kind words um it's it's definitely been good to work with you and with county leadership and with the residents of the county over the last 34 years to implement a variety of transportation solutions

[01:35:30] multimodal transportation solutions and as as was mentioned um i never expected to make fairfax county a career this was a stop on the way from texas back to the midwest but as i got here um i realized that there were infinite number of um you know challenges and and things to really keep me uh engaged in in so many ways and i can honestly say in 34 years i was never bored in any job that I had in Fairfax County.

[01:36:01] I really wasn't. They were always interesting and challenging, and it was always good to be able to work through the process with the community. And the project you started with wasn't always the project you ended up with, the one that got built, but that community involvement was always really important to making sure that the project really served the needs of the community.

[01:36:30] I've been very fortunate to work with a group of 170 professionals, the best in the business. Some of them are here today, and I really appreciate the hard work and continued dedication that they put in.

[01:36:46] They are truly dedicated to implementing your transportation vision and your transportation priorities. And many of the things that you mentioned today could not have happened without all of their engagement and support and their hard work and tenacity.

[01:37:06] And their willingness to continue to move forward even in the face of very difficult circumstances, whether it's the lack of funding or it's the need to adjust the direction of the project.

[01:37:23] They're very good at what they do, and they will continue to serve you well into the future. And definitely, Acting Director Greg Steverson is going to be a fine leader for you. I would also say that they are supported by a whole bunch of other county departments, regional agencies, state agencies, federal agencies that really are part of the whole picture.

[01:37:54] And without those other agencies working together, many of these projects couldn't happen. So definitely appreciate that engagement and that support from the other partners that we work with. I've enjoyed working with all of you in terms of implementing your transportation priorities and improving the ability, the mobility of your constituents to travel and work and play here throughout Fairfax County.

[01:38:26] As I drive around, as I travel on transit, I see people waiting at bus stops with new bus shelters, and I see people biking and walking on new sidewalks and trails. I see people using the express lanes to save time on their commute.

[01:38:43] I see them using Metro Rail to avoid some of the hassles of traffic and recognize that, you know, there's been a lot that has been done since 1988 to improve the multimodal transportation environment here in Fairfax County.

[01:39:00] And there's still a lot more to come. And as Chairman McKay alluded to, there's a number of projects that are still in the pipeline that I will be honored to join you for the ribbon cutting for those. in the future. So with that, I just would like to thank all of you for your leadership, your support for transportation, your financial resources that you've provided over the years to make these projects possible, and also the opportunities that you've given me personally

[01:39:33] to grow and to serve you in the residence of Fairfax County and the trust that you have put in me and in the department over the years. I really appreciate it. I appreciate today's recognition and look forward to seeing all of you in the future because I am a Fairfax County resident.

[01:39:53] This is my home, and I don't intend to go anywhere anytime soon. So thank you very much. Thank you very much, Tom, and I don't know that I could say it any better than you did, but before we pose for a picture, I think one of the jobs in representing our constituents is is to you know speak for them and you know you mentioned those people out there using our infrastructure they won't ever have the benefit like we have of maybe meeting you and so thank you on behalf of all of them because they may not know how these things happened we know how they

[01:40:29] happen so thank you Tom and with that we're going to do something very unusual and I think if we could get all the board members to come down to take a photo with Tom. And if anyone else is here

[01:40:43] that would like to join us in the photo, they're welcome to as well. Okay, next we have up board

[01:43:52] appointments to citizen boards, authorities, commissions, and advisory groups. And at this time, I will turn to Supervisor Gross for a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the appointments listed as final copy and dated May 23rd, 2023. Second. Heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries and brings us to board matters. And once again, the clerk has compiled these digitally and

[01:44:30] we will go alphabetically by district following myself and Vice Chairman Gross. And I only have two board matters. First is I move to approve without objection the proclamation requests listed on this document to be presented inside or outside the boardroom as appropriate, and those are a proclamation to recognize the month of May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a proclamation to recognize the month of June as Pride Month, and a proclamation to recognize TEFRA Institute of Contemporary ICA on its 50th anniversary.

[01:45:06] Without objection to order. It is. Thank you, Vice Chairman Gross. My second board matter is done jointly with Supervisors Herity, Walkinshaw, Alcorn, Faust, Gross, Lusk, Palchik, Smith, and Stork. So it better pass. And this is opposition to changes to slot and perimeter rule.

[01:45:26] Fairfax County is served primarily by two airports, Dulles International Airport, IAD, and Reagan National Airport, DCA. As their names suggest, IAD is meant to serve international and long-distance customers while DCA provides shorter flights. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, EMWA, governs operations of both airports, and Congress has established the slot and perimeter rule to ensure the functioning of IAD and DCA to achieve their intended purposes.

[01:45:57] However, time and again, Congress has made exemptions to the rule, allowing a greater number of longer flights to depart from DCA, which has negatively impacted communities around DCA with more airplane noise and hampered the ability of IAD to achieve its economic development potential.

[01:46:17] IAD is now under the same geographical constraints as DCA and must be allowed to grow into the long-distance hub that Congress intended when it established EMWA and the slot and perimeter rule. Congress is now considering the latest FAA reauthorization legislation and slot and perimeter rule changes are being discussed. Therefore, I move that the board send the attached letter to leaders of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation expressing Fairfax County's opposition to changes to slot and perimeter rule that would have detrimental impacts on our community and our economy you heard the

[01:46:55] motion madam chair the letter is attached all board members should have it as well you've heard the motion which I'd be happy to second along with Supervisor Faust is there discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion I would say mr. chairman this battle has been fought many times the slot perimeter rule I know when I was on the hill years ago working for West Coast members of Congress, senators, there were attempts, usually by folks from the Southwest,

[01:47:31] to change the rules. And most of the times it's been successfully pushed back with maybe a few changes. But now with Metro Rail serving Dulles International Airport, that really removes some of the concerns I think that members of Congress have about the ability to get to the airport. Yes, you can take Metro to National, but you can also take Metro to Dulles. And so I'm very glad that you brought this forward. Mason District

[01:48:08] is not on any direct path of the airlines for National, but we are getting increasing numbers of complaints about airplane noise and helicopter noise.

[01:48:23] So I'm glad that we're stepping up and doing this. I would hope that it will have the appropriate effect. Thank you for bringing this forward. Supervisor Stork. I would echo those words, Vice Chair Gross, and anyone who wants to hear airplane noise on a regular basis, come over to my house almost any time, but especially come over to some of the communities that are even more directly impacted by the changes that were made a decade and a half ago without any public engagement.

[01:48:55] So we have a serious issue. I think the only good thing that I see on the horizon is that County Executive Brian Hill, working with Alexandria and Arlington and with the Prince George's County folks, have been able to engage a consultant that hopefully can help us come up with some ways to mitigate some of that noise impact.

[01:49:17] There clearly are many, many ways to do that. The FAA has not been supportive. has not been helpful so we're continuing to work to try to move this along and do it better and this board matter I think helps to do that so I appreciate it Mr. Chairman thank you and it occurs to me Supervisor Stark that I believe the Regional Commission is going to be taking this up on when on Thursday night also because it it affects so many of its members Supervisor Alcorn yeah thank you madam chair I also just want to note echo your comments this has been a long-standing issue in you know when when the airports were first

[01:49:55] transferred from the federal government the whole plan all along has been as the resolution says to have Dulles be the growth airport you know the only other thing I you're exactly right on Metro rail now coming all the way there there is still I 66 and you know there has been some chatter about I-66 backing up on the quote-unquote reverse commute, which at this point is probably a misnomer.

[01:50:23] So one of the areas that perhaps we need to discuss a little more is perhaps putting congestion pricing on the reverse of I-66 inside the Beltway, certainly to make sure that traffic does flow. I know some

of our neighboring jurisdictions have had concerns about that, but perhaps this is a good time to start that discussion.

[01:50:45] Thank you, Madam Chair. Anyone else before we vote on the motion? Yes. Madam Chair, I just want to add one thing because, you know, people have asked why this keeps coming up, and there's a lot of reasons for it. But unfortunately, one of the most obvious is that you will have a rogue member of Congress who, frankly, wants to make their life easier flying in and out of the Capitol to get to and from their districts.

[01:51:12] And, you know, it is so parochial at times. And I don't think people understand not only the well-planned out, thought out functions of these two airports, not only the impact on people who live within the flight path of these airports, but also the significant safety issues that aren't talked about very often.

[01:51:34] But DCA, you talk to any airline pilot, is one of the most dangerous airports to fly in and out of, and it's designed for a certain size aircraft because of the landing area, which is very different than Dulles Airport, which was planned out at a different time with a different amount of land at its disposal.

[01:51:54] and so this is not just wrong to impose these changes without a lot of public input it's not just wrong to do it for parochial reasons but it's wrong to do it in the name of public safety as well and I think that's one of the things that is important for us to emphasize that this is just not the mere inconvenience of noise but there are a lot of other factors in play with this as well and it's sad that we have to constantly go through this hopefully one day we'll get these things cemented uh in a better way but it is really important that we weigh in on this at this time so i thank my colleagues for their support thank you mr chairman all those in favor of the

[01:52:33] motion please say aye aye any opposed say nay any abstentions that motion carries unanimously thank you vice chairman gross and next up is you mr chairman i just have one uh small joint board matter with Supervisor Stork, and it's really just to alert and congratulate our staff, actually our county. Resilient Fairfax, the county's plan to address the effects of changing climate on residents, critical infrastructure, public services, and natural

[01:53:07] resources, has been awarded the 2023 Resilient Virginia Community of the Year Award by the Virginia chapter of the American Planning Association, or APA. This award recognizes a community's effort and commitment to building resilience through responsible planning, proactive, and innovation. An award ceremony will be held at the APA Virginia Annual Conference on July 18th in Roanoke. We don't need to do anything about this. It's just an applause opportunity for our

[01:53:39] staff thank you and that is concludes mine thank you thank you very much uh vice chair gross supervisor walkinshaw thank you mr chairman i have three board matters um the first is a joint board matter with you mr chairman and supervisor gross commemorating soldiers of how we how we field park day mr chairman since 2021 we have as a board taken time to honor the sacrifice of six young soldiers from the 77th Engineer Port Construction Company stationed at Fort Belvoir,

[01:54:17] who died on June 1, 1967, while assigned to a community service project. The soldiers were working to provide a baseball field for the local Little League at the Howery Field Athletic Complex in Annandale. They died when a flagpole they were erecting was hit by a gust of wind and contacted a high-voltage power line. All the men were under 25 years of age. Their names were Private Paul D.

[01:54:44] Briggs from Waco, Texas, Private Anthony B. Evans from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, PFC Marvin D. Harrison from Jacksonville, Florida, Private Charles R. Oliver from Vermilion, Ohio, Specialist for Kenneth G. Steiner from St. Ann, Missouri, and Private Charles M. Whaley from Aberdeen, Ohio. For the past two years, the board has declared June 1st as soldiers of Howie Field Park Day to honor these six young soldiers. And I'm once again requesting that we commemorate this solemn day and express

[01:55:22] our appreciation for the men who provided the facility that residents in our community continue to enjoy. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we move that the board proclaim June 1st, 2023 as soldiers of Howie Field Park Day in honor of the six soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice while helping to build this local facility and that a presentation be made outside of the board auditorium. Second.

[01:55:48] It's been moved and seconded. Any other discussion on the motion? Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just add that last year we had a really wonderful event at Howery Field Park where we recognize the sacrifice that these soldiers made.

[01:56:09] A number of their family members actually came from all over the country to be part of it. And we'll be doing that again on June 1st in a couple of weeks, and we'll make sure, Mr. Chairman, you and Supervisor Gross are invited to participate in that.

[01:56:29] Thank you. Thank you very much. Supervisor Walkinshaw, further discussion. Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have noted this in the past when we've talked about this, but I do remember this horrible incident. I was living here in northern Virginia, and it made all the news, of course.

[01:56:50] The thing that struck me about it was that this was 1967. The war in Vietnam was heating up, and many, many, many, many of our young soldiers were being sent to Vietnam. Here were six young soldiers who never got to Vietnam, never had the dangers of war, but lost their lives in the service of their community.

[01:57:17] And I think it is really important, you know, when we do Holocaust remembrance, it's always remember the names. And I'm really pleased that we're able to remember the names so that these young men, even all these years later, will not be forgotten.

[01:57:34] Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. No further discussion. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My second board matter is a joint board matter with you, Mr. Chairman.

[01:57:55] As you're aware, we and our legislative team are in regular contact with Virginia's delegation to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, expressing our support for legislation and community funding projects that would impact the county.

[01:58:11] Most recently, our congressional delegation was able to secure nearly $17 million in the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations Bill for our community. The Omnibus Bill provides critical funding for behavioral health programs, job training, early childhood development, accessibility for seniors and people with disabilities, housing, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and more.

[01:58:35] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, move that the legislative staff send the attached letter under your signature to our congressional delegation to thank them for their efforts on the county's behalf. I'm happy

to second that motion along with Supervisor Palchik. Any discussion?

[01:58:51] Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just add that, you know, having been on the other side of this process, the partnership is really important, And we are so fortunate to have five members of Congress, two in the Senate and three in the House that work very closely with us on our shared priorities.

[01:59:11] And I also just want to thank our legislative team led by Claudia Arco on it. And this is a process where there are a lot of gates that you have to get through. And in each one, you can be stymied by the tiniest error.

[01:59:31] So we have to identify the right projects that the delegation is enthusiastic about and the committee is likely to be enthusiastic about. It has to be in the right appropriations account. Not all accounts are eligible for these kind of projects.

[01:59:47] So a lot of work and time and energy goes into this process to make sure we get it right. I can just tell you, you know, based on conversations I've had with folks in Congress, they have been uniformly impressed by our staff's work and the county's submissions.

[02:00:05] And that means, I think, safe to say, we do better than some of our other jurisdictions in the region because we're so prepared and on top of it. So thank you to Ms. Arco and the entire team for that. Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw.

[02:00:20] And in light of this morning, included in these awards is a million dollars for the Bridging Individual Divide Project to help address gaps in accessibility, affordability, and technical ability for older adults and people with disabilities and $1.5 million awarded for the Little River Glen Senior Center where adults over 50 can participate in the community and get connected to resources and also allow renovations of this important facility to move forward.

[02:00:48] And so among the many things in here, some important things that run parallel to the proclamations of this morning and what we're getting ready to do moving forward. Supervisor Paljik. Well, either way. Well, I'll just briefly, I want to thank you and staff for your work on this.

[02:01:07] I do think it's hopefully a revenue stream that continues to be an active one, especially for some of these projects that maybe do not fit in to some other grants and programs. The chairman mentioned several of the human services and housing ones. I think in light of this morning, also want to highlight in our transportation team who's helped on critical transportation projects, especially on our bike and pedestrian safety, which are a little bit challenging to sometimes get through other avenues.

[02:01:37] And so I know that we will have the first ever ZECLA on the I-66 connector trail, as well as the dedicated bike lanes there are critical. And while we want to, here we're highlighting the work specifically that our Fairfax team and delegation has done, in addition to that, I know that we've been able to get $2 million regionally for MVTC for Bus Rapid Transit along Route 7, which I believe about 50% of it is in the county.

[02:02:08] So really appreciate the regional coordination as well as the Fairfax County-wide coordination and work on this. And thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw, for your leadership in Washington. doing the federal work and your experience there, I know, is very helpful and critical. So happy to support this.

[02:02:23] - Supervisor Alcorn. - Yeah, thank you, and I want to add my thanks to Supervisor Walkinshaw, and Supervisor Paul Cech actually mentioned several of the transportation things. It's important to, I think, bring some visibility to this, 'cause this is so important to making this happen.

[02:02:41] It doesn't just happen. I mean, there are some dedicated folks that are really watching this and making sure. And then I'll just add, and maybe on a not-so-light note, I know we're all watching the discussion at the federal level about the debt limit and anything that comes out of that.

[02:02:57] And I'll just point out that, you know, depending upon where that ends up, let's make sure we're on top of that because that could have potentially a very significant impact on not just our projects but our economy.

