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[00:00:07] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our Board of Supervisors meeting of October 10, 2023. And as we always do in a moment, we will begin our board meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and that will be after our moment of silence. And before we rise for a moment of silence in the Pledge of Allegiance, I'm going to ask my colleagues if they have anyone they would like to keep in our thoughts and prayers this morning, and I'm going to start with a few. First, I think obviously all of us are in shock over what's happening in the Middle East and the

[00:00:43] devastating violence that is occurring in Israel and Palestine, including a lot of kidnapping of family members, including one of our own, W.T. Woodson graduate, Abby Onn, who's lived in Israel since 2015. And we know that these attacks are affecting a lot of folks in our community. And for our Jewish community, I know this has been described by many as Israel's 9-11 attack. I think it feels that way for so many in our community. And there are hundreds and hundreds of deaths that

[00:01:18] have already been reported as a result of this violence. And we want to keep our Middle Eastern and friends, and more importantly for us, their families and the people that are connected to them in Fairfax County in our thoughts and prayers. Secondly, and tragically, on October 4th, there was a campus shooting that occurred at Morgan State University, and this also hits close to home, just given the tragedies that have happened all over the country at our universities.

[00:01:50] So many of our parents and family members who have kids away at school obviously very concerned about this. And the saddest, you know, testament to this is the fact that all the students at Morgan State University have suffered because of the violent actions of a few, including canceled events and football games and homecomings and all the things that our kids should be excited about this time of year.

[00:02:18] And so if we can keep Morgan State University and the victims of that tragedy in our thoughts and prayers. In addition, I'd like us to keep praying for firefighter Lasefka. For those of you who may or may not know, he's been transferred to Shepherd Rehab Center in Georgia for care after spending the past month in Fair Oaks Hospital and Inova Hospital battling Gullion-Barre syndrome.

[00:02:47] And Firefighter Lasefka started out as a volunteer at the age of 16 with the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad and the Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group. He recently married Firefighter Shannon Martin within 24 hours of regaining his ability to speak and swallow.

[00:03:06] They celebrated in a small ceremony at Inova Fairfax Hospital on October 1st. And if we could please keep them both in our thoughts and prayers as well as the rest of our Fire and Rescue Department family. And finally, I was sad to hear of the passing on September 17th of Joe Galdo.

[00:03:27] Joe Galdo ran against me for chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 2019, and that's how I had an opportunity to meet him and his family and always found him to be a thoughtful and intelligent person. While we didn't agree on many issues, we certainly had a passion for improving Fairfax County in the way that we thought would be most effective.

[00:03:48] And I think all of us always respect anyone who steps up to run for public office and the sacrifice that they and their family make. And so if we could keep Joe Galdo in our thoughts and prayers and thank him and his family for his contributions to Fairfax County.

[00:04:06] With that, we'll recognize other board members, Vice Chairman Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On September 23rd, we lost Alvin Fuchsman. Al Folkman lived in Mason District for decades before he and his wife, Dottie, a few years ago moved to Green Spring Village in the Frank County District.

[00:04:29] Al was a police officer and law enforcement professor and administrator in Northern Virginia. He actually was 27 years on the Arlington County Police Department, although he lived in Fairfax County. He and his wife, Dottie, were among the founders of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia.

[00:04:51] And he was a remarkable fellow. I did not know him while he was a police officer. I met him after he had retired. A great fellow, very focused on community, both he and his wife.

[00:05:06] He died just a week before their 67th wedding anniversary. He was also known in retirement as a wonderful baker. He was known for his challah and his rugelah. And so please keep Al Fuchsman and his family, including Laura Adler, who is active at the Jewish Community Center on staff there.

[00:05:34] Please keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. Others who would like to be recognized? Anyone else who would like to be recognized? Seeing and hearing no one, if we could all rise for those who are able for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:05:59] 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.

