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[00:00:04] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of June 6, 2023, and we are going to begin our board meeting the way we always do, which is in a moment we are going to rise to recognize a moment of silence and also the Pledge of Allegiance, but before we do that, we are going to recognize members of our community that we want to keep in our thoughts and prayers during that moment of silence, and I'm going to begin with just one, and that is the passing of Earl Flanagan. And I know Supervisor Stork will have more to share on this, but I think most members of the board knew Earl Flanagan. He served on the Mount

[00:00:44] Vernon Council, the Planning Commission for a number of years, as well as many other local organizations. He was first appointed to the Planning Commission by former Supervisor Jerry Highland in 2006. He retired in 2018 after 12 years of service on the Planning Commission, was awarded Mount Vernon District's Lord Fairfax in 1999, and also served in World War II as part of the advanced elements of the 71st Infantry Division that liberated the Matusen concentration camp in Austria. And Earl, of course, had a decorated military background, but I think most

[00:01:23] of us knew him for all of his work that he did in the Mount Vernon community in particular, but also work on the Planning Commission. And being on the Planning Commission, as some of my colleagues know quite well, is quite a commitment of time and energy.

[00:01:38] And to do that for 12 years was remarkable, given all the other things that Earl was involved in in our community. So if we could keep Earl Flanagan, his thoughts, or his family and friends and our thoughts and prayers as we proceed uh today that would be appreciated and i know on that same subject when i recognize supervisor stork well thank you mr chairman and i think you you definitely captured a core part of mr flanagan's life he um he was truly an icon in the community not only because he served for so long in so many different capacities but because he was in his

[00:02:17] 90s before he got off the planning commission which is just remarkable and frankly for most of I know I see a lot of younger people and older people in the audience, but most of us look, okay, how are we going to grow old? How are we going to age? How are we going to stay involved and engaged? And Earl was the model.

[00:02:34] I mean, he was the guy who showed you who was driving over for planning commission meetings in his 90s at night, you know, for these meetings that would last till 1 and 2 and too late and too early in the morning, frankly. And he was there and was vigorous and involved and I would say very challenging in terms of how he wanted and saw particularly the Richmond Highway corridor.

[00:02:57] Embark, I would say, was maybe his baby. You would definitely see somebody who took a particular project, Embark Richmond Highway, and made sure that we engaged folks deeply and also looked for ways, especially at underground utilities, as well as to, frankly, create a community for all to, frankly, live, work, and thrive in.

[00:03:20] Just a few more things to mention. He also served as president of the Riverside Estate Civic Association, president of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association, chairman of the council's transportation committee, board director of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association, committee of 100, and Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, Task Force member of the Richmond Highway Revitalization Study, the Mount Vernon Area Plan Review, APR, and Fairfax County Redistricting Committee, and was named Commonwealth of Virginia Earl L. Flanagan Day Honoree on December 28, 1997, Mount Vernon District Lord Fairfax for

[00:03:58] 1999, and Mount Vernon District Citizen of the Year in 2000. And as the chairman mentioned, was an artillery non-commissioned officer with Patton's Army and Europe during World War II, was awarded the Army Accommodation Medal for an advanced landing of the 71st Division at Le Havre, France, and was also one of the liberators of the Mott Hudson concentration camp in Austria.

[00:04:24] So there are accolades that could go on, but, again, the one that I particularly remember because it was personal to me as I age is to see how you can age right and age well. and he will always be remembered.

[00:04:41] Actually, we have a room at the Mount Vernon Government Center that's named after Earl, really given all the work and effort that he made, and clearly a very strong member of his church. So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just to build on that a little bit, I did have the honor of serving for six years with Earl on the Planning Commission, and Supervisor Stork, you're exactly right.

[00:05:04] I mean, you know, sometimes those meetings would go 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3 in the morning, you know, sometimes. And Earl was right there. He really did provide a model for not just how to age gracefully, but to continue a life of service well into your advanced years.

[00:05:21] And that really is just a wonderful model, I think, for us all to follow. So thank you both to Roger Stork and Chairman McKay for your words for Earl. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In this morning's Washington Post, I discovered that Dave Olney, who had lived for a very long time at Lake Barcroft and was former president of the Watershed Improvement District, and I'd worked with Dave a lot in the first half or so of my time on the board.

[00:05:57] And then Dave and his wife moved to Goodwin House for another decade. And only a couple of years ago, after his wife died, Dave moved to Maine to be with family.

[00:06:13] The fascinating thing, I can remember Dave always giving a piece of his mind to whoever would listen. But Dave passed away last month at the age of 101. He almost made 102.

[00:06:30] And that meant that he was already in his 80s, late 70s and early 80s, when I was working with him years ago. A very interesting one of those characters that Reader's Digest always talks about. But he did serve Mason District for a very long time.

[00:06:51] And the Watershed Improvement District is unique in all of Virginia, in all the Commonwealth of Virginia, as its own governmental entity, which governs Lake Barcroft and the lake itself.

[00:07:07] And he really put it on a firm footing for the future. So please keep Dave Olney and his remaining family in thoughts and prayers. Thank you. Thank you very much, Supervisor Gross. anyone else who would like to be recognized. Seeing and hearing no one at this time, if all who were able could rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:07:43] Face the flag. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:08:06] And this morning we have five very important presentations. And when I announce the presentation, the proclamation, I'll invite our speaker down to the podium in front of me.

[00:08:26] We'll then read the proclamation and then we will pose for a picture with the Board of Supervisors from the dais. And before I call the first one, let me also recognize that Supervisor Lusk is out today, I believe for the entire day, as he has a medical emergency in his family.

[00:08:47] Supervisor Herity, I understand, is out for medical reasons this morning as well. And so I just wanted to make sure those in attendance know those two board members and why they are not here with us this morning, here in spirit, but not here present. With that, our first resolution this morning is to recognize Chantilly High School's Class 6 Diving and Wrestling State Championships, and this was requested by myself, Supervisor Smith, and Supervisor Herity, and our speaker today is Mark Weider, head wrestling coach at Chantilly High School.

[00:09:21] If you could come on down, as well as anyone else who is here with you, is welcome to join you at the podium as well, and in fact is encouraged to join you at the podium. And at this time, I'm going to recognize Supervisor Smith for a resolution.

[00:09:42] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's so nice to see purple in the audience, too. I like that. My kids went to Chantilly. Whereas three outstanding Chantilly High School student athletes were named Virginia Classic State Champions in their respective winter sports.

[00:09:58] And whereas senior Matthew Bray won his third Class 6 state diving championship in Hampton, Virginia in February, easily outdistancing the competition by an astounding 54 points and was

named Washington Post first team all met for swimming and diving.

[00:10:15] And whereas sophomore Ezekiel Keel won the 113-pound Class 6 State Wrestling Championship in Virginia Beach in February by a score of 2-0, prevailing in the final seconds of a previously scoreless match, and was named to the Washington Post's second team all-met for wrestling.

[00:10:32] And whereas sophomore Benjamin Weider won the 144-pound Class VI State Wrestling Championship, also in Virginia Beach in February, dominating his opponent in a 20-5 decision, and was also named to the Washington Post second team all met for wrestling.

[00:10:48] And whereas these impressive achievements bring honor to the individual athletes, their coaches, and their school, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby congratulate Matthew Bray, Ezekiel Keel, and Benjamin Weider and their coaches, diving head coach James McKenzie and wrestling head coach Mark Weider, for their outstanding seasons and state championships, I so move.

[00:11:16] i'm happy to second that motion uh discussion on the motion supervisor smith i i want to congratulate you for your hard work um and the commitment to the school it's what brings families out to our schools and seeing that achievement and to the coaches for their for their work with the students it's really a proud moment when we can recognize you and that you got into the washington post too so thank you other discussion uh let me also congratulate you uh your coaches your families, your parents, who I know play a big role in making this happen.

[00:11:51] As Supervisor Smith said, you know, our sports in our high schools bring so many people out, bring so much spirit to the high school. And every once in a while, there's exceptional athletes that emerge. And the three of you obviously are exceptional. The record speaks for itself.

[00:12:08] I think the numbers are pretty amazing. But it's also important for us just to take a moment to tell you how proud Fairfax County is of you, because when you go to these state tournaments, you're representing this community, and you represented it really well, and we're really proud of that, and, you know, I know that high school athletics is a big part of high school, but I also know that so are academics, and you all would not be able to be as well-rounded and be able to participate in sports if you weren't excelling academically as well, and that's really important, as you know, and so

[00:12:44] I really just want to congratulate Chantilly High School for these exceptional athletes, but really for the spirit that is in the school every day and the dedication of the staff, faculty, and parents' support and coaches that really make it an important community school.

[00:13:01] So definitely congratulations to the three of you, and thank you for making us proud. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion passes 8-0, thankfully. And with that, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you for having us. My name is Kevin Ford. I'm the Assistant Director of Student Activities at Chantilly. And thank you, Chairman McKay, Supervisor Smith,

[00:13:41] and Supervisor Herity for recognizing these fine athletes today. I'm going to speak on behalf of Matthew Bray and allow Coach Weider to speak on his wrestlers. Matthew is a senior graduating tomorrow from Chantilly and moving on to the University of Georgia to continue diving.

[00:13:59] He's arguably one of the best athletes Chantilly High School has had, being a three-time state champion, as you said. He has broken the district record, the region record for dive, and led our swim-dive team to their first boys' district championship since 1988.

[00:14:19] So just a very impressive career. As you said, he is a student-athlete as well, does very well in the classroom, and just has been a pleasure to have at Chantilly High School as a student-athlete. Thank you for having us.

[00:14:36] I'm Mark Weter. I'm the head wrestling coach. I had a great pleasure of coaching Zeke and Ben this year. Both are sophomores. Both led us to our highest ever. We placed third in the state, maybe six points behind the first winning of our first championship, so that's the highest Chantilly's ever placed.

[00:14:54] They are the fourth and fifth ever state champs in the 50 years of Chantilly High School and have some bigger things to come. Both have dedicated a ton of time, effort, sacrifice to the sport and, you know, really do a great job leading our program.

[00:15:12] Outstanding. Thank you all very much and congratulations again. And I think we're ready for a photo. If you gentlemen could come forward and face the audience and Supervisor Smith will join me.

[00:16:46] And we next have a proclamation to designate the month of June 2023 as Pride Month. And this was requested by myself, Supervisor Faust, and Supervisor Palchek. Our speaker today is Amber Beachler, board member of the Transgender Education Association of Greater Washington.

[00:17:04] If you could come on down and anyone else who is here for this proclamation is also welcome to join you as well at the dais. And at this time, we'll turn to Supervisor Faust for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. mr chairman i move the following proclamation whereas june is celebrated throughout the u.s as lesbian gay bisexual transgender queer intersex and asexual plus pride month and fairfax county is committed to promoting a culture of openness inclusiveness and acceptance for all

[00:17:41] persons and whereas the stonewall uprising of 1969 serves as a defining moment for the lgbtqia plus rights in the U.S. and led to the month-long celebration of the impact that LGBTQIA plus individuals have had on society locally, nationally, and internationally. And whereas despite changes in laws and social attitudes, subtle and overt prejudice continues against LGBTQIA plus people

[00:18:16] and nationwide nearly 400 bills targeting their their rights have been introduced in state legislatures and whereas fairfax county has been recognized for significant efforts to ensure equality inclusion and non-discrimination for members of the lgbtqia plus community but still more can be done to celebrate one another's differences while ensuring that all residents have equitable access to opportunity.

[00:18:49] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County does hereby proclaim June 2023 as Pride Month in Fairfax County and urges all county residents, employees, and elected officials to celebrate our LGBTQIA plus community and to stand up, speak out, and show support for those who face prejudice and discrimination so move i'm happy to second that along with supervisor gross and supervisor palchick discussion on the motion supervisor faust

[00:19:28] yeah thank you uh mr chairman uh and thank you for coming out today uh mr chairman it's uh an honor to again uh join with you and supervisor palchick and all the board to ask that uh the board to

proclaim June as Pride Month in Fairfax County. This is the 11th consecutive year that the board has taken this action and I would suggest that given the current political climate we find ourselves in it's particularly important we do so again this year. Fifty-four years ago this month a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, a bar in Greenwich Village, New York

[00:20:07] touched off riots and ignited a movement and struggle that continues to this day that movement seeks to obtain and guarantee rights for all members of our lesbian gay bisexual and transgender communities one year after the riot supporters of the movement held the first gay rights march that one march evolved into lgbtq plus pride month declarations and celebrations around the world

[00:20:36] Today, those celebrations include parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, concerts, and events that attract millions of participants. Memorials are also held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV AIDS.

[00:20:58] The purpose of this commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender individuals have had on history, locally, nationally, and internationally. Although it has been several decades since the Stonewall riots and much progress has been made, there is still much work to be done.

[00:21:21] In the last few years, states have advanced a record number of bills that attack LGBTQ plus rights, especially transgender youth. This year alone, there have been almost 500 bills targeting the LGBTQ plus people, including over 200 targeting trans people.

[00:21:43] Many of those bills are not law. There have also been concerted efforts to target diversity, equity, and inclusion and other social responsibility efforts as dangerous acts of indoctrination. Each of us has the right to live without the fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence, or hatred based on our gender, identity, or sexual orientation.

[00:22:09] Fairfax County's LGBTQ plus population is entitled to the same unalienable equal rights, benefits, and responsibilities that are shared and enjoyed by each of us. The LGBTQ plus community has fought tirelessly for their very right to exist and be treated with the respect and dignity that everyone deserves those who attack members are of our lgbtq plus community are driven by an agenda that rejects medicine science and basic human compassion

[00:22:42] is virtually imp is vitally important that each one of us continues to fight against discrimination based on sexual preference and gender identity by issuing the lgbtq plus pride month proclamation we once again affirm that we will continue to stand up speak out and show support for those who continue to face that prejudice adopting this proclamation will once again demonstrate that this board and the fairfax community will do everything in our power provide a safe and secure environment

[00:23:20] for all residents of fairfax county to enjoy thank you mr thank you supervisor supervisor Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you so much, Supervisor Faust.

[00:23:39] We'll have to bring you back next year for this. And thank you, those of you who are here with us today, and I know you're representing so many who are at home and who have been at this board, at the school board, and at all of our public bodies for many years now. In addition to what Supervisor Faust shared, to me, it's pretty fitting that Pride Month follows mental health and youth mental health awareness month and act i think it has a new name but awareness month as it will say action month we know and we knew even before the pandemic

[00:24:11] the numbers of mental health needs were rising in the community but we definitely knew and through our annual youth survey that the needs in our lgbtq plus community were much higher and disproportionately higher than the other needs. 75% of transgender students reported feeling persistent sadness, hopelessness, compared to 36% of non-transgender students in 2021. 61% of transgender students considered attempting suicide, compared to 14% of non-transgender

[00:24:46] students. And 24% of transgender students attempted suicide, compared to 5% of non-transgender students in 2021. We know that we are an inclusive, welcoming One Fairfax community, but we also know that there is so much work to be done and that leadership starts at the top. So especially in these difficult and challenging times, first of all, I want to thank my colleagues for leading for so many years and we will continue to lead in these efforts. I think we all hoped we would not

[00:25:20] be having to do as much as we are today, but we do. And so through our policies, through our actions, through our supports of our community, especially our most vulnerable members of our community, and through the services that we provide and the targeted supports that we provide.

[00:25:39] Everything that is done in Fairfax County needs to continue to support, and you're making me tear up, support and ensure that we are not here again in the future, that we end the discrimination and the mental health and physical health and targeted challenges that our community is facing.

[00:26:02] So I want to thank you again for standing here proudly in Pride Month, for ensuring that we continue to do more in Fairfax County, to support, to highlight, and to really truly show that we have pride for our entire community here in Fairfax County.

[00:26:20] So thank you for being here every year. We will be here every year. And I know Supervisor Fass will be joining us every year, though not many of the dies in the future. We have come a long ways on this fight, but I know that there is so much more that has to be done, and our youth really truly are the future and continue to inspire us.

[00:26:42] So thank you, those of you who are here with us today, and those of you who are at home fighting this fight every day. Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk. Supervisor Grace. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[00:27:00] Earlier today, we celebrated the Healthcare Advisory Board on its 50th anniversary, and we're going to do a presentation. in a few minutes, to them also. But the intersection of the Health Care Advisory Board and the LGBTQ celebration is something that just occurred to me, and that is that public health took the lead in combating HIV and other gorges that affected certain portions of our community.

[00:27:39] But more so, it brings to mind that access to health care that is needed and should be a right for every person and every patient. And I just find that bringing the two together today, it's prescient in a way.

[00:27:59] But it's also something that both have been going on for half a century. And they're meeting right here at the dais. Just wanted to point that out. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. And Supervisor Stork.

[00:28:17] I think on that, related to that point, and we've seen over the decades where people who believe, and I would say at least libertarianism, if you will, which is, in my mind, a form of liberalism, now some of those same more conservative members of our community are now trying to tell people what they should do with their body or what they can't do with their body.

[00:28:44] And we've already seen that with, in my mind, with, if you will, the right to make choices for your body, women make choices for their body. But we're now seeing it to even spread further. And in my mind, it's a plague on our society because it's disrespectful to us as human beings because we are who God, in my mind, who God created us to be.

[00:29:06] And that may be different from one person to the other, but we're letting that person hopefully realize who is within them and who they are and become who they are. In my mind, that's the core of my belief, the core of my philosophy is that each person should be committed or allowed or not restricted, at least by the state, from reaching their full potential.

[00:29:29] And that can be different for each of us. And here we have states that are telling parents that they can't raise their child in the way that that child and parents and family believe is most appropriate for that child. And that's just flat wrong. And I will continue to fight that much as so many people before us have started that, have lit that fuse and are trying to continue that.

[00:29:53] I think that, in my mind, improvement in our society to let each person reach their potential. It may be different than what I think it is or what somebody else thinks it is, but I want to respect the fact that this is who they believe they need to become and how they get there. My role is hopefully to help them be happy, realize who they are.

[00:30:15] So that's my part of this, and I realize we have not a whole lot to do with that other than maybe to highlight today the importance of that. There are many other folks who we can influence by our conversation today, but I think that fight, that effort, that energy still needs to be there and still needs to hopefully move us forward, not only as a society, but more importantly, as individuals to become who we most are.

[00:30:40] So thank you for coming today, and I'm happy to add on to this. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Anyone else who would like to be recognized? Let me just wrap up on a few thoughts. First, you know, the term one Fairfax came up here, and when we think about that, it's really embodied in all the presentations this morning.

[00:31:03] I mean, we have the Health Care Advisory Board, we have Pride Month, we have Gun Violence Awareness, and certainly Juneteenth. And when we think about the communities impacted this morning, they are why we have an equity policy in Fairfax County, to protect all people with vulnerabilities without condition.

[00:31:24] And to stand up and fight for their rights, as other people have said. And Supervisor Faust, I want to thank you for spearheading this for 11 years. I've been proud to be here, supportive every single year. And that will continue as long as we are here.

[00:31:40] That will continue because it's important. It's important on a number of fronts. One, we're the largest jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia. And when we think about the nearly 500 bills targeting this community across the country, We are certainly not immune in Virginia from that, and we need to be loud from northern Virginia, particularly from Fairfax County, that this is not a problem just in other parts of the country.