[02:03:13] So fingers crossed on that one. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries supervisor walkinshaw thank you mr chairman my final board matter is a joint board matter with you and with supervisor lusk mr chairman lake akatink park is one of fairfax county's most beloved resources it's 476.2 acres of natural resources trails picnic areas and waterfront activities draw hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. The 55-acre Lake Akatink, a man-made

[02:03:51] reservoir originally built by the U.S. Army, is a key feature of the park. Because Lake Akatink is a man-made lake in the midst of a densely developed 30-square-mile watershed, it's required regular dredging in order to remove sediment and prevent it from returning to its natural state. The most recent dredge took place in 2008. Since 2014, Fairfax County has been exploring ways to address increase sedimentation, and to preserve Lake Akatink. In 2019, after an outpouring of community support for preserving the lake, Fairfax County developed a plan to dredge the lake at a cost of

[02:04:29] $30.5 million. That plan also envisioned a permanent infrastructure to facilitate future maintenance dredging. Unfortunately, additional analysis has determined that more sediment will need to be removed than previously estimated. The processing site originally envisioned is not suitable and the cost to dispose of the process sediment in a local quarry are significant. As a result, the initial base dredge is now projected to cost $95 million and the total cost to dredge

[02:05:04] and maintain Lake Akatink over the next 25 years is $395 million. Fairfax County staff have recommended that Lake Akatink not be dredged and instead recommend restarting the park's master planning process with an emphasis on developing a sustainable vision for the lake and the park.

[02:05:26] At the board's environmental committee meeting held on April 25th, I shared that I would ask the board to establish a task force on the future of Lake Akatink. That task force will be chaired by former Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. It will include former Braddock District Supervisor John Cook and consist of representatives of the community, environmental and non-profit organizations, and a representative of the park authority. Task force members will serve as liaisons to their respective communities and organizations by relaying information and

[02:06:02] soliciting feedback. County staff should serve in an advisory role. The task force should meet regularly and conduct a review and develop findings on the previous studies performed by Arcadis and WSSI on the dredging plan to ensure that all possible options have been considered to preserve Lake Akatink in the most sustainable, equitable, and cost-effective manner possible.

[02:06:29] Identify relevant information needs and questions that should be addressed should the board proceed with studying a managed wetland option and develop findings on the potential impacts of the managed wetland option. Identify relevant information needs and questions that should be addressed should the board consider a hybrid option involving some area of open water along with a managed wetland and develop findings on the potential impacts of that hybrid option.

[02:07:00] And finally, task force findings shall consider the impacts to the environment, surrounding communities, recreational uses of the park, and financing, including ongoing maintenance. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the creation of the task force on the future of Lake Akatink and direct the county executive to assign the necessary staff from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services to provide support services to the task force. The task force on the future of Lake Akatink shall be convened this summer and work with staff to establish a timeline to complete its work and report back to the Board

[02:07:37] of Supervisors. Mr. Chairman, I so move. And I'm happy to second that motion. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I want to start by thanking former chairman Bulova for agreeing to to take on this task this is not a light duty assignment this is a very significant this will be a very significant process obviously of great import to not just the Braddock district but the entire county also appreciate supervisor cook agreeing to serve and

[02:08:14] participate in that process both of them over the years have been involved in conversations and work around dredging of Lake Akatink and you know as I said at our environmental committee meeting I think it's really important to bring the community and the community's representatives into this process rather than our staff and our consultants doing work and then reporting it to the community and I'm hopeful that the task force working alongside our staff from

[02:08:49] Public Works and Environmental Services will be able to surface options that maybe haven't been fully considered some which are laid out and in the board matter so I appreciate the conversation I've had with my colleagues about this challenging process but I feel good about where we are now and the work that the task force will do and appreciate your consideration the motion thank you thank you other discussion supervisor Lusk thank you mr. chairman I want to

[02:09:27] also extend my thanks to supervisor Watkinshaw for bringing forward this motion I'll be clear in saying that in my community this is a pretty tough issue as well particularly with the Springfield Civic Association I've I've mentioned this to Supervisor Walkinshaw.

[02:09:47] I've said that that group would be a part of this task force, and that expectation has been noted here as well. So I appreciate Supervisor Walkinshaw for that. I'll just reiterate that there are, you know, a couple really important things here, and I know that the environment is something that we certainly have to be thinking about and then the impacts to the community as we can define what are the best options.

[02:10:15] So I appreciate the language referencing those two points and look forward to hearing what the recommendations are that come back from this task force. And just want to acknowledge, I know this has just been a vexing, vexing issue in terms of all of the information, the difficulty around the cost the difficulty around defining what the future will be for Lake Akatink and I know there's a lot of emotion around it and I acknowledge that and as a person who uses Lake Akatink as well I appreciate the value

[02:10:55] and I appreciate the trails and the water features all of those amenities are so important but we do have to figure out what is possible and look forward to understanding from the task force where we might be. So, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. And let me also add my thanks, and I appreciate... Mr. Primer? Yes. Yeah, I had a few comments, unless you're wrapping up. I can wrap it up. Why don't you go ahead? Okay. A couple of things. First, I'm very happy to see we got a trusted name in the Chairman Folova leading the

[02:11:34] task force. So that is really good news. What I would consider if it's, I couldn't tell whether it was in here or not, the financing is in there once, but I think it's important that the task force also look at all potential sources of funding for such a project, whether they be federal, state, or obviously local. I don't know whether that's a friendly amendment or it's built in, but I'm looking for the maker of the motion.

[02:12:05] Yeah, I think that's implied under financing. Obviously, a lot of that work has been done, but part of what the task force will do, as I mentioned, is look at all of the work that has already been done and determine if anything has been missed.

[02:12:24] And obviously, as you know, Supervisor Herity, the funding source that the board has approved multiple times is a revolving water quality fund from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Yes. But I don't know that we fully exhausted the federal fund search. And that was really the intent of the comment. And then obviously we're looking at the impacts if we go with the hybrid downstream, the environmental impacts downstream. But I think that is built in. So thank you very much for the motion.

[02:13:01] Thank you, and I was mentioning I wanted to thank Supervisor Walkinshaw for, you know, organizing this, but also soliciting our input to get to this point. I do think this is the next step that is necessary, as we discussed at the Environmental Committee meeting.

[02:13:18] There are a lot of unanswered questions here still, and I think the concern, reasonable and expected concern of us and of members of the community about such an abrupt change in terms of cost and recognition you know rec recommendation of our county staff while you know i respect the work that they've done and the work that the consultants have done i don't think uh that the public has had has had an in-depth opportunity really to dig into those findings critique them challenge them ask questions about them this whatever

[02:13:52] decision is made here as also a user of the park like several of my colleagues whatever decision has made here will undoubtedly shape the future of this treasured facility for lifetimes so this is not you know a decision we make and you know we can change it a year or two from now whatever decision is made here will have a profound impact and and I don't think that you know taking the extra time to involve the community is a step backwards I think it's a step forward and the community has been involved to date but to your point it has been in response to reports and

[02:14:27] findings of the county and not really in a roundtable type of a discussion about what are the alternatives. As I mentioned, the environmental committee meeting before, considering what happens with this lake, the public should also have a very good understanding of if we go down a certain path, this is what it will look like. And this is what the environmental benefits, pros and cons might be of doing that. And we have not vetted that to the level that any of us would expect on something that is this important.

[02:14:58] And so I think this is the next move that needs to be made. And I appreciate that Chairman Bulova agreed to chair this committee because everyone who will be on this committee has a lot of deep

history with this particular park.

[02:15:16] And having that deep history I think will be really important in fairly sorting through the options and coming back to us with what those recommendations are moving forward so that ultimately a decision could be made. And so I really respect that and respect the list of organizations and people that will be included in this and look forward to following this.

[02:15:37] And lastly, you know, while we're convening it this summer and we want it to work through the summer, you know, we're not starting from scratch. There's a lot of data out there. There's a lot of history out there. But we do hope that this task force will meet often and get back to us in a reasonable time frame with what their findings are so that we ultimately can make a decision and move forward with what the future of Lake Akatink will be.

[02:16:04] And so with that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you very much.

[02:16:21] Thank you all, and thank you for being here. We appreciate it. I know it's been a long morning, but an important one. Next up, we have Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, Mike Kearney has called Great Falls his home for many decades.

[02:16:38] He and his family opened the doors to the charming Old Brogue Irish Pub on St. Patrick's Day in 1981. The Old Brogue, as it is known, quickly became a popular watering hole for residents, offering unparalleled hospitality, delicious food, and live music. It also became the first job experience and provided meaningful career opportunities for countless young men and women of Great Falls and beyond.

[02:17:00] Mr. Kearney sold the old brogue in 2022, but it remains very much like it did under his ownership. In 1998, Mr. Kearney founded the Brogue Charities to help local citizens in need and to support local community events such as the July 4th Parade and Fireworks.

[02:17:17] In 2010, a charity was expanded as the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation with an even wider commitment to local traditions and community events. Mr. Kearney has been a role model for generations of Great Falls residents and his readiness to volunteer, provide financial support, and willingness to take on any task for the community he loves.

[02:17:39] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to prepare a proclamation in recognition of Mr. Kearney's contributions to the Great Falls community that will be presented at an event to be held in Great Falls on July 4th.

[02:17:54] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, the McLean Community Center recently concluded open voting for five positions on the MCC's governing board of directors, including three adult three-year terms, one youth one-year term for the Langley High School area, and one youth one-year term for the McLean High School area.

[02:18:18] Attached to this board matter is a copy of the letter sent by the MCC executive director providing certification of the results of the election. First went to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center. The Board of Supervisors, after determining that it is in the public interest to do so, shall appoint those persons receiving the highest number of votes to the McLean Community Center Governing Board.

[02:18:44] Mr. Chairman, based on the results of the election as certified by the MCC's Elections and Nominations Committee, I move that the Board of Supervisors find that it is in the public interest to appoint those persons receiving the highest number of votes in this election of Governing Board members and that the following individuals be appointed to the McLean Community Center Governing Board.

[02:19:05] Adults, three-year terms, Kathleen Cooney-Porter, Gloria Marrero-Chambers, and Katie Gorka. Youth, one-year term, Langley High School area, Sophia Bruno. Youth, one-year term, McLean High School Area, Eleanor Agu.

[02:19:23] And I'm happy to second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Supervisor Faust. Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I didn't realize my reappointees did not appear in the list until after we passed over it.

[02:19:48] And I would just, if I could, just get them reappointed real quickly. I move that we reappoint Carrie Wilson to the A. Heath on Thank Memorial Award Selection Committee. David R. Conover to the Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code Appeals.

[02:20:08] Kay Larmer to the Commission on Aging. And that we appoint Barbara Ryan, Chair of the MCC Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee, to the Tree Commission. happy to second that uh any discussion on the motion supervisor i just want to say for the clerk's benefit the problem was at my end that's a good disclaimer yeah not at the clerk's uh but anyway thank you thank you very much if there's no further discussion all those in favor of the

[02:20:41] motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and is that That's all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Supervisor Lusk. Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to wish a very happy 85th birthday to a long-time resident of the Franconia District.

[02:21:01] Mary McCutcheon moved to Wilton Woods with her husband, Sam, in 1965. After raising six children, five stepchildren, and one biological, she became a proud graduate of the Civilian Police Academy and Civilian Fire and Rescue Academy at the young age of 75 this isn't surprising as mary has always been committed to helping our public safety personnel she has made sure to feed our police officers and our firefighters on holidays she was the vice chair of both the franconia and the mount vernon community advisory

[02:21:36] committees for over five years and has continued to serve in various capacities with the cac see over the past 15 years. I enjoy seeing Mary McCutcheon at community events, especially Franconia District Nights, where she always greets me with a very hearty smile, and sometimes, if I'm lucky, she'll bring a gift of a United States of America pin, sticker, or flag. Mary is proud to be a Fairfax County resident and claims she would never live anywhere else, and this is a big compliment, as she was formerly an Army brat, spent time in Morocco, Italy, and Vietnam. So in

[02:22:15] appreciation of Mary for all that you do and for being such an exemplary resident, I want to wish you a very happy 85th birthday. Second is a board matter, which is specifically Mr. Chairman. This past weekend, I attended a wonderful chorale performance by the Northern Virginia Chorale at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield. The performance was directed by Robert S. Webb Jr.

[02:22:45] I learned that this performance was Mr. Webb's last before retiring. Mr. Webb has spent decades providing quality music to audiences throughout Northern Virginia as the director of the

Northern Virginia Chorale for 41 years, so since 1982. And Mr. Webb was also the director of music at St.

[02:23:05] Martin's at St. Martin's Lutheran Church for 35 years from 1986 to 2021. His contributions to music here in Fairfax County in Northern Virginia is immeasurable. I have personally attended several of his chorale performances and have been so impressed with the quality and performance of them. To think about all the joy and happiness he has shared through music is remarkable. Mr. Webb's musical accomplishments are far too many for me to list in their entirety, but I'd like to just name a few here. Under Mr. Webb's talented direction, he has fostered the Northern Virginia

[02:23:44] Chorale's musical relationships with English, French, and Italian choirs, with whom the Chorale has been associated through a series of exchange concerts and visits. Mr. Webb has directed the chorale in several prestigious venues in Europe including Salisbury Cathedral, Bath Abbey, and the Covenant Garden in England and the Basilica of San Marco in Venice. Mr. Webb is a retired and currently adjunct professor of music at Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus where

[02:24:19] he directs the NVCC Annandale Chorale and taught music theory, music appreciation, and voice. He has also been an adjunct professor at George Mason University and the Catholic University of America. Mr. Webb has conducted many orchestras across the region and has played trumpet in various bands including the Virginia Grand Military Band, the Richmond Symphony, and the National Symphony. Mr.

[02:24:43] Webb is a member of the National Association for Music Education, the Virginia Music Educators Association, and the American Chorale Directors Association. Mr. Chairman and members of the board, in honor of Mr. Robert Webb Jr.'s extraordinary musical accomplishments for over 40 years in Fairfax County, I move that a proclamation be prepared to be presented to Mr. Webb at an upcoming meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

[02:25:09] So moved, Mr. Chairman. Let's just do that without objection. It is so ordered. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Very quickly, my last motion. Mr. Chairman, as this board previously discussed for 24 years from 1988 through 2012, the Cordley Grub Steak Breakfast was among our county's most effective catalyst for connecting early-stage local companies with investors and partners already operating inside Fairfax County.

[02:25:38] The breakfast was regularly attended by hundreds of local companies and leaders who were pitched by five to six early stage companies that often resulted in both angel and venture capital investments. Among the event's most unique features was its commitment to not charging startup companies a fee to attend and pitch their operation.

[02:26:01] The breakfast was largely supported financially through funds allocated by the General Assembly, which were appropriated directly to George Mason University, who maintained the staff infrastructure to facilitate this breakfast. When the General Assembly ultimately reallocated funding away from the program in 2012, George Mason was unable to continue the event in its existing format, and the breakfast ended.

[02:26:27] Since 2012, similar events have grown in the area, funding early-stage companies and seeing those dollars multiplied back in their prospective jurisdictions in the form of increased revenue and investments.

[02:26:43] Unfortunately, similar pipelines here in Fairfax County are not nearly as robust as they could be. Earlier this year, the board took action to direct the county executive to assign staff to explore the feasibility of supporting the reconstitution of the breakfast, explore funding sources, and assessing the infrastructure necessary to make it successful.

[02:27:05] Those mandates were met at the most recent meeting of the Board's Economic Initiatives Committee, where we received a presentation that addressed many of the questions that the Board had when the additional matter was brought forward. I was personally pleased with much of the information that we received and have been further pleased with the positive support that the resulting board discussions have generated. Now, based on that support, as well as the accompanying information that we have received, Supervisors Alcorn, Faust, Herity, and I make the following motion. To direct the county executive

[02:27:42] to assign staff from the Department of Economic Initiatives to prepare a recommendation for a deployment from the Economic Opportunity Reserve, EOR, in support of the reconstitution of the Grub Steak Breakfast in partnership with George Mason University. The recommendation should be informed by the attached budget outline from GMU with the expectation that any EOR deployment be supplemented by a financial commitment from the university. Any recommended proposals should

[02:28:18] be specifically crafted around a one-time deployment that include clear expectations about the long-term sustainability of the program excuse me long-term sustainability the program will be dependent on development on the part of George Mason University these stipulations are consistent with the conversations that have been taken place between the Department of Economic Initiatives George Mason University and our respective offices the Department of

[02:28:49] Economic Initiatives recommendation for this EOR deployment should be brought to a future meeting of the Economic Initiatives Committee for our consideration. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I will conclude my motion or our motion, excuse me.

[02:29:05] You've heard the motion. A second by Supervisor Faust. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So let me just reiterate a couple points, which I think are kind of important. The first is George Mason University has expressed interest in assisting in being the operator for this Grub Steak Breakfast program.

[02:29:31] Currently, Paula Sorrell, who is the manager of the Accelerate program at George Mason, sees this opportunity being melded in to the work that they currently do with that program. So once a year, they host a fairly large angel and venture capital program in the month of November.

[02:29:53] It attracts hundreds of individuals, including investors, which I think is just phenomenal. And many of the companies that are supported are minority and women-owned companies. So the idea here is that Paula Sorrell would take and add three breakfast programs throughout the course of the year on a quarterly basis that would lead into that larger event that they would hold in November.