[00:06:31] and this morning we have four presentations and for each presentation i will announce the proclamation and invite the speaker down to the podium in front of me we will then read the proclamation and after our speaker's remarks pose for a picture from the dais and first up we have a proclamation to designate october 8th through 14th 2023 as fire prevention week and our speaker today is william venoy deputy chief of the fairfax county fire and rescue department if if you could come on down and anyone who's here with you for this proclamation is welcome to join

[00:07:09] you at the podium as well. And I am going to turn the gavel over to Supervisor Gross for a moment so that I can read the final, the following proclamation. Whereas Fairfax County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those who live and visit our county, and whereas home fires caused more than 28 deaths, 2,800 deaths in the United States in 2021. And fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires last year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. And whereas cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States

[00:07:48] with two of every five home fires starting in the kitchen and 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking, and whereas more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when victims tried to fight the fires themselves, and whereas Fairfax County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries, teaching residents steps they can take to increase safety from fire, especially in their own homes, and whereas 2023 Fire Prevention Week's theme, Cooking Safety Starts With You, Pay Attention to Fire Prevention,

[00:08:27] effectively reminds us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County does hereby proclaim the week of October 8th through the 14th, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week in Fairfax County and urges all residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during fire prevention week and all year long.

[00:08:58] You've heard the motion, seconded by Supervisor Lusk. Is there discussion on the motion, Mr. Chairman? Very briefly, Madam Chair. We do this every year and, you know, every year we come up with a new theme and I think all of us learn something new every year. And I think the incidents this year of kitchen-related fires, the statistics there are surprising.

[00:09:19] and I think it's just a warning for all of us in the county of the role that we play to prevent the 9-1-1 call to begin with we know that in Fairfax County if you call 9-1-1 you're going to get the best public safety response in the country faster than anywhere else more professional than anywhere else but that doesn't mean that we want to have to make that call to begin with which puts everyone at risk and so whatever we can do to raise awareness in our communities about the risks of cooking and ways that people can prevent house fires from occurring in the first place and preventing the 911 call from happening in the first place,

[00:09:59] always the best recipe for success. And so I want to thank the dedicated men and women of the Fire and Rescue Department, all of our first responders, our 911 call center folks for the work that they do every single minute of every single day in Fairfax County.

[00:10:16] And as we raise awareness about Fire Prevention Week, call on residents in our community, businesses to do what they can to prevent the 911 call from occurring in the first place. And so thank you all for being here, and thank you for helping us raise awareness about this important time of year and, in particular, this important way that people can help you do your jobs.

[00:10:39] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Other discussion? I'm going to start with Supervisor Lusk and then go to Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chair. I will say to Deputy Reid, again, thank you for the work that you have been doing in our district as it relates to the manufactured housing units.

[00:11:00] So I think I mentioned last year that we were going to be developing a program to go out and put in some smoke detectors in a number of units in our community. We have two parks. Harmony has 91 units. In those 91 units, we were able to provide 150 smoke detectors a little more than three weeks ago.

[00:11:25] And then just on Saturday, just this past Saturday, we had support from many firefighters, the American Red Cross, CERT volunteers, and others to place 433 smoke detectors in Audubon.

[00:11:41] We have 700 units there. We're going to have to go back and do probably three more events But I just appreciate the importance and the recognition that this is going to make those communities safer So thank you for this recognition. Mr. Chairman and I also appreciate the work that our department is doing to protect our residents Supervisor Palachuk. Thank you, Mr. Gross. I just want to double the thanks I was happy to see this morning. My daughter's preschool will be focused on fire prevention week

[00:12:14] And so definitely starting young, but I also think about last holidays in one of my communities, an elderly couple in a Christmas tree that became a very treacherous moment. And so I know I and we appreciate the things we don't always think about, the prevention piece, whether it's cooking, whether it's celebrating the holidays as we come closer to that, or whether it's ensuring that everything we do, we think about the safety components.

[00:12:41] And so I want to thank you and the entire team that helps ensure from building new buildings, especially as we look at more high-rises in the Tysons area, that you ensure that they are safe, but also helping educate us and our community about those preventative measures as we cook or celebrate with our families.

[00:13:02] So thank you for what you do in helping ensure prevention across the board. Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Chair, and I would echo the thanks and appreciations of my colleagues.

[00:13:19] I just wanted to kind of provide the flip side of that, which is when that disaster occurs, we have some excellent resources that you all provide as well. In particular, I know the county has developed a post-disaster recovery process guide, which I know that people in my community have found very, very useful.