[00:32:05] This is a problem right now, right here in Virginia as well. And, you know, as much as we all like to give good, passionate speeches on this, at the end of the day, the real question is what policies have been put in place to protect people?

[00:32:22] And I am proud to say that in the last three-and-a-half years, when this board took office, the Human Rights Campaign Municipal Index score for Fairfax County, which is a score of how inclusive, open, and protective we are of this community, our score was 53 out of 100.

[00:32:43] And for the second year in a row now, Fairfax County's score is 100 percent, 100 percent. And that is so important, not just in making a statement about who we are and what we value in Fairfax County, but as Supervisor Pouchek mentioned, our young people in particular who are our future.

[00:33:09] You know, I have a high school daughter, and I told her one of the most proud things I ever saw happen in her high school this year was the day that the kids at her school walked out in protest of the policies in Richmond that were discriminatory.

[00:33:25] And the reason I was so proud of that is not because it was my daughter in their school. This happened throughout Fairfax County. What made me proud is the reason why kids did that. These are high school kids who understand that one of their fundamental jobs as students is to just protect each other and build up, build up people in their class.

[00:33:45] Not divide them, not demonize them, not tell them what rules they have to play by, but actually build them up. because while this is a bad political climate and an important time for us to show our true values in Fairfax County, forget the politics for a minute and focus on the health, the health of our young people, all of our young people, because it's not just kids who are in this community that are affected. It's by they're all their friends, their family members, their communities. It takes everyone in the community to stand up and fight this battle with you. It's not just the people

[00:34:23] who are directly affected, because if we don't stand up and fight against hatred, discrimination, division, then we all suffer the consequences of that. And so, you know, this is, it used to be an important proclamation to recognize the fact that people in our LGBTQ plus community are found in every walk of life in Fairfax County. There are first responders. There are doctors. There are teachers. There are people in military uniform. There are small business owners. They're all the things that make our community work. And it was a simple recognizing the fact that we have a strong

[00:35:01] community here and we support them into literally a fight, a fight that we're in for fundamental values and for what our Fairfax County values are every year. And so I look forward to a time where this is not a fight every year but more a celebration but until we reach a point where there aren't 500 bills targeting people recklessly where there isn't division hatred and discrimination in our community and when we don't have mental health challenges with everyone in our community but particularly with people in this community until all of those things are obliterated is a

[00:35:37] fight it's a fight for true belief system and i'm proud to live in this community in particular at this time that understands that and will fight for that because until those things are eliminated that's what we will be doing every minute of every day not just pride month every minute of every day and then finally to talk about how far we've come as a community outside of government you know I was recently looking at all the list of pride events that were happening all over the county this month and I can remember a time where there was no list to celebrate pride month you had to go down to the pride event in the district of columbia and now they're all over fairfax county

[00:36:17] as the norm and i think that can make all of us proud and how far as a community we have come embracing people and protecting their fundamental rights and so a proud moment for the

movement but the fight is on and and we will continue to fight it with you so thank you for being here with that i think we're all ready for a vote all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and welcome the floor is yours

[00:36:48] thank you board of supervisors i just want to first say that tga's executive director reverend emma chatton wishes that she could be here in person today my name is amber buechler i'm the clerk of the board of the transgender education association of the greater washington area or tgea and i'm the first openly transgender commissioner on the commission for women of fairfax county i am one of the co-facilitators for a monthly trans teens and tween support group

[00:37:23] i've lived in virginia since my family moved here uh moved to loudon county in 98 and i've lived in fairfax for six of those years i'm a dungeons and dragons player and game master and i love any time i get to play with my friends i'm a daughter i am a sister an aunt to my five wonderful niece and nephews i'm a partner a girlfriend and yes i'm trans and i'm queer this past weekend was Rest in Pride at Lake Anne Plaza. While I've been to a number of different pride events, I always

[00:38:01] find that Rest in Pride is my favorite. Local businesses, volunteer orgs, and communities of worship-sponsored booths where you can meet and talk with them. Attendees are mostly from the area, but there were a number of people this past weekend who I met who traveled over an hour to be there, even some from out of state. It was the first year, I believe, where I wasn't in charge of a booth, so I made sure to walk around and talk to as many people and visit as many booths as I possibly could, though a little difficult when I run into a friend every 15 feet or so.

[00:38:32] The second half of the festival, I helped out of some friends of mine volunteering to sit and talk at their booths. Over the course of hours, many families stopped by to chat and take home free stickers, pride flags, and temporary rainbow tattoos. A group of teenagers stopped by, asked how I identified, and I told them that I'm transgender and that I'm a lesbian. And one of the teenagers said that's cool i'm trans and gay too they were happy to see older trans people people like themselves walking about being visible being themselves it's possible that they hadn't seen

[00:39:11] an adult trans person before me i've spoke to many trans youth before who didn't believe they would make it to adulthood i spoke with many parents some lgbtq plus themselves but many many the majority of them are just there to support their children. For many of them, it was their very first pride event. Like myself, rest in pride was a chance for them to celebrate, to sing, to dance, to heal. Even amongst the rainbows and flags, families are very conscious

[00:39:48] of the attacks targeting them. Concerned that similar laws passed in other states may pass here in Virginia. Concerned how to keep their children safe. They're scared for their children. Children are scared, scared that schools won't be able to even mention LGBTQ plus people, even if a student may be LGBTQ plus or maybe they have parents who are LGBTQ plus, scared that they will be forced into the wrong bathroom and be exposed to possible harassment or violence, scared that they won't be able to get their child the health care that they need to survive.

[00:40:24] And I'm scared too. I'm terrified that I may lose my health care. We have watched and listened as the anti-LGBTQ plus movement has demonized us. Hatred. Simply because we wish to exist.

[00:40:43] These laws are not based in science or fact. They're only meant to further other LGBTQ plus people. To force us out of the public eye and back into the closet. Make no mistake. These laws will kill.

[00:40:59] These laws have killed. If you have ever considered yourself an ally, now is the time to stand alongside us and fight for our right to exist. June may be Pride Month, but many have been carrying the tradition of pride all year.

[00:41:20] Elected officials, activists, parents, teachers, children, thousands of protesters, demonstrators, speakers, everyday people who are fighting. But we need your help as well, whoever may be here or listening.

[00:41:37] Please, talk about us, especially when we are not in the room. Talk to your representatives, ask whether they support LGBTQ plus rights, and if not, why they need to. Support however you can LGBTQ plus organizations, especially those providing mutual aid and resources to the most vulnerable among us.

[00:41:57] So while I thank the board for this pride proclamation, I challenge you all to not leave your support of LGBTQ plus people to just this month. Ask yourselves what you're doing for LGBTQ plus people like myself, like the children growing up today who are watching our country debate whether or not they even have a right to exist.

[00:42:17] In closing, I just wish to share words from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. Thank you. Thank you very much for your powerful words, and we certainly appreciate you and the courage and passion it takes to come forward and do this and know that we are here with you.

[00:42:54] And you can see in the audience and certainly, hopefully, a lot of people watching this and understanding and seeing our core values in Fairfax County on display, and we're proud of them. So thank you. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if Supervisor Faust and Palchuk could join me, go forward.

[00:44:56] And next, we have a proclamation to designate June 19th, 2023, as Juneteenth. And this was requested by myself. Our speaker today is Yolanda Earl Thompson, Executive Director of Lazara Ministries. And if you could come on down, as well as anyone else who is here with you for this proclamation, we would encourage and welcome to come down to the podium with you.

[00:45:20] And while we're doing that, I am going to turn the gavel to Supervisor Gross so that I may read the proclamation. Whereas the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863 declared persons held as slaves in Confederate territory free and led to the ratification of the 13th Amendment on July 6, 1865, which abolished slavery in the United States.

[00:45:47] And whereas word of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation did not reach authorities and African Americans in the South and Southwestern United States for nearly two and a half more years until June 19th, 1865. And whereas June 19th, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Liberation Day, has been celebrated by the African American community for over 150 years.

[00:46:15] And whereas while we celebrate this date, we know there is much work to be done to eradicate the systemic racism that results in exclusion, discriminatory treatment, inequitable policies, and disadvantages for people of color. And whereas through One Fairfax, our county and our community are committed to promoting fairness and justice in the formation of public policy that results in equity for all residents.

[00:46:42] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim June 19th, 2023, as Juneteenth, and urges all residents to celebrate this day, to honor the tremendous contributions that African Americans have made for our country, and to reflect on equity and lifting up of our entire community.

[00:47:09] It's been moved by the chairman, seconded by Supervisor Palchuk. Is there discussion on the motion, Mr. Chairman? Thank you, Vice Chairman Gross. Very briefly, I want to thank, first of all, the folks who are here before us. But most importantly, you know, up until a few years ago, most people in this country had no idea what Juneteenth was.

[00:47:33] And, you know, proud to serve on a board that not only celebrates this every year, but also declared this a county holiday some years ago. And not a holiday to relax or go to the pool, but a holiday for reflection of our residents that, as the proclamation reads, there is still much work to be done.

[00:47:55] And, you know, recently, last week, I was in Charlottesville before the Commonwealth Transportation Board advocating for changing the names of Lee Highway and Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. And I said, thank you.

[00:48:11] And, you know, there were folks there protesting that, as you might imagine. And I said simply to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, look, I am not before you because we have the luxury of changing our history.

[00:48:29] I am before you because we have the luxury of deciding what in our history we want to celebrate and honor and what we want to learn from and do way better, because that's what this question is really about. And the fact that we had to still fight to remove those divisive names from Fairfax County tells you, in a nutshell, just last week in 2023, how much work is left to be done.

[00:48:58] When we see reports of housing discrimination that still exist, when we see ability for people to get loans and capitals to start business and the disproportionality that exists in that category, these are not subtle, still existing racist policies that exist in this country.

[00:49:21] They're not subtle to us. They're in our face, and it tells us that there's still much, much work to be done, even here in Fairfax County. And so while we celebrate Juneteenth, we also reestablish ourselves in the fight for equity, what our One Fairfax stands for.

[00:49:41] And for those not familiar with One Fairfax, I can remember the day it began. It began in this room, and it was a fight over school funding and whether or not we were going to provide funding support for, at that time, Project Excel, which was a program designed to help Title I schools and to give more money to teachers who volunteered to teach in Title I schools.

[00:50:05] Just a fundamental public education is, to me, fundamental of what public education should do. And there was a fight over whether or not that funding would be included in the budget. But there wasn't a fight about a whole lot of other things in the budget, just that, conveniently.

[00:50:22] And as a result of that fight, we set up a task force looking at how we could protect young people and particularly look at the root causes of racism, of poverty, of challenges that exist in this county in a systemic way, in a deliberate way.

[00:50:38] And as a result of that task force, we said the only way we can start this is by recognizing our past, by declaring that inequities exist in this county, by wanting to invest resources into the root causes of

those, not just establish programs to help people, but let's find out why people are held back to begin with.

[00:50:58] Because if you don't get to those root causes and you don't do it with intentionality, you're not going to ever turn the page. And so it was a very difficult conversation with this board, with the school board, to develop that policy. But that policy is the guiding light of everything we do in Fairfax County now, including celebrating Juneteenth.

[00:51:18] And so I hope everybody on Juneteenth, which is right around the corner, doesn't relax and take a break, but takes a moment to celebrate how far we've come, but to also think to themselves what they can do to continue the movement towards equity, because there's plenty, plenty of work to be done.

[00:51:39] And that's why we want to recognize this day in particular. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Other comments, I'm going to start over on this side and end up with you Supervisor Palachuk, Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. So, you know, I was thinking about this the other day. We, as the chairman said, most of us didn't know what Juneteenth was until just a few years ago.

[00:52:00] And I guess what I've realized in the last couple of years is we're really about to get it right, I think, in our holiday sequencing. So, you know, we have Memorial Day. Of course, where we memorialize our fallen soldiers who have given their lives.

[00:52:20] And then we've had July 4th, our Independence Day, and now we have Juneteenth right in between. So I think it really does create a, if you will, the right focus of, yes, those who have sacrificed for everything.

[00:52:39] And then liberty and freedom for Juneteenth. And then we can talk about July 4th in our Freedom and Independence Day. But that's all part of our history. As the chairman said, you know, we have been criticized for some of the things in trying to rewrite history.

[00:52:59] But I think Juneteenth really underscores this isn't getting rid of history. This is bringing history to the fore and making it relevant. And we do, from time to time, make decisions about various things, including what to call some of our roadways.

[00:53:17] And that really reflects who we are now and what we value and what we celebrate. So it's not just looking backwards, it's looking today and looking forward. And hopefully we're getting that right these days, too. So thank you very much for being here and very happy to be part of this proclamation.

[00:53:37] Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. And we've been talking a lot. I've been talking a lot with Carla Bruce, our Chief Faculty Officer, and she's been doing a lot of work with respect to our African-American communities in Fairfax County, and there are many.

[00:53:58] One of the central ones is in the Mount Vernon District, which is the Gumb Springs community, and we talked a lot, particularly lately, about what was, what is, and what, frankly, will be, and recognizing, really, Juneteenth and the history of particularly Gumb Springs in its 1833 creation with the freeing of a black man in from the Washington family and that West Ford created that sense of a whole new community that could be created that could be independent

[00:54:32] that can only create its own identity its own future even while that future was constrained and restrained not only through the end of the Civil War but far beyond that and into the 20th century so a lot of the was is will be is what still should become and so a lot of the community a lot of conversations in

gum springs community which is celebrating Juneteenth this Saturday please everybody's welcome nine to three nine to 4:30 Martin Luther King Park they're a great representation of that

[00:55:07] future and how do we keep it alive and frankly communicating talking with us while still honoring and showing what is the opportunity for everyone to reach their full potential. And last but not least, we have in the Mount Vernon District, we have the Quandar family, the oldest documented family in the United States.

[00:55:27] And they have Quandar Road, and they were a key part of our community, and particularly the West Potomac High School community that essentially surrounds the core of the area. So we have a lot of history to celebrate and honor, but also we have to recognize that we have far more to go, and that's the journey that we are on.

[00:55:47] So looking forward to continuing to work with communities and be part of that. Thank you, Supervisor Stork, Supervisor Patrick. Thank you, Vice Chair Gross, and thank you all for being here today. As we're sitting here, I was looking up another moment in our more recent history that I was trying to remember the date, and the date was October 26, 2017, so not too long ago, but that's the day that on the school board we had a seven to four compromise vote. It's hard to imagine these days. We had to compromise to get to seven votes to rename what was Jeb Stewart High School to Justice High School. Named for

[00:56:26] Thurgood Marshall, Barbara Rose Johns, Luis Gonzaga Mendez Jr., and so many others who fought for justice in our county and beyond. It feels like not that long ago, but it also feels like almost a century ago that we were having such a challenging time and really want to commend Sandy Evans at the time who led that vote. I think many of us are sitting here today wondering how are we still having some of these fights? How is it still so hard? How are we still having some of these conversations? I hope it's okay if I share that yesterday we heard that the historical

[00:57:06] markers that won the contest, the orders are in. And so we are moving ahead. And I'm hoping that at this time next year, that we'll be able to celebrate and understand that not only are we celebrating the great moments of our history, acknowledging the great and the not so great moments of our history, but also knowing that it's about our future generation, many of you here today. As you know, the work you are doing, the Historical Marker Project we created jointly with the school board, is not just about names. Those are very important. Otherwise, naming our children

[00:57:43] wouldn't be so hard. But they're also about the deeds, understanding parts of our history that we maybe have not wanted to understand or have not known about, but ensuring that we're empowering our youth with that knowledge to make better choices for the next generation. So we are here Juneteenth, I hope, continues to grow as a celebration, but as a time to honor, understand, and improve what we do as a community.

[00:58:09] And that we continue to see how that impacts not just our policies, but our practices, whether they be in housing, in education, in transportation, in business, in our economic opportunities, and so much beyond.

[00:58:26] So really want to thank you all and those of you who've been doing this for many decades before any of us sat on this board and who will continue to fight alongside us and push us to do even more and hopefully see some of these young people at this dais in a few years to come. So very proud to be here,

to see so many representatives of the community and also for many agencies in our county who are representing here today.

[00:58:51] And to that, very delighted that we're doing this. I want to thank my colleagues for their work. And again, so much more to do, but every single step is so important. So to this Juneteenth and many more to come, very happy to support this resolution.

[00:59:07] Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk. If there is no other discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed, say nay. That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Vice Chair Gross and Ms. Earl Thompson, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Chairman McKay, the Board of Supervisors, and others that have invited me to stand here on behalf of Black Fairfax to receive this amazing honor.

[00:59:35] As I'm standing here, I am going to be honest, I'm very emotional in having to stand within my own resiliency to be tough in this moment as I fight back, feeling the weight of my ancestors and the pride for us standing here.

[00:59:50] Before I begin my remarks, I want to acknowledge our future, the recipients of the 2023 Juneteenth Resiliency Awards, as well as the committee.

[01:00:01] Nuhami Hala, Hale, Naysa Pepper Fisher, Raquel Lafite, Isaiah Bumgarden Gardner, Elias Anwar, Naila Bonilla, and Keith Green Jr.

[01:00:34] We acknowledge these amazing young people for exhibiting true resiliency and making meaningful contributions and outcomes in the lives of themselves and others in the black community.

[01:00:50] I am a proud Fairfax County Franconia District resident representing the Route 1 corridor. And as you stated, Chairman, on 1883, the Emancipation Proclamation freed enslaved black people.

[01:01:09] But did you know that same year, Emma Lazarus penned her famous poem to raise money for the Statue of Liberty's pedestal? Today, we recognize that freedom, while delayed, was not denied.

[01:01:25] And finally arrived to Texas June 19th, 1885, which as you said, Supervisor Alcorn, shows that then we all were free. To honor this, I would like to reflect on Emma Sonnet, a portion that we all are probably familiar of.

[01:01:47] Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. We gave you our tired when Fannie Lou Hamer testified, I've been so tired for so long.

[01:02:05] Now I am sick and tired of being sick and tired, and we want change. We gave you our poor when we helped build one of the wealthiest countries during slaveries and Jim Crow laws that sought to keep us in poverty without voting rights, access to fair education, or the ability to drive after sundown or on buses without the threat of violence or death.

[01:02:35] We gave you our huddled masses yearning to breathe freely when we risked our lives during the COVID-19 pandemic to yell the words of Eric Gartner and George Floyd and many other black people killed at the hands of police, I can't breathe.

[01:02:56] Today I stand here dreaming like Martin, leading like Harriet, fighting like Malcolm, thinking like Garvey, writing like Maya, building like C.J. Walker, speaking like Frederick, educating like W.E.B., believing like Thurgood, challenging like Rosa, inspiring like Obama, and praying like my parents, Lee

and Zandra Earle, that this proclamation freedom is not just another formality that checks a policy box, but it confirms that my husband and I made the right

[01:03:32] decision to raise our intelligent, compassionate, and courageous black sons in Fairfax County. I hope this confirms your commitment to bring equitable education, health, safety, and economic mobility to the black community.

[01:03:49] I hope you hold this moment in this room as you establish policies, pass resolutions and ordinances, approve budgets and land use plans, and other important business. I hope you hold this moment to remind you that we have given you all we can.

[01:04:13] We don't need to give you anything else. We don't show a return, not a favor, but freedom.