[02:30:21] So some of the companies that are selected to present at that breakfast program would then have the opportunity to also pitch possibly at the event in November. So the document that we attached provides some of the funding that would be necessary and then talks about the structure of the program if it is so delineated.

[02:30:47] So I'm just excited that we were able to consider bringing this opportunity back in support of our emerging technology companies. And it's so critical that we think about this also as a way to expand our commercial tax base because we are going to be supporting companies that can grow.

[02:31:08] Those companies will do a couple of very important things. One, they will hire staff. Two, they will invest in our community. They will take real estate. Those actions, those activities are how we expand our commercial tax base.

[02:31:25] So I am committed to seeing this continue, and I just appreciate the board's indulgence in the motion that I've just made. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:31:41] As I read this last night, bottom line here, it looks like you're asking for $700,000 to provide breakfast. And I don't think that's not the intent, I don't believe.

[02:31:56] No, ma'am. But that's the way it looks when you've got this listed. I guess I will support the request for information, but I have some challenges here. I'm wondering if this is redundant with other programs.

[02:32:12] The pandemic changed a lot of the way we approach things, and this seems to be going back 10 years. So I guess one of the things I would like to know is what the diversity of the companies and the participants would be, Because sometimes we think we're doing a good job of reaching out, and we discover that whole segments of our business community, especially those in the diverse community with other languages, are not included or not encouraged.

[02:32:48] So I'd like to make sure that we have that listing of who it would be, where the outreach would be. I remember we did something with grants during the pandemic, and I heard from the Vietnamese-American business community.

[02:33:04] They were completely unaware of all those grants. We did have that discussion at one of our committee meetings. There was additional work that was done, but I think we have to be careful about who we are reaching out. no we shouldn't we don't need we need to be broader in who we're reaching out to and that and sometimes that is um indicated by the actual participants so that those are my concerns on this one i will support it but i think i need to highlight those thank you supervisor gross

[02:33:36] supervisor faust thank you mr chairman uh first of all i want to thank supervisor lust for doing the uh hard work on this and uh you know we've been talking about these types of things for quite some time now creating the so-called ecosystem that will attract the types of young people that we had in front of us earlier today. I mean, that's essentially what we're talking about here is, you know, creating that type of community. I would say that the fact that Paula Sorrell is

[02:34:15] willing to take us in and be part of what she's doing, which is really where the action is right now in northern virginia in terms of the ecosystem she's doing a great job uh is great uh yeah there's obviously a lot of details will have to be worked out but the the what we're doing today is based on the procedure we have adopted for the um eor is that we're basically giving direction to staff to bring this back to the eic with a whole lot of detail as to costs and how we would do the outreach

[02:34:54] everything. I mean, they've got to come back with a program, and then they have to make a recommendation based on their investigation, make a recommendation to us as to whether it's something we want to proceed with. And if so, it'll then become an action item, as everybody knows.

[02:35:11] So this is step one in a somewhat long and complicated process, but hopefully it'll move quickly and uh you know i look forward to seeing what staff has to say thank you supervisor faust supervisor smith thank you mr chairman i think the thing that's missing here for me is really understanding um what redundancies what's already happening and is this a place where local government needs to do something else i think we've done a lot for our business over the last

[02:35:48] couple years especially since the pandemic became came and you know local government can't do everything and how how do we determine where we can go and what we should do next we know it's going to be a tough budget year next year we're trying to support our employees so you know i'm hoping with this analysis we really get a true understanding of what's already out there and is this the next best place for us to to get involved in or are there other things we should be doing thank you thank you supervisor Smith supervisor Alcorn yeah thank you mr.

[02:36:23] chairman yeah for me this is a no-brainer a couple of points supervisor gross great question about access the reality is in the current economy it's a pay-to-play system and frankly this opens it up this is I think an appropriate role for government to expand the opportunities to participate in these networks and to basically have entrepreneurs pitch theirs.

[02:36:52] But I think there is more that needs to be done to address that. And I appreciate Supervisor Smith's comments as well. Frankly, I've been working in the commercial tech industry for almost 20 years now.

[02:37:09] And it's a very different industry than our government contractor industry. Supervisor Lasker earlier was talking about product companies. And most of these startups are more product companies. And frankly, they're not the types of companies that the government directly will usually very effectively help create.

[02:37:35] It's really more of a facilitation process that government plays best to bring people together. And frankly, if it comes down to it, I think this is probably going to be more effective in helping promote those types of product companies than some of the other things we're doing now.

[02:37:56] And I don't suggest that we get rid of the other stuff that we're trying to do, but this is actually a really, I think, important step to basically both open up the process and then kind of take advantage of the excellent infrastructure and folks we have at George Mason University and leverage that.

[02:38:20] So I do look forward to what staff comes back with, and hopefully it can address each of our concerns and issues. Thank you. And I think, Supervisor Herity, were you looking to be recognized? Yes, I was. Thank you very much. And I appreciate Supervisor Alcorn's comments in regard to the difference between our largely government contract services-based industry, which is the bulk, and what these programs will fund.

[02:38:52] You know, sources of early-stage capital have been identified as our number one critical need for quite some time. And if we're going to diversify and grow our tax base, this is clearly critical to doing that.

[02:39:08] we're going to grow outside of that government contract services base or not grow out but diversify it because i don't think we ever want it to go away um but i i you know the only struggle i have with this is that i think for this to be successful it really needs to be owned by the business community um

but this is seed money this has got to be seed money for a program in the accelerate program it's a it's a once a year program it would be much much more successful if it grew into much more than that.

[02:39:41] So I think this is a worthwhile path to head down. I think it addressed as a critical need, and I think it will pay dividends in all around. Thank you, Supervisor Herity. And I, too, have some concerns with this.

[02:40:00] I've brought these up before, and I continue to have them. So I will look forward to seeing what staff comes back with. I mean, I remember a time before we had a Department of Economic Initiatives in this county, and we stood that up way after this breakfast ended, and they do tremendous stuff across the spectrum of businesses in Fairfax County and to support them.

[02:40:24] And I do worry about bandwidth, and as several other people have spoken, I do worry about county ownership of this. And so what I am going to be particularly looking forward to coming back to us is what specifically George Mason University and others are willing to step up and do here, including, as Supervisor Herity said, our business community.

[02:40:45] because, you know, while we're living in a different world, the organizers of events also speak volumes to the success of those events. And there are things we can facilitate, and there are things that we should support but not be the facilitator of.

[02:41:03] And I'm going to need to be convinced that there's the right coalition of people together to take on, And organizations to take on this responsibility and that it is not something that is housed in Fairfax County government with all of the other things that and responsibilities that our staff has and included in that, you know, of course, is seeing what type of financial support, what type of labor support, what type of infrastructure support these organizations bring to the table.

[02:41:34] As the board matter mentioned, this was something funded at a time by the General Assembly, and they stopped doing that over 10 years ago. And we have a lot of chambers, a lot of trade groups, a lot of other organizations in the county, the EDA, GMU, a lot of folks involved in promoting and supporting our economy.

[02:41:53] And I'll be curious to see what stake they're willing to put into this and the information that comes back to us from county staff. I would also add that we did take action earlier to have staff explore this feasibility. I don't remember the outcome of it the same way the board matter does.

[02:42:11] So if there was some documents or maybe we could have recirculated to us just as a refresher, the conversation that happened in that committee just so that we are aware of where we have already been and what we already know as we move forward and as we await for a further analysis to be done by county of staff on the feasibility and the commitments, frankly, that our private and nonprofit partners might be able to also put forward to support this.

[02:42:39] Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think I went back and looked at the last agenda from the Economic Initiative Committee, and I think the board matter says Economic Initiative.

[02:42:55] I think this was covered at the EAC maybe as part of it. Okay. Right, okay, so the board matter says economic initiatives because it wasn't on that agenda, but it was on the EAC agenda. And then I just have a question of what are we voting on here? Because on page 20, it says, based on the support and

accompanying information, I make the following motion, which directs the executive to prepare a recommendation.

[02:43:19] And then page 21 says, I move that, can the executive assign the appropriate staff to undertake a study to explore the viability? Personally, I would be more comfortable with, and I think we're all talking about a study to explore the viability, but it does say here on page 20, I make the following motion to direct the county executive to dot, dot, dot, prepare a recommendation.

[02:43:46] Yeah, and I'll be clear in saying that we're trying to work within the process of the EOR. So the EOR has specific steps that you have to take in order for the item to be considered. So what we're asking is the Department of Economic Initiatives is the county department that would help in putting together the package that would come to our committee that Supervisor Faust chairs so that we could evaluate whether or not this should move forward. This is how we've done other EOR deployments, which have included refraction and

[02:44:23] the Tyson's Alliance and others. So it's consistent with that processing. But we want the staff to look at the document that was provided in the board matter because it's informative in terms of what the cost structure and the strategy for moving moving forward with a breakfast program with george mason university so i i think um what i'm hearing is we need to undertake the study

[02:45:00] and we should undertake the study and have those findings reported to us before the staff works on an EOR application just because that's the way the normal process has worked a lot of these EOR applications come from an outside entity they provide data to the county staff the county staff evaluates that then comes forward with a formal EOR item but I think what we're saying is since we are the ones that are bringing this forward we meaning the county by this action that we should probably see the results of the study first before staff comes forward with an

[02:45:34] EOR potential EOR that's my application and so it's a one that's a two-step process so that we can make sure that what we don't want them to do a lot of work on an EOR and then find out later that the the county board has some significant things they'd like to see different in it and I think that's what we benefit from seeing the results of the study first and then those results and our conversation about those results can drive a potential EOR application after that is that is that a fair process I think that's what we're Look that's what the intention was and I apologize. I've not done one of these your requests before so forgive me if I'm

[02:46:11] Stumbling a little but the idea is that we have the staff do the review and that we bring someone something forward to the committee for us to Evaluate and consider okay, okay A lot of people asking to be recognized. We're going to be out of lunchtime guys just so you know Let me go to supervisor loss quickly first, and then we really need to move on yeah and i apologize i was asking for recognition originally for the points that were made about this being housed in the county there was never an intent that this program would be a county

[02:46:45] program so i want to be clear and specific on that point one two george mason owned this program before we talked about this in the committee meeting that was held previously it was a collaboration with the business community george mason and a number of economic development entities previously. So there's always been this connection to business. There's always been this idea that we would support this program through a non-county effort. So I just want to make sure my colleagues are hearing me on this point because never did I expect that this would be a county program. And to

[02:47:21] the point that was made earlier, we want the business community to help us because we're going leverage their connections to help give our companies access to capital. To the point on diversity, if you look at the Accelerate program today, I think it's more than 50 percent of its companies are minority and women-owned companies that are coming through that process. So having this partnership with Accelerate will ensure that we are on a pathway to having both minority and women-owned entities as a part of this effort and the last point I'll make is I

[02:47:59] worked for the county again 21 years worked in economic development I was the venture capital and angel capital guy for this county I talked to investors across the US Boston New York California I worked with hundreds of startup companies and what I'm gonna say is that the hardest thing for companies to get is access to capital and that we've seen we look at the percentages going to women and minorities, it's less than 5% of the national investment take. Clearly, clearly there's something that needs to be done to support those companies and gain access, and we have, we have

[02:48:38] a very strong base of companies here, but to the point that Supervisor Alcorn made, and I made it earlier, is that we need to encourage product development companies. We need to get away from the service is based not to say it's a bad thing it's not it's it's made this economy in Fairfax County vibrant and it continues to assist us in providing the critical services that our residents demand however we have to diversify we have to look for ways to expand that and these types of programs are ways to do that so with that I'll include my remarks thing yeah we don't we let's wait

[02:49:17] for the study to come back if we have technical questions about the board matter we're we're getting some some data back here i you know as was mentioned earlier we do want to see how this fits into our portfolio because as we mentioned earlier a lot has changed and to your point supervisor lusk it was only this year that we stood up the fairfax founders fund to literally put money in the hands of people who don't have access to capital and so i do want to see how all these pieces uh fit together and i think that's what the the benefit of the study will show us supervisor faust yeah just real quick the eor um does not uh support recurring

[02:49:56] operations that's the whole point uh so this is as we've envisioned the stimulation that we hope will then uh result in an ongoing and the board member actually says any recommended proposals should be specifically crafted around a one-time deployment and include clear expectations long-term sustainability of the program will be dependent on development on the part of George Mason University so yeah that's the rule we're envisioning assuming that it makes sense after we get the information back from staff supervisor Palachuk the only thing I want to make sure is clear in here is one of the

[02:50:34] bullets is about region regional work this is one of the big questions I have because we are one county but we know many of our businesses and community members are working regionally so I just want us to better understand both what's happening and also what possibilities there are if we look at this as a regional player especially knowing George Mason is also a regional player and the EDA is not part of the regional network thank you thank you supervisor Palchuk and I think we're ready for a vote hopefully it's clear what we're voting on but we're voting on a two-step process we're voting on the

[02:51:10] study to be done reports back to the board the findings of that before we decide whether or not we're going to go through with an eor application and so with that clarity all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries supervisor lusk mr. chairman i

just learned that one of my public hearings this afternoon is going to need to be deferred should i make reference to that now or do you want me to

[02:51:43] You can reference it now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So we have a public hearing for RZ-FDP 2022-LE-00012 in the name of Beezer Homes, LLC, due to an issue with finalizing the proffers connected to this series of applications.

[02:52:05] i'm going to need to make a motion later this afternoon to defer the public hearing to a date certain of june 27th 2023 at 4 p.m thank you mr chairman and so that is the only franconia district public hearing today that will be uh intentioned to postpone okay thank you supervisor luss supervisor alcorn uh thank you mr chairman two board matters uh first of all this is our seemingly annual comment letter on the Commonwealth Transportation Board's FY 24 to 29 six-year improvement program.

[02:52:41] So, Mr. Chairman, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is currently developing this six-year improvement program for FY 24 through 29. This year's program will include funding for various transportation programs, including transit, state of good repair, and funds allocated through the smart scale process.

[02:53:02] Other programs, such as revenue sharing and transportation alternatives, are allocated through the program in even-numbered years. The draft program was released on April 19, 2023, and the CTB is expected to adopt the program in June. As in past years, public meetings are being held across Virginia for the public to comment on the program.

[02:53:22] The Northern Virginia District meeting occurred on May 1st, 2023, and comments can also be submitted in writing through May 24th, 2023, so we're not too late yet. The board has generally provided testimony and or substantial comments in support of county projects that are being considered for SmartScale or other programs.

[02:53:44] County staff is recommending the board provide a similar letter this year, and that has been drafted and has been submitted to the board members. The letter focuses on three issues. First, on funded projects. The letter thanks the Commonwealth for including funding for various projects and programs in the draft program. This includes, but is not limited to, approximately $26.4 million in operating assistance for the Fairfax Connector, $37.7 million for various transit capital projects, and $675,000 for transportation demand management programs.

[02:54:18] The draft program also includes $14.1 million in state operating and capital assistance for the Virginia Railway Express and $209.7 million in operating and capital assistance for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The draft also thanks the Commonwealth for including additional funding for projects in the Richmond Highway Corridor. On smart scale, the board endorsed a list of projects for submission in July 2022, and the staff submitted applications in the fall. Project scores were released in January and no Fairfax County projects were recommended for funding. Further, no projects in Northern Virginia were recommended for statewide

[02:54:58] high-priority projects funding. The letter notes concerns about the scoring process, particularly in relation to the cost factors. And then finally, revenue sharing and transportation alternatives programs. The CTB is currently considering administrative changes to both programs.

[02:55:14] The letter notes support of providing a limit on the number of transportation alternative applications per cycle but voices concerns about limiting the amount of transportation alternatives

funding that can be placed on one transportation alternative project in its lifetime.

[02:55:31] The letter also includes the recommendation that no significant changes be made to revenue sharing as there have already been numerous changes to this program over the past several years. So, Mr. Chairman, I would move that the board approve the attached letter providing comments to the Commonwealth's or comments on the Commonwealth's draft FY 2024 through 2029 six-year improvement program to be sent to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation as part of the public comment record on behalf of Fairfax County.

[02:56:01] I'm happy to second that motion and appreciate the letter and the points that are made here. Really important discussion on the motion. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, particularly on smart scale and revenue sharing, but on smart scale in particular, I have, and I know, I believe you have as well, I had conversations with at least one CTB member, and it is unfortunate.

[02:56:26] I would encourage board members to take a look at that draft letter and just be aware. It's something we're hoping to avoid in future years, but of course, you know, as a Northern Virginia locality, We do always need to make sure that we're getting back funding from Richmond that we're sending down.