[00:13:36] And, you know, when tragedy strikes, you know, there's really like people aren't really sure what to do next. And I know you all start them in that process to do that. And sometimes that's as difficult as anything else is where do I go and how do I get going. And obviously the feelings that people have after a disaster like that are very emotional and very difficult to kind of work through.

[00:13:58] But those kinds of resources make a real difference. And I also wanted to mention that the Lorton Fire Station has an open house this Saturday from 10 to 4. So it's a good chance to come and meet some of the volunteer and regular career firefighters and learn more about prevention as well as how they serve the community.

[00:14:19] So, again, my thanks to all of you for your work on our behalf. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Certainly, Fire Prevention Week gives an opportunity for the community to come out and visit the fire

stations. and one of the favorite things I like to see is the children interacting with the both with the firefighters and also with the the games and gadgets that you provide so that they can sort of get up close and personal perhaps one of the most interesting ones is putting them behind the fire hose and see how powerful it actually is but it is an opportunity to get the kids involved if

[00:14:55] you can get the children involved they can learn those things and then bring them to the dinner table and so forth and remind mom and dad. But kitchen related fires, we tend to think as something being left on the stove too long. In my own neighborhood a few years ago, the house two doors down had a fire in the kitchen. What happened? The kitchen towel was left too close to the burner. And so when the burner was turned on, they weren't paying attention that the kitchen towel was right there and it caught on fire. It wasn't a huge fire.

[00:15:30] it was a pain i'm sure but it was not a huge fire it was all contained but it's you know things like the toaster the toaster oven the things that are not necessarily the the big kitchen equipment it's the smaller stuff that can also create a problem so paying attention to fire prevention is a is a really good slogan and i hope we will all get that out to the community and we won't we'd love to have you we'd love to have you respond to alarms but wouldn't it be nice if you just had to wait in the station and didn't get the alarm because we had done such a good job of educating the

[00:16:06] community about how they can prevent fires. With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed say nay. Any abstentions? That motion carries unanimously, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, and thank you to my colleagues. As I mentioned earlier, we have Deputy Chief Vinoy with us. Welcome. The floor is yours. Make sure this is on good morning first i'd like to thank all the staff that was able to join us this morning their tireless work their hard work is the cornerstone and the foundation of what we do

[00:16:42] for fire prevention at fairfax county fire prevention week is an annual campaign that's been a cornerstone of the community safety for nearly a century this year's theme cooking safety starts with you pay attention to fire prevention resonates deeply as emphasizes a personal responsibility in our homes the very heart of our communities fire prevention week prevent commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which was a devastating event.

[00:17:07] They claimed over 300 lives, 17,000 structures, and left more than 100,000 homeless. Out of the ashes of that tragedy rose a commitment to learning from our mistakes and fostering a culture of fire safety. Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed the week of October 9th each year, driving home the message that fire prevention is a first-line defense against the destructive power of fire.

[00:17:31] This year's theme emphasizes a critical aspect of fire safety, cooking. Kitchen is not just a place where we prepare meals. It's a place of communion, but more importantly, it's a potential fire hotspot for fire hazards. Unattended stovetops, faulty appliances, neglectful practices can turn a simple cooking activity into a dangerous situation.

[00:17:52] Cooking Safety Starts With You is a call to action, urging individuals to be vigilant and proactive in their kitchens, fostering a culture of mindfulness that extends beyond the confines of our homes. We must recognize that preventing fires is a shared responsibility.

[00:18:08] Government initiatives, community outreach programs, such as our Community Risk Reduction Program, and educational campaigns in our schools and communities play a pivotal role. But at

the core, it's the actions of individuals that make the difference. Each of us holds the power to prevent fires through simple yet effective measures.

[00:18:24] I'd like to encourage everybody to visit their local fire station this weekend, October 14th, where they can meet the local fire and EMS responders, see the apparatus and equipment, and learn more information related to these kitchen fire safety measures. In conclusion, Fire Prevention Week is just not a reminder of the past.

[00:18:41] It's a call to action for the present and a commitment to safeguarding our future. By embracing the theme of personal responsibility, we can create a safer environment for ourselves, our families, and our communities. I encourage us to unite in our efforts to ensure that every home is a stronghold of fire safety and that together we can prevent the devastating consequences of uncontrolled fire.