[01:04:38] Freedom to dream. Freedom to access fair education. Freedom to work jobs with a livable wage. Freedom to have access to health care. Freedom to live in affordable, just housing.

[01:04:54] And freedom to be black and proud amongst a shrinking black community in Fairfax. We will watch tonight. Let us be able to be proud to stay, live, educate, and get economic opportunity in Fairfax County.

[01:05:20] Thank you. Thank you, Yolanda. Thank you very much, Yolanda, and thank you for that passion and emotion.

[01:05:52] You got us inspired, so you brought life into the room. So thank you very much for that, and congratulations to our young people, recipients, award recipients, and for the work you've done. We're so proud of all of you as well, and don't want to diminish one moment away from what you've done to succeed and to be here today.

[01:06:13] So thank you for that. And with that, I think we're ready for a photo. And Supervisor Palczyk, if you want to join me.

[01:08:24] And next, we have a proclamation to designate June 2nd, 2023 as Gun Violence Awareness Day. And this was requested by myself. Our speaker today is Dr. Lisa Park, volunteer lead of Moms Demand Action. If you could come on down. And I see a lot of orange and some red.

[01:08:42] So if you all want to come down and join, that is welcome as well. And I am going to turn the gavel over to Vice Chairman Gross so that I can read the following proclamation.

[01:08:57] Proclamation reads, whereas every year, on average, nearly 1,000 people in Virginia and more than 42,000 people nationally die from gun violence.

[01:09:30] And whereas Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other developed countries, and firearms are a leading cause of death for American children and teenagers, and whereas there have been more than 250 mass shootings across the United States already in 2023, and whereas support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from children and people with dangerous histories,

[01:10:01] And whereas we must remain committed to reducing gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and to encourage responsible gun ownership to keep our children and community safe. And whereas on National Gun Violence Awareness Day, people across the country wear orange in tribute to victims of gun violence and their loved ones.

[01:10:23] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby proclaim June 2, 2023, as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Fairfax County and urges all residents to take action to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human life.

[01:10:48] Thank you. I'd be happy to second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion, Mr. Chairman? Yes. Thank you, Vice Chairman Gross. And I was honored on Friday night to participate in a rally, an awareness rally in Alexandria with probably many of you who are here today and in a very large crowd, a sea of orange and a speckling of red.

[01:11:13] For those of us who have the old vintage shirts, speckling of red that was out there, but most importantly, coming together in another fight. We've talked about fights that are still ongoing today, and this one is one that is probably among the most frustrating because there are such simple things we can do as a civilized country to save lives.

[01:11:39] And unfortunately, as this proclamation says, there's been more than 250 mass shootings in the United States already in 2023. And we're at the halfway point. And every time one of those occurs, there's some politician somewhere that says, we're going to do something about this.

[01:11:59] And then to those of us who have a passion and care about this, it just seems always like not much happens. And it's so frustrating because unlike a lot of things that we're challenge to fix, there are some simple things here, as the proclamation reads, that we used to call common sense. And really, they're more than common sense at this point. But to live in the most powerful country in the world and to be embarrassed internationally at these statistics is appalling. It's appalling for us as society, but it's appalling that more people aren't doing

[01:12:37] more to prevent these tragedies. And as you all know all too well, we fought for a very basic thing, literally for decades, with the General Assembly, which is to get the right to ban weapons in our own buildings, in this building, where we vote, where we recreate, where we go for mental health peace and quiet in our parks. And we finally got the opportunity to do that. We took advantage of it as quickly and as broadly as we possibly could. Um, and that moment in time with this general assembly, we got a lot done, uh, to deal with gun violence, but a lot was still left on

[01:13:16] the table. Embarrassingly, we still live in a state that didn't ban assault weapons. That's embarrassing, uh, in Virginia and it's unacceptable to the people who live in this community. And so we have to keep the faith and keep working towards, uh, these common sense things. And, And, you know, I think about and I mentioned this on Friday, so I apologize for repeating it.

[01:13:39] But I think a lot about our young people and the mental health stresses that they're under. And when I grew up in Fairfax County, we did not fear that someone was going to break down our school door with a military assault weapon and mow down an entire classroom.

[01:13:55] We didn't carry that stress and that weight as we were just able to be kids. Our teachers didn't have to live in fear every day that something like that could happen in already one of the toughest professions out there. And to add this other element of concern to their daily lives is unacceptable.

[01:14:13] And as I shared on Friday night, I will never for the rest of my life forget the irony of the and the tragedy of what happened in Uvalde, Texas, which is, you know, one of the unfortunate many instances.

[01:14:29] It just sticks in my mind because, as I said Friday, that same minute that that violence, that massacre occurred in Texas, my fourth grader at the time was going through a drill at his own school in Fairfax County about what to do in an active shooter situation and came through the door after school and was telling me about that.

[01:14:53] And the backdrop on the TV was the news of what had happened in Uvalde.

[01:14:58] The same day, in the same grade, a drill happening in Fairfax County Public Schools and a massacre happening in Uvalde, Texas, and having to explain to a fourth grader about that through a lot of tears and, frankly, tears equally of compassion towards the lost ones, but probably more so tears and just absolute anger that in the United States of America, we're having to have this conversation with kids in fourth grade about what happened to their fellow kids.

[01:15:33] classmates in fourth grade in another state could have just as easily been here in our community and so you know this is a fight that um is frustrating i know it's frustrating that you all have to take time out of your day and energy out of your lives to fight for something that we see collectively it's just so easy so easy to make a difference if we just have a few more elected officials at the state level and at the national level who can stop talking about thoughts and prayers and actually do something, do something to save somebody else's life, especially

[01:16:11] innocent kids just innocently sitting in a classroom trying to learn our future generations. And so the numbers in this proclamation make me sad. But what doesn't make me sad is the community that we live in and the fact that we're not going to stop screaming about this issue until we get results. And if it takes another year, if it takes another 10 years, however long it takes, we're not going to stop screaming about this issue and saving lives in Fairfax County and doing basic fundamental things, basic fundamental things that don't inconvenience anyone, by the

[01:16:49] way. Because really what we're talking about is people's conveniences versus people's lives. And since when in a political debate should that be such a hard thing to understand? And so I thank all of you for being here today. I thank you for the fight that you're putting on every day, the awareness that you're building, and know that this board stands strongly with you each and every step of the way.

[01:17:14] And we celebrate successes. Red Flag Law has taken dozens and dozens of guns out of the hands of violent people in Fairfax County because we aggressively pursue it. Successes like passing the weapons ban in our parks and county buildings, and frankly, as I mentioned Friday, very proud of the fact that the NRA decided to sue us, because we will fight them every minute of every day in court on that issue, no matter how much it takes for us.

[01:17:46] We will fight like heck on that issue to preserve the right to be able to do that, and we will fight like heck in this next General Assembly to move the needle even further with you every step of the way. So, thank you.

[01:17:58] Thank you Mr. Chairman other commentary I will start on this side supervisor Alcorn and Supervisor Walkinshaw Thank you very much Madam Vice Chairman so this past weekend I wasn't able to attend the event in Alexandria actually supervisor Lusk and I were in Charlottesville for a different set of events but we were able to stop by a Charlottesville based event on Saturday moms demand action with the buck squad so I don't know if some of you are familiar with that but some amazing activities going on, there's some organizing, real community engagement,

[01:18:35] really sort of getting to not just our tragedy and the history of gun violence, but also addressing some of those deep-rooted community issues that have to be addressed at the same time. So what it really underscored to me, first of all, is how important Moms Demand Action is, not just here in Fairfax County, where, as the chairman said, we're doing our thing, but, frankly, building the coalition statewide so that we can actually get back to the point of sensible gun loss.

[01:19:08] So thank you all very much for doing that. I was inspired by our trip, that part of our trip to Charlottesville. So keep up the great work. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair.

[01:19:24] you know, pretty much every day when I'm on my way here to the Braddock District Office or taking my son to daycare, I drive past Canterbury Woods Park on Wakefield Chapel. And there last year, we rededicated the memorial to Mary Reed, who was killed on April 16, 2007 at Virginia Tech.

[01:19:45] And, you know, it's an incredible story of perseverance and courage of her family taking that tragedy and turning it into activism, but also the way that their community and neighborhood and county has rallied around them throughout that and continues to support them. And, you know, this can be a very frustrating topic. But there is some good news, some bright spots here. And the

[01:20:18] good news is that this is a solvable problem. And we know that the 14 states that do not have basic gun safety protection laws on the books, background checks, red flag laws, safe storage laws, have rates of gun deaths triple those states that do have those basic protections.

[01:20:45] So we know what works There's there's a political debate maybe but there isn't really any debate around the facts That these basic simple things do work and do save lives And I just wanted to share one story that happened recently recently in the Braddock district Actually in my old former neighborhood. We had an individual Living there for a long time struggling with with mental health happened to be a veteran And it was clear to the community that he had been struggling for some time.

[01:21:23] And as sometimes happens, that struggle turned into a crisis. And it became a crisis where his behavior was increasingly erratic. His behavior was increasingly threatening to himself and to others in the neighborhood.

[01:21:41] And through really incredible work of our police department and CSB and others in the community, we were able to use the red flag law to go into his home and found not one, not two, not three, but 15 guns in his home. And those guns have now been removed, thankfully. And if it weren't for the red flag law, they'd still be there. And it would still be a risk to him and to his neighbors,

[01:22:16] to the school that's across the street. And I mentioned that I think it's important to tell these specific stories because unfortunately there's still a political debate even around the red flag law in Richmond and the governor campaigned against it said he wanted to repeal it and I could tell you for that neighborhood for that community whatever your political persuasion is if you live on that street you're really happy that that red flag law is in place. And we were able to use it to that individual be in a safer place and help the

[01:22:55] community be in a safer place. And that wouldn't exist if not for your work and your advocacy over the years. So on behalf of the people that I represent in that community, thank you for what you're doing. And we're going to continue to work with you and stand with you. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Before we vote, I grew up with guns. We had guns in the household, rifles. They

were hunting rifles. My father had them in a locked cabinet, but the minute you walked in the door, there was the locked cabinet with all the guns.

[01:23:30] I have my sharpshooters pin from the National Rifle Association. I was on the women's rifle team in college. It was a long time ago, but we learned that we never point a gun at anybody. it was all target practice. So I do have some background on this, but it was a time when we didn't have the AR-15s and all of the pistols and the ghost guns and so forth. I mean, if you grew up in the West, as I did, and family was hunting, that was a regular thing to do. And military,

[01:24:09] you had those options. You had those opportunities. You also had the responsibility and you had the respect for what a weapon could do. When a young person decides to settle a dispute, perhaps they got bumped by somebody in the metro and they decide to settle a dispute by shooting that other person.

[01:24:35] Or when a six-year-old can get their parents' gun and shoot their teacher, and when you can have multiple shootings in a family where the police go in and say it was just the most awful carnage they had seen, we have got to change the approach mentally and philosophically in this country.

[01:25:01] It has overtaken, gun violence has overtaken us. And we need to get back to that real respect and responsibility. Just because you have a gun does not mean you have to use it. It can be a deterrent, not something that you actually use actively.

[01:25:23] So I really do think we need to work not just on the laws, but on changing the attitudes of folks. And that can be done without the laws necessarily. I do think, Mr. Chairman, this is a perfect opportunity to ask our Office of Public Affairs and the police department to send out more information about the gun turnback program that the police department runs.

[01:25:52] It is not a buyback program. It is a turnback program, and it is available. But I think it's time for us to publicize that again in connection with this particular proclamation. So I would, that's not, that's a request.

[01:26:08] It doesn't have to be an amendment. So with that, all of those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed, say nay. That motion carries, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Vice Chairman Gross. And Dr. Park, welcome. The floor is yours. My name is Lisa Park.

[01:26:27] I'm an adolescent medicine physician. I was the former Student Health Services Director at Mason over here. And most importantly, a mom of two kids in Fairfax County. I volunteer with Moms Demand Action because I needed to do more to protect my kids and my patients from gun violence.

[01:26:44] Ten years ago, 15-year-old teenager Hadea Pendleton was shot and killed while seeking shelter from the rain in a playground in Chicago. Her mother, Cleo Pendleton, said, You live your life in a way that this gun violence won't affect you, but it does, and it did.

[01:27:03] Her brother, who was 10 years old at the time, has grown up and lived the last decade without his big sister. Her parents and friends became advocates against gun violence and started the Wear Orange Day and movement because they didn't want other parents to go through what they experienced, what her mother has called an irrecoverable pain.

[01:27:24] A few years before Hedaya was killed, a young patient of mine was shot and killed in her own home. She was my patient for a few years, and I remember talking to her about normal teenage stuff, her

family, her friends, her school, future.

[01:27:41] Although we talked about all the things that could help her have a future that was healthy, it was gun violence that killed her, and I couldn't protect her from that as her doctor. So many more lives have been cut short from gun violence since Hedaya and my patient were killed, including people killed by suicide, homicide, and unintentional violence, unintentional shootings, excuse me.

[01:28:05] After school shootings, I scan the names of the young victims and I wince at their ages. I ache when I read the names that are the same names as my kids' names. And then there are the 120 people who are killed every day with guns and more than 200 wounded every day by guns that don't make the noose.

[01:28:26] It hurts to think about my patient and Hadea and the children and families that will never be the same because of gun violence. It's much easier, much easier to look away. But to look away is to remain silent, and if we remain silent, we're choosing to accept this awful reality on the behalf of our kids.

[01:28:47] And I refuse to accept this, and we refuse to accept this. Wear Orange Day is about not looking away. It's about honoring the more than 1,000 people who die per day in Virginia from gun violence and the more than 43,000 people who die per day in the U.S. from gun violence.

[01:29:06] I'm sorry, every year. It's about honoring the people who survive them, their children, their families, and friends who will never be the same. And Wear Orange Day is about our commitment as a community to do everything we can to keep yet another generation from experiencing the trauma of gun violence.

[01:29:26] Moms Demand Action, 45,000 supporters strong in Virginia and counting, and 10 million across the country, honors the lives of gun violence victims and survivors through action. We applaud the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for taking steps to reduce gun violence in our community, including spreading the word about the ESRO, the Red Flag Law, and prohibiting guns at parks where our kids play and our neighbors gather.

[01:29:54] When I send my older son to get his younger sister from our neighbor's house, I shouldn't have to worry that he, like teenager Ralph Yarl, will get lost, confused, as teenagers do, and knock on the door of someone who's fearful with a loaded gun behind the door.

[01:30:10] When I send my kids off to school, I'm really tired of worrying if this is the last time that I'll see them. Too many parents don't have this privilege that I do of wondering because their kids are not coming home.

[01:30:28] We wear orange today because we honor Hadea and all the people who have died from gun violence. And we wear orange today because we refuse to accept gun violence as normal for our society. and we thank you today and every day for your commitment to imagining as leaders a future free of gun violence. Thank you. Thank you very much Dr. Park we appreciate your words and your passion as well and thank you all for being here. I know we're running late but these have been important

[01:31:07] things today and we value your time as well and with that I'm going to ask Supervisor Walkinshaw if he'd like to join me for the photo. He's the chair of our legislative committee and has been part of this long fight in Richmond to get some fundamental rights for us in Fairfax County and so

[01:31:26] if you all could come forward face the audience for a photo and finally we have a resolution to

[01:33:37] recognize the health care advisory board on its 50th anniversary and this was requested by myself and I know our speaker Marlene Blum is here in the front row if anyone else is here would like to join, Marlene, we would welcome that. And at this time, I am going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Gross so that I can read the following resolution. Whereas the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors established the Healthcare Advisory Board, HCAB, on July 11, 1973, in recognition of the importance of community involvement in planning comprehensive health programs, and whereas for 50

[01:34:16] years, the HCAB has advised on health and health-related issues playing a vital role in the community. And whereas the HCAB's many accomplishments range from playing an integral role in establishing smoke-free workplaces and restaurants and advocating for HIV AIDS prevention and treatment to renegotiating and monitoring the county's lease agreements with the NOVA Health System. And whereas the Healthcare Advisory Board oversaw the development and implementation of the Affordable Health Care Program and the Community Health Care Network, which operated for nearly 30

[01:34:51] years, and whereas the HCAB has worked to address the needs of the community's medically fragile and homeless populations, individuals with disabilities, older adults and students, and whereas the Health Care Advisory Board continues to be an asset to the Board of Supervisors and the community, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby commend the Health Care Advisory Board for 50 years of dedicated service to Fairfax County.

[01:35:24] I'd be happy to second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion, Mr. Chairman? Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. And I know several of my colleagues were with us what seems like two days ago at the reception this morning. But I do want to congratulate the Health Care Advisory Board on 50 years of service, you know, I think as Congressman Connolly mentioned before I left, you know, to think about how important health care is today is very different than how people might have thought about health care just a few years ago, but not necessarily how we thought

[01:36:02] about it here in Fairfax County. And I think the vision to establish the advisory board 50 years ago was evidence that health care was such a vital and important need to Fairfax County. And as we have just heard a number of proclamations this morning, how they all intertwine with health care is pretty remarkable.

[01:36:24] That health care is not just a nice thing to have, but absolutely an essential ingredient for a successful community. And all the things that HCAB has done, there's a few mentioned in this resolution, but I think recognizing the network that's necessary for a healthy community. It's not just one thing.

[01:36:44] It's not just a hospital, or it's not just an elderly care center, or it's not just a vaccination location. It's the entire network that plays an important role in promoting public health. It's not just the health department's job. We have the best health department, I think, in the country, and certainly that has been exhibited over the last couple of years, but it relies heavily on private sector, non-profit support systems.

[01:37:10] It relies heavily on good planning and oversight of the network that we have. And also this morning with us were a few of our highly successful Fairfax County EMTs. And I think it's a piece of our health care network that sometimes is forgotten, that if you are to have a health emergency in Fairfax County, you're lucky because your chances of survival, because of our response time, sophistication, and investments are much, much higher than anywhere else in the country.

[01:37:42] And a lot of that is because of that network, from EMT, to call center, to emergency room, to a sophisticated hospital, to the care you need after a traumatic event. So many things that rely on a network. And so, HCAB has been essential in establishing all of the healthcare programs that we have in the county, and parts of that network that are necessary for a successfully healthy community like we have in Fairfax County.

[01:38:11] And lastly, if you look at statistics nationally and you see some of the health outcomes of Fairfax County, they are consistent with the level of excellence that we would expect. However, as we know, there are still islands of disadvantage in the county, And there are parts of the county where you see a very different health outcome for individuals, which is also a demonstration of the absolute need for the HCAB's continued work.

[01:38:43] Because while we have a great network, we still have parts of the county in particular where health outcomes are far below what the countywide average is, which means we still have much work to do. And so this is a moment to celebrate vision and 50 years of success.

[01:38:59] But also a moment to realize, as the proclamation says, that we still see the HCAB as a vital asset to the Board of Supervisors moving forward in how we plan and implement our health care network to make sure we're not leaving anyone behind.

[01:39:16] And so congratulations on 50 years, and Marlene in particular, your leadership of HCAB and so many other capacities in the county is just so commendable, and we congratulate you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[01:39:32] Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chairman. So I see 1973, I think a certain Jim Scott might have had something to do with that resolution. I don't know. He was there. You know, but, you know, going back and looking at the resolution that passed back then, there's still a number of things that really resonate today.