[02:56:45] So thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. No further discussion. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:57:00] This is a request for concurrent processing. So Comstock Reston Station Holdings LC, together with its affiliates, is the long-term ground lessee of the Fairfax County-owned parcels located in the heart of the Wheelie Station Transit-Oriented Development District, immediately north of the Wheelie-Reston East Metro Rail Station in Reston, Virginia.

[02:57:23] So this property is an approximately 9.91-acre transit-oriented mixed-use development known as Reston Station, not to be confused with Reston Town Center Station, which is a metro station. CRS-DRR Holdings LLC, a Comstock affiliate, is the owner and developer of the Reston Station extension known as Reston Row. The original rezoning for Reston Station was approved in 2010 with two development blocks, one and two. Reston Row was originally approved in 2018 with four buildings, A through D. Buildings A and B are office buildings to be anchored

[02:57:59] by a Putschank Entertainment Destination and a Vita Fitness Center, respectively. Building C includes 93 residential condominiums over at JW Marriott Hotel. Building D is a multifamily residential building to be anchored by a premier restaurateur, Abbott House.

[02:58:17] On the west side, Buildings A and D, the garage is planned to be substantially complete by May 2024, and Buildings A and D planned for delivery in December 2024 and November 2026, respectively. There's a lot going on there right now. ComStack is now proposing amendments to the zoning for Reston Station and Reston Row in order to shift the already approved but unbuilt residential density from an orphan block in Reston Station to a metro-proximate and residential-friendly location at Reston Row.

[02:58:47] As a result, although there are two sets of plans, there is one project, the Reston Station neighborhood. So, Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors schedule the Reston Station PCA 2009-HM-019-03 and the Reston Row CDPA PCA 2016-HM-35-02 on July 25, 2023.

[02:59:13] I further move the Board of Supervisors, direct staff from the Land Development Services to work closely with the applicant to expeditiously process its site plan under the county's concurrent processing regulations. And as always, this does not preclude the Board's ultimate decision on these applications, but I would so move.

[02:59:33] second you've heard the motion it's been multiply seconded uh any further discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries supervisor alcorn that is all thank you mr chairman thank you very much supervisor stork thank you mr chairman i have uh one board matter and one recognition this is a request for proclamation to recognize the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Women in Armed Services and Integration Act.

[03:00:07] This is a joint board matter with yourself, Supervisor Penny Gross, and Supervisor Herity. On June 12, 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed into law the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, allowing women the right to serve in all branches of the military.

[03:00:23] This monumental step recognized the invaluable contributions of women in defending our nation. Prior to this landmark legislation, women's role in the military were limited to clerical positions or nursing roles. However, with the signing of this legislation, the doors were open for women to serve in all branches of the military, breaking down barriers and expanding opportunities for their participation in the armed services. Over the last 75 years, over 2 million women have enlisted in the military. We acknowledge the 107,000 women veterans currently residing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, making us the first among all states with the highest percentage of women

[03:01:01] veterans. Home to Fort Belvoir, Fairfax County also provides a welcoming and supportive community that is surrounded by other military bases, connecting services, employment opportunities, and resources for the over 10,000 women veterans who call Fairfax County their home.

[03:01:18] To honor this momentous occasion in our nation's history, Mr. Chairman, I move without objection that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare the attached proclamation to be to be presented outside the boardroom to recognize June 12th 2023 as a 75th anniversary of the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act Toronto all active duty women service members and women veterans for their commitment to our country and without objection that is so ordered and I appreciate you bringing this forward supervisor Stork they're not seeing any

[03:01:54] discussion so without objection it is so ordered supervisor stork and i want to recognize we have a summer intern if you could stand thank you um paige humphries is a junior at virginia tech pursuing a bachelor's degree in public relations and double majoring in political science she has lived in the mount vernon district all of her life and graduated from west potomac high school in 2020 page is driven eager to learn and passionate about our community page is very involved as at Virginia Tech, most notably in the Public Relations Student Society of America, and as

[03:02:29] president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Women's Fraternity. She also works as a front desk attendant at Virginia Tech's Services for Students with Disabilities Office. Paige is the oldest of three, enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also loves volunteering for her sorority, philanthropies focused around mental health. She also has developed great relationships with the National Alliance on Mental Illness' new River Valley office.

[03:02:57] Paige is eager to learn about each position in the office and how she can have an impact on her community, and I think she already has. Welcome. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Stork.

[03:03:13] Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I will go ahead and start with introducing a wonderful new member of my team, Devin Farr, if you want to stand. Though Devin is new to the Providence District office, he is definitely not new to the Providence District. I first met Devin when he was chairing the Jefferson Village Civic Association he has since then joined the Providence District Council though he will step down in order to not have any conflict of interest but he did serve as their budget town hall representative this year and a couple fun facts he didn't want me to share this but Devin is well known for building beautiful little free

[03:03:53] library as well as being the go-to gardening guy in the community so we're very excited to have him. But on a professional note, Devin is leaving the private sector 15 years in property management in order to join us and fully do what he has done in his volunteer time.

[03:04:11] But he started his career as an educator in Prince William County. So Devin brings strong knowledge of the community, communication skills, and is already out there meeting with our residents across the district. I'm very excited to have Devin join our team. So welcome, Devin.

[03:04:28] - And Mr. Chairman, I have one written board matter jointly with yourself, with Supervisor Vice Chair Gross, Supervisor Faust, and Supervisor Smith. I also want to recognize Lila Gordon is here with us, who was instrumental, helped me through this board matter.

[03:04:49] We've worked on this collaboratively as the chair of the County Arts Committee. The arts are an extremely important part of the quality of life for our residents. We are fortunate to have a vibrant arts community here in Fairfax County. The Fairfax County Master Arts Plan for facilities is being created through the ongoing partnership between the county and Arts Fairfax, its local area arts agency.

[03:05:12] With the acceptance of this plan, the board will anticipate implementation of its recommendations in concert with development and in furtherance of the county's goals for the arts as articulated in the countywide strategic plan and one of Fairfax. I will note later in the board matter that the plan will come to us later in June.

[03:05:30] A master arts plan for facilities will improve the physical arts infrastructure in the county over the coming years. Now the board looks to the county arts committee to continue the successful county relationship with venues, such as Capital One Hall, and to look at future venues such as a Chantilly Arts Hub and the original Mount Vernon High School Theater, as well as to provide the subject matter expertise when needed for other venue-related activities.

[03:05:57] In addition, the board believes that realizing the full scope of our objectives for the arts requires expansion and strengthening of arts programming throughout the county, especially as it relates to reaching underserved communities with opportunities for arts engagement by youth, families, and older adults.

[03:06:16] Therefore, we move that, consistent with its charge, the county arts committee should provide the board with a financial and resource roadmap to assure all county communities can enjoy access to the arts. These recommendations should describe how county agencies, schools, parks, non-profit content providers, and private sector entities can collaborate, coordinate, and contribute to increase arts access and involvement by both audiences and participants.

[03:06:45] We request that the County Arts Committee provide us with recommendations that provide for one, establishment of useful resource, information, and tools that describe the full array of arts offerings available in Fairfax County. Number two, an assessment of gaps in the county's arts activity, geography, services, and participant engagement that does so in the context of both county and regional resources. Number three, best practice recommendations that can support the ongoing sustainability of existing and expanded Fairfax County arts ecosystem

[03:07:25] components and number four financial and other means by which those gaps can be addressed we further move that the county arts committee provide a work plan to achieve the above objectives to an upcoming health and human services committee meeting that includes recommendations needed to accomplish them we are aware that the proposed master arts plan facilities which was received by all board members on april 11th 2023 will come to the board as an action item at a future meeting in

[03:07:58] june and that the county arts committee will be the implementation vehicle for it finally in gratitude for the decade-long effort to create the fairfax county master arts plan for facilities the board further moves that the task force members be recognized for their dedication and contributions to the vibrant future of the arts in fairfax county at a future board meeting I've heard the motion and the second. Discussion on the motion? Supervisor Palczyk.

[03:08:28] Yeah, let me briefly try to share a little bit of where the conversation led to this. As we are, as was mentioned, very excited of the decades-long work on looking at the facility side and the venues and knowing that more needs to be done there. At the same time, we want to ensure that the current existing venues and future venues, especially as we look at opportunities through land use and other ways to bring new venues to life that we do have the focus on arts programming how we can better further support that program programming communicate the program integrate the programming and knowing that so many different agencies within

[03:09:07] the county are currently looking to enhance that collaboration we have the excellent entertainment art series run by the parks in the summer they are communities and community centers like Ruston and McLean that are able to provide programming in their communities and the goal really is to understand what's happening where how we communicate it and how we bring more of that to other parts of the county so I really appreciate that this is went through a few drafts and appreciate my colleagues who sign in and support and that really this is starting the conversation and bringing it to a future

[03:09:43] your HHS committee meeting to understand what are the best steps for moving forward thank you very much any other discussions supervisor gross thank you mr. chairman just one thing that occurs to me is that and this is getting a lot of national attention I guess we want to make sure that the arts programming the opportunity for the arts is I guess it represents all I was gonna say accessible to all but represents all because there are lots of types of expression that are

[03:10:20] artistic but are not being respected as such and so I think we want to make sure that we're that the breadth is as is as much as we can make it even if there are some who say I don't like that well there are others who will find that to be an expression of their of what they would like to see so let's make sure we're not we're we're broad as broad as we can be absolutely it's an excellent point and the goal of this really is to broaden so i appreciate that feedback thank you

[03:10:56] supervisor palchek and thank uh the committee that that worked on this as you mentioned a 10 year effort i'm just glad to see that we actually have the plan uh coming forward for adoption next month is right around the corner so i think lila's very happy too yeah a long process but um i appreciate everyone who worked on it, particularly Lila, but really the whole team to get to this point and having that in, having that plan approved and part of, you know, our having a master arts plan, period, and having that approved is a huge step forward. I mean, it kind of reminds me of

[03:11:31] when we put in place years ago, the first bicycle master plan. And until that was in place, you know, it was just kind of a hodgepodge of things out there without any way to tie them together. And this is a great way to do that. So really glad we're at this point, and thank you for bringing it forward. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:11:53] And that motion carries. Supervisor Palchuk. That's all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Thank you very much. Supervisor Herity. Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I just have one joint matter done jointly with you and Supervisor Walkintal as the co-chair of the older adults committee.

[03:12:16] I'm going to try to – this is the adoption of the Shape the Future of Aging Plan. Given the late hour, I'm going to try to summarize this a little bit. But dating back to Supervisor Dana Coffin, the board has a history of strategic community-driven planning to meet the needs of older adults in Fairfax County.

[03:12:33] Since 2014, our older adults have benefited from the 31 initiatives that were part of the nationally recognized 50-plus Community Action Plan. Despite the success of the 50-plus community action plan, we know we needed to look at the challenging needs of our older adults and began the initial planning for a Shape the Future of Aging plan in 2019.

[03:12:55] When the pandemic hit, we adapted our efforts to rapidly address our older adults' exacerbated needs with the development of the COVID-19 response plan for older adults. The findings of that plan ultimately better inform the Shape the Future of Aging Plan, acknowledging the ongoing impact of the pandemic on many of our older adults.

[03:13:15] The purpose of the Shape the Future of Aging Plan is to guide Fairfax County and community-based organizations in meeting the needs of our older adults now and in future years. Like the United States as a whole, Fairfax County is aging. The percentage of residents aged 65 and older in Fairfax counties anticipated to increase 13.4% in 2019 to 17.7% in 2035.

[03:13:41] To inform the Shape the Future of Aging plan, the county procured qualitative and quantitative studies to include the nationally benchmark community assessment survey for older adults, the CASOA survey, which surveyed residents age 50 and older in early 2019 and again in early 2022.

[03:14:02] Nearly 3,000 residents completed the survey, which was conducted in a typical survey style, statistically valid survey style. The survey questions for which Fairfax County is rated higher than benchmarked include overall economic health of the community, opportunities to build work skills, opportunities to enroll in skill building or professional enrichment classes. The survey also identified domains for Fairfax Kennedy residents experienced the most challenges with housing, information access, and physical care. The survey was

[03:14:40] supplemented by a qualitative study conducted in late 2022, including four town halls, 11 community gatherings, 11 focus groups, and 14 key informant interviews. Approximately 300 residents participated in these inclusive engagement events.

[03:15:00] The information gathered provided insights on older residents for each category of shape. Three significant themes emerged. Fairfax County older adults generally enjoy living in their communities but have diminished hope of aging in place because of a high cost of living in the county.

[03:15:19] 56 said they'd lived here for more than 20. 92 said that Fairfax County is an excellent or good place to live. However, only 53% rated Fairfax County as an excellent or good place to retire, largely because of concerns about affordability.

[03:15:36] Fairfax County ranked 258 out of 279 in similar communities and cost of living. Only 21% of the respondents rated the availability of affordable housing as good or excellent. Fairfax County, the county ranked 84 out of 84 when older adults were asked how likely they are to remain in their community throughout retirement, which was last in the national survey.

[03:16:06] Fairfax County is an impressed array of available aging services, but there's low awareness amongst its older residents about many of their services. Asian respondents were less satisfied, and Asian and Hispanic respondents had more needs than overall respondents in many areas.

[03:16:27] The Shape the Future of Aging Plan also provides several recommendations with potential strategies to address older adult residents' needs that were identified. A few examples include increasing affordability of aging in place, increasing older adults' access to a resident's access to information, and increasing older residents' perception of equity and acceptance.

[03:16:51] Over the next five years, Fairfax County leaders, the Fairfax County Area Commission on Aging members, the board's older adults committee, staff, and community-based organizations will work together to develop, implement, and report progress on specific initiatives to address the recommendations that will continue to position Fairfax County to be a place where older adults can thrive.

[03:17:20] Mr. Chairman, therefore, I move that the board adopt the Shape the Future of Aging plan and direct staff to continue working with the Commission on Aging as well as the community to develop initiatives that align with the plan. So I'm happy to second that.

[03:17:36] Any further discussion, Supervisor Herity? Again, to be real brief, I read more than I had planned to read, but I thought it was important. A lot of work has gone into this. I mean, from the CASOA survey to the community surveys, to all the outreach, to the work of the Fairfax Agency on Aging, our Commission on Aging, and the Board's Elder Adults Committee has seen this place.

[03:18:04] I think there's a lot of good direction in here. Looking forward to seeing the initiatives fleshed out by the Commission on Aging members, and we'll certainly be bringing those back to the board's older adults committees as we move forward to implement this plan.

[03:18:22] Thank you very much. Any other discussion? Seeing and hearing none, I too want to thank all the folks who have been involved in this. As Supervisor Herity mentioned, the board has had a number of opportunities to discuss this in committee, but really the commission, several members who are still here with us after a very long morning, we appreciate the work on the commission over quite an extended period of time to get us to this point with a plan that I think will be nationally recognized as what really communities across the country should be doing to address this.

[03:19:01] issues that are in here and also want to thank all the folks in our community who participated in the survey because i think that was a major undertaking that helped uh inform many of the

recommendations that are in this plan uh so with that uh all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries was that all supervisor harry that's it thank you thank you very much supervisor smith thank you mr chairman i have one board matter the sully district governmental center which houses the sully district police station

[03:19:39] the board of supervisors office and community rooms opened in 2003 there will be an open house on saturday june 24th from 11 a.m to 2 p.m to celebrate the 20-year anniversary my office is partnering with the police station to host a fun event for the entire family we'll have police and fire department displays a dj games and food trucks therefore mr chairman i ask without objection that the office of public affairs publicize the sully district governmental center 20-year anniversary open house through its various county communications and we have a flyer excellent without objection that is so ordered and that brings us to the end of board matters

[03:20:20] but we still have quite a bit of work still to do here we do have some action items admin items one action item and consideration items so first we're ready to move on to admin items let me ask if there's a motion to approve admin items one through seven so moved mr chairman you've heard the motion i'm happy to second that along with supervisor lusk are there any items board members would like pulled for separate questions or discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of admin items one through seven please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that

[03:20:59] motion carries we'll now move on to action items and we have just one action item one is approval of supplemental appropriation resolution as23237 to accept grant funding and authorization to execute a project administration agreement with the virginia department of transportation for implementation of the revenue sharing funded lincoln street project and this is in the drainsville and providence district do we have a motion supervisor paleschick yeah mr chairman i Move the county executive's recommendation for action item one.

[03:21:33] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Faust. Any further discussion? This is very exciting. I know that our community is looking forward to this connection and appreciate the collaboration between FCDOT and VDOT on this. Thank you very much. With that, all those in favor of action item one, please say aye.

[03:21:52] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries and brings us to consideration items And we have one consideration item and its amendments to the Architectural Review Board bylaws. Do we have a motion, Supervisor Gross?