[00:19:00] Thank you. Thank you very much, Deputy Chief, and thank you all for joining us as well this morning to raise awareness. And I think we're ready for a photo. If you all could come forward and face the audience. Supervisor Lusk, if you want to join me for the photo.

[00:19:18] And next, we have a proclamation to designate September 15th to October 15th, 2023, as Hispanic Heritage Month.

[00:20:52] And this was requested by myself and Supervisor Palchik. Our speaker today is Claudia Almeida, Executive Communications Associate of EduFuturo. Please come on down, and anyone who's with you that would like to join you is welcome to come on down as well.

[00:21:10] Don't be shy. If you're here and would like to join, please come on down. And while folks are coming down and assembling, I am going to turn to Supervisor Palczyk for the proclamation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I will be reading this both in Spanish and in English, So as you're walking down, I'll go ahead and start with the Spanish version.

[00:21:58] of the independence of the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, as well as the independence of Mexico and Chile, the 16th and the 18th of September respectively. And considering that in Fairfax County, there are almost 200,000 Hispanic Americans, more than 16% of the population, whose inconmensurable contributions and unique historias deben celebrarse durante todo el año, pero especialmente durante el mes de la herencia hispana y considerando que los hispanoamericanos han desempeñado un papel

[00:22:37] de fundamental en la fortaleza y prosperidad de nuestro país y han formado y fortalecido el tejido de nuestra unión. Ahora, por lo tanto, se resuelve que la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Fairfax, en nombre de todos los residentes del Condado de Fairfax, proclama por la presente del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre de 2023 como mes de la herencia hispana en el condado de Fairfax e insta a todos los residentes a unirse para reconocer a los miembros de la comunidad hispanoamericana aquí y en los Estados Unidos sus destacadas

[00:23:16] contribuciones. So I will go ahead and read it in English. I think we can probably guess most of that language from our general proclamation language. Whereas September 15th through October 15th is celebrated throughout the United States as Hispanic Heritage Month, providing an opportunity to pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. And whereas September 15th is a significant day because it is the anniversary of

independence for Latin American countries, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

[00:23:54] In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their Independence Days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively. And whereas Fairfax County is home to nearly 200,000 Hispanic Americans, more than 16% of the county population, whose immeasurable contributions and unique stories should be celebrated throughout the year, but especially during Hispanic Heritage Month.

[00:24:18] And whereas Hispanic Americans have played a pivotal role in our country's strength and prosperity and have shaped and strengthened the fabric of our union. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County does hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Fairfax County and urges all residents to join in recognizing the members of the Hispanic American community here and throughout the United States for their outstanding contributions.

[00:24:53] You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that motion. Discussion, Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you, Chairman. First of all, I want to thank all of you and everyone involved in today's event. I especially want to thank not just those of you involved with the work every day, but I know that this year was the first year that we had an incredible event that was being organized by Carol and by Celebrate Fairfax, our first ever fall fiesta in order to honor Hispanic Heritage Month. And then the weather hit. And so everything was in place. And I want to

[00:25:31] thank the countless hours that were put forward by those of you involved in the organization of that historic event. We will definitely have a hurricane date next year. But I know that as someone who grew up here and for whom the celebration and the honoring of our Hispanic Latino community is, I think, important and critical to show not only that we are part of this community and 16% of this community, but that we are leaders, we are caregivers, we are business owners, and we are the future.

[00:26:07] and the children growing up in our schools feel not only that they belong, but that they have the opportunity to thrive and lead like every child in our community. So thank you, those of you who are involved, again, every single day. I know we have a few representatives from CASA, EduFuturo, NCS, and so many organizations across the county, and so many more who are with you here in spirit today.

[00:26:30] So I just want to thank you for your incredible work and dedication to this important moment. Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk. Anyone else who would like to share anything? Okay. Yeah, I was going to say, Supervisor Gross was right. We couldn't top that. But I do want to take a moment to also thank all of you who are here to celebrate this, but as Supervisor Palchuk said, all the work that was put in to the event.

[00:27:00] And it's not lost because even though we weren't able to have it, Mother Nature intervened, all the infrastructure is in place to make next year's event even better. And what was really important this year is that the county, with all of our support organizations, played an active role in creating an event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

[00:27:22] And we know that there are a lot of events across the county run by private groups, by nonprofits, by organizations, by communities, by businesses. But to be able to work together to put on one sponsored by, in part, by Fairfax County and NCS and a lot of the support agencies that are here was to be its first ever.