[01:39:53] And just to underscore that, just in the past few months, the town of Vienna has asked to be part of the party and be in with the health care advisory board. And so not only have we seen 50 years of excellent work and support, but now we're actually seeing how popular are in parts of the county that have not benefited from the health care advisory board.

[01:40:17] So thank you for all you're doing and continue to do and look forward to another 50 years. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Any other? Supervisor Palchuk. I'll be very brief. she will probably mention this, but in her talking points this morning, Marlene mentioned that in 1973, the population of Fairfax County was less than half of what it is today. So we know just how critical those changes are. We also heard this morning that she's not allowed to retire.

[01:40:50] So I hope Marlene keeps that in mind, because we know so many more challenges ahead. But honestly, really want to thank you, Marlene, for your leadership and excellent representation of providence and thank you to everyone in the HCAB for many years of service. Thank you. Any other discussions? Seeing and hearing none? All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed say nay. That motion carries, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Vice Chairman Gross. And with that, Marlene, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Chairman McKay and members of the board, thank you for those very, very kind words. During these past 50 years, many dedicated and committed

[01:41:28] citizens have contributed their time, expertise, and sustained efforts to the community through their participation in the Health Care Advisory Board's work. Many of them have also been and continue to be active in a variety of community organizations and professional endeavors, and their value to our county has been immeasurable. The HCAB applauds our outstanding county staff and indeed over the years has been privileged to work with a variety of departments and individuals but i want to focus for the moment on the health department whose staff we see and

[01:42:07] work with on a regular basis hcab members have learned over the years that the health department staff are people who are true who have truly dedicated their working lives to protecting the health and safety of our community they're well trained and regularly seek opportunities to improve their skills and expand their knowledge and experience they strive for excellence work long hours and never shirk responsibilities and the hcap is proud to support their work as congressman connelly pointed out at our reception earlier today in fairfax county when there are problems

[01:42:44] to be solved or changes to be made we set up committees organizations boards commissions task forces, and councils to deal with them. Sometimes we do this ourselves, and sometimes, so common is this impulse, government also does it. Hence, the creation of the Health Care Advisory Board and the many other county boards, authorities, and commissions. Every now and then, there's a smidgen of doubt about the value of such efforts, but it's obvious that we are all optimists. We clearly believe that people working together can find ways to solve their community's problems.

[01:43:23] We organize ourselves to do what needs to be done. We practice community participation whenever we get the chance. So on behalf of the Health Care Advisory Board, therefore, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with you, with county staff, and many others in the community to develop and support a robust public health system and access to health care for all. Thank you for your continuing responsiveness to health issues in our community and your strong support for programs that meet the needs of all those who live and work here. And last, in accepting

[01:44:02] this resolution with thanks on behalf of all those who have served over the years on the Health Care advisory board those of us who are currently serving promise to keep up the good work and to do our best to listen and learn and to plan educate advise monitor alert watchdog advocate and persuade thank you very much thank you very uh very much marlene especially for that last part you do all of those things and do them well so congratulations um again on 50 years a huge milestone and appreciate all the work. And as you mentioned, so many folks who have served on the

[01:44:39] healthcare advisory board over the years that aren't with us. We had a pretty large group this morning, but we know that there's a whole lot of folks who have made contributions to make this 50-year milestone successful. And we thank all of them as well. With that, I think we're ready for

[01:44:55] a photo. And if you all could come forward and face the audience. Okay. And next up, we have a

[01:46:22] presentation of the History Commission report, and that is being provided by Cheryl Ann Repetti, chair of the Fairfax County History Commission, and I see a number of history commissioners who are with us who are all welcome, of course, to join us for this as well. Thank you, Chairman McKay, members of the board. Thank you for allowing the History Commission to report to you on our accomplishments for calendar year 2022. I'm Cheryl Repetti, and I was the chairman for that

[01:46:54] year, standing next to me when she gets here, Lynn Garvey-Hodge, who is the current chairperson here, and standing with me today are other members of the History Commission and Stunts, Janae Linder, Subhi Medhi, Tom Shoup, and Tammy Manorino.

[01:47:16] This is a very emotional morning. I am not going to be quite so, I'm not going to try, I'm going to try not to. Actually, I was before. As you're aware, the History Commission has been in operation for more than 50 years, and we meet once a month as a commission as a whole, but we have numerous committees, and that's how we get most of our work done.

[01:47:41] So we attend multiple meetings each month. We advise the board and the agencies of the county about historic properties and their care, and we promote public interest in the rich history of Fairfax County. Our major initiative in 2022 was creating the African American History Inventory Database.

[01:48:02] In 21, the commission collected records pertaining to African American history in Fairfax County. In 22, we were able to place that information onto an interactive database thanks to a collaboration with George Mason University.

[01:48:17] We're actually going to show you that collaboration. Click on the picture. There we go. And if you click to About, a team of seniors in the George Mason University Information Technology Program created a database for us as part of their capstone program.

[01:48:37] And this is a list of all of their names. The commission then entered into an MOU with the Fenwick Library to host that database. This saved us well over $20,000 in terms of if we had bought this on the market. And having the library host is also a savings.

[01:48:57] But more importantly, the library will assign a graduate student to maintain that database. So as we intended, it will continue to grow and be a living item so we can add more items to it.

[01:49:14] One of the most effective ways to search the database is to put in a magisterial district into that search window at the top. So, for example, Mount Vernon. And when you click on that, you will get a list of all of the items in the database pertaining to Mount Vernon.

[01:49:34] And then you can see there are about 75 items included. If you click on one of the items, you'll see a description of the entry, a source material, and as you scroll further down, there may be photographs.

[01:49:57] There also is a geolocation for each item. The database was designed with students in mind, and so Commissioner Mary Lipsy wrote several essays, research essays, to help guide them. You find these under our homepage and general resources, research topics, and the working for change sections.

[01:50:21] There you might, if you click onto something like fraternal organizations, you get a sort of description, an introductory sort of description and some examples, but not necessarily the entire list of items in our database. If you already know what you're looking for, you can, of course, search by keywords, such as an person's name, like Louise Archer.

[01:50:45] And there you can get all of the items in our database pertaining to Louise, including some of those research essays. Does this database contain everything? No, it does not. As I mentioned before, it's a living, breathing document, and we expect it to continue to grow.

[01:51:02] And so please feel free to forward on to us any of your suggestions or any suggestions you get from constituents for change and for improvement. Click to valued expertise.

[01:51:21] Commissioners in 2022 offered their expertise in a variety of contexts. We supported the Marker Project, efforts to protect the Historic Courthouse, the Goines House, and the Dunloring School. Sadly, despite the efforts of DPD staff, property owners, and the commission to relocate the Goines House, the home of community leaders James and Ann Goines will be demolished.

[01:51:47] This will leave the PIN Community Center the only bricks-and-mortar survivor of the sideburn community. In 2022, three commissioners served on the county's 250th commission. Other commissioners participated in the Holland Hills and Homes Run work groups.

[01:52:06] The commission wrapped up several 106 projects, and we embarked on the I-495 cell project. We also shared our research into renaming Fort Belfort with the U.S. Naming Commission, And we're continuing to work with Belvoir leadership on that issue.

[01:52:29] Still feeling the effects of COVID, the commission did not add any new sites to our inventory or to our marker program, our regular marker program in 2022. We did, however, see the demolition of an inventory property, Mount Aaron, which was built in 1811 by Thomas Tracy, an Irish immigrant who taught enslaved children and Martha Washington's grandchildren.

[01:52:55] music. The second half of the 20th century has actually become historical, which is a little uncomfortable for me. But the commission has undertaken an oral history project to capture the experiences of the county's leadership during those years. And we also have laid the groundwork to expand this project to include community interviews to capture that sea change in cultural diversity that occurred in the late 20th century. And you may be hearing from your individual commissioners about trying to reach out and can make connections to the community if you could

[01:53:34] help us with that. Recognition of Fairfax County's cultural diversity was also the focus of the 18th Annual History Conference, which looked at early immigration before the mid-20th century. This included talks about German, Jewish, and Irish immigrants. We want to thank Chairman McKay, and Congressman Connolly for helping us to present our awards at the conference and this included well-deserved lifetime achievement award for former Sully Commissioner Debbie Robeson, the Mayo Stunts Award went to Mike Salmon

[01:54:08] and Ian Eschenberg for their video about the rather creative use of the Kingstown gravel pits by local youth in the 1970s and the GMU Capstone team received a distinguished achievement award. Part of our mission is to encourage public interest in history.

[01:54:30] And the history conference is one means that we do this where we invite the public to come to us. The advocacy committee has recently undertaken projects where we go out to the community by setting up tables at events like the Mount Vernon Town Hall, the Tinner Hill Music Festival, and McLean Day.

[01:54:49] And this is one way that we get to let people know that there actually is a history commission and what we do. 2022 and 2021 have been years of change in beginning in 2021 we brought our bylaws into compliance with the model bylaws over the course of 2022 we've worked with the county attorney to codify the commission's expenditure of funds and those revisions will be coming to you probably in 2023 and we saw many changes in personnel in 2022. we wish to acknowledge the outstanding

[01:55:28] service of Laura Arsenault and Grace Davenport, both of whom left Fairfax DPD in 2022, and we're pleased to congratulate Denise Dressel and her new role as Heritage Resources Chief of the Heritage Resources Branch and ARB Administrator. We're also welcomed a new liaison, Laura Koviklis, and we are pleased and grateful to welcome Stephanie Newman, who is helping me with the slides.

[01:55:57] She's been working with the African-American Marker Project. Within the commission itself, we began 2022 by welcoming Janae Lindner, representing Springfield District. And Commissioner Lynn Gavi-Hard began a new position as historian at large.

[01:56:17] As the year came to an end, Commissioners Mary Lipsy, Barbara Nath, Phyllis Walker Ford, and Barbara Peters announced their retirements from the commission. Thus, in one swoop, we lost 20% of our membership and 52 years of combined experience.

[01:56:35] On the commission, fortunately for us, these commissioners agreed to continue on as advisory members, and this has particularly facilitated the completion of the Marker Project and the African American History Inventory. We wish to thank the supervisors of those affected districts for so quickly appointing new commissioners.

[01:56:59] Thanks to you and your support, the Fairfax County Courthouse will receive masonry repairs that needed immediate attention. Unlike the Goins House or Mount Aaron, this is a success story.

[01:57:17] And all of us on the commission believe that the work that we do to protect and preserve historic places matters. But we're frustrated that we can't fulfill our mission more effectively because we lack sufficient staff support. The African-American Marker Project is a case in point.

[01:57:36] We would never have been able to proceed with that project were it not for the additional staff support that we did get. In the last five years, DPD has undertaken wonderful architectural surveys. They've done Reston, African-American sites, a survey of mid-20th century sites, and they're undergoing right now a survey of Centerville through the 20th century.

[01:58:03] these surveys are identifying dozens of buildings and other historic sites that should be on our county inventory. But we don't have the time or the resources to get all of those nominated ourselves. And we don't have the means to create things like a multiple property submission to help facilitate placing those on the inventory. And there are other projects we'd like to undertake, things that we'd like to try to achieve, such as developing incentives for private owners to take better care of their historic properties. The Commission greatly appreciates the Department of Planning and Development because it's flexible and it does

[01:58:43] what it can to accommodate our needs, but we need a dedicated full-time staff person. This isn't an extraordinary request. Prince William and Loudoun Counties both provide their history commissions with greater staff support, and though Arlington and Alexandria don't have history commissions As such, they undertake many of the same activities with professional staff.

[01:59:07] So we do ask for your consideration and support to provide DPD with the resources to provide us with additional staff support. Looking to 2023, many of the items you see listed can be summarized as the Commission's intent to create a more proactive approach to our mission.

[01:59:29] Too often we are reacting to issues and too often we are reacting too late. We need ways of balancing growth with preservation, and we need to better communicate with other county agencies and

with entities like the school board so that we can communicate the importance of things like our inventory.

[01:59:49] We are seeing a jump in submissions for markers and inventory nominations that were quiet during the pandemic, so we expect those to go up this year. And we are very much looking forward to the 2023 History Conference. Author Tom Jelton has agreed to be our keynote speaker.

[02:00:06] He wrote In a Nation of Nations, and borrowing from the format of his book, other speakers will be first- and second-generation immigrants to Fairfax County. And we hope that you will join us there on November 4th at the Sherwood Center. Our 2024 budget remains $21,013.

[02:00:33] I love the $13. We pay our clerk, install roadside markers, present the history conference, make certain grants, and cover the costs of advocacy and professional training with that money. And I want to finish by expressing my deep gratitude to these people, to the 2022 members of the commission who put in so many hours to make the work of this commission possible.

[02:01:04] So with that, thank you very much, and please, if you have any questions, be happy to answer those. Thank you very much, Cheryl. Excellent report, as always, and at this time, we'll see if any of my colleagues have any questions or comments, and let me start with Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

[02:01:21] Just very briefly, I'm glad you ended with the budget discussion, because you guys are a bargain. I mean, we, in the last three years, we've really tossed a lot your way, And you guys have really come through, and I really appreciate the work you've done collaboratively with lots of different organizations, institutions.

[02:01:41] The impact that you have is much, much, much bigger than the little budget, and we do appreciate your continued stewardship of those funds, too. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor. I would echo the bargain, and I know that comes, frankly, with the amazing volunteer and time that folks put into almost anything that, frankly, we ask.

[02:02:10] And I know that you all see need to be understood better, education increased, and, frankly, the advocacy, the preservation all goes together with that education and understanding. And I have to particularly want to thank three people that I know.

[02:02:27] And I'll start with Tammy Manarino because with respect to Fort Belvoir, I don't know anybody that knows more about Fort Belvoir than you do. In fact, even DOD, I don't think they know as much as you did about Fort Belvoir. And frankly, if it wasn't for your advocacy, I think things would be going a different direction.

[02:02:47] I know we still have ways to go to protect and preserve that name And frankly, to ensure that the right awareness and understanding of how the name got to be done is a key part of that. But I'm optimistic at this point in time. I know I'm not going to hold my breath either, but I know with the Department of Defense, we're going to have to stay vigilant and make sure that we ensure that they actually make the changes of the street names.

[02:03:14] I think we all are supportive of that. But the name itself, the institution, I've not heard any support on this board, I know there's none in the community to change that name broadly. I realize there's

always individuals, but thank you. Of course, I want to also thank Ann Barnes and Sally Lyons, who have dedicated decades of their time and effort to also the History Commission.

[02:03:36] Holland Hills HOD was a major heavy lift, I think, a model that I know other neighborhoods can do, and it's working. I mean, the ARB is dealing with lots of issues there, but it's protecting the community, which is what the design and the hope and the wish was. Prior to Fairfax Lodge and Gum Springs, I know we're really, we've gotten that protected, but we have far more to go in terms of the work with Gum Springs.

[02:04:00] And I know Denise Trussell has been very involved with that. Heritage Resources Survey is huge. And ultimately, giving the Gum Springs community as a whole the opportunity to help drive and move forward with whatever they believe the vision for Gum Springs should be.

[02:04:17] But that community engagement is a key part of, I think. And then finally, the semi-quincentennial, absolutely a favorite of mine because now that I get to say the name, which is a little bit fun. I did avoid that. It's coming up.

[02:04:32] You know, it's coming up, and we want to make sure that Fairfax County, which has a huge amount of history, is ready to help others understand how much of that history is United States history and make sure that we share it. So thank you all very, very much for your advocacy, your education, your commitment to preserving something that I also deeply treasure, our history.

[02:04:54] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Storks. Supervisor Gross. I'm wondering if this, what is it, semi-susquantaniel should be a felony word, maybe among members of the Board of Supervisors. Even pronouncing it.

[02:05:10] Yes. I stuck with 250. As one who has been critical in the past of the lack of oral history at the History Commission, I want to thank you for taking up that challenge and expanding on the oral history piece.

[02:05:27] And I'm especially pleased to see that it's being not only oral, but it's being done by Channel 16. I was looking at just making sure we get taped interviews of everybody, but actually having the people in person so that you can see the nuances of the facial expressions and so forth is very helpful but thank you for doing that I think we need to make sure we not just elected officials and former elected officials but those folks who we talked about some of them this morning Earl Flanagan and Dave Olmey and so forth you know are these we're losing people who have

[02:06:03] who have been around for a very long time and we need to make sure that those folks get at least that taped history maybe they don't want to be on the camera but at least get that taped history so that we don't lose it but thank you for what we're i'm i'm i look at that every year i'm thinking okay they're doing a good job on this one thank you thank you thank you supervisor gross supervisor pal jay thank you mr chairman and thanks to all of you um i definitely have to thank sue kovak schumann who i know is probably at her day job right now so cannot be with us here today but

[02:06:36] I know she's out in the community, she's collecting oral history, and I have to say to your point, Supervisor Gross, I love Mount Vernon, and there's so much more history beyond that here in our county, and as someone who did not enjoy history until I studied cultural anthropology and did oral history, I really, truly appreciate the work that you and your team are doing to do that.

[02:07:00] So number one, I wish we could multiply, triplicate. Denise Dressel, thank you for your work. So to me, $21,000 seems like a very small budget ask. So I think at minimum, absolutely, I can't imagine we can't do that. But I really want to make sure that we are focused and continuing to help support the work you're doing, especially capturing those oral histories before we lose some of them and ensuring that we bring history alive.

[02:07:28] I think that's what's wonderful about oral history and the work that you're embarking with in our community and being able to partner with more of our community members. And we know that takes time and that takes effort, volunteer hours as well as staff hours. And so I think continuing to work with you and with Denise and the staff on what is needed, what are the plans, and how can we ensure the support for bringing that history to the community, from the community, and back out.

[02:07:58] So thank you for all you do, all you've done. If I can multiply Sue, I also would. So I know that anything we can do to help support the work that you are doing very much, appreciate everything you've done with some pretty limited resources.

[02:08:14] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Palczyk. And I also want to say thank you. And also, you know, I was sad the day that we honored the 52 years of service that was leaving the history commission that phyllis walker ford could not be here that day so i also want to thank you for for recognizing her i mean when i think about how we documented african-american history and how we saved the laurel grove school decades ago i can't do that without thinking about her and her deep historic family roots in fairfax county as well and she's just one of just an extraordinary group of people that that serve on the history commission have a passion and so without

[02:08:53] you, we would literally be lost. I do want to say, you know, Supervisor Pacek was mentioning, you know, Mount Vernon versus everything else, for lack of a better description. But I have to say, you know, having been at the History Commission and seeing the awards, the documentary on the gravel pits, I mean, you called it their creative use. I think that was appropriate description.

[02:09:21] But, you know, not only do people not know about that, but they might not think that there's any historical relevance of even telling that story. I mean, to some, that would seem to be not an important part of history when we think about we're home to Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall and Woodlawn Plantation and all these other things.

[02:09:40] And I think that speaks to the importance of the work that you're doing, is that there's a lot of institutions that will point out all those big history things. And one thing I love about the History Commission is how you recognize and work with what are the smaller contributors to our history that tell the Fairfax County story in a complete way.

[02:10:01] And that was an example of that because it just would not seem that important to anyone. And yet it's fascinating when you think about what's there now in that area and in the community that's been built up around there. And, you know, I admit going to those gravel pits as a kid myself.