[03:22:09] I'll move approval, Mr. Chairman. Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the consideration item? Any questions? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of consideration item one, please say aye.

[03:22:25] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries, and that brings us to closed session. And before I turn to Supervisor Gross to make a motion to bring us into closed session, I understand from the county attorney that we need approximately 90 minutes.

[03:22:43] That's correct, Mr. Chairman. 90 minutes, and our first public hearing is at 3.30. So should this motion pass, it is almost 1 o'clock, we will report to closed session at 2 p.m. Supervisor Gross.

[03:22:59] Mr. Chairman I move that the Board of Supervisors recess and go into closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 and listed in the

attached agenda for this meeting and in addition as one is permitted by Virginia Code section 2.2-3711A1 discussion consideration and interviews for the vacant auditor of the board position and two as permitted by Virginia Code section 2.2-3711A7 and eight legal update regarding Lefebvre et al. v. Fairfax County et al. Fairfax County Circuit Court case

[03:23:36] number CL-2021-01569. I've heard the motion and the second. Is there any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed?

[03:23:54] Any abstentions? That motion carries. Before we break, I know that we had the one announced public hearing that was being deferred. Let me just confirm that no one else has any public hearings that are going to be deferred. Okay. With that, we are in recess for lunch until 2 p.m.

[03:24:14] The board is back from closed session. And before we move on to our afternoon public hearings at

[03:30:37] this time, I'm going to turn to Supervisor Gross for a motion to bring us out of closed session. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements, By virtue of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board of Supervisors during the closed session.

[03:31:02] Second. Heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded by Supervisor Palczyk and Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:31:20] And for those of you joining us in the auditorium, that was Supervisor Herity, who also voted aye and is participating remotely due to medical reasons. And with that, I believe there were no motions coming out of closed session, so we are going to move on to public hearings.

[03:31:37] And just as a reminder, for those who are here to testify, individuals have had a number of options. They can testify in person here today, or they can provide testimony by phone or by YouTube video. at the designated point in the public hearing i will call for any speakers from the speakers list and they will either come forward or their video will be shown or they will be connected live by telephone there will then be an opportunity for anyone else here present who would like to speak to the application to come down to the podium or to call in on a number that will be provided on the screen speakers testifying via video must have signed up and submitted their video no later than

[03:32:17] 9 a.m. on the day prior to the hearing for all testimony speakers are given three minutes as individuals if you're the spokesperson for a group you are given five minutes we do have a number of public hearings this afternoon and our last public hearing of course will be public comment which we have eight speakers signed up for and so our first public hearing is a public hearing on SCA 2010-PR-010, Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Incorporated in the Providence District, and could we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit?

[03:32:55] Lori Greenleaf with McGuire Woods representing Hilton, and I reaffirm the affidavit dated May 3rd, 2023. Thank you, Ms. Greenleaf. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members?

[03:33:11] Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Sunny Yang with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Inc., requests to amend SE 2010-PR-010, previously approved for a waiver of certain sign regulations, to permit an increase in sign area for building-mounted signs at Tyson's Park Place in Tyson's Corner.

[03:33:41] The 7.64-acre application property is located at 7926 and 7930 Jones Branch Drive, south of Scotts Crossing Road and west of the Outer Loop of Interstate 495.

[03:33:57] The site is Zone C4 and is within the sign control overlay district. The site contains two parcels. The requested modifications only apply to Parcel 5B, which contains the office building where the Hilton headquarters is located.

[03:34:16] Currently, two Hilton signs are mounted at the top of the building. The applicant proposes to remove these two signs and replace them with new building mounted signs, each containing 496 square feet in sign area at the center of the parapet wall.

[03:34:34] The applicant also requesting to retain the existing 25 square foot sign erected over the entrance on the south elevation, which was not included in the original special exception application. There are no other changes to the signs approved under the original special exception, which are being carried forward with this application.

[03:34:57] This concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Thank you again. Lori Greenleaf with McGuire Woods, here on behalf of Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Inc., who is the applicant.

[03:35:18] First, I would like to express appreciation to staff for their hard work on this. This is an application which got caught in between zoning ordinances, so there was some extra work involved, and we appreciate you all moving this forward. I'm sure some of you, maybe all of you, recall when the Hilton headquarters first moved here to Fairfax County from California in 2009.

[03:35:42] It was an exciting time for Hilton and for the county. Hilton has enjoyed 14 successful years in Fairfax County, and we are delighted to say that Hilton strengthened their commitment to Fairfax County last year by extending their lease at 7930 Jones Branch, and thereby retaining their global corporate presence in Tyson's.

[03:36:04] To further build on that commitment, millions of dollars in renovations are being invested to upgrade the interior of the building, about 75% of the buildings occupied by Hilton. This interior renovation will accommodate a workforce that Hilton has pledged to the county and to the state to expand to 350 employees over the next five years.

[03:36:28] Hilton has and will continue to invest thought, time, and funds in their location in Tyson's. They are proud of their corporate office and proud to be a contributing corporate citizen in Fairfax County. Articulating their global corporate presence, which is a well-established and prominent goal in the county's economic strategic plan, is the basis for this sign request.

[03:36:51] Major, I'm trying to tell you, Major, changes in Tyson since 2010 when Hilton first erected their sign. We've got Cap One Complex, the borough, the Rise, Lumen, many other high-rise buildings in

Tyson's. Road infrastructure, 495 express lanes, new exits right at the Hilton building.

[03:37:11] Scott's Crossing is within feet of the building. All of this points to the need for clear, visible signage for motorists navigating Tyson's and the Bellway and the Toll Road. Conference, a plan for Tyson specifically mentions that signs on a building should provide high legibility for individual businesses and corporations.

[03:37:32] And the urban design guidelines, which staff has analyzed in their report, and I'll paraphrase, When the sign ordinance was written, it did not envision the signage needs of a high-density urban area like Tyson's, and so it's expected.

[03:37:48] Innovative sign design is expected, and signs intended to be seen from a distance are expected to be in the top half of the building and to be the largest signs in Tyson's. Staff has described the specifics of the request, and those are in your staff report.

[03:38:04] I'm happy to answer any questions about that. But in conclusion, the county's comprehensive plan recognizes Tyson's as the county's major employment center and a regional economic engine. Retaining and enhancing corporate headquarters such as Hilton will help fuel that engine.

[03:38:22] The proposed sign is tasteful and elegant and represents the corporate image that Hilton wants to portray in Tyson's. We have a clean staff report with no issues and a recommendation of approval. You should have an email in your package from the Gates of McLean condos, who is the closest residential community, in support.

[03:38:43] So for those reasons in your staff report and those I've stated today, we request your approval of this application. Thank you very much. Any questions of staff or the applicant? Seeing and hearing none, thank you very much.

[03:38:58] This is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here in the auditorium that wishes to speak on this case? Anyone present who wishes to testify on this matter? Seeing and hearing no one in the auditorium, let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in.

[03:39:16] No, there are no callers. No one has called in. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On April 26, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this application.

[03:39:32] Staff concurs with the Planning Commission's recommendation and finds that the application is in harmony with the comprehensive plan and applicable zoning ordinances provisions with the development conditions dated April 19, 2023.

[03:39:48] Thank you. Thank you very much. Last call, questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palchuk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And before I move forward, I request that the applicant please confirm for the record their agreement to the proposed development conditions dated April 19, 2023.

[03:40:08] Yes, on behalf of Hilton, we agree with those conditions. Thank you very much, Ms. Greenleaf. And before making the motion, first of all, I was just driving up Jones Branch Connector the other day. I could not read the Hilton sign, so I think it became even more clear why this is appropriate for the worldwide headquarters for economic development here in the county.

[03:40:28] To that my understanding is there were no speakers and no comments made at the public at the Planning Commission meeting And we are not seeing any speakers or comments here And I do agree that this is very important for the economic development of Tyson's and our ability to be able to maintain Our large headquarters here and Hilton being one of those and appreciate the work That was done. I want to thank the gang and the entire staff and my office and Commissioner and the tells key I take their further work with the applicant and so to that and seeing the recommendation from staff and the

[03:41:08] Recommendation from the Planning Commission. I now move that the Board of Supervisors approve SCA 2010 - PR - 0 1 0 subject to the development conditions Dated April 19 2023 you've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk any discussion on the motion Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[03:41:32] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you very much. Next, we have a public hearing on SE 2022-DR-00034 Montessori School of McLean in the Drainville District.

[03:41:51] And as soon as the applicant is ready, if you could please reaffirm the affidavit for us. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. My name is David Schneider with Holland and Knight, and reaffirmed the affidavit dated May 3, 2023.

[03:42:07] Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, we will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon. I'm Kimia Zulfagirion with the Department of Planning and Development.

[03:42:24] The applicant Montessori School of McLean is requesting a special exception to permit an existing private school and child care center to remain if the associated church seizes operations on site.

[03:42:40] The 3.87-acre property is located at 1711 Kirby Road on the east side of Kirby Road, just north of its intersection with Old Dominion Drive.

[03:42:58] The site is currently developed with two structures, a church which was constructed in 1920 and the education building which was constructed in 1963. The site is accessed via a driveway from Kirby Road. The subject property is surrounded by single-family detached dwelling units to the north, east, and west, and the Chesterbrook Shopping Center to the south.

[03:43:23] The last zoning approval on the site occurred on December 20, 2005, when the BZA approved an amendment to the special permit for religious assembly with a private school to permit the addition of a child care center, an increase in the school enrollment, and an addition to the education building.

[03:43:44] The current special exception request was filed because Chesterbrook United Methodist Church plans to seize operation on the site while the private school and child care center would like to remain. For that reason, the private school and child care center need approval of a special exception to continue with their current operations.

[03:44:07] No physical changes are proposed to the site with the exception of the replacement of trees which have died. As detailed in the memo, which was circulated to the board, as the public hearing at the PC was held on, Planning Commission was held on March 8th, staff has reviewed the application under the provisions of the current zoning ordinance and the 1978 ordinance.

[03:44:30] Staff finds that this proposal would satisfy both set of standards and has concluded that this application has met the public hearing requirements and that the Planning Commission recommendation

is still valid. In conclusion, staff finds that the application is in harmony with the comprehensive plan and the applicable zoning ordinance provisions.

[03:44:54] This concludes the presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. Let me now recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Supervisors, again, David Schneider, represent the applicant.

[03:45:09] I want to first start off by thanking Ms. Elvigarian and Ms. Lewis for all their help on this application. It's a simple application. I don't get to come forward often and say this, but it allows status quo to remain. It's a deletion of a use. The site is currently subject to a vested special permit that allows the religious assembly, church use, the school, and the child care.

[03:45:28] The Chesterbrook Methodist Church approached the school saying that the larger Methodist Conference wants to consolidate and move them to another site. But to do so, they have to be able to sell this site first. And the school has more than 25 years left on its lease, so it's the only logical purchaser. They've been a tenant for a long time.

[03:45:45] They have a great relationship with the church, and they were able to come to terms. And if the sale goes through, the religious assembly use will stop. And as staff said, then they can't proceed under this special permit. They need to convert that to a special exception to have a private school and child care center without the religious assembly use.

[03:46:02] So that's what we're here today for. And as we all know, a special exception is to address and mitigate any potential impact of the application, but there's no impact. There's no change of enrollment. The school has been here since 1973. The Montessori School in McLean, and I have Thomas LeGrand head of school here with me, is celebrating their 50th anniversary on this site this year.

[03:46:24] So again, no enrollment's changing, so there's no trip generation count, except for with the deletion of a use, it's by definition a reduction, and there's no new construction proposed. And quite frankly, the school could continue without this special exception. It would just mean the sale couldn't go through, and then the church wouldn't be able to leave.

[03:46:40] So it's time-sensitive because the church needs to be able to close on this site and close on the next site. And quite frankly, the school needs to be able to lock in a loan as interest rates are skyrocketing and to make this affordable for a not-for-profit school. It's likely you're going to see more of these applications coming in the future.

[03:46:57] As you see, dioceses, conferences, congregations, you know, as their coffers are struggling, I believe another application has been filed similar to this. While it is a simple application, the applicant did significant outreach. They went door-to-door to their neighbors. They sent mailers in addition to the required mail notice.

[03:47:14] We have letter support from the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce. You have numerous letters of support from neighbors in the community. And we also held a community meeting to be able to address any concerns that may come up. And you have an email on the record from the chair of the McLean Citizen Association Planning and Zoning Committee, who said, the school's plan to purchase the church building sounds like a positive step for both parties and the community.

[03:47:36] And we see it the same way. So with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for your approval. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any questions of staff or the applicant? Any questions? Supervisor Faust. Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Schneider, the board received, each member of the board's office received a seven-page single-spaced document from an individual purporting to represent the Franklin Area Citizens Association, in which, and of course we've heard from him the last several months,

[03:48:11] in which he declares, I think the essence of what he's saying is that your application presents a clear and present danger due to traffic safety for children being the top concern and priority issue for him and purportedly for that organization.

[03:48:32] Can you address that issue, the traffic safety issue for children? Absolutely. I can say that the Montessori School and him are in complete agreement that the safety of the children is priority number one. So there's no disagreement there. This application has been thoroughly vetted that from FCDOT, from Viva.DOT, it's the existing condition.

[03:48:51] Actually, with the removal of the church use, there's 24 additional surplus spaces on the property. So queuing and everything which already works is only going to get better on the site with that additional availability. And so the operations have worked.

[03:49:06] There haven't been issues. And so we understand the concern. This is not a Greenfield site that we're asking to put a new school on. This is, by definition, a reduction in the traffic that's going to be on the site. Okay, thank you. No, I appreciate that.

[03:49:23] I hope that is enough to address this concern, because he truly seems to be concerned. But I agree with you. I don't see this as creating an issue that needs to be addressed in the application. So, thank you.

[03:49:39] Thank you very much. Any other questions of staff or the applicants? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. Let me ask if there's anyone in the auditorium that would like to speak on this matter. This is a public hearing.

[03:49:55] Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No, there are no callers. No one has called in. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On March 8th, 2023, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of SE-2022-DR-00034, subject to the development conditions dated March 7th, 2023.

[03:50:24] The Planning Commission also recommended approval of all requested waive years and modifications. Staff concurs with that recommendation. Thank you very much. Last call, questions from Board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize supervisor faust for a motion thank you mr chairman uh i have the i would like to make the following motion uh to approve mr chairman i request that the applicant please confirm their agreement to the development conditions dated march 7th 2023 for the record again david schneider on behalf of the applicant we reviewed the development conditions and agreed to them thank

[03:51:03] you thank you mr chairman i move that the board of supervisors approve sc 2022 dr 00034 subject to the development conditions dated march 7 2023 i move that the front yard setback for the existing church be modified to that shown on the se plat and finally i move that the board reaffirmed the

previously approved modification of the transitional screening and waiver of barrier requirements along all property lines except for the southern property line so moved i'm happy to second that

[03:51:41] along with supervisor lusk uh discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion supervisor faust i just want to say uh you know montessori school mclean has been a a great member of the mclean community for as was discussed a very long time uh we were lucky to have you and uh we're glad that you'll be able to stay in that space uh and i will say that although you know there was some negativity from one individual in particular i got a lot of support correspondence suggesting

[03:52:20] what a wonderful member of the community you've been and how much you've done to help their children over the years and so forth so i hope you know that we very much appreciate what you're doing there at the montessori school thank you supervisor fast thank you very much um with that i think we're ready to vote uh all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and again congratulations on 50 years it's a big milestone so well done sure thank you uh and our next public hearing i understand is going to be deferred

[03:53:00] but i will go ahead and call it as public hearing on rz 2022-le-00012 these are homes llc in the franconia district supervisor lusk thank you mr chairman as i mentioned earlier during the board matters we have an issue with finalization of proffers so in order those proffers finalize we need a little bit more time so with that i move the board of supervisors defer the public hearing for rz 2022-le-00012 to a date certain of june 27th 2023 at 4 p.m second it's been

[03:53:40] multiply seconded moved and multiply seconded any discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries brings us to our next public hearing our last 3 30 public hearing which is a public hearing on rz 2016-sp-033 merit investment llc in the springfield district and as soon as the applicant is ready if you could please reaffirm the affidavit good afternoon aaron frank agent for the applicant

[03:54:19] i affirm the affidavit dated may 12 2023 thank you very much any disclosures from board members Disclosures from board members. Seeing and hearing none, I'll now recognize county staff for presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Tabitha Cole with the Department of Planning and Development, and I'll be presenting the rezoning request by Merit Investment, LLC.