[00:27:45] And I think that's a remarkable achievement. Let's not weather dampen that for a moment because we'll be ready and raring to go next year. But I also want to broaden the conversation because, you know, when we talk about One Fairfax and we put that policy in place, we put it in place to not just celebrate our diversity, but to make sure that equity is in all the decisions that we make here in Fairfax County.

[00:28:13] And so many of you that are here before us today and so many who could not be here are making it a point to be involved in your community and county government and help us shape the policies that affect your communities in profound ways.

[00:28:28] And that was one of the things that was envisioned when that policy was put in place, was to empower people, all people, all walks of life, to be involved in the decisions that we make at the county level. And celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration not only of the contributions you make in our community, but a doubling down in Fairfax County of the importance of including all people in conversations that occur here and making sure that our policies reflect all the great diversity that exists in Fairfax County.

[00:29:01] And so certainly looking forward to next year. And I thank Supervisor Palchik for originally working on the concept of having a countywide event. And, you know, as I said earlier, we will be ready next year, bigger and better.

[00:29:17] So thank you all for being here. Mr. Chair, if I may add, I'm so glad you brought that up. We had some wonderful conversations this morning. And I just want to highlight, in addition to this celebration, we know we've come a long way in our county, but we know there's still so much work to be done to really ensure that that one Fairfax policy for all of our community members comes to life and is really what leads in our county and the work we do every day.

[00:29:42] And I know that everyone here at the dais today and in the community is working with us on that. And I just want to thank you. I know Casa and Edu Futuro and you and others have been at the forefront of that work and pushing and ensuring that we continue to improve the way we change our policies and adapt our policies and ensure that the actions meet those words of One Fairfax.

[00:30:04] So I just wanted to add that and thank you for bringing that up because this is a celebration, but we know there's so much more work ahead. Absolutely. Thank you. With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and claudia uh welcome the floor is yours thank you chairman good morning board members and everyone in the audience my name is claudia and i am communication associate at edu futuro today we are here to celebrate the hispanic

[00:30:41] heritage culture the culture that adds spice and flair to our beloved community the culture that celebrates over 20 countries and proudly represents over 10 dialects of the Spanish language. Fairfax County has a vast majority of Hispanic community members and has recognized our community through several initiatives, events, and programs. I am honored to be Hispanic. I have worked hard since coming to this country many years ago, and I have accomplished personal and professional career goals, and I still aspire to do more.

[00:31:20] The Futuro does great things, providing services for the Hispanic community. We are a nonprofit that caters empowerment students, engaging parents and workforce development, transforming

communities for those in need, supporting development while empowering Latino and other immigrant families through educational programs and leadership.

[00:31:44] As we all continue to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, I want you to remember that several countries that fought hard for their independence and are the reason we celebrate through the month of September 15 through October 15.

[00:32:00] Thank you. Thank you very much. Excellent comments. And again, thank you all for being here. I think we're ready for a photo. If you all could come forward and face the audience, and Supervisor Pacek will join me.

[00:33:40] And next, we have a proclamation to designate October 21st, 2023 as Volunteer Fest.

[00:34:04] And this was requested by myself. Our speaker today is John Blair, president of Volunteer Fairfax Board of Directors. If you could come on down and anyone who is here with you that would like to join you, of course, is welcome to come on down as well. And I am going to hand the gavel over to Supervisor Gross so that I can read the following proclamation.

[00:34:25] Whereas VolunteerFest seeks to bring together people of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, religions, and ethnicities to engage in service activities to support local nonprofits and government agencies. And whereas when we freely give our time, labor, and unique talents and service to others, we enrich the community we share.

[00:34:47] And whereas serving together alongside others in the community is an enriching experience that allows us to deepen our understanding of each other. And whereas through volunteering, we build our knowledge and understanding of the issues that affect our community and its residents. And whereas volunteer Fairfax, nonprofits and public agencies and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endeavor to promote and encourage participation in an annual day of service that celebrates and strengthens the spirit of volunteer service.