[02:10:16] So seeing it as a documentary, even I didn't think it was that important a thing to capture. But then after seeing that, I realized why it was. And I think it really speaks to the work that you're doing, the help on Fort Belvoir. You know, you talked about being reactive and wanting to be more proactive.

[02:10:34] I mean, there are times when we're all reactive because nobody saw that coming. And frankly, if you wouldn't have been able to organize in a way as quickly with the knowledge that you have to help us

respond to that, we would have been lost. And while that was reactive, it was an important reaction to something that was happening that none of us really saw, you know, on the horizon coming forward.

[02:10:56] And so the last thing is, and I know you pointed out in here, Mount Aaron and among others, that, you know, we have lost. And at some point, you know, I do think we need to really look at all the reasons behind when we lose those properties and what are best practices outside of Fairfax County that have worked. Because I worry. On my weekly running route, I run past George Washington's attorney's home on Telegraph Road. And it was owned by Mr. Johnson, who was on the grounds of

[02:11:35] Mount Vernon and for years we tried to work with Mount Vernon to try to protect that home from demolition and while it doesn't meet all of the criteria necessary to get it on the register has a lot of elements of history in it that still remained even though imperfect and as I jog by that site I see a giant hole dug for a foundation of a home right in front of this one so you no longer will be able to see this home from Telegraph Road and the concern of course is that now it's situated in a way that would just be easier to tear down now because it's lost its

[02:12:13] viewshed from the main arterial. And for the sake of one home, we could lose this piece of history, one building lot. And so, you know, it's held in private hands and we could not get anyone interested in saving it in many, many years. And it just kept becoming because it fell short of register criteria. And so, you know, I do think we need to think about that a little bit harder and understand before we keep losing these properties, if there's something that we either need to go, you know, to Richmond with, or even something we can do here locally, uh, to be more

[02:12:49] robust in that space. And I know you've said, you know, one of those is getting additional help and support and we hear that, but, uh, we can't keep losing these properties and certainly not losing them without understanding if we had done x or y we might have had a better chance uh saving them and particularly with mount erin i would like to hear more about you know what transpired how we got to where we are now um and and how we lost that and frankly i'd you know even sit down with the ownership and others to find out if there's anything else that could have been done or anything else that could have been put on the table uh to preserve those properties before it's too late because there's still a pretty large number of them around the county

[02:13:29] that are important parts of our history but may not ever meet the criteria for the historic register. That doesn't mean we shouldn't make attempts at least to try to save and protect them, and that's one of the takeaways I get from this presentation. So thank you for drawing attention to that, a loss.

[02:13:48] But whenever there's a loss, we hope that we can learn something from that for next time. Thank you. Okay. Any other questions? All right. Well, again, thank you all very much for the report. Look forward to reading it in more detail. And most importantly, thank you all for your dedication and your volunteerism. It is appreciated.

[02:14:08] Thank you for letting us serve the people of Fairfax County. Thank you. Thank you. All right. With that, we are going to move on to board matters. And as we typically do, as the board knows now, the clerk has compiled these digitally.

[02:14:24] We'll go alphabetically by district, following myself and Vice Chairman Gross. I will add that there have been a few late submissions for your awareness, including one of mine. So I now have two board matters. First, and I'm going to turn the gavel to Vice Chairman Gross.

[02:14:41] First is I move to approve without objection the proclamation request listed in the document below to be presented inside or outside the boardroom as appropriate. And you can see there are four that are listed there. Without objection, so ordered.

[02:14:57] Thank you, Vice Chairman Gross. My second one is a late one, a rather technical one that we worked with staff to get, and that is a motion to authorize a public hearing on an agreement between the Commissioner of Highways and the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia. Last year, as the board knows, the Sheriff's Community Labor Force informed us that it no longer had capacity to remove signs from designated rights of way within Fairfax County, as it had been doing for many years. By statute and agreement with the Commissioner of Highways, the board was authorized to allow only law enforcement agencies, local government entities,

[02:15:35] employees, or volunteers to act as its agents in removing signs. The statute did not expressly authorize the county to use private contractors. During the 2023 legislative session, the board of Supervisors initiated an amendment to Virginia Code Section 32.2-1225 that would allow the board to engage contractors to remove signs from the rights-of-way. That amendment was adopted on March 23, 2023 and takes effect on July 1, 2023. The statute requires a public hearing before the board enters into such an agreement with the Commissioner of Highways. I therefore move that

[02:16:15] the board of supervisors direct staff to advertise a public hearing on an agreement between the commissioner of highways and the board of supervisors of fairfax county virginia to effectuate house bill 1587 which allows the board to engage contractors to act as its agents in enforcing the provisions of section 33.2-1224 and removing signs from within the limits of highways within the county seconded by supervisors pal check oh supervisor harry welcome um is there any discussion on the motion standing hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye

[02:16:51] aye any opposed say nay that motion carries thank you madam chairman and those are my two written items i did just want to raise awareness of one special uh individual too and that is to recognize fairfax county health department nurse practitioner nathalie nathalie washington who was named the 2023 northern virginia regional nurse of the year by the virginia department of health the vdh nathalie has been recognized for organizing 130 covet 19 vaccination clinics for fairfax county's homeless population as well as her contributions to an article on vaccine coverage

[02:17:29] in morbidity and mortality weekly report article a centers for disease control and prevention cdc publication and i i mentioned that because obviously this morning we've been talking a lot of a lot about health um but this is a pretty remarkable uh recognition for an employee uh who's been in our fairfax county health department for a while and and was working during the toughest of times uh during covid with among the toughest populations of people to get vaccinated and to see her honored by the Virginia Department of Health. Just another example of our outstanding staff here in Fairfax County and particularly with

[02:18:07] the Health Department. So I wanted to congratulate her on that recognition as well as the Health Department for its ongoing work in so many ways. And so just an announcement and that is the end of my board matters. Next up is Supervisor Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two board matters not exactly related, but they're both potential for a more affordable housing on county-owned land.

[02:18:36] Increasing the supply of affordable housing throughout Fairfax County is a high priority. An important strategy to exceed our goal to develop a minimum of 10,000 affordable units by 2034 is to

leverage use of vacant board-owned property for housing development.

[02:18:51] To this end, the Department of Housing and Community Development continues to actively investigate the feasibility of board-owned sites for the development of affordable housing within all magisterial districts. One identified site is the vacant property located at 2859 Annandale Road, adjacent to the James Lee Center, which became part of Mason District last year after the redistricting.

[02:19:20] Publicly owned land that may be too constrained or otherwise inappropriate for public use and or large multifamily development can be leveraged to efficiently reduce long-term affordable homeownership opportunities for county families. Based on initial studies, the half-acre parcel is an excellent site on which to develop affordable homeownership units, potentially through a public-private partnership.

[02:19:44] These would most likely be single-family detached, and two of them. Therefore, I move that the Board directs staff to initiate the steps to formally authorize and schedule a public hearing to consider conveyance of the .5203-acre site adjacent to the James Lee Center located at Tax Map Parcel 0504010050B to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the development of affordable homeownership Subject to the stipulation that in the event the SCRIJ no longer pursues the project

[02:20:21] The SCRIJ will transfer ownership of the property back to the board I'm happy to second that along with Supervisor Palchuk Discussion on the motion. Any discussion? Supervisor Gross? Supervisor Palchuk? If I could just say briefly, I want to thank Supervisor Gross for bringing this forward And I want to thank the Housing Authority because while this is coming forward now My understanding is they have been doing outreach and work with that community So I appreciate that this continues to move forward and that there has been engagement with the community on this important project.

[02:20:53] Thank you very much. Any other discussions, seeing and hearing none? All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to not read everything in the first paragraph because it would be a repeat of what I have just said.

[02:21:10] But through the Virginia Public-Private Educational Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 PPEA. As amended, publicly owned land in Fairfax County has been successfully leveraged through partnership with private developers to efficiently produce affordable housing units in a cost-effective manner using low-income housing tax credits.

[02:21:30] The board owns approximately 2.93 acres of land in the Mason District, described as tax map. I'm going to have to have a conversation with FCHAP because they don't list these the way we usually do. 0612-010113E and referred to as the East County Part B site.

[02:21:55] An opportunity exists on this site for the co-location of affordable housing to include associated support services, underground parking, and possibly a child care facility. The site's location is ideal. It is within walking distance of public transportation, retail, and health care, and is accessible to vital services including schools, libraries, parks, as well as other recreational and commercial amenities.

[02:22:21] The inclusion of affordable housing within this amenity-rich community is consistent with the Board's equity goals as described in its One Fairfax policy. Therefore, I move that the Board direct staff to initiate steps to formally authorize and schedule a public hearing to consider conveyance of the Board-owned East County Part B site located at Tax Map Parcel 0612010113E to the Fairfax County

Redevelopment Housing Authority for the development of affordable housing subject to the stipulation that,

[02:22:57] One, if the FCRHA no longer pursues the project, the FCRHA will transfer ownership of the property back to the board pursuant to the memorandum of understanding discussed by the board at its February 21st, 2023 meeting. And two, the FCRHA will provide the county with access to and use of the site until the project begins and there is a map on the back.

[02:23:22] I'm happy to second that motion, along with Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Mr. Chairman, this actually has been discussed for probably 20 years. But, and I won't go into some of the negative conversations that have happened in the community, but housing, putting housing here, this is next to the Alter Crossroads development that recently broke ground, and so it is an opportune time for the county

[02:23:58] to look at almost a co-location while this development is going on. It will also require the inclusion of the extension of Seminary Road, which may be an interesting challenge for us, but this is the culmination of a discussion that started probably almost 20 years ago.

[02:24:25] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. And I remember yourself and me and Mr. Hill recently out on this site. And I believe this is where the pocket park is right now, too. That's part of the property. There's an interim park, and that is part of the county-owned property.

[02:24:43] Okay. But it is the interim park, and it was always designed to be an interim park. Whether people understand that or not. That's right. And we can take the things that are there, except for the concrete. We can take the things that are there and move it to another location. Okay. Excellent. Any other discussion on the motion?

[02:25:00] Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Gross. That'll do it. Thank you. That'll do it. Thank you. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two board matters and just one announcement to share.

[02:25:19] The first is a joint board matter with you and Supervisor Herity to recognize the 50th anniversary of Lake Braddock Secondary School, which first opened its doors for classes on September 4th, 1973. My colleagues might be aware that Lake Braddock Secondary remains the largest public school in the Commonwealth of Virginia with a total enrollment of 4,300 students.

[02:25:45] Some things have stayed the same since it opened in 1973. Some things have changed. Smoking is no longer allowed. Pretty common in 1973, I think. The yearbooks are in color. They've shifted from the open classroom system to a more dynamic environment following the renovation in 2007.

[02:26:04] But we want to make sure we recognize those who have worked so hard to support Lake Braddock over its five decades, the teachers, administrators, families, and more. In the inaugural yearbook, the students wrote they were uncertain whether Lake Braddock would be a failure or a success.

[02:26:22] And we know 50 years later, it's a central part of our community and has been a great success. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the board direct, without objection, I ask that the board direct the Office of Public Affairs to draft a proclamation recognizing the 50th anniversary of Lake Braddock Secondary School to be presented outside the boardroom.

[02:26:43] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next board matter is also an announcement of sorts. Colleagues will recall that at our May 23rd meeting, we voted to create a task force on the future of Lake Akatink.

[02:27:03] And just want to share that we're already moving forward with that. And the first meeting of that task force, which will be chaired by former Chairman Sharon Bulova, will take place on Monday, June 26th at 7 p.m.

[02:27:18] Here at the Government Center, the exact room, we're still working to finalize the room, but it will be here 7 p.m. Monday, June 26th. We're in the process of inviting the community, environmental, nonprofit, business leaders to participate, and we'll be finalizing that in the next weeks.

[02:27:35] And, of course, the meetings are open to the public, and folks are welcome to attend on June 26th. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the first and future meetings of the task force on the future of Lake Akatink and news releases and social media.

[02:27:55] And we'll do that without objection. It is so ordered. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Finally, just an announcement and welcome to another one of our Braddock District summer interns who's here with us today, Ivana Khuri. Ivana just finished her first year at George Mason University since middle school.

[02:28:15] She's been heavily invested in politics and government at all levels, but until now, she's only worked at the state and federal levels. She just finished up an internship in Congressman Connolly's Washington office, and she wants to continue working to make sure that every constituent's voice is heard, especially in the Braddock District in Fairfax County, where she attends school at George Mason University.

[02:28:39] she loves connecting with the community and she's already been doing a great job working with our team in the braddock district office so please welcome ivana and that's all i have thank you thank you supervisor walkinshaw supervisor faust thank you mr chairman mr chairman bill canis the resident of great falls since 1999 has recently announced he will not seek an eighth term as president of the great fall citizens association position he has held since 2016 prior to becoming President. Mr. Cannis serves as Vice President and Chair of the Environment Parks and Parks Committee of the organization. During his 17 years with the

[02:29:19] GFCA he has worked diligently with his colleagues and federal, state, and local officials, particularly my office, to increase the influence of residents in county and school decisions. While serving as president for seven terms, Mr.

[02:29:35] Cannis has done an outstanding job leading the GFCA through many difficult challenges involving land use roads and trails trees parks and playing fields during his tenure he played an active and major role in county efforts to preserve historical assets such as turner farm the grange and forestville schoolhouse his initiative to conduct an inventory of big trees in the community earned an award from the fairfax county tree commission because of his contributions to the great false community we recognized mr canis as the drainsville district

[02:30:09] explored Fairfax in 2021. Mr. Candace has been a very effective representative and spokesman for Great Falls. He has contributed his time unselfishly and has set a high standard for what it means to be a good community leader. Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that the Board of Supervisors direct staff

to prepare a proclamation and recognition of Mr. Candace's many contributions to the Great Falls community that will be presented at an event to be held in Great Falls on June 28th.

[02:30:39] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Faust. Thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Supervisor Alcorn. No board matters, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Stork.

[02:30:57] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I've got one board matter that's here, and I apologize. I had two that I brought with me that I passed out. First one is request for expedited processing. Original Mount Vernon High School OMBHS, owned by the Board of Supervisors, located at 8333 Richmond Highway, tax map number 101-4, double circle 1, parcel 5A, and 101-4, double circle 7, parcel 1.

[02:31:22] It is owned by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The OMVHS facility is identified in the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites and listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Historic Landmarks. The applicant Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services submitted a special exception amendment for the OMVHS facility to allow for the alternative alternate use of historic buildings under the new modernized zoning ordinance adopted on march 23 2021 known as zmod the special exception amendment application sca 88 v06405 was previously heard before the previous county planning commission on june 29 2022 which

[02:31:58] recommended an yams approval of the application this application was approved unanimously by the board of supervisors on september 13 2022. since that time county staff have been working through the design and site plan review process the alternative use of historic buildings is a use created by the zmod ordinance which the board adopted on 2021 because litigation challenging that 2021 ordinance continues and out of abundance an abundance of caution per the office of county attorney dpwes has advised to go back through the public hearing process for approval of the modern modernized zoning ordinance the board readopted last month therefore i move the board of supervisors

[02:32:35] take the following actions direct staff to authorize expedited processing and schedule a planning commission hearing on september 13 2023 and board of supervisors hearing on september 26 2023 for a special exception amendment for their own vhs facility to allow for an alternative use of historic buildings additionally direct the director of the department of land development services to accept concurrent and simultaneous review of a site plan architectural drawings building permits and or plans and permits as may be necessary to implement the proposed plans for that special exception amendment application these motions should not in any way be construed as favorable recommendation on any application or planned by the board of supervisors and do not

[02:33:14] relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances regulations or adopted standards and in no way prejudice the substantial review of the application and or plans so i'm happy to second that along with supervisor smith uh any discussion on the motion seeing and And hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[02:33:33] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Gump Springs community located in the Mount Vernon District is the oldest African-American community in Fairfax County. Gump Springs was founded by Westford, a former slave owned by George Washington's family, who acquired the property in 1833.

[02:33:54] Gump Springs became a refuge for runaways and freed slaves to live. Helped by Quakers, freed slaves worked in the trades they had learned as estate slaves. Many activities, including exhibits at the Gum Springs Museum, celebrate the long continuity of this historic black community.

[02:34:12] Today, Gum Springs has more than 2,500 residents, as many as 500 are descendants of the original families. This year's annual Gum Springs Day on June 17th will feature an unveiling of the West Ford Historic Marker at 10.30 a.m. near Richmond Highway and Fortson Road. All are invited to the Gum Springs community from 9 a.m. to 4.30 for this annual celebration.

[02:34:33] The day features a health fair, parade, food, music, carnival rides, giveaways, and more. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, we ask that a proclamation be signed by the chairman and myself to be presented to the new Gum Springs Civic Association at Gum Springs Day, recognizing the community for the 190th anniversary.

[02:34:51] And without objection, it is so ordered, and I will see you there. Excellent. Well, thank you. And I know Mr. Hill has been there many, many times, and I thank Mr. Hill for coming to the Mount Vernon community. I know it's on the other side of the world from where he lives, but he's there on almost a routine basis.

[02:35:07] I know he calls me almost every time he's there. I don't know if you have the opportunity, but we'd love to see you there on Saturday as well, sir. But thank you very much, Mr. Hill, for all your work on behalf of Gump Springs and Mount Vernon District. The last one I have just came up.

[02:35:24] The South County High School women's outdoor track team won the state championship by 13.5 points for the 2023 VHSL Class 6 Outdoor Track Virginia State Championship on June 3, 2023.

[02:35:47] The team took first place in two individual events and a relay. Catalina Sanchez won both the 100 meters and the 200 meters. Her teammate, Cameron Thompson, placed second in both races as well. The relay team, consisting of Jordane Jermaine Ayaya McKeel, Destinen Williams, and Jordan Salisbury, won the 4x400 meter.

[02:36:11] This is the second consecutive state championship for the women's outdoor track team. Over the winter, the South County Women's Indoor Track Team placed second overall in the Virginia State Championship. We'd like to honor and celebrate the contributions of the South County Women's Outdoor Track Team, parents, coaches, teachers, and administrators who worked hard to help the team achieve these results.

[02:36:33] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, we ask that the proclamation be prepared to be signed by the chairman, Supervisor Herity, and myself to be presented to the South County Women's Outdoor Track Team and coaches to take place outside the boardroom for recognition as the Class 6 Virginia State Champions. And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and that's it. All right. Thank you very much. Supervisor Palchik.

[02:36:58] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Going quickly this morning, I have one board matter, and that is a motion to expand the Pan Am Shopping Center plan amendment. Quite a bit of this following community outreach and definitely hearing about the transportation needs.

[02:37:15] On December 7th, 2021, I moved to direct staff to evaluate an amendment to the comprehensive plan for the Pan Am Shopping Center, Tax Map Parcel 484112F. That amendment is

underway and staff anticipates that it will be considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing later this month.

[02:37:34] In evaluating the amendment, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, FCDOT staff suggested that any proposed development or capital projects in the league community planning sector, not just the development of the Pan Am Shopping Center, should include an evaluation of operational and safety considerations at critical intersections such as Nutley Street and Route 29. I agree that this proposed recommendation is worth considering in conjunction with the Pan Am Shopping Center amendment therefore i move that the board directs staff to expand the proposed amendment

[02:38:11] to the comprehensive plan for the pan am shopping center to also include proposed changes to the transportation recommendations for the area 2 vienna planning district league community planning sector this motion should not be construed as a favorable favorable recommendation of the plan amendment by the board and does not prejudice the substantive review of the amendment i've heard the motion I'm happy to second the motion any discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries Supervisor

[02:38:47] Falchuk Mr. Chairman I just want to mention since we're here now that I have a public hearing that It will be deferred this afternoon. If that's okay, I'll mention it now. Public hearing RZ 2022-PR-00017 will be deferred to June 27th, 2023 at 3.30 p.m.