[03:54:41] The subject property is located in the Springfield District on the north side of Center Road at 8674 Center Road. The 2.24-acre undeveloped site is currently forested and contains a resource protection area, intermittent and perennial stream, and steep slopes.

[03:54:58] It is surrounded by developed residential lots with varying densities. The applicant proposes to rezone from the R1 district to the PDH3 district to permit the construction of three single-family detached dwellings with a density of 1.34 dwelling units per acre.

[03:55:15] The applicant proposes to subdivide the site into three residential lots with two outlots. The three residential lots would have an average lot size of 12,177 square feet and would each be developed with a single-family detached dwelling similar in size and character of surrounding recent development.

[03:55:37] Out lot B, situated between lots 1 and 2, would contain the underground stormwater management facility, and out lot A would include the remainder of the site, which contains the resource protection area, recreational open space area, and tree preservation areas.

[03:55:54] The stormwater facility in open space would treat on- and off-site stormwater that currently flows from Center Road through the subject property and onto adjacent properties. The proposed stormwater management would treat approximately 50% of the site, and the rest would remain within the open space area.

[03:56:15] The improvements are proposed to reduce runoff onto adjacent properties and route runoff towards the natural stream at the north end of the site. 62% of the total site is proposed to be open space area, with the majority of that, approximately 59% of the site, designated for preservation.

[03:56:36] The roughly 3,000 square foot recreational area is proposed to be furnished with a gazebo, benches, fire pit, and landscaped trees, and would be accessible to the future residents by way of a pathway from the central pipe stem driveway. The applicant also proposes to landscape parts of the cleared areas with deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs.

[03:56:58] The applicant also proposes to construct a five-foot-wide sidewalk along the entire frontage of the property to connect to the existing sidewalk across Center Road. Also, as described in the memorandum distributed by staff to the Board of Supervisors, this case was reviewed and determined to be in conformance with the same applicable standards under the 1978, 2021, and 2023 ordinances and determined to have met the public hearing requirements. Staff finds the application to be in conformance with the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance and finds that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is

[03:57:34] still valid. Thank you. Thank you very much. This time we'd recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation good afternoon chair board again my name is Aaron Frank I'm a senior land use planner with Cooley here on behalf of the owner and applicant merit investment represented by Milton Ortega firstly I'd like to thank Tabitha and staff for your thorough presentation just now as well as your work throughout this project if you could please

[03:58:06] have some slides if you would please pull those up thank you next slide please so here's a quick look at the property. Tabitha explained location on Center Road just behind West Springfield High School. Here's a look from a street view perspective. This is the last undeveloped lot on the street as Tabitha mentioned. Next slide please. The lot is two and a quarter acres and this application, thank you, this application was originally applied for in 2016

[03:58:41] under prior ownership. And at that time, it applied for five lots. That application was indefinitely deferred. Ownership has since changed. And as we look to refresh this application, we trimmed the number of lots from five to three on the two and a quarter acres. And it's resulted in a better design that we're proud to be presenting to you today. So when we looked at reactivating this application, we looked towards the comprehensive plan, which calls for two to three units to the acre or three to four units to the acre if consolidation is available the

[03:59:18] surrounding properties are built out that is not an option with the three units to the acre that we are proposing that comes in at one and a third to the acre which is below the two to three that is envisioned in the comprehensive plan and also below the two and a half existing built density if you look at the actual lots that are built on Center Road.

[03:59:42] We're requesting a PDH-3 zoning district. Center Road has developed over time incrementally with different subdivisions that, as you can see, is a patchwork of different zoning districts ranging from

R1, R3, R4, R5, R8, that PDH-3 is right in the middle of those different densities that currently exist.

[04:00:05] And we took a deeper dive to make sure that, not just from a design perspective, we could be compatible, but we could also quantify the compatibility with respect to lot size. The three lots are proposed to be between 11,000 to 12,000 square feet.

[04:00:22] So we looked at our neighboring communities, the five subdivisions that are closest to us, and that totals 72 homes that have an average lot size just under 10 000 square feet or 18 percent less than what is being proposed so here's a look at the development plan uh and and i'll run through this as you just did see this as presented by tabitha thank you we are presenting the three building lots accessed by a single pipe stem from center road the design of the lot does respond to the resource protection area in the

[04:00:58] north of the property as well as some slopes in the center left of the property so we wanted to avoid those areas 62 percent of the property will be open space with an acre of tree preservation and we are providing that sidewalk and crosswalk across center road and here's a look at you know where the tree preservation will occur so it'll be significant forest remaining in the rear of the property when we first walked the site and when we first talked to neighbors we knew that storm water is an existing issue along center road community there's considerable erosion occurring

[04:01:36] on the subject property as well as on our neighbors so this presents an opportunity to be able to improve this situation we are providing stormwater management in a pipe system that will go to an underground infiltration vault and then is then going to outfall towards the stream in the north of the property it's going to provide a few different benefits the sheet that is on this screen This shows a few different polygons that illustrate the watersheds that will flow into our stormwater system.

[04:02:12] So we're collecting rainfall both from on-site as well as from off-site. That's going to be piped, which is going to help remedy some of that existing erosion that's being created by the funneling of water from Center Road onto the property right now.

[04:02:30] And instead of it flowing in a diagonal direction towards our neighbors, we're going to be putting it into this vault, allowing for groundwater recharge, reducing both the volume as well as the rate of discharge from the site in a location that is now going to be directed away from our neighboring properties.

[04:02:48] When we reactivated the application, we had a neighborhood meeting. This was during the time of heightened pandemic-related meeting restrictions. So we first met virtually, and then we've had two subsequent in-person meetings with the community at large.

[04:03:06] We have had several meetings with adjacent neighbors. We have offered or met with all of our adjacent neighbors and continue to have an open door towards any conversations or interests in the property. So in summary, we appreciate the support that we've received from the Land Use Committee, Planning Commission, and staff.

[04:03:30] Note the consistency of the comprehensive plan, the consistency with nearby zoning and lot sizes, and believe that there are going to be some considerable contributions through development to stormwater management and providing open space and tree preservation. So we ask for your support this afternoon as well.

[04:03:47] Thank you, and I'm glad to take any questions. Thank you very much. Any questions of staff or the applicant? Supervisor Gross. Yes, I do have a couple of questions. The rear area is not being proposed for development because of steep slopes and erosion, is that right?

[04:04:08] Supervisor Gross, the rear of the property is mostly resource protection area, and there are some steeper slopes that are in the center left of the property that we're taking care to avoid as well. So that will not be ever developed? That's correct. Secondly, whose responsibility will it be to maintain the infiltration vault?

[04:04:29] There will be a homeowners association that is created with this. It's a teeny tiny homeowners association? That is correct. They're going to be aware of the responsibility to maintain that vault? That is correct. So we will have disclosure documents that are provided so that there is full awareness of that.

[04:04:48] Okay. And the recreation area that is proposed is also going to be under the responsibility of the teeny tiny homeowners association? That is correct. and it will be accessible via the pipe stem did i understand so we will have a sidewalk extending from the pipe stem so that way the owners can access it i'm just i'm looking at you know the potential for non-residents seeing that there's a recreation area and trying to access it that's why my questions okay mr chairman in um in full disclosure aaron used to be my land

[04:05:23] you say years ago I was sorry to miss him but to lose him but he has been doing a great job in the private sector and so I really wasn't having any little fun with you Aaron I just really did have those questions but it's nice to see you I don't know Mr. Chairman we have had experience and Aaron can testify to this in Mason District where you have a very small homeowners association taking on a rather large responsibility and when the houses are new it's fine and after a while

[04:06:00] it's not so fine and so that's why i wanted to sort of highlight that because we are finding that a few years later maybe the second owners or after some storm has happened it's oh you mean this is my responsibility so i wanted to make sure that that was out there on the record thank you Absolutely.

[04:06:20] Let me ask if there are any other questions of the applicant or of staff. Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance. To testify, is there anyone present in the auditorium who would like to speak on this case?

[04:06:36] Anyone present, this is a public hearing, that would like to speak on this matter. Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers who have called in. No, there are no callers. No callers. The applicant would like an opportunity to wave rebuttal, wave rebuttal.

[04:06:52] Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Yes, thank you. On February 15, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application subject to the proffers consistent with those now executed and dated May 4, 2023, and approved the associated final development plan subject to the Board's approval of the rezoning application.

[04:07:13] Staff concurs with those recommendations. Thank you very much. last call. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Herity for a motion. Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will make my comments up front and be brief. I'd like to recognize and thank the applicant and their team for their hard work on this application. In 2016, when they were looking at five homes today, here we have a much better project at three homes. It protects the RPA. It fixes some of

[04:07:49] existing stormwater issues that exist currently for the residents downstream I think the fact that there's no speakers today in opposition to an infill project kind of says a lot so I want to thank the applicant also the Springfield Land Use Committee the residents surrounding this project who were very engaged in this I think Commissioner Pete Murphy and our staff and my staff for their work to get us here with all that said Mr. Chairman I move the Board of Supervisors approve rz 2016-sp-033 and its associated conceptual development plan subject to the

[04:08:28] proffers dated may 4 2023 so moved you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor gross is there any discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions And that motion carries. Thank you very much.

[04:08:53] Our next public hearing is public hearing on PCA 80-S-008-02, RZPA 2022-SU-00095, Virginia Medical Transport, LLC, in the Sully District.

[04:09:11] And if the applicant could please reaffirm the affidavit. For the record, I'm Keith Martin. I'm attorney for the applicant and I reaffirmed the affidavit. And as a lifelong resident of the Janesville District and a 10-year next-door neighbor of Supervisor Faust, we will miss you.

[04:09:36] Thank you very much, Mr. Martin. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Absolutely. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board.

[04:09:53] My name is Sharon Williams, and I'm with the Department of Planning and Development. The 2.33-acre subject property is located on Parcel 1A, east of the intersection of Willard Road and Hazel Park Court. The site is situated within the larger Willard Industrial Park and is currently developed with a 47,118-square-foot industrial building, the other half of which is actually located on the adjacent parcel, Parcel 1B, and is not part of this application.

[04:10:21] The total square footage of the building on-site over parcels 1A and 1B is 92,947 square feet, which equates to 0.45 FAR. There are 179 parking spaces serving the industrial building, with 99 spaces provided within the subject property.

[04:10:38] The property is zone I-5 and is located within the Water Supply Protection Overlay District. The applicant is proposing to modify the proffers to permit light vehicle repair and maintenance and heavy vehicle repair and maintenance uses within an existing building on site to allow for the repair and maintenance of ambulances.

[04:10:57] There are no changes proposed to the building and no significant land disturbance is proposed. The subject property is currently developed with a square-shaped building containing 11 individual suites. Access to the site is provided via two full access points along Willard Road. The drive aisle will continue south onto parcel 1B to provide continuous circulation throughout the site.

[04:11:17] And then there's surface parking located along the northern, eastern, and western facades of the building and along the eastern and western property boundaries. The proposed use would be located within Suite 13939, which is highlighted here in yellow. The only changes to the site are the applicant's proposal to enlarge the sidewalk.

[04:11:40] And with a proper change, what they'll be doing is providing us with a contribution and a dedication of that one fee so that we can do that construction in the future and then in addition the applicant has proposed to provide four bike racks on site to the front of the building and aside from these modifications there's no other changes proposed on site the applicant will maintain the existing 12 175 square feet of open space on the subject property and they request one modification which was discussed in the staff report and that concludes my presentation thank you thank you very much at At this time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation.

[04:12:19] This is a much-needed medical service. We have staff recommendation of approval, planning commission recommendation of approval, and I'll be happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant? Any questions?

[04:12:35] Not seeing or hearing any. At this time, this is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. Is there someone present who would like to speak on this matter? Sir, if you could come down, please, and sign in with the clerk. Is there anyone else present who would like to speak on this matter in the auditorium?

[04:12:53] And while this gentleman's coming down, let me ask if anyone has called in. No one has called in. So if you would like, why don't you go ahead and deliver your testimony, and then you can sign in with the clerk afterwards.

[04:13:10] Welcome. Is this on? Yes. Because I can barely hear. And my cancer gives me a problem with my throat, so please bear with me. Sure. I'm here on my own behalf today. I didn't know you were going to be here. I'm dealing with transportation, medical transportation for my son, because the Community Services Board

[04:13:40] has put their authority into a firm called Movis Care out of Richmond, Virginia. Movis Care has ability to cancel any transportation without notifying parents or the applicant or even the community services board. I only have a question, sir. The question is, will your medical transport

[04:14:19] be also sent through the community services board or be subject to MOVIS care out of Richmond? And can they cancel services to a medical transport? I'll save the rest of mine for later.

[04:14:41] thank you okay sir if you could sign in also with the clerk just give your name and address so for the record we have that you testified on this matter let me verify again no one else has called in okay at this time I'd allow the applicant an opportunity to respond to the testimony I greatly feel for the gentleman my client has nothing to do with any of that they're just there to repair ambulances and put them back out on the road. They have nothing to do with

[04:15:19] canceling services. Okay. Thank you very much, Mr. Martin. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Absolutely. So on February 15th, 2023, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the approval of this application with one edit to the proffers to specify that all vehicle repairs would occur within the building. Staff concurs and finds that the application is in conformance with the comprehensive plan and the applicable zoning ordinance provisions and recommends the approval of PCA 80-S-008-02

[04:15:57] subject to the proffers, which are now dated March 6, 2023. And then staff also recommends the approval of the modification to allow direct access to Withered Road. Thank you. Thank you very

much. Last call, any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Smith for a motion.

[04:16:18] Thank you Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve PCA 80-S-008-02 subject to the proffers dated March 6, 2023. I further move that the Board of Supervisors approve a modification of section 4102.5.00.3.B of the zoning ordinance to allow direct access to Willard Road.

[04:16:44] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Faust. Any discussion on the motion? I just wanted to thank Sharon Williams and William O'Donnell for their work on this case, and this is a great location for this use. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Any other discussion?

[04:17:00] Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the application, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Thank you. Next, we have a public hearing on SEA 95-M-029-02.

[04:17:19] mcdonald's corporation in the mason district and as soon as the applicant is ready uh if you could please reaffirm the affidavit for us good afternoon sherry aiken a senior landings planner with the law firm of mcguire woods and i reaffirm the affidavit dated march 22nd 2023 thank you very much are there any disclosures from board members any disclosures seeing and hearing none i will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation thank you mr chairman again i am tap the coal with the Department of Planning and Development.

[04:17:59] The subject property is located in the Bailey's Crossroad Community Business Center at the southwest corner of the Leesburg Pike and Carlin Springs Road intersection. The site is zoned to the C8 district within a highway corridor overlay and a commercial revitalization district. The existing site is developed with a single-lane drive-through McDonald's restaurant.

[04:18:19] The applicant proposes to expand the site area by approximately 18,000 square feet to accommodate a second drive-through lane and a 1,300-square-foot addition to the existing restaurant building. Expansion of the site would require demolition of the existing office building to the west for expanded surface parking area.

[04:18:39] The existing primary access to the site from Leesburg Pike would be closed and provided by a second existing access point further west. The applicant proposes to dedicate right-of-way along the two road frontages to accommodate for future road widening and the construction of a 10-foot-wide sidewalk along Leesburg Pike and an 8-foot-wide sidewalk along Carlin Springs Road.

[04:19:03] Pedestrian crosswalks on-site will be constructed with specialty paving and would lead to the designated outdoor seating area near the entrance of the building. On-site parking would be redesigned to include the newly added land area, resulting in a total of 47 parking spaces.

[04:19:21] The site's stormwater is currently treated with an existing sand filter. The applicant proposes to install an additional bioretential facility to meet stormwater requirements. A variety of landscaping, including Category 2, 3, and 4 deciduous trees, deciduous shrubs, evergreen shrubs, and perennial ground cover or ornamental grass, is proposed throughout the site.

[04:19:45] The applicant proposes to exceed landscaping requirements for the interior parking lot and for the Leesburg Pike peripheral parking. However, due to site constraints, the applicant is requesting a waiver to the peripheral parking landscaping requirement along Carlin Springs Road. The applicant has

agreed to work with VDOT at time of site plan to include more street trees along Carlin Springs Road and currently proposes acorn light fixtures and street trees along Leesburg Pike.

[04:20:13] A combination of shrubs and ground cover is proposed along each facade of the restaurant building. The applicant has also agreed to provide additional landscaping outside of the SE limits to the west of the site, as can be seen on the landscape plan. Multiple guiding planning principles for the Bailey's Crossroads stress the importance of high quality landscaping, streetscape, building, and site design that improve connectivity of the area, establish a walkable urban boulevard along Leesburg Pike, and promote a sense of place.