[00:35:17] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim Saturday, October 21, 2023, as Volunteer Fest 2023 in Fairfax County, and thanks all residents who observe this day by engaging in service that benefits our community.

[00:35:38] I'd be happy to second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion, Mr. Chairman? yes very briefly madam chairman we this is another one of those that we do every year but i think it's important not only to acknowledge this day of opportunity for so many people in our community to give back and was mentioned earlier our young people in fire prevention also to get our young people engaged in giving back to the community but we are so blessed here in this county to almost have volunteer fest every day in fairfax and there are so many things that

[00:36:11] are happening only because of volunteerism literally every day in this county that we thank our volunteers for. We see them everywhere, helping our county agencies, helping our nonprofits, helping our religious institutions, just building a sense of community engagement that makes this the strongest place in the country to live and the empathy that our residents have for each other and improving our community is just outstanding, something we can't celebrate

[00:36:44] enough. And so while this is to celebrate October 21st as Volunteer Fest 2023, we acknowledge we would not be anywhere near the community we are if we weren't doing this every single day of the year. And so I do want to thank Volunteer Fairfax for all of their work putting this event together, But, again, their work year-round to cultivate a spirit of volunteerism in Fairfax County.

[00:37:08] It makes a difference. And then, finally, I was recently at an event out in Dulles with a lot of nonprofits looking for ways to have businesses support our local nonprofits through volunteerism. And there were a number of companies that had staff and associates at this event learning about the nonprofits and volunteer opportunities in the county.

[00:37:33] as well in their community. And in talking with one of the CEOs, they were mentioning an important thing to me, which is that we're living in a time where recruiting workforce is tough. And they mentioned to me that giving their employees some days off every year to volunteer in the community is a recruitment tool, especially as our younger workers are looking to not necessarily have a conventional experience at the workplace but make a difference while doing that in their community and so this year in particular I would I would call on so many of our public

[00:38:11] I'm sorry private sector employers in Fairfax County to consider if you aren't already to dedicating several days a year to your employees to be able to have them get out and volunteer in the community because it's it's a smart corporate decision it's a great recruiting decision but more importantly employees and and so many businesses across the county want to give back to the community in ways that go beyond their normal job responsibilities and it is a great way to do that

[00:38:42] so thank you other comments I think we all share those those comments those remarks because we are all involved in volunteering in our various jurisdictions various magisterial districts Seeing and hearing no further discussion. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[00:39:03] Aye. Any opposed say nay. Any abstentions? That motion carries unanimously. Thank you. And I mentioned we have John Blair, president of Volunteer Fairfax, with us and would like to share some comments. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Good morning. I'm pleased to speak on behalf of Volunteer Fairfax this morning as the current president of the Board of Directors.

[00:39:21] On behalf of our entire team, I would like to take the opportunity to invite you to celebrate Volunteer Fest 2023. Two weekends from now, on Saturday, October 21, with Volunteer Fairfax and the individuals, families, and teens who are eager to make a difference in our community. Volunteer Fairfax has nearly 50 years of experience engaging with nonprofits and energizing the volunteer community to serve the citizens of Fairfax.

[00:39:45] We have built a strong relationship with the county government of Fairfax and appreciate the consistent support over decades from the Board of Supervisors. Volunteer Fairfax staff has designed VolunteerFest to address the needs in the community. A strong focus of this year's Volunteer Fest activities is on food collection and distribution.

[00:40:07] Nearly a quarter of Fairfax County residents face food insecurity. And in the last school year, 34% of our public school children qualified for the National School Lunch Program. Volunteer Fest 2023 will support food collection, packing and distribution efforts for Facets, Bright Paths, the United Methodist Church, Cornerstones and Recovery Program Solutions of Northern Virginia.

[00:40:30] In total, this year's Volunteer Fest will feature 28 unique programs, once again mobilizing hundreds of volunteers for projects that include supporting food drives, grounds cleanup and beautification at public schools and rec centers, as well as doing volunteer recruitment at events such as the Reston Halloween Family Fun Day and the Tour to Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride.

[00:40:54] There really is something for everyone who wants to volunteer in this county. This year also features several projects to support our county's park system with a number of fall cleanup and learning garden projects. In addition, we're excited this year to partner with John R. Lewis High School for a community art project designed by student leaders.