[02:39:13] Okay. And that is the second 3.30 item, Madison Investment Portfolio. Yes, that's the one. Excellent. Very good. That is all. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Palczyk, Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have two that I submitted early and one I sent around a little late last night.

[02:39:34] The first one is West Springfield Rotary Club's 40th anniversary recognition. They were founded on April 16, 1980. The first meetings were held at the old Howard Johnson's before moving to the Springfield Golf and Country Club in 1984. While having been in existence for 43 years, they're recognizing 2023 as their 40th.

[02:39:54] Their motto is Service Above Self, promoting community-oriented fellowship and public service at all ages. They meet for breakfast every Wednesday to plan community service projects and programs that have a large benefit to the Springfield community. My staff and I have collaborated with multiple projects.

[02:40:11] The list of programs sponsored by West Springfield Rotary Club includes food baskets for needy families at Thanksgiving, support for annual Special Olympics in April, annual recognition and awards for teachers and first responders, essay contest in Irving Middle School, providing dictionaries to third graders at local schools, cleaning up trash along Rolling Road several times a year, and financial support to Echo and the Lorton Community Action Center. Their signature project is Christy's Christmas, which provides a shopping trip for children of needy families in December, where they're giving money to purchase clothes at Target, followed by gifts and time with Santa. Also in 2021,

[02:40:48] club members have been helping since 2021 club members have been helping a dozen Afghan refugee families who have settled in Springfield. Apart from local projects we all know Springfield Rotary supports disaster assistance in other countries through Shelterbox. They recently completed a project in Sierra Leone where the club built a primary school, provided sophisticated latrines in solar electricity to three schools and sent seven teachers to advanced training.

[02:41:18] These efforts show how community organizations like Rotary can have a lasting impact on family and people worldwide. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection that a resolution be prepared for the Rotary Club of West Springfield, recognizing its 40th anniversary and decades of service to our community.

[02:41:36] This resolution will be presented outside the boardroom in July. And without objection, it is so ordered. The next is to advertise the request for interest to develop sports tourism facilities. On May 25, 2023, at the Board's direction, the Park Authority circulated the attached memorandum, including the RFIs for development of sports tourism facilities.

[02:42:03] As requested, this RFI was circulated to the Board prior to advertisement and addresses the concerns previously shared by board members when I first moved to advertise the RFP in May of 2022. As outlined in the Park Authority memorandum, this RFI has been reviewed by the Park Authority Board and is expected to be released this month.

[02:42:25] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection that we ask staff to advertise the RFP for development of sports tourism facilities. And let me just ask, I thought this was already happening. Didn't this already happen? Yeah, so I don't know that we need a motion for this, right?

[02:42:43] Seems unusual. Mr. Chairman? Yeah, Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, just a question about this. The TBD project, I believe it's number five in the memo. How's the board going to be notified of the location of that?

[02:42:59] I think it says when, I think the RFI is pretty clear that the board, once it comes in, the board member will be notified. Okay. All right. All right, thank you. I mean, this is without objection.

[02:43:14] We're asking you to advertise it. I don't know that's necessary. Is that right? I will tell you, I just want to make sure that the board had a chance to look at it so the park authority can move on because this has been delayed several times. And I think it, as we've seen with Patriot Park North, we've got a facility that has got 30 events scheduled between when it opened just a short month ago to November that are bringing in between $160,000 to $1 million per event in addition to $11 million

[02:43:48] projected in economic impact. And I know additional events have been scheduled. So I just wanted to make sure this was seen by the board, that we've had a chance to comment on it, and that we can finally move forward with getting this thing out. Yeah, no, I appreciate that. The delays are unfortunate, but I don't want us to get in the habit of directing staff to put out RFIs because that's not what we normally do and that's why i just want to make sure i appreciate the awareness and we have seen it it is out in the memo from the park authority it talks about that so i just want to make sure that we're getting confirmation that the rfi is out okay yes thank you supervisor

[02:44:25] harry okay so my last one is a joint board matter with supervisor palchick supervisor alcorn um on may 24th the uh vienna youth uh varsity boys rugby team defeated a long time powerhouse fort hunt 36 to 28 to win the virginia state rugby championship despite dealing with injuries throughout the ceiling the team overcame adversity to win the state title and then went on to win the tier two national championship and arguably one of the most competitive high school rugby national tournaments to date therefore mr chairman i ask without objection that a resolution being

[02:45:00] prepared for the vienna youth uh varsity boys rugby team along with head coach kendall erickson as well as assistant coaches Dave Ropper, Jeff Edmeades, Paul Matier, and Tim Reinger,

recognizing their exceptional accomplishment in winning both the Virginia State Championship and Tier 2 National Championship.

[02:45:22] I ask the resolution to be presented before the board at the June 27th meeting. And I'm looking at Mr. Castrilli and making sure we have that date. I think my staff reached out to you. Tony Castrilli with Public Affairs.

[02:45:40] I'll double-check that and get back to all of you. Okay. So we're approving it with the hope we have a slot on June 27th or as soon as possible after that. Okay. That works. All right. Without objection, it is so ordered. Supervisor Herdy. That's all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

[02:45:56] Okay. Supervisor Smith. I do not have a board matter, but I'm going to defer a public hearing to after another action item we have, so that will affect the timing this afternoon. So I am going to defer the public hearing for RZ2022-SU-0010 to occur immediately after the public hearing for Vacation of Barney Road, which is scheduled for 4 p.m.

[02:46:24] So we're just changing them in order. Yes. Okay. Remind me of that at the time. Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that announcement, Supervisor Smith. And with that, I think we are ready to move on to administrative items, and let me ask if there's a motion to approve administrative items 1 through 14.

[02:46:47] It's so moved, Mr. Chairman. Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Palchuk. Are there any items that board members would like to pull for questions or a separate vote? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of administrative items 1 through 14, please say aye.

[02:47:04] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Aye. and that motion carries and brings us to action items and our first action item is approval of the action item number one is approval of fy 2023 year-end processing and i am supervisor gross is moving approval i'm happy to second that let me ask if anyone has any questions of staff any questions of staff seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action item number one please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and brings us to action item

[02:47:44] number two approval of the memorandum of agreement moa between the united states department of homeland security office of intelligence and analysis dhs ina and the fairfax county police department fcpd regarding the northern virginia regional intelligence center nbic supervisor I'd be happy to move approval of the county executive's recommendation.

[02:48:06] And I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Herity. Any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of action item two, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries and brings us to action item number three, approval of the task force agreement between the Fairfax County Police Department, FCPD, and the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, for the high-intensity drug trafficking HIDTA Group 512 and Enforcement Group 114, Supervisor Gross.

[02:48:42] I'm happy to move approval of the item. Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of Action Item 3, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:49:01] And that motion carries. This brings us to Action Item 4, Approval of the high-intensity drug trafficking area HIDTA state and local task force agreement between the Fairfax County Police

Department, FCPD, and the United States Department of Justice.

[02:49:16] Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, for the Asset Removal Group, HIDTA Group 13, Northern Virginia Financial Initiatives, SARS Task Force, and the HIDTA Task Force 111, Washington Mass Transit, Supervisor Gross.

[02:49:35] approve approval of the item heard the motion I will second that any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action item four please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries brings us to action item number five approval of the task force agreement between the Fairfax County Police Department FCPD and the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, DEA, for the HIDTA High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Group 512, Supervisor Gross.

[02:50:10] Approval of the item. Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that. Any discussion or questions? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action item number five, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:50:26] And that motion carries. Brings us to action item number six. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, between the Fairfax County Police Department, FCPD, and the Virginia State Police, VSP, for establishing governing policies and participation in the Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center, NVRIC, Supervisor Brooks.

[02:50:48] Move approval, Mr. Chairman. Heard the motion. I will second the motion. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action item 6, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries.

[02:51:04] Mr. Chairman. Yes, before we move on to action item number seven, and I recognize Supervisor Gross, I do want to thank the county executive, county attorney, immigrant coordinator, Ms. Bruce, others who look through all of these agreements that we just approved and make sure that our trust policy and our other county policies are protected in all of these agreements and for circulating a memo to us in advance of the actions that we just took confirming that.

[02:51:34] And I just wanted to thank them for that. Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Actually, I was going to say we sort of rocketed through these various items of agreements and MOUs and so forth. But what we don't see when we get to this is all the work that was done by the various county agencies to get to this space.

[02:51:58] This is the result of successful negotiations between a number of agencies at the federal and state level, as well as the county level, and the focus is all to make our community safer. Thank you. Absolutely. Thank you, Supervisor Gross, and thank you to representatives from our department who are here and have briefed us on that, understand that, and have explained that to us as well, including our Deputy County Executive, Tom Arnold.

[02:52:25] Appreciate the clarity on that. Okay. That is going to bring us to action item number seven, which is approval of parking reduction for Soul Plaza located at 4231 Markham Street in the Annandale Commercial Revitalization District in the Mason District, Supervisor Gross.

[02:52:42] Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. And I'm happy to second that motion on action item seven. Any questions or discussion? Mr. Chairman. Yes, Supervisor

Gross. I did have some concerns about this particular item, but I had a staff briefing about it and recognized that in an effort to increase and maintain the viability of this particular shopping area, which actually they want to put some outdoor dining, this makes some sense.

[02:53:15] But we're going to have to, should this motion be approved, we're going to have to make sure we do some follow-up to see if it's working the way we want it to work. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. Any other discussion? Seeing and hearing none.

[02:53:32] All those in favor of Action Item 7, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries and brings us to Action Item 8. Authorization for the county executive to execute a wastewater conveyance capacity agreement between the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County.

[02:53:51] Supervisor Gross. I would move approval of the county executive's recommendation. And I will second that motion. Discussion on the motion. Any discussion on the motion? Supervisor Stork. Mr. Chairman, just to remind the board that there is a small part of Fairfax County, and particularly I know there's a piece of Mount Vernon District that uses the city's sewage and wastewater treatment, and this is part of the conveyance that we go back and forth with how we ship around our wastewater.

[02:54:23] So this is something that's important to do and I appreciate the opportunity to at least educate folks a little bit about what we have. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Any other discussion or questions? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of action item 8, please say aye.

[02:54:40] Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Brings us to action item number 9, approval of the Continuum of Care COC Board Charter. Supervisor Faust. Chairman, I move approval. I'm happy to second that along with Supervisor Palchuk.

[02:54:58] Any discussion or questions on action item number 9? Supervisor Faust. Just first of all, each board member is being asked to designate a member of the COC. So I assume that will be at the next opportunity we have for board appointments.

[02:55:22] I'm looking at the clerk for some getting a head nod of agreement. Okay. Any other discussion or questions? Yes. Supervisor Palchuk, then Supervisor Alcorn. No, I'll be brief. I appreciate mr. Fast bringing that up just to clarify that this new Committee will be beginning again July 1 of this year and I believe half of our appointees will start on the one-year term And then half on the two-year term. I think we all received that cycle So hopefully if we haven't already we'll be sending our recommendations to appoint them I guess at our next meeting so they can begin on July 1. Okay. Yeah, and those and those are our appointments

[02:56:01] There's also a lot of other appointments on here from outside departments and governments, and I'm just making sure that we're coordinating all of that. You can see that on page one or two in the backup, the entire membership there. So it's broad, it's wide, and it's going to take some coordination, especially in the timeline that we're talking about.

[02:56:22] Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I just wanted to note, in addition to our appointments, There's also some discussion in the board matter about how often this is going to be meeting. And at one point it says semi-annual meetings, but then in terms of the method of operation, it's going to be meeting on a quarterly basis.

[02:56:41] I think quarterly, I mean, the group should get together and figure that out. But I think given what we've been seeing more recently with increased evictions, you know, our point in time numbers were up a little bit. I think they may, we're giving them a pretty big job.

[02:56:59] I know it's going to be a reform group here, but I do, and I actually would ask if, you know, as soon as the new COC gets their legs under them to report back to the board, you know, maybe on their work plan, you know, what their program is going to look like, because there's an awful lot to be done, and I think we're just getting to sort of a new critical phase of our homelessness population.

[02:57:27] So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Faust. Yeah, in that same vein, I had a note and I forgot to mention it. The board matter indicates that there will be regular reports presented to the Board of Supervisors.

[02:57:42] I think, I mean, I would just say at a minimum annually, but, you know, at least until we solve this problem, we need to stay on top of it. We're getting a head nod of agreement.

[02:57:59] Any other questions or comments? Okay. All those in favor of action item number nine, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. We have one consideration item, and it is amendments to the Fairfax County Council to end domestic violence bylaws.

[02:58:23] Supervisor Walkinshaw, did you want to make that motion? Sure, and I'll just share a few thoughts. We don't usually spend a lot of time on these bylaws, but I was involved in this one. So I really just want to thank members of the council, and we have Stacey Ziebel, and I see Genevieve Fine up there, you know, serving on any kind of bylaws committee, as I know my comments I've learned over the years, is a hardship duty.

[02:58:51] And this one's particularly challenging because the Council to End Domestic Violence is kind of a unique structure in the county in that it's both a senior-level interagency working group. senior county leaders from the county government the courts law enforcement can come together and coordinate their efforts to end domestic violence but it's also an advisory board to this board so as such the leadership structure has always been a bit of a challenge and one of my

[02:59:24] goals when i was elected to chair the council was to work through this issue and help create a consensus and i think the folks who really spent many many many meetings and hours working on these bylaws have have done that so if you look at the bylaws there's a change in leadership to reflect the different groups that are involved in the council and and i'll also just share i've been pretty open with the council that that i will not be a candidate for chair or vice chair um when my term ends um i do hope if well if i'm a member of this board next year and if it's the

[03:00:03] board's will to continue to represent the board of supervisors on the council but we've had some great chairs before me supervisor cook dave bob zine was chair for a long time and i i think it's time for a chair that looks a little bit different than the three of us and i know there are some great folks who will be able to take up that mantle next year um and with that mr chairman i move approval of consideration item number one heard the motion i'm happy to second that uh discussion on the motion supervisor gross i have a question the these bylaws were a little more

[03:00:38] challenging to plow through because they're not the usual format that we are used to but on and and the pages are not numbered on my device here, but it's about conduct, and it talks about meetings shall be conducted in courts.

[03:00:57] No meeting shall be conducted through a telephonic, video, electronic, or other communication means where the members are not all physically assembled to discuss or transact public business unless it's specifically authorized by FOIA. So I interpret that, I guess, as the same kind of motion that we make here at the dais if we have a member who is attending electronically.

[03:01:20] Is that what that means? I think I can answer that, and someone can correct me if I'm wrong. The answer is yes, we do that at all of our meetings, just as we do on this board. It's just interesting to see it in writing at this particular point in the bylaws. I wanted to be sure that I understood that it's pretty much the standard now for For the the advisory groups. Thank you very much if I may Supervisor gross just to add another point There there are also provisions in FOIA for fully electronic meetings that is not remote participation

[03:01:55] Of an organization like CEDV and so this would allow that electronic meeting in accordance with the existing provisions of FOIA Okay, so it's it's all but but it needs to have that that stand language Okay, thank you. Okay, any other discussions or questions?

[03:02:15] Seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the consideration item. Please say aye. Aye. Any opposed any abstentions? And that motion carries and that brings us to the end of our county executive items Let me ask before I turn to Supervisor Gross For a motion, how long the county attorney expects closed session to last?

[03:02:36] Mr. Chairman, I estimate no more than 30 minutes. No more than 30 minutes. So should this motion be approved? Yes. Should this motion be approved, calculating in the 30 minutes, the board would report back at 3 p.m. for closed session.

[03:02:52] Supervisor Alcorn, don't mess this up. Supervisor Alcorn. Before the motion, because I can't announce this in closed session. Or I could, but nobody would hear it. On behalf of Supervisor Lutz this afternoon, I will be deferring the public hearing.

[03:03:08] 4 p.m. public hearing, it's the proposed plan amendment, 2021-4-S2. So that will be deferred for one meeting, so we're looking at June 27th. June 27th at, do we have a time? We will have a time.

[03:03:23] We'll have a time. The motion has to be made. Okay, excellent. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So that means that we will have one, two, three, four public hearings. beginning at 3 30 and including the sully district ones that will be swapped in order okay we are very efficient thank you for that announcement supervisor alcorn so should this motion be approved the board will be in recess until we begin closed session exactly exactly at 3 p.m supervisor gross 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

[03:03:58] dash 3711 and listed in the attached agenda for this meeting and in addition as permitted by virginia code section 2.2 dash 3711 a 8 legal briefing regarding gloss v wheeler virginia supreme court record number 210779 heard the motion i'm happy to second that motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions. That motion carries and the board will be in recess until closed session promptly

[03:04:35] at 3 p.m. Okay the board is back in session and before we begin public hearings this afternoon

[03:09:14] let me turn to Supervisor Gross to bring us a motion to bring us out of closed session. Mr. Chairman I move that the board of supervisors certify 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.

[03:09:40] You've heard the motion and seconded by Supervisor Pouchik. 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? That motion carries, and there are no items coming out of closed session, so we will turn to afternoon public hearings, and just as a reminder, individuals wishing to provide testimony have a number of options.

[03:10:03] They can testify here in person, or they can provide testimony by phone or 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 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.

[03:10:28] Speakers testifying via video must sign up and submit their video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the hearing. And for all testimony, you are given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you are given five minutes. And our first case today is a public hearing on PCA 2002-HM-043-005.

[03:10:52] CDPA 2002-HM-043-004, RZPA 2022-DR-00058, Arrowbrook Center, LLC, in the Drainville District.

[03:11:08] And could we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit? Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. For the record, my name is John McGranahan, the attorney for the applicant, and I reaffirm the affidavit dated May 11, 2023. Thank you, Mr. McGranahan. Are there any disclosures from board members?

[03:11:26] Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Tabitha Cole with the Department of Planning and Development. The subject property is located east of Centerville Road between the Dulles Airport Toll Road and Sunrise Valley Drive.

[03:11:45] The full site is roughly 54 acres and consists of seven land bays. However, these applications focus solely on Land Bay A, which consists of 9.68 acres and six separate land-based subunits. The site is owned to the PDC district and is approved for mixed-use development.

[03:12:02] The applicant seeks approval to modify the previously approved land uses and building configurations within Land Bay A, as shown on this slide. The proposed modifications would allow for reallocation of previously approved and unused density in the sum of 30,441 square feet from Land Bay D2 into Land Bay A.

[03:12:24] The overall Arrowbrook Center development would not exceed the previously approved maximum permitted density. The applicant proposes to redesign each subunit and consolidate Land Bays A2 and A3 to accommodate the following changes.

[03:12:43] To extend Field Point Road through Land Bay A1 to leave Farnham Street, to relocate the office from Land Bays A2 into A1, and the residential from A1 into the consolidated A2, A3. To relocate the hotel use from A3 into A4, to increase the square footage of the office use in Land Bay A6, to eliminate the previously approved parking structure in Land Bays A4, and lastly, to add interim uses.