[04:20:46] The applicant has worked with staff to improve the site's compliance with these guidelines. Overall staff finds that the proposed application to be in conformance with the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance required. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we welcome an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. Again, my name is Sherry Akin. I'm a senior land use planner with the law firm of McGuire Woods.

[04:21:09] And it is a pleasure to be here this afternoon on behalf of McDonald's. Let me begin by first saying that McDonald's is extremely excited to finally be able to modernize this site. The original building was constructed in the 1990s with very little upgrades since that time.

[04:21:25] The building is structurally sound with no need for a complete teardown. However, it is small based upon today's standards and expectations, and the interior layout is insufficient and outdated. Although the proposal is a modest 1,300-square-foot addition, along with the drive-through and facade improvements outlined by staff, There are tremendous site improvements that will dramatically improve the overall property and this important intersection at Bailey's Crossroads.

[04:21:56] Going into the SC process, one of our first steps was to achieve as many comprehensive plan goals and urban design goals as possible. We paid close attention to an attractive facade and building design and the frontages along Leesburg Pike and Carlin Springs Road.

[04:22:14] We'll now have a much more engaging streetscape with wider sidewalks, an outdoor patio area, bike racks, transparent windows, as well as ADA improvements. All of these elements will contribute to an appealing and engaging atmosphere for patrons and the community, both inside the restaurant and out, and promotes a much better walkability in and around the property.

[04:22:40] This historically has been an extremely compact site, and with the additional land area and the operational improvements that we are proposing, it will fundamentally work much better.

[04:22:56] The addition of the dual ordering station and a second drive-through lane will allow for greater efficiency and faster service, and the new parking area will be much safer with better circulation. Further, the requested proposal will not just serve McDonald's restaurant and its operations, but it will also offer numerous site improvements that we worked hard with staff on to ensure that it will serve the community and further county goals.

[04:23:26] With this proposal, there will be a 2,000-foot reduction in impervious surface. There's a new bioretention facility to treat stormwater quality. 39 new trees and 200-plus new shrubs are proposed. Open space requirements are met, and McDonald's is doubling the interior parking lot landscaping and also exceeding tree coverage requirements.

[04:23:48] Also, from an environmental perspective, McDonald's will be providing an EV charging station, and they are agreeable to the green building development conditions to achieve earthcraft-like commercial certification, even though this is just a remodel of an existing building with a small addition.

[04:24:06] Most importantly, I would also like to highlight the significant transportation improvements that are being provided by McDonald's. The most significant change is that closure of the vehicle entrance closest to the intersection and at the entrance of the drive-thru area.

[04:24:26] This will not just reduce vehicular conflicts, but more importantly, there will now be a significant stretch of road frontage improvements landscaping and sidewalk which is not the case today currently the frontage is broken up by entrances and in some cases there is no sidewalk at all pedestrians walk along a well-worn grass strip that's right up against the roadway so mcdonald's will be adding the new 10-foot sidewalk along that portion of the property

[04:24:59] But also, when working with staff and at their suggestion, McDonald's is also extending that sidewalk and landscaping outside of their lease area, which you can see on the drawing, to the west. Although this is not a part of the McDonald's property, this off-site improvement will help provide a continuous sidewalk and connectivity in the interim until the rest of that intersection quadrant is redeveloped either by the property owner or a future developer.

[04:25:30] Finally, McDonald's is dedicating a significant land area for the road dedications along Carlin Springs Road, as well as Leesburg Pike, mainly to accommodate the future BRT. Initially, this site was not without its challenges, and I would like to acknowledge staff and McDonald's, the McDonald's team, for coming up with site designs and improvements that ultimately met everyone's goals and achieves significant benefits not only for the site and the restaurant, but the overall area.

[04:26:05] McDonald's is committed to being a good corporate citizen for Fairfax County, and the local franchisee is also excited to have a remodeled restaurant and continue to serve the Bailey's Crossroads area.

[04:26:20] We did meet with the Mason District Land Use Committee, BC7RC, both recommending support for the application, and we are pleased to be here with a recommendation of approval from staff and the Planning Commission. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

[04:26:37] Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone present in the auditorium that would like to speak on this subject?

[04:26:53] Anyone present who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers have called in there are no callers no callers i assume the applicant waives rebuttal closing comments and a recommendation from county staff on may 17 2023 the planning commission recommended approval of the application subject to the development conditions dated may 15 2023 and recommended approval of the waivers and modifications as requested in the staff report staff concurs with those recommendations thank you thank you very much any questions of board members

[04:27:28] Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn to Supervisor Gross for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There has been a fast food restaurant on this corner for a very long time. I'm trying to remember.

[04:27:45] I think it precedes the 1995 SEA. There was, was it an old McDonald's? It was a Roy Rogers. Thank you. I knew it was something you drove us through. And so when it became a McDonald's, you know, it continued the service, quick service to the community and has been very well used, but it is a very tight site.

[04:28:12] As you heard, one of the access points on Route 7 is being closed as a result, which is a good thing. It will be safer pedestrian access and actually safer for the vehicles, too, because you only have one turn in instead of two. I appreciate the applicant's willingness to make some adjustments to their design, and quite frankly, there were considerable adjustments to the design.

[04:28:37] It was worked on for quite a bit, and I think it came out in a good place. It has taken a long time, as you see. It was considered in March, and it finally got voted on in May just to be able to be to take care of some concerns of planning commissioners so i think we are in a place that everybody will be comfortable and i would like the to ask the applicant to confirm their agreement to the proposed development conditions dated may 15 2023 yes so on behalf

[04:29:15] of the applicant we are agreeable to the conditions stated may 15 2023 mr chairman i move the board of supervisors approve sca 95-m-029-02 subject to the development conditions dated may 15 2023 and i move that the board of supervisors approve the waiver and modifications included the way in the waivers and modification statement also dated may 23 23 2023 second heard the motion has been seconded by supervisor lusk uh discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions

[04:29:54] and that motion carries thank you very much thank you mr chairman our next public hearing is a public hearing and this is our final public hearing before public comment is a public hearing on rz 2022-su-00014 stephanie gorsky norse in the sully district and if the applicant could please reaffirm the affidavit good afternoon mr chairman members of the board of supervisors bob brant with the law firm of walsh collucci on behalf of the applicant happy to reaffirm the affidavit dated january 18th 2023 thank you thank you very much are there any disclosures from board members any

[04:30:32] disclosures from board members seeing and hearing none i will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation good evening mr chairman i'm damaris martinez from the department of planning and development. The applicant, Stephanie Gorski-Norse, is requesting approval to rezone a one acre lot from the R1 district to the R3 district to allow the development of two lots with two single-family detached dwellings. The property is located at 2419 Washington Bryce Road and the applicant proposes to subdivide the property into two lots. On January 28th, 2000, the Board of

[04:31:11] Supervisors approved RZ 1999-SU-041, which created the Westville Woods subdivision to the north. This proposal is a continuation of that development pattern. The proposal seeks an R3 district to allow two new dwellings at a rate of two dwelling units per acre, which meets the comprehensive plan-based recommendation of one to two dwelling units per acre.

[04:31:39] The proposed new dwellings are logically situated around a new permanent cul-de-sac and contain reasonable building setbacks that allow for each dwelling to have opportunity for decks and patios and in addition to a two-car garage and driveway. Architectural renderings are included on the general development plan and are in character with the surrounding development. The bulk standards of the R3 standard are also met. In addition, as described in the memorandum distributed by staff to the Board

[04:32:15] of supervisors. This case was reviewed and determined to be in conformance with the same applicable standards under the 1978, 2021, and 2023 ordinances and was determined to have met the public hearing requirements. Staff finds the application to be in conformance with the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance and finds that the recommendation of the planning commission is still valid. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation. Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and thank you to Ms. Martinez, Mr. O'Donnell

[04:32:51] and staff for their work with us on this application. I think this is a fairly straightforward rezoning application that's before the board today. As Ms. Martinez mentioned in her remarks, the proposed two dwelling units are in conformance with the comprehensive plans, recommendations for the property. We've worked closely with staff throughout the application process, and we're happy to have their recommendation of approval, as well as the planning commissions, and then finally, the recommendation of approval from the land use committee that we worked with as part of the application process. So with that, I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have and we request your favorable consideration today. Thank you very much. Questions of staff or the

[04:33:29] applicant? Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Following up on my question on the Springfield District item, it appears that this is an infill lot. That's correct. And it's two two houses, but I'm not clear. I understand. Is this a two-house homeowners association or do they join the other existing homeowners association that's on the other side of the cul-de-sac?

[04:33:56] Sure. That's a good question, Supervisor Gross. So there's actually one existing home on the lot today, and we're seeking to subdivide to remove that existing home and replace it with two new homes. And so the way we have structured our proffers is that we've agreed to, we've committed to working with that adjacent homeowners association to explore the possibility of annexation I've actually had some preliminary conversations with a representative of that association and so we're going to be continuing this conversation as as this moves forward but we've drafted the progress in such a way in such that if we're unsuccessful in annexing into that adjacent association a new association would be formed for these two homes I agree that that's that's probably not ideal

[04:34:35] that's probably not at everyone's best interest but we are we have committed to pursuing the the annexation. So you've got plan A and plan B. Correct. And plan B would be an even teeny tinier homeowner's association of two, which is not optimum. Not optimal, but as part of the proffer, Supervisor Gross, we've also committed to establishing a maintenance fund for those two lots in the event that that happens. And so there will be some monies placed into a fund so that there is some maintenance money there available to those two lots. Okay, there would definitely have to be a lot of disclosure. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any other

[04:35:09] questions of staff or the applicant. Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I do have one speaker who has signed up in advance to testify, and that is William A. Maher, Jr., representative of the Westvale Woods Homeowners Association, who is here in person and will have five minutes to testify. After Mr. Maher, is there anyone else present in the auditorium that wishes to speak on this matter? Okay, so Mr. Maher will be our first speaker. Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board of Supervisors.

[04:35:42] I'm Bill Maher here on behalf of West Vail Woods Homeowners Association, and I begin my comments by choosing to associate with the comments of Supervisor Gross about teeny tiny homeowner

associations. I can tell you, having practiced law in Fairfax for 45 years, primarily in the area of common interest communities, homeowner associations, teeny tiny homeowner associations create a lot of problems.

[04:36:11] Westvale woods is currently a 10-lot association I think his staff has indicated this this proposal is a sort of an extension of that development I've gone over things with the association and they have agreed that they would agree to to bring the two other lots in and think that makes the most sense all the way around me the other issues that we have with respect to stormwater detention and funding and dealing with the cul-de-sac and dealing with the the repaving of the two lot of the drivers of the two lots I think are taken care

[04:36:50] of but we are I can I can tell you that we are committed to having them come into the Association look forward to that obviously from what you've seen and what mr. brand has presented they would come in with a with something that would be consistent with what's already there obviously we would want to be aware of design requirements and that sort of thing we do have a concern about the stormwater detention and whether the funding that is being proposed would would then carry over to the Association because if they were if they come into the Association obviously that comes in as a as a common area amenity and would

[04:37:29] be need would need to be maintained and provided for by the Association so that's that's a small concern we have the other issues related to to sidewalks and driveways I think I think are addressed through that process and we we look forward to working with and I recognize that currently we're dealing with the current property owner there will press mr. brand and I have discussed it'll probably be a developer purchasing the property and that will be the entity we'll have to deal with so we just want to make sure that in terms of our concerns and where this is headed are made clear to the to the board of supervisors and look forward

[04:38:07] to following through on this project completely thank you excellent thank you very much mr mar let me also verify there's no one else here present who would like to testify on this matter let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in no colors no speakers have called in assume the applicant waives rebuttal closing comments and a recommendation from county staff thank you on March 15th 2023 the Planning Commission recommended approval of this application subject to the executed proffers dated March 2nd 2023 staff concurs with this recommendation thank you very much are there any questions

[04:38:47] final call any questions from board members supervisor Smith I just asked the applicant to bring up the issue that was brought up by the speaker about the the funding if they are taken into the HOA for the maintenance thank thank you supervisor smith yes and and and as a former in a prior life before i was with walsh koluchy i i too was a condominium and hoa attorney and so i could certainly associate myself with supervisor gross and mr marr's remarks about the complexities of these small hoas um i i would agree that we're happy to continue the conversations with the association moving forward as i've as i've

[04:39:23] discussed with mr marr uh privately we're happy to continue those conversations and one of the many topics i'm sure we'll cover as funding and so uh we'll we'll look forward to those discussions moving forward i would think that would be an important piece of this thank you certainly thank you thank you very much uh supervisor smith any other questions of board members any other questions

from board members seeing and hearing none i will now close the public hearing and turn to supervisor smith for a motion moving around too many papers i move that the board of supervisors

[04:39:59] approve rz 2022-su-00014 subject to the executed proffers consistent with those dated march 2 2023 you've heard the motion i'm happy to second that is there any discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries thank you very much this brings us to our last item on today's agenda which is public comment uh before we start public comment and turn to our speakers i do want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the rules

[04:40:38] associated with public comment the board will hear comment on any issue except issues under litigation issues that have been scheduled for public hearings before the board and personnel matters and or comments regarding specific individuals speakers must have registered in advance and each speaker is given three or three minutes for his or her remarks a maximum of 10 speakers may address the board during any public comment period and speakers may address the board once during a six-month period today i do have eight speakers who have signed up to testify

[04:41:13] and our speaker our first speaker is tim baker and tim baker will be followed by joshua baker both of you are here if you could come on down closer to the podium and we will begin as soon

[04:41:31] as you are ready mr baker welcome the floor is yours i have a small handout from my Joshua if i could if you could um you could just provide that to the clerk we can circulate that for you

[04:42:03] sure this is going to be a tough hearing um i was here last year exactly one year ago it will be one year ago yesterday, same Tuesday, and the issues, unfortunately, are exactly the same. So I have my

[04:42:38] notes from that hearing. I'm a nobody, and Joshua cannot speak. He can barely walk, and he certainly cannot defend for himself. We came down to Fairfax County because there supposedly was going to be terrific care for Joshua. I started talking about Joshua's issue to Supervisor Lusk in a meeting in

[04:43:09] his office on october the 13th 2021 and i have the agendas the community services board of which you guys approve the funding is doing a terrific disservice the issue that we talked about last

[04:43:37] year was that joshua cannot get the hand-to-hand medical transport that the waiver that he has requires there's no lack of coordinators for joshua we've had five this year already on the 20th of april our last coordinator showed me this document which is the first time i've ever seen it

[04:44:15] and we've been here 27 years it lists the things that joshua is entitled to not only is he entitled to hand-to-hand medical transport to his job he buses tables at george mason and they're the shiniest tables you've ever seen. But he's also entitled to assistive technology and environmental

[04:44:45] modifications. I guess you've seen this before. You guys fund it. Well, the services board sent me a contractor. The exhibit that you have is a design that I came up with because Joshua fits in our soaking tub and I bathe him every day. I've bathed him every day of his life. They sent me

[04:45:23] this guy, the reason they sent this guy was because he has direct access to the Medicaid paperwork. The design I came up with, I know it's a little rough, that design would cost about $500. This guy suggested a chairlift and an overhead remote monorail to pull him

[04:45:54] into and out of the tub. $14,000, no problem. He can get it right through. I wouldn't deal with it. I'm sorry. So we contacted the board. We had a meeting in my home, in my kitchen. I have room for 14 in

my kitchen, and almost all of them showed up. I had contacted Mr. Castrilli. I had

[04:46:33] contacted Deborah Clare again, and I contacted a gentleman named Aubrey Golgi from Representative Connolly's office, who all agreed to attend. The day before the meeting, Mr. Castrilli bailed out.

[04:46:54] The day of the meeting, at 9 a.m., the meeting was supposed to start at 11. Ms. Clare bailed out. Mr. Avery Gaudet from Connolly's office bailed out. So I still had eight people, plus a couple from Zoom.

[04:47:17] The answers are the same. They call me on a Sunday night and tell me, through MotusCare, that Joshua's transport has been canceled. Let me suppose we picked up 10 hours later.

[04:47:37] Modus Care didn't call me. Community Service Board didn't call me. The vendor called me, who had been transporting Joshua for over a year. They said they wouldn't renew his contract.

[04:47:55] Last year, I showed you the list of 57 calls that I made to the Community Services Board. Fortunately, Mr. Strathairn from the clerk's office told me I was available to speak.

[04:48:11] I could speak, so I did. This year, I only had to make 30 calls, because they did it again. I'm now speaking for Joshua, because Joshua cannot speak, and he cannot walk from here to there without help.

[04:48:35] He's fallen through the cracks. Connelly's office doesn't want anything to do with him. I can't get any attention from Supervisor Lusk. Last year, you sent me a wonderful note, Chairman.