[00:41:11] I would like to thank our generous supporters presenting supporter AT&T and silver supporter M&T Bank. Thank you, Garrett McGuire, a long-term supporter from AT&T for supporting Volunteer Fairfax for a number of years, and Stephen Kerrion, a board member and part of the M&T Bank team.

[00:41:32] I would also like to take a moment to recognize all the Volunteer Fairfax staff who have worked so hard to put together the Volunteer Fest program and who work diligently with a wide range of partners on a variety of programs that have real impact on the Fairfax County community throughout the year. Leading all these efforts is our new CEO, Jennifer Williamson, to my left here, who is with us here today and joined Volunteer Fairfax this past summer.

[00:41:56] Please accept our heartfelt thanks to each of you and your dedicated staff members for the support and encouragement you've always shown Volunteer Fairfax. We appreciate your steadfast leadership, hard work, and commitment to Fairfax County, its residents, and the services that help make it a great place to call home.

[00:42:11] Thank you. Thank you very much, John, and thank you and the board of directors, as well as the staff, for what you do each and every day. And I know a lot of us look forward to joining you out for events across the county for Volunteer Fest.

[00:42:29] And always just a great outpouring of support from the community wouldn't happen without you all. So thank you very much. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if you all could come forward and face the audience.

[00:42:42] And finally, we have a proclamation to designate October 2023 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

[00:43:57] And this was requested by myself and Supervisor Alcorn. Our speaker today is Michael Dent, Chief Information Security Officer here in Fairfax County. If you could come on down and anyone who is here with you, please join you as well. And while you are coming down, I am going to turn the microphone over to Supervisor Alcorn.

[00:44:17] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Welcome, Mike and team. Whereas Fairfax County recognizes the important role of technology in our daily lives and in the future of our country, commonwealth, and country, our county, excuse me, commonwealth and country, and whereas Fairfax County has made significant investments in technology to provide effective services to residents, including to support the critical technology infrastructure needed to conduct business efficiently and effectively while minimizing risk to the county's data and IT assets, whereas cyber attacks will continue to

[00:44:52] increase, so care and attention must be taken to safeguard financial, telecommunication, health care, emergency response, and other essential infrastructures that are increasingly remote and dependent on information technology systems, and whereas maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us plays a critical role, and whereas monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and

[00:45:29] firewalls, and using mobile secure devices safely are ways everyone can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby proclaim October 2023 as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Fairfax County and urges all residents to take steps to protect themselves and their information.

[00:45:58] I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Lusk, maybe others. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Mike, great to see you and the whole team here. I think the proclamation really says it all, but there are a couple things that come to mind first of all last week we had our a couple of meetings and discussions about digital equity and how important it is to expand uh broadband and not just uh accessible but affordable and and you know we we really are making a push to make sure that everybody has the

[00:46:35] opportunity to participate in the digital economy uh because it's kind of been a slow burn but we're We're getting to that point where, you know, you really can't live without it fully. And it has become really another utility, like water, as the chairman said, and electricity and other things.

[00:46:56] But as we go down that path, being aware of the risks that come with it, and I think this proclamation does a good job of highlighting that and the role that we all have and the responsibility we all have in making sure that we're all safe. And I think we are going to see more discussion, more focus, particularly on some of our more vulnerable residents and who are often the target of at least some types of cybersecurity issues and attacks.

[00:47:26] So anyway, thank you very much for your leadership. I know you're well known, well beyond Fairfax County. And thank you also to the team and what everybody does to help us keep help keep us safe. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Faust, then Supervisor Gross.

[00:47:45] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank you. It's really amazing how reliable our IT is and how secure it is. And from my perspective, I really appreciate you do all that and you keep the end user in mind, it's obvious, because it's a very user-friendly system that is very, very safe.

[00:48:13] And so that, I'm sure, makes it much harder when you have to have people like me who need to use it. And, you know, you just do a great job of ensuring that we as a county can get our jobs done.

[00:48:31] And we're so dependent on you and just want to say thanks. Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Supervisor Gross. Thank you. It can be frustrating. It certainly can be frustrating because sometimes, why can't I find this?