[03:13:16] In order to assure an appropriate mix of use, the applicant has further agreed to construct interim uses throughout Land Bay A. While the proffer provides some flexibility on exactly what will be provided, some include a community garden, an outdoor plaza, and an option for a long-term lease of Land Base A1, 4, 5, and 6 with a qualified charitable organization, which would obligate the leasee to establish and manage an array of non-residential interim charitable uses.

[03:13:47] Overall, staff finds that the proposed applications to be in conformance with the comprehensive plan and all applicable provisions of the zoning ordinance. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board.

[03:14:05] Ms. Cole did a nice job of summarizing the application, but I would like to take a few minutes to walk you through some slides and provide you some additional background. Many of you know Jeff Fairfield, who's with me here this afternoon. Jeff is the manager of Arrowbrook Center LLC, which is the applicant, but he's the executive director of the Ruth and Howe Launders Charitable Trust, which is the sole member of the applicant.

[03:14:30] The Charitable Trust created Arrowbrook to essentially develop Arrowbrook Center. And let me give you this first slide resembles one of the slides that Ms. Cole had, but Arrowbrook Center is a 54-acre PDC zone district, And it has evolved over time, and we are now looking at the last land bay, or you're looking at the last land bay, which is land bay A, right just south of the Dulles Airport Access Road and just west of Centerville Road.

[03:15:04] And what you see on your screen outlined in red are the original 54 acres, and outlined in yellow are the almost 10 acres that we're here to discuss today, which is, again, land bay A. And a bit of history that I think is really important to review, because this goes back to when Arrowbrook Center was originally approved, and the applicant made some substantial proffers to Fairfax County.

[03:15:27] I think it helped that it was a charitable trust, but it essentially proffered to provide Arrowbrook Park, which as you can see from your screen, there's a 12-acre wetland passive park and a 6-acre active recreation park. It's a wonderful place.

[03:15:43] If you haven't been there, I encourage you to go see it. But I think the important thing is that park, those park amenities were put in place up front before the development came along. And those of you who are familiar with it know that those park amenities serve residents and citizens of Fairfax County well beyond the boundaries of Arrowbrook.

[03:16:04] So a tremendous contribution by this applicant to the county. And in addition to the park, the Arrowbrook Park, more recently the applicant spent almost $1.4 million building the Innovation Trail segment across the frontage of this property along the Dulles Airport Access Road, which will connect Centerville Road up to the Innovation Metro Station.

[03:16:27] So, again, these commitments are in place, they're being enjoyed, they have been enjoyed for years, and it's nice that there are now some residents in Arrowbrook Center and more to come who will

enjoy these amenities as well. This is an overview of the current existing approved CDP, and while I'm on the screen, I wanted to point out there's a building kind of in the center of the slide toward the bottom, which is the Centerville Road frontage, building D2.

[03:16:56] That is ovation at Arrowbrook, and I know the chairman and Supervisor Faust were there for a ribbon-cutting a couple weeks ago, and ovation is an important story to tell, too. With the original rezoning, Arrowbrook proffered to provide the amount of WDUs that would be anticipated under your plan, and that would have been at full build-out of the project, 93 units, depending on how many units ultimately were built.

[03:17:21] So 93 was what was proffered. There are 274 WDUs at Ovation at Arrowbrook, and, I mean, that's a testament to Jeff Fairfield and his hard work, SCG development, their work, HCD, your HCD, and Tom Fleetwood, and your leadership, quite frankly, as the Board of Supervisors to make that a reality.

[03:17:43] But it's a tremendous contribution, again, to the county that extends beyond the immediate Arrowbrook development. So what we're doing, it's fairly simple. It's moving some of the blocks around as the applicant replanned and came up with a new plan for Land Bay A.

[03:18:01] These are the existing approvals kind of blown up so you can see residential on the west side or at the top, then an office building, hotel, office, and office. These are the proposed changing of the uses, if you will, or switching of the uses. With office now being at the westernmost side, that's the end of the project that's closest to the metro station.

[03:18:22] And then the residential project will follow, and that's the more immediate one, and then the applicant continues to proffer, ultimately, the hotel and two more office buildings. I think it's important to note that the office building in A1, the one that's at the top of your screen on the western end of the site, that was a point that we worked through with staff and with the supervisor's office, wanting to keep a mix of uses within the half mile of the metro station.

[03:18:49] Our original plan had that being residential with the residential that you see below it, and we went back to office or flipped the office, if you will. And that was an important point that we were able to resolve with staff. You can see here this is reoriented, but that office I was talking about is now on the left side.

[03:19:10] But there's the residential project. It's called, it will be Aura at Arrowbrook, outlined in green. There's an FDP that the Planning Commission approved, subject to Ural's approval of these applications. This is a rendering of the architecture of the Aura building.

[03:19:29] This will be the next building at Arrowbrook. And you can see, once again, we had a really collaborative working relationship with staff on the design of this building to break up the massing. And you can see that there's a plaza in the front that was created and then an elevated terrace to really break up that corner of the building.

[03:19:48] And you see projections as you look down Fairfield Ridge Avenue along the building. And we worked with staff to extend those projections down to the ground level. So it, again, really was a good solution for breaking up the massing of that building. I would note here there were some comments at the Planning Commission.

[03:20:06] I know the FDP is not in front of you, but I know the supervisor's office received some questions about construction traffic. All of the streets within Arrowbrook are private streets. And so the traffic, there's a lot of discretion, not being VDOT roads, that the applicant and ultimately the homeowners who are about to take over the control of the owners association will have in coming up with reasonable regulations for how both the construction traffic but also the ultimate traffic will be used.

[03:20:37] So the second issue that I wanted to bring to your attention that we worked with staff to resolve was the mix of uses and the activation of the streets in Arrowbrook. And I'm happy to report, you see on your screen here, that there are four leases that have been signed, and this is for the retail in the ground floor of the Ovation building.

[03:20:59] You can see there's a specialty grocery store and a couple of restaurants and Paris Baguette. So with these uses, you will have some commercial uses coming online here in the coming months. And with that, 80% of that first floor retail will be leased.

[03:21:16] And Mr. Fairfield is working very hard to get tenants for that last 20%. But that will give some much needed activation of the streets that run through Arrowbrook. But working with staff, we came up with interim uses for the rest of Land Bay A.

[03:21:36] As you saw from the graphic, there are three more office buildings and a hotel. There's not a demand for those in the near term, and staff very much wanted to activate those streets and not just have those land-based sit as vacant fields for an extended period of time.

[03:21:52] So we have worked on a proffer to commit to interim uses. The most likely will be a lease that Mr. Fairfield's working on with the Virginia Tech Foundation and its affiliate, the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

[03:22:08] Their mission is to do childhood and adult educational programming around sustainable farming, urban farming, and nutrition, and culinary arts. So it really will be a wonderful interim use, and if that lease goes forward, and we're optimistic it will, it will activate the remaining parts of Land Bay A around Aura.

[03:22:34] So it's very exciting. If the Virginia Tech Foundation lease does not go through, we worked with staff to commit to do another interim use here, which would be the community gardens you see, and also adding some lights along an existing trail so that that A1 land bay closest to the metro is activated.

[03:22:55] This shows you, this next slide, which is the last slide, shows you the interim uses on A4, A5, and A6 on that eastern end. And that would be part of the Virginia Tech interim use, interim charitable use. So with that, Mr. Chairman and members of the board, I would like to thank Tabitha Cole and Billy O'Donnell because we did have to work through some issues, and I think we did it very collaboratively.

[03:23:20] And I'd like to thank Commissioner Allfelder, who also worked with us and has worked with us over the years, and especially Supervisor Faust, who this isn't the first time we've come before you with Arrowbrook. You've been there a long time helping us along the way, and we appreciate your support and leadership and guidance and direction when we've needed it.

[03:23:40] It wasn't always exactly what we wanted to hear, but it's worked out very well, in my opinion. With that, Mr. Chairman, I'd be happy to answer any questions you all may have. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of either the applicant or staff? I think we're good.

[03:23:56] This is a public hearing, and I have no one who has signed up in advance to testify on this item. Is there anyone here in the auditorium who would like to speak on this subject? Anyone present who would like to testify? This is a public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in.

[03:24:15] There are no callers. No one has called in. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal. At this time, we would welcome closing comments and a recommendation from staff. Thank you. On May 24, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of these applications subject to the proffers consistent with those dated May 8, 2023 and approved the associated final development plan subject to the board's approval of the concurrent applications.

[03:24:39] Staff concurs with those recommendations. 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 Faust for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:24:55] I'll have some comments after I make my motion, but I move that the Board of Supervisors approve PCA 2002 HM 43 0 0 5 and the associated conceptual development plan amendment subject to the execution of the proffers that may 8 2023 i also move that the board of supervisors approve the waivers and modifications discussed in the staff report elicit these waivers and modifications that is june 6 2023 has been provided to you this evening and will be made part of the record so moved for the

[03:25:32] motion i'm happy to second that motion along with supervisor palchick uh discussion on the motion supervisor faust thank you mr chairman uh mostly uh just a bunch of thank yous uh you know it's been an unbelievable pleasure working with uh jeff fairfield and uh john mcgranahan on this arrow brook project i think you've really created something special out there and uh you keep making it better and we appreciate that so much i also want to thank uh staff for uh uh some significant

[03:26:05] uh input uh after this was initially proposed uh i do want to say that uh that the field that you showed us uh the arrowbrook field um i would love to take credit for that but that was way back when kathy hudgens was uh still the supervisor this was in the hunter mill district in those days and uh

[03:26:29] That is just an outstanding facility, and the Ovation Affordable Housing Development, that's 274 units, as you said, but the beauty is it's for 40% to 60% of AMI, so it really is serving an important need in this county.

[03:26:52] And, you know, that was, again, your creativity that got us that project, so we thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. This is Arrowbrook, something we can be very proud of in Fairfax County. Absolutely.

[03:27:08] Couldn't agree with your comments more, something we are very proud of. And I know something that's been in the works for a long, long time, and it's still in the works. But certainly anyone who goes out and sees this property now can see tremendous progress and huge asset this is, not just for that particular area, really, but for the entire county.

[03:27:28] And so I really appreciate that we're at this stage, and more importantly, appreciate all that's gone into getting us here. I know it's been a journey, a long journey, as John just pointed out, but a journey worth taking. So congratulations. Supervisor Alcorn?

[03:27:44] Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. So those 100 mil days, those were known as the good old days in my book. But I will say Supervisor Faust has done a great job stewarding this area since then, but nice job. Thank you very much. And with that, I think we're ready for a vote.

[03:28:01] All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Congratulations. And that brings us to our next public hearing, which I know is going to be deferred, but I will call a public hearing on RZ 2022-PR-00017, Madison Investment Portfolio, LLC, in the Providence District.

[03:28:25] At this time, I would recognize Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. i move to defer um sorry the public hearing on rz 2022-pr-00017 madison investment portfolio llc to june 27 2023 at 3 30 p.m you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor faust any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And our next case is one that we are

[03:29:04] going to reverse the order of. Isn't that correct, Supervisor Smith? So at this time, I'm going to call a public hearing on a proposal to vacate a portion of Barney Road in the Sully District. And of course, there is no affidavit for this item. So when they are ready, I would recognize county staff for a staff presentation mr chairman i was going to make the motion first to defer the um rezoning case to after this one do we need to do that we can't just reverse the order since it's after four okay in an abundance of caution um in that case uh let me first call it so that

[03:29:43] you can make the motion to defer it which is a public hearing on rz 2022-su-00010 matt and glorious road llc in the sully district supervisor smith thank you mr chairman i move that the board of supervisors defer the public hearing for rz 2022-su-00010 to occur immediately after the public hearing for the vacation of a portion of barney road which is scheduled as a 4 p.m agenda item today heard the motion and a second is there any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing

[03:30:18] none all those in favor please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and we are back to a public hearing on a proposal to vacate a portion of barney road in the sully district and at this time we welcome a staff presentation thank you mr chairman uh good afternoon members of the board my name is jeffrey edmondson i'm with site analysis section in fairfax county department of transportation and i'm here to present a proposal to vacate a portion of Barney Road in the Sully District. As you can see from this aerial image, the subject portion of

[03:30:53] Barney Road is an unbuilt wooded area just south of the airport, north of Thompson Road, and it is west of Stonecroft Boulevard. For some background, the applicant, Walsh Colucci, Loubley, and Walsh, on behalf of their client, Matt and Glores Road LLC, is requesting that a portion of Barney Road be vacated under 15-2-227-2 of the Virginia Code.

[03:31:19] The applicant is seeking this request to support the consolidation and development of their parcels, 33-2 to Lot 9, Lot 9A, and Lot 10D. And just a quick side note, the vacation plat has Lot 10D labeled as 10C, which was correct at the time of the plat creation, but is since outdated.

[03:31:44] The subject portion of Barney Road, north of Thompson Road, and south of Adkins Road is unconstructed, as we saw earlier. The subject portion was dedicated as part of the Fairwood Estates on a plat in 1953. And the subject portion is obviously not in the VDOT secondary system of highways.

[03:32:02] I'd like to spend a little bit of time touching on the lack of negative impacts to surrounding lots with the proposal before you.

[03:32:19] This road was dedicated in the 1950s as part of a residential subdivision and was never built. Portions of the roads were built out over the years to improve and provide access to the adjacent religious institutions and industrial uses in the area.

[03:32:39] Staff found that this vacation would not cause irreparable harm to any nearby lots, including lots 10A1 and 11C. It is infeasible to construct Barney Road in a worthwhile way through the dead-run RPA floodplain and stream. Adkins Road right-of-way lies north of lots 9, 10A1, 11C, and 11A, as you can see in this image, and provides access to constructed Stonecroft Boulevard to the east. Adkins Road

[03:33:16] is also significantly outside of the RPA, as opposed to Barney Road, which is almost entirely within the RPA and floodplain, which is highlighted on this image. It's also worth mentioning that Lot 10A1 will be gaining about a quarter of an acre following this vacation request.

[03:33:36] It's about 9,000 square feet of land. And I would also add that these same considerations were included in the earlier proposal to vacate a portion of Glorious Road, which is north of Thompson Road in between Barney Road and Stonecrow Boulevard.

[03:33:54] You can see its absence in this image. and so those same considerations were considered at that time when it was approved by the board in November 2021 and that concludes my presentation. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none this is a public hearing and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone in the auditorium that would like to speak on this subject? Anyone here present who would like to testify? Okay if you can come down please

[03:34:29] and sign in with the clerk, and let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in to testify, okay? And if you're going to sign in with the clerk afterwards, if you could introduce yourself and your address, that would be helpful.

[03:34:50] Yes, sir. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. I'm Gifford Hampshire with the law firm of Blanky Shipping Keith, and I represent Stonecroft Lee, LLC, which is the owner of the lots 10A and 11D, et cetera, on the east side of Barney.

[03:35:08] You should be in receipt of a letter dated June 5 from me yesterday, which in turn attaches a letter dated March 5 or March 2 to the Planning Commission, where we object to the vacation of Barney Road for the reasons stated in the March 2 letter.

[03:35:25] We learned the letter from yesterday objected to the rezoning when the vacation had not yet been approved. I understand today you've reversed that order in order to address the vacation first. I suggest to you that the reversal of that order will not solve the problem with the rezoning because Virginia Code section 15.2-2286 subsection 7 requires a rezoning to be initiated, not approved, but initiated by the owner of the property at issue.

[03:35:58] Even after the vacation, the owner of the property will not necessarily be Matten because of a 30-day appeal period that will not have run, but also because it will not have been initiated, which is different from being approved at the time of the public hearing.

[03:36:15] With respect to the substance of the vacation, we object to it for the reasons stated in the March 5, the March 3 letter to the Planning Commission, namely that Loudoun County has in the books and is currently working on a road called the North 50 Collector that would connect, would provide an east route, east-west route perimeter or Adkins would provide an alignment in Fairfax County for that connection.

[03:36:41] That road will not stop at the Loudoun County line. And as far as we are aware, after investigation, there's not been any serious coordination between Fairfax County and Loudoun County for the regional planning for that road, which is a necessary thing to do since we are adjoining Loudoun County in this area.

[03:37:00] We suggest that the vacation would not be a prudent thing to do until that planning has been done. With respect to the items mentioned by Mr. Edmondson, the fact that this crosses an RPA is not a prohibition because roads can cross RPAs.

[03:37:18] It would be a question of cost granted to go through that RPA. However, it is detrimental to my client because it deprives my client of a potential connection to that new road when it comes online, either through Adkins or through Perimeter, which is now in the Dulles Airport area.

[03:37:36] and also it deprives my client of an access on the west side of its property. And for all those reasons, as are further elaborated in the March letter to the Planning Commission, we object to the vacation of this road.

[03:37:53] And we are not alone. You are in possession, through my letter, of a letter, an email from 3832 Barney LLC that also objects to the vacation as well. And I appreciate your attention. Thank you very much. thank you very much uh is there anyone else here present who would like to testify on this item this is a public hearing uh mr hampshire will be our last speaker then let me verify no one has called in i verified that already i'm looking at the clerk let me make sure verifying again no one has called in okay uh very good uh at this time closing comments and a recommendation from staff

[03:38:32] uh staff recommends the board adopt the attached ordinance uh vacation for the subject right away Okay. Any questions from board members? Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you. Question for staff. So we heard during the comments, public comments, about another road that maybe is coming from Loudoun County.

[03:38:53] Is such road in our Fairfax County adopted comprehensive plan? This is Jeff Edmondson, site analysis, FCDOT. No, it is not. Okay. Thank you. Any other questions? Okay. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn to Supervisor Smith for a motion.

[03:39:11] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The applicant, Walsh Gallucci, Lugli, and Walsh PC, on behalf of their client, Matangloris Road, LLC, is requesting the vacation of an unbuilt portion of Barney Road. The subject portion of Barney Road currently separates one of the applicant's parcels from two other parcels, and the vacated area will allow them to combine their parcels for development.

[03:39:34] County transportation staff also concluded that the vacation will have no long-term impact on pedestrian transit or vehicle circulation and access and would not cause irreparable damage to any lots. Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Ordinance of Vacation for the subject right-of-way, Attachment 3, for this item, which ordinance is to take effect immediately.

[03:39:57] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Faust. Any discussion on the motion? 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.

[03:40:13] And that brings us to, backwards but forwards, a public hearing on RZ 2022-SU-00010 Matton-Gloris Road, LLC in the Sully District. And could we please have the affidavit reaffirmed?

[03:40:30] Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. Good afternoon. My name is Bob Brandt with the law firm of Walsh, Colucci, Lubelai, Walsh. I can reaffirm the affidavit dated March 16th, 2023. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any disclosures from board members? any disclosures? Seeing and hearing none, at this time I'd recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Damaris Martinez with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant, Matangloris Road, LLC, requests to rezone several parcels and a portion

[03:41:02] of right away from the I-3 district to the I-4 district. The property is located at 3700 Barney Road in Chantilly, south of Atkins Road and north of Thompson Road. The property is within the water supply protection and airport noise overlay districts, and the subject application includes parcels 9 and 9A, which are zoned I-3, and a portion of the Barney Road right of way proposed to be vacated.

[03:41:30] The site is bordered by undeveloped land to the north and west, and industrial uses to the east and south. Here is an aerial image of the new industrial warehouse development under construction on parcel 10D, which is highlighted in gray.