[04:48:53] Nice note, and you said, I understand our team is working already to provide you, your son, with assistance. In your note, they never contacted me. I've never been contacted by anybody from the board.

[04:49:11] I've never been contacted by Mr. Castrelli except when I call him. He's fallen through the cracks. Mr. Connolly said, this guy fell through the cracks.

[04:49:29] He's dealt with him for three years. Josh and I are on our third year. Mr. Connolly went in front of CNN and said, oh he didn't say we need to give more service we need to be sure these people don't fall to the cracks he went on tv and cnn and said we need more security i'm telling you you have to be aware and pay attention are you almost finished eating ma'am you've been eating almost the entire

[04:50:03] meeting mr baker if you could please wrap up we we've given you a lot of extra time here same thing i hope we don't have to come back on the third year come on josh thank you very much um our Our third speaker is Rocky Romano, who has joined us by telephone.

[04:50:23] Do we have Mr. Romano connected? Mr. Romano, can you hear me okay? Yes, I can. Okay. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. So personal property tax is due every year here in Fairfax County on cars. I see more Montana license plates on cars, Ferraris, Porsches, Lamborghinis in Fairfax County.

[04:50:48] That's 2,000 miles away. These clowns are able to get themselves a P.O. box, LLC, and Dodge Taxes. What is the county going to do about enforcing this? How about putting a bounty?

[04:51:04] People give them a tip. They're all over Instagram, YouTube, and they're bilking the county out of thousands and thousands of dollars. That's why I'm calling. I want you all to take a look into that. Thank you very much, Mr. Romano.

[04:51:20] When we do have a tax evader tip line, perhaps someone could reach out to Mr. Romano with that information. We would appreciate that. I appreciate that. I know that's there, but has the board ever thought about maybe, I mean, crime solvers gives a tip to people.

[04:51:36] Why not give a tip to people letting people know their neighbors are driving $300,000 cars and they're not paying their tax? Because the county, you all, the enforcement, it can only be so much. It's not like, I see these cars everywhere. All you folks have to do is go on Instagram, YouTube, type in any of the car shows.

[04:51:57] They all cover their place. They run businesses. They live in the county. It's ripping us off. And the question I have, as all due respect, doesn't that money go towards police, fire, and everything else? Am I wrong? Mr. Romano, it's not a back and forth.

[04:52:15] I just want to make sure you can finish your testimony. We will respond to your comments. Okay, thank you. I just hope you all note that and can look into that matter. I appreciate what you folks do. thank you. Thank you very much for your comments and we will certainly follow up with you. Our next speaker is David Peacock. Is Mr. Peacock here? He will be followed by John Rapetsky. Is John Rapetsky here? John, you will be speaker number five and Linda Pellegrino. Linda Pellegrino is here, speaker number six. Mr. Peacock, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you for allowing me to speak

[04:52:50] today as part of a group of concerned citizens regarding the county's plans for an approximate and 850 feet of Hickory Hollow Lane. I'd like to start by thanking Supervisor Pelichek for having directed Rocky Branch Culvert cleared and built up limbs and debris so that the stream crossing is quite functional again.

[04:53:13] For those of you that are not aware, this is a rural gravel road that serves fewer than 10 vehicles a day, several high school cross-country teams, many walkers, birders, and bicyclists. The two county residents served on this through vehicle access essentially treat this as a driveway.

[04:53:34] Several large neighborhoods, at least five or six if not more, use a peaceful, rustic, naturally beautiful tree-lined path for a relaxing walk. The road has no through traffic. Due to the limited time at the podium, I have provided a packet with better details to the clerk, and I'm sure she's distributed it for me.

[04:53:56] The information we have been able to obtain through Supervisor Palachuk's office and the Department of Public Works causes a great deal of angst that the project ignores the cultural and environmental setting that these neighborhoods have enjoyed and are using with very little impact for over 40 years.

[04:54:16] The county has designed a bridge cover replacement and is proposing to pave over a gravel road, widening it from its current 11 or 12 feet to almost 38 feet. The hold that Supervisor Palachek has been very appreciated on this project, but responses from our staff and our requests continue to be misplaced.

[04:54:41] Therefore, we are appealing to you, the Board of Supervisors, as a whole, to stop the public works construction plan. The desire is seeking to do as little a modification of the area as possible. Alternatives do exist. You, as the board, have the authority to represent the citizens' desires and to apply a use of a common sense in a much broader way than engineering codes and practices allow, particularly when there's a precedence that exists.

[04:55:09] The precedence is that the VDOT Rural Rustic Road Program has been used at such projects as Kinchlow Road here in the county, Forest Mills Bridge Replacement in Loudoun County. The engineers, their minimum standard is saying 48 vehicles a day for something that will allow very, very few trips.

[04:55:30] To provide some specificity to our appeal, we propose an alternative modifying the plan following the VDOT Rural Rustic Road Program to at least create a Phase 1 and 2 of the project, whereby the Phase 1 could be affecting the area affecting approximately 75 feet required to replace the existing culvert.

[04:55:51] The phase two could be scheduled somewhere in the future if the paving of 85% or 90% of the rest of the road needs to be done in the future. This will preserve a cultural and environmental jewel that the likes of which has rapidly vanished throughout the county.

[04:56:11] And I thank you again for your time and your serious consideration. Apologize for the speed. Thank you. That's okay. Thank you, Mr. Peacock. our next speaker is john rapetsky and is chad quinneville here chad is here he will be speaker number seven and speaker eight alan robertson i know is here okay mr rapetsky welcome the floor is

[04:56:39] yours thank you sorry my knees uh my knees kind of shot not this one thank you good afternoon my name is john rapetsky i live on in providence district at 2600 hickory hollow lane uh north

[04:57:19] is down on this particular slide i speak today regarding the county's intent to widen and pave the section of hickory hollow lane that includes and abuts my property and thanks to supervisor paucic for her concerns with this issue the issue at hand stems from rocky branch stream restoration project as shown on this first slide that's the area in green here hunter mill road is to the the right. To remedy occasional flooding of Hickory Hollow Lane at its low point, which is where the culvert is, the project intends to install new box

[04:57:56] culverts to meet flood levels as shown in in the upper section of this of this slide. The culverts 75 to 100 years old. However, once new box culverts are installed, the Fairfax County Road Maintenance Improvement Program intends to widen and pave the remaining section of Hickory Hollow Lane, shown in yellow on this slide. This consists of approximately 550 feet along my property and including some of my property and extends to Ms. Kristen Moyer's property, the only two homes on this section

[04:58:34] of road, almost a road to nowhere. The project proposes to triple its width. This requires destruction of more than 70 mature trees without providing any significant improvement to the resident's safety or access. The existing roadway already handles emergency vehicles, tractor trailers, dump trucks, delivery and service vehicles, and metro access vans with no problems.

[04:59:05] This is a 12 to 14 foot wide gravel road that leads only to a three foot wide dirt walking trail that leads to Ashland Park. Additionally, the destruction of these mature trees within a resource protection area will increase runoff and erosion. These trees are enjoyed by the scores of residents and neighbors who walk, run, bike the roadway daily. Virtually all residents, local residents, oppose the spending of a million and a half dollars to widen and pave our road. With budgets tight and environmental protection critical, why can't the

[04:59:42] county avoid the destruction of this natural environment. It flies counter to the county's tree action plan policy, as well as the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 118, Code of the County of Fairfax. A trouble-free solution is readily available. We ask that the Board of Supervisors

administratively cease any actions to widen or pave Hickory Hall Lane beyond the year flood line, which is before you get to our property. Phase A would include executing current

[05:00:20] plans to remedy the flooding. Phase B would abandon plans to widen or pave the gravel road, gravel section of Hickory Hollow Lane at the savings of more than a million dollars of tax money and no lessening of safety to the users of the road. Thank you very much.

[05:00:38] Thank you very much. We are now on speaker number six, Linda Pellegrino. Welcome.

[05:00:54] Welcome. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm a resident and an advocate for minority communities in Fairfax County. I'm going to try to briefly address several issues in different parts of the county.

[05:01:13] But recently, in the Bailey's Crossroads area, I sent an email to Penelope Gross's office regarding this issue as well. So she is apprised of some of the problems that I've been concerned about.

[05:01:31] The main concern that I initially was concerned about was safety issues. Okay, there is a Fairfax County Park adjacent to a property that is federal, I mean, county housing.

[05:01:47] They are adjacent to each other. And at nighttime, the homeless population there, and I know she's tried to deal with this issue with the shelter in the Bailey's area. However, there is a homeless population that encroaches into the housing area.

[05:02:07] And on April the 16th and the 21st, I called the police regarding homeless men sleeping in these buildings of the residents that live there. On the 16th, which was my birthday, happy birthday, anyway, in the evening, I came home from being with a friend to discover there was a man sleeping in the basement outside the laundry room in my building.

[05:02:41] and this is not the first time it's occurred it's occurred multiple multiple times this is a safety issue women can be assaulted by people who are not safe this guy had a warrant against him and instead of walking him off the property which the police usually do this man was arrested and taken to i guess the mason district and maybe the adult detention center there was a warrant i don't know what it was, but there was a warrant out for his arrest. He was arrested. He was incarcerated.

[05:03:19] This has been an ongoing problem since 2006 in the Bailey's community area. The property that is low-income housing has also had other issues. There are safety issues in the sense that, for example, a neighbor of mine said, well, how is the laundry room today? Should I go down there?

[05:03:41] and I said, Wilma, you are elderly, I'm disabled, don't go down there, there's water, there's currently a flood in my apartment. This apartment, because it's a basement apartment, has a lot of flooding issues. These buildings, as you well know, were built in the late 40s and 50s, so therefore, they have a lot of issues. I had to contact her office. I sent an email to rha at

[05:04:13] fairfaxcounty.gov and said, look, this is problematic. I can't keep having my apartment flooded. Previous to that, for about eight years, my apartment, the patio was flooded for about eight years and toxic mold buildup caused me to be hospitalized for two weeks due to toxic mold poisoning. And there was testing done at that 3413 address that I gave you. There was testing done that showed over 2,000% higher incident of toxic black mold. It's called stackable trace

[05:04:52] chartered is the is the medical term inside my apartment and i'm an asthmatic so this was a health issue there's a safety issue regarding the homeless in the park which is adjacent to this housing and

uh there have been other incidences in the county but i know i'm under a time limit so i don't i want to respect your time thank you but i'm saying that there are public safety issues as well as health issues regarding the property management.

[05:05:26] Thank you very much. We are now on speaker number seven, Chad Quineville, to be followed by speaker number eight, Alan Robinson. At this time, Mr. Quineville, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you.

[05:05:43] Thanks. Thank you, Chairman and Board of Supervisors. I appreciate the time today. As Dave and John, excuse me, Peter and John, we're talking about. I'm also talking about the Hickory Hollow Lane project in Vienna. I just want to back up and provide the Board of Supervisors some context on the timeline. We met in March with Supervisor Palchuk to discuss the improvements there that was proposed by the Department of Public Works. I understand it was done

[05:06:20] under the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the MS4 permit, which provided no you know no public excuse me no public input but supervisor palchak met us out on site essentially the county engineers also met us on site and said that the the bridge that needed to be replaced due to structural and storm water underneath it and the culverts prompted or necessitated the paving of the road so with the citizens out on site we're all in favor of the bridge replacement culvert replacement but we all were pushing back on the actual paving as

[05:06:56] As John mentioned earlier, it's going from 11-foot gravel to a 38-foot wide, 18-foot asphalt, six feet, six feet shorter, plus two feet of storm trench. So it's overengineering for sure. But we do thank Supervisor Palachuk for coming out on site and taking our consideration.

[05:07:19] Since March, we've been essentially looking for the code or the compliance reasons, you know, from an engineering standpoint as to if this is in fact true. We've gone back and forth, you know, with very little actual code stipulations or citations from either Virginia Department of Transportation or Fairfax County code.

[05:07:42] I wanted to bring to the Board of Supervisors attention to a project in Loudoun County that was also approved by, excuse me, Virginia Department of Transportation. This is on Forest Mills Road. This is not the road in question, but as you can see that this bridge was replaced a little over five years ago, four or five years ago.

[05:08:02] You can see it's a gravel road before and after the wooden bridge. Just a couple facts on the Forest Mills Road. This was approved by Virginia Department of Transportation, which, as I understand it, is kind of the law of the land as far as Fairfax County goes.

[05:08:18] This was structurally and civilly approved. This road services 250 vehicles per day. Loudoun County Board approved it in conjunction with Virginia Department of Transportation. This is the Hickory Hollow Lane. This is the road in question. This serves fewer than 10 vehicles per day.

[05:08:37] You know, unfortunately, Fairfax right now as it stands is requiring this road to be paved. Side by side, you can see there's a lot of similarities. We're really hoping for a resolution that involves keeping the gravel aspects and rural aspects of this area.

[05:08:53] I put these side by side, but you can see, you know, 25 times the number of cars that go through there servicing to residential versus a throughput area on Forest Mills. You know, the irony of this whole

thing is when Ms. Palachuk, Supervisor Palachuk, met us out on site, there was about 25 people not in support of it.

[05:09:15] Eight deer were actually standing right next to us, and I think six or seven joggers ran through there. And in an hour and a half, there wasn't a single car that came through here. So I'd challenge anyone on the board to stand on any road in Fairfax County and stand out there in the middle of the road for an hour and a half.

[05:09:30] But as you can see, it's very, very rural, and we're really hoping to maintain the aspects of this property. Joggers, walkers, nature. It's a great area. Key points, $6,000 in maintenance over the last two years, according to the county.

[05:09:46] That equates to 500 years of the capital improvements, $1.5 million. And 10 vehicles per day, more walkers than drivers on this road. And, you know, for goodness sakes, we're taking 15 feet of a man's property.

[05:10:02] It doesn't make a lot of sense. So I would ask the Board of Supervisors to encourage the engineers in the county to provide a better solution. Let's also investigate the Loudoun County Bridge to see if we can't replace the bridge and leave the gravel and just consider finding a better solution.

[05:10:19] Thank you very much, and I appreciate the three of you who testified on Hickory Hollow Lane, and I know that our Department of Public Works and Environmental Services Director is here and would ask him to review your testimony and give both to my office and Supervisor Palchuk some feedback on the testimony.

[05:10:39] We appreciate not only the testimony, but the suggestions that you've made, and we'll look into those for sure. Our last speaker is Alan Robertson from the Lake Akatink Task Force. Mr. Robertson, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, supervisors.

[05:11:00] So I guess I'm officially part of the task force. I'm reading the subject line that's provided by the clerk's office, so welcome. In any capacity, welcome. I'm here.

[05:11:15] I'm representing Save Lake Akatink, and I am here to talk about the task force. And I'll say it's gratifying this morning to witness the matter being presented to the board and the unanimous vote.

[05:11:31] Now, Lake Akatink is a Fairfax County treasurer, and with the matter, as the board has addressed it this morning, I feel that it is being treated as such, and I want to express my appreciation and gratitude. See, my advocacy for Lake Akatink began with an offense to public trust, and that public Trust was offended once again. The way and when the county's, the Deep West's recommendation

[05:12:03] to abandon the dredge was delivered, it was unsound and ill-conceived recommendation. And in making the recommendation, it bypassed the long-established stakeholders group and the process that was in place, in which the stakeholders group was supposed to be partners.

[05:12:26] But we are grateful for your unanimous vote this morning. And we recognize and express gratitude, especially for the efforts of Supervisors Walkinshaw and Lusk and Chairman McKay. In particular, the efforts to engage former Supervisor Sharon Boliva and Chairman Sharon Boliva and former Supervisor John Cook.

[05:12:53] these efforts go a long way to repair these offenses that have occurred in the past and they're recognized and very much appreciated. Our gratitude notwithstanding, we're cautious not to lose sight of

what this task force is all about, what it's supposed to do, and it is to pursue a determination of the best methods for dealing with and addressing the rapid and apparently unabated sedimentation in Lake Akatink. The task force must have the power and the authority to

[05:13:29] examine all relevant county records and work product. The task force must also have the power and authority to engage experts in industry and in the scientific community. Only with a full and and comprehensive approach, a holistic approach, do I believe that this board will be able to obtain the adequate information needed to make an informed decision on the future of Lake Accatink.

[05:14:03] And again, I appreciate these steps, and I look forward with hope and optimism to a positive outcome, one that will be of greatest benefit to Lake Accatink, to the community.

[05:14:20] and to fairfax county thank you very much thank you very much mr robertson thank you for your your many years of advocacy on this front and i know you'll be hearing from us shortly on the task force so thank you very much thank you and with that that brings us to the end of public comment and also the end of our meeting on may 23rd 2023 and this time the board is adjourned