[03:41:46] It was previously approved and rezoned to the I-4 district per RZ 2020-SU-002. The subject property is highlighted in blue and seeks to expand the parking area associated with this industrial development.

[03:42:03] No physical changes to the previously approved development on parcel 10D are proposed with this rezoning, and all previously approved commitments are being carried forward. The applicant proposes two options for parking. These parking options include option one to provide 64 total fleet vehicle spaces and option two to provide 29 spaces for semi-trailers and 11 for fleet vehicles for 40 total spaces.

[03:42:30] And highlighted in green on this graphic is the resource protection area, floodplain, and environmental quality corridor, which are proposed to be protected. the applicant is committing to additional tree preservation and conservation easements over approximately 7.15 acres of the property which will ensure these areas will remain undisturbed and benefit water quality approximately one acre of this area is developable land that would become additional conservation area in addition the area highlighted in red on the

[03:43:07] graphic is the portion of barney road to be vacated slash abandoned and included in this rezoning application and no negative impacts to adjacent properties result from this vacation and abandonment because the logical means of access to these properties would be available from stonecroft boulevard and thompson road and finally revised proffers stated june 5th 2023 were circulated to the board today and included an editorial change to proffer 3d to clarify the area to be rezoned after the vacation and abandonment of barney road copies of the staff

[03:43:45] report and the may 10th 2022 board summary indicating the board's concurrence with the filing of the rezoning application have been submitted to the clerk to the board for the record overall staff

finds the proposed surface area parking expansion to be logical expansion for the site it provides flexibility of parking for viable tenants and future users of the adjacent and industrial development, and consolidates the property under one common GDP, which would have an increase in tree canopy, tree preservation, and about eight acres of protected conservation area within the Cub Run watershed.

[03:44:25] So staff finds the proposal to be in conformance with the comprehensive plan and the applicable zoning ordinance provisions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. At this time, we recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, members of the board.

[03:44:40] Again, Bob Brandt with the law firm of Walsh Colucci on behalf of the applicant. I'd like to begin by first thanking staff for their work with us on this application. Ms. Martinez, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Edmondson, and everybody on that side of the room tonight has spent a lot of time on this, and we truly appreciate their input and their collaboration in working with us to resolve issues here.

[03:45:01] As Ms. Martinez described, this is, I would consider, a relatively straightforward application. We are simply seeking to expand an existing parking lot for an industrial building that was approved in the early part of 2021, recently constructed by my client, the Matt and Companies, and recently occupied by a distribution tenant.

[03:45:22] That tenant is the reason that we're here this evening for this application. They've expressed an interest in some additional parking for the building for their use. And my client was successful in obtaining the adjacent parcels, parcels 9 and 9A, in order to do this modest expansion of the parking lot.

[03:45:41] As Ms. Martinez described and Mr. Edmondson described before her, this application has a lot of benefits. I think first and foremost, the vacation of Barney Road, which this board just approved, will result in the preservation of an extensive area of the site and the removal of yet another potential incision into the resource protection area, floodplain, and environmentally sensitive areas of the site.

[03:46:07] All things considered, this is a relatively modest expansion of the parking lot, as I mentioned previously, and has, again, been driven by the interests of this new industrial tenant that my applicant was successful in attracting to Fairfax County. So as Ms. Martinez mentioned, we have largely carried forward all of the previously approved proffers that were associated with the rezoning that was approved in 2021 with a couple of adjustments.

[03:46:34] One of those adjustments that I would just like to point out was added in part to address some of the concerns of one of the adjacent property owners whose representative you just heard from. We've included a proffer commitment to cooperate with them, cooperate with the county if and when there is a desire to vacate Atkins Road, which is that existing right-of-way that runs along the northern portion of this site.

[03:46:56] So we have included that in the proffer so that at such time as that coordination with Loudoun County occurs and it's determined that the Atkins Road right-of-way is no longer needed or no longer desired. My applicant, my client, has committed to cooperating with them and with Fairfax County on that effort.

[03:47:13] So with that, I'm pleased to be here with a recommendation of approval from staff, a unanimous recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission, and also a recommendation of approval from the Land Use Committee. So with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions that the board

has. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant? Any questions? Not seeing any. Thank you very much.

[03:47:34] This is a public hearing, and I have one speaker who has signed up in advance, and that is Gifford Hampshire. Is there anyone else here present in the auditorium that would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing. Anyone else who would like to speak? Seeing and hearing none. Mr. Hampshire, welcome.

[03:47:51] Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Gifford Hampshire with Blankenship and Keith again, and I do represent Stonecroft Lee, LLC, an adjoining property owner. And as stated a second ago with respect to the vacation case, I need to repeat that reversing the order of these hearings does not solve the legal problem that you have here because the rezoning of this area of Barney has not been initiated by the landowner.

[03:48:24] The landowner is still, I would submit to you, until the appeal period runs, the owner is still the Board of County Supervisors that has not initiated, initiated means started, started the process, has not initiated the rezoning of this property.

[03:48:43] And as I just said, the re-zoning, the vacation, excuse me, is not final for 30 days if an appeal is not filed or if it is filed that a circuit court has not reversed the vacation decision. With respect to the re-zoning itself, we did have an impact, we did have a comment which is set forth in our March 1 letter about the traffic.

[03:49:09] There was a proffer 2B that said that there would be an operational analysis done after the fact. We think that the traffic from this truck delivery facility is enough that the TIA should have suggested and the proffer should have required mitigation before the approval of rezoning and not an analysis afterward.

[03:49:29] With respect to going back to the vacation, our case, the Stonecroft case, was different for the very reason that the North 50 collector had not been proposed by your adjoining County, Loudoun County, at the time. Fairfax County does not live in a bubble.

[03:49:46] Your adjoining County has that road on its comprehensive plan. The fact that Fairfax doesn't have it on its comprehensive plan is, I would suggest, short-sighted because you have an obligation to work with your neighbor when a regional road is proposed.

[03:50:02] And VDOT will be the one, probably, that will be constructing that road if it's done. And therefore, VDOT would be condemning land across Fairfax County, perhaps proposing to use the Atkins right away, perhaps proposing to use the perimeter right away. We just don't know, precisely because no regional planning has been done.

[03:50:21] And therefore, the vacation of this road, upon which this rezoning depends, would deprive my client of an access point, another client other owners of the land in that area of an access point to that new road that is a damage and with that i thank you for your attention and ask you to consider denying this rezoning or postponing this rezoning until such time as the it is properly initiated by the land owner or at least delaying it until after the appeal period on the vacation runs thank you very

[03:50:58] much thank you very much mr hampshire let me ask one more time is there anyone else here present who would like to testify on this matter this is a public hearing seeing and hearing no one let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in no one has called in uh this time to give the applicant an opportunity for rebuttal thank you again mr chairman uh and i'd just like to while i have the chance thank mr

hampshire for his coordination and work with us over the last several months he He has been very responsive and certainly representing his client zealously in a good faith, and he's been a good person to work with, so I appreciate that.

[03:51:38] He brought up a number of issues. I'd just like to kind of quickly walk through them in turn, first of which was the legal issue in terms of the underlying property owner, Fairfax County's initiation of the land use application. I have in front of me just a copy, and unfortunately I only brought one copy of the board's summary from its meeting on May 10th, 2022, so May of last year, in which the board did move and did votes to authorize and express its concurrence in the filing of the land use application and the designation of the county executive as the board's agent for the processing of that application.

[03:52:17] And so I wanted to point that out, that I do believe that there is no legal issue because of that and certainly the county attorney could speak to that in more detail if appropriate the second issue that mr hampshire brought up was an objection over proffer 2b as it was previously drafted and previously approved that proffer just for the board's information required the applicant mattin to submit a trip generation analysis prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the building demonstrating that the trip generation resulting from the use or the proposed use was less than certain thresholds that was done as i mentioned

[03:52:54] in my remarks previously the building is occupied there is a there is a non-residential use permit for this tenant and so that proffer as previously approved has already been fulfilled and then third there was a there were some comments about coordination with loudon county and i certainly appreciate that loudon county is initiating its own planning objectives and i certainly agree that there are a lot of instances where neighborly coordination between the jurisdictions is going to happen but in our work on this this application with county staff it's our understanding as supervisor smith asked earlier that the county does not currently have any of this uh this east

[03:53:31] west connector road shown on his comprehensive plan and speaking with staff perhaps there's an opportunity for that in the future but at this time that is not on the county's plans and so I don't think, and I would submit to the board, that the vacation of Barney Road and certainly the approval of this rezoning application will not and certainly should not stand in the way of future coordination.

[03:53:53] That's something that may happen in the future. But for the reasons I discussed previously and as mentioned in the staff report, there are a lot of benefits of this application, and I would continue to request the board's favorable consideration today. Thank you. Thank you very much. This time we would welcome any closing comments or recommendation from county staff.

[03:54:11] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On May 24th, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this application. Staff concurs with this recommendation subject to the executed proffers now dated June 5th, 2023.

[03:54:28] Thank you very much. Any questions of board members? Yes, Supervisor Gross. Very quickly, I want to go back to the road that is part of this. We've already vacated it, but I want to make sure I understand. That road was platted 70 years ago, 7-0 years ago.

[03:54:49] Was that correct? Jeff Edmondson, FC Dot. Yes, that is correct. Okay, so it's 70 years ago. Has there ever been a road there? No, there has not. So it's essentially a paper street? Correct. Okay, I just wanted to make sure that there hadn't been a usage of some sort of throughway there.

[03:55:10] All right, never built. Okay, 70 years ago. We have these little bits and pieces all over the county. And at some point, you know, it doesn't make really much sense to continue maintaining these paper streets that haven't been built on. Thank you. Supervisor Smith. I do appreciate Mr. Brant bringing up the action that the board took on May 10th.

[03:55:32] and I do have those minutes in front of me, that we voted to concur with the filing of the rezoning and proffered condition amendment applications by Maton-Gloris Road, LLC, to rezone the right-of-way associated with Barney Road to the I-4 WS&AN districts, and we authorized the county executive or his designees to act as agent of the board in conjunction with its application.

[03:55:56] So that was done on May 10th. So thank you for bringing that up. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. If there are no other questions, at this time I'll close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Smith for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve RZ 2022-SU-00010 subject to the executed proffers dated June 5, 2023, and I further move that the Board of Supervisors approve the waivers and modifications discussed in the staff report.

[03:56:29] A list of these waivers and modifications, dated June 6, 2023, has been provided to you this evening and will be made part of the record. You've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Yes, Supervisor Smith.

[03:56:44] I just want to thank Damaris and Billy for all their work on this. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[03:56:57] Thank you. And our next case is going to be deferred due to Supervisor Lusk's absence, so I'm going to first call the case and then turn to Supervisor Alcorn for a motion, and this is a public hearing on proposed plan amendment 2021-4-S2 Villa Park Road, located south of Villa Park Road and west of the ramp between Backlick Road and westbound Franconia-Springfield Parkway in the Franconia District. Supervisor Alcorn.

[03:57:26] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. As you said, because of the required absence or the absence of Supervisor Glask, because of a family medical emergency, and all is fine, I understand, so I just want to let everybody know. But for that reason, I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for PA 2021-4-S2 to a date certain of June 27, 2023, at 4 p.m.

[03:57:53] I'm happy to second that motion. is there 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 and our final public hearing of the day is a public hearing to amend and readopt chapter 127 of the code of the county of fairfax virginia relating to commercial property assessed clean energy and resiliency program and of course there is no affidavit for this item so i would now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. My name

[03:58:33] is John Morrill. I'm acting director of the Office of Environmental and Energy Conservation Coordination. The matter before you is to amend and re-adopt Chapter 127 of the Fairfax County Code, which concerns the county's commercial property-assessed clean energy and resiliency program. The proposed amendment aligns the county's CPACE ordinance and program with the statewide CPACE program established late last year.

[03:59:01] Property-assessed clean energy financing can be a potent tool for advancing investments in the community, but a patchwork of local ordinances has led to an uncertainty in the market. Aligning the county program with the statewide program will offer more consistent marketing of this financial resource and hopefully boost participation. By opting into the statewide program, Fairfax joins several other Virginia localities including Albemarle, Shenandoah, Loudoun, Prince William counties, and the city of Virginia Beach to bring the statewide program to

[03:59:41] cover over 30 percent of Virginians. That concludes my remarks. Thank you very much, Mr. Morrell. Are there any questions? Supervisor Stork. The county's had the CPACE program for a while. Maybe you can just give roughly the amount of time and the number of CPACE applications and successful implementation of those applications over that period of time? The county has had a CPACE program now for three years and we have no successful deals and in fact there's only been

[04:00:19] one deal in the state of Virginia and so this is one of those this is this is this alignment with the statewide program to harmonize with the statewide program is an effort to help boost that number. And that was the point of the question, so thank you very much.

[04:00:38] Appreciate that. Supervisor Voust. Thank you, Mr. Moore. Kind of a follow-up, I mean, it's obviously disappointing that three years ago we adopted a program that has not been used. And I think the step that you're taking us on with aligning with the state program is a very positive change that could help make it more popular.

[04:01:07] But my question is, what else can we do? I mean, when this was much ballyhooed when we adopted it, we felt that it could make a significant contribution in numerous ways. And, you know, it's disappointing that it hasn't.

[04:01:24] Is there anything else? Maybe you can't answer that today, but there are things you've become aware of. We need to know, and this could be a good tool. Is it working in other states?

[04:01:39] It's not working in Virginia, obviously. And if it is, why is it working in other states and not here? Thank you. I think it's partly it goes to the market education and dynamics and just there being a strong, consistent voice for the possibilities.

[04:01:58] And so as Fairfax County is now pursuing much more energy-related and resiliency-related programming to the community, we can emphasize this as one more potent tool in our toolbox.

[04:02:16] You do agree that, I mean, as the expert, I mean, we're obviously not as expert in this. You do agree that this is a potent tool, potentially, and is deserving of our efforts and resources to advertise?

[04:02:32] I believe it is. This is something that is a tool for the private lenders. The county program makes it possible for them to use the property-assessed clean energy financing, But it's not costing the county anything to make this available.

[04:02:59] And, of course, if we can help market it, then that can help the private sector use it. But I think in other states, it's just a little bit more cohesive marketing.

[04:03:14] And then other states, and I'd have to check with other experts, but how they've gotten mortgage lenders to yield that first lien. Because CPACE does then command first lien on a property.

[04:03:34] And that's, in addition to the statewide consistency and coherence, the first lien can be an obstacle. I would just say it'd be great if, I know your plate is full, but if we could look into those types of

things, it would be wonderful.

[04:03:55] Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I recall, when CPACE first was brought to us, I think it was in 2018, and Supervisor Faust, you may recall that we hosted a lunch in one of the rooms here to look at CPACE.

[04:04:16] And I remember, I was chair of the Environment Committee, and I remember saying, well, okay, we'll do this, but will anybody come? The room was full. I think it was the CPACE. I don't think it was the free lunch. And there was a great deal of excitement about this and how we would be able to get this done.

[04:04:38] And so we moved it forward and approved the ordinance in March of 2019. So it took us about more than six months, actually, to get to that point. And we thought we would sit back and watch the applications roll in, and nothing happened.

[04:04:54] It was a great disappointment to those of us who had worked on CPACE back in the last term to try and get it moving. We had a lot of stories about places where it did work, but there were just too many obstacles here, and a great disappointment, quite frankly, a great disappointment.

[04:05:14] So now that it appears that there is a pathway to actually making CPACE work, I'm glad that the Commonwealth has determined it really needs the state to come in and assist with this.

[04:05:30] So thank you to staff for continuing to pursue this I would ask should this the motion whoever is going to make the motion should it pass that we really would like to be alerted or notified when those applications start coming in because I don't think this is something we should put on the back burner and just sort of you know revisit in three or four years and say oh well it didn't work.

[04:06:00] Let's give it a year and see what comes of it, because if it still doesn't work, then we need to look at some other way of addressing the issues that the community brought to us originally to do CPACE.

[04:06:18] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. Any other questions? Supervisor Palchuk. I'm good. Okay. All right. This is a public hearing, and I do have one speaker who has signed up in advance, and that is Colleen Boucher.

[04:06:38] Is she here? She is here. I hope I pronounced your last name right. After Colleen, is there anyone else present who would like to testify on this matter? Anyone else after Colleen? Okay, so Colleen will be speaker number one and has five minutes.

[04:06:54] Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Hello, my name is Colleen Boucher, and I am a proud Fairfax County resident, Mason District. This is the first time I've ever given testimony at a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting. Happily, I already know some of you with three sons in three different Fairfax County public schools in Mason District and a Boy Scout in Troop 150 and a Cub Scout in 150.

[04:07:18] I'm here today to promote the adoption of the proposed ordinance revision for Fairfax County to opt in to the Virginia statewide CPAS program. I work for a full-service commercial bank called Forebright Bank, formerly known as Congressional Bank, who has an ESG and sustainability mission.

[04:07:34] Along with our ESG alignment, we have a full CPACE team, which I am a part of the sales team. My job is to cover the Mid-Atlantic, which of course covers our Virginia, D.C., and Maryland areas. There are several different PACE jurisdictions in the areas that I cover, and I'm here to state that opting into the statewide program is beneficial to capital providers, property owners, and the county of Fairfax.

[04:07:55] First, joining the statewide program allows for standardizing documentation. I'll give the example of PACE documents. If each county has its own separate program, this means different document sets for each jurisdiction, which means higher attorney's fees, higher documentation fees, higher program fees.

[04:08:10] So it'll reduce transaction costs for PACE deals. Secondly, it'll standardize the rules, the program guidelines for the deals in Fairfax County. This is most important since it'll reduce friction in getting PACE deals done. And it'll further accelerate CPACE's role in expanding energy efficiency and development and addition of renewables generation in the commercial real estate sector of the county.

[04:08:33] thirdly this will expand the the specter and marketing of the pace program in fairfax county as much as i get out and network and spread the word for example at the recent fairfax county green business partners forum hosted by our own fairfax county's oec the office of environmental energy coordination it is still hard to get the word out to every property owner developer and major tenant in the county i'm finding i'm still doing a lot of educating on the pace program writ large and often when I start speaking about the various programs, and more importantly the program differences, sometimes eyes start to glaze over. Simply put, CPACE is one of the most accretive, flexible, and powerful financing

[04:09:13] mechanisms around to finance energy efficiency and renewables in the built environment. Private capital providers are doing our part to spread the word and promote these energy upgrades, but we need help from the county. Fairfax County Schools, Fairfax County should join the Virginia Statewide Program run by Virginia Pace Authority to further these goals, streamline deal flow, and standardize documentation, and reduce transaction costs for the benefit of owners, the county, and of course for the benefit of cleaner air for Fairfax County residents. Thank you very much. Thank you very much for your testimony, and let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No one has called in to

[04:09:50] testify. Is there a closing, any closing comments or recommendation from staff? Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just staff-recommended adoption of the ordinance. Thank you very much. Any final questions of board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn to Supervisor Stork for a motion.

[04:10:11] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move the county executive's recommendation. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Faust. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye.

[04:10:27] Any opposed? Any abstentions? and that motion carries thank you very much and that brings us to the end of our meeting of june 6 2023 and with that the board is adjourned