[00:48:48] Why can't I get this? And the firewall has stopped something. You need a 16-year-old around to register gross like I have. Sometimes, yes, sometimes. But sometimes it's like, no, it shouldn't have come through. And we all take those little courses, those little online courses about security.

[00:49:04] And sometimes it seems like it's sort of silly for an educated person to have to take these little courses. but it's reminding us always that there's stuff out there. How many times have we all gotten letters about the disclosure of some personal information because of some system that we're in?

[00:49:24] So it does hit home for everybody. If you've ever looked at one of those maps of the world that will do an on-time look at where the attacks are coming, the cybersecurity attacks are coming.

[00:49:45] It's fascinating because it's constantly popping. But so much of it is coming right to the nation's capital. So because we are so close to the white-hot global center of politics, we are at additional risk.

[00:50:02] You know, folks in Wyoming may not be as much risk, But we are at risk, and it really is, it's constant. It's absolutely constant. Mike, you and I have seen those maps many times. And so that really brings home as to how much effort there is out there to compromise our cybersecurity.

[00:50:24] So I'm really pleased, Supervisor Alcorn, that you brought this up because everybody uses their devices. And it's so easy to slip and say, oh, this doesn't really matter. You know, I'm going to hit this one anyway. And if you've got a county device, it's going to tell you you can't do that.

[00:50:42] And that's a good thing. If you've got a personal device, there isn't anybody out there to tell you not to do it. So we really have to be careful among ourselves about what we're doing. But we do this. We designate Cybersecurity Awareness Month, I think, every year. But every year we hear of more and more opportunities.

[00:51:03] I think on the front page of the Washington Post this morning, there was an article about, you know, members of Congress being attacked by another government. So it's out there. It's out there all the time, 24-7, 365.

[00:51:18] Mike, thank you very much for what you do. You've educated me an awful lot about cybersecurity. I appreciate that. And to the entire team, we're really glad we can depend on you. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. And I, too, want to thank the entire team and thank Mike Dent on multiple, for multiple reasons, not the least of which is allowing his cell phone to ring during the board meeting earlier, which gives all of us IT challenge people hope that it could even happen to him.

[00:51:47] Wasn't mine. Wasn't mine. I was saving this. Hey, we got to make sure there's a light moment for these very serious people before us. But in all seriousness, we really do appreciate what you do.

[00:52:04] And as other supervisors have mentioned, you're known well beyond Fairfax County, certainly and National Association of Counties. I know you've given presentations there, been a part of panels, and really everywhere I go compliments from people about the first-rate IT department that we have in the county.

[00:52:25] And before us is a sampling of the staff who are behind the scenes, literally the things we take for granted, the things we do online, the transactions with the county that we do, where we don't think about the army of people behind the screen, literally, that are protecting the interests of the county, its citizens, its customers in a myriad of different ways.

[00:52:49] And certainly we talk a lot about, you know, pre-COVID, post-COVID, and certainly what we were able to do during the peak of the pandemic. There are a few agencies in this county that were tested more than our IT support staff, just changing platforms, setting up new platforms, and so many more people in the county transacting business through the county, through the webpage, and through portals.

[00:53:16] And I think, you know, we've seen an explosion of that, and that's not going to change, which I know makes your job a lot harder, but makes our citizens' ability to get involved in county government and do transactions a lot easier. And so this has probably never been more important than now.

[00:53:32] And as others have said, you know, we rely on all of you to protect all of our interests, but we need residents' help and help of county employees as well to protect the integrity of the system. This is literally a team challenge in so many ways, but we've got the best in the business, and we thank you each and every day for that.

[00:53:53] With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and Mr. Dent, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, Supervisor Alcorn, Board of Supervisors and County Executive, I'm honored to accept this proclamation recognizing Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Fairfax County on behalf of Gregory Scott, the Director of Information Technology, the employees and citizens of Fairfax County.

[00:54:27] Your steadfast support and leadership have been instrumental in making our cybersecurity program a success. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my Deputy CISO and IT Security Program Director, Charlie Gore, and each member of this team standing behind me.

[00:54:45] DIT, and the employees whose dedication and hard work have been pivotal in ensuring the security of our digital infrastructure. Their unwavering commitment to our mission has been truly commendable. As we mark this occasion, I want to emphasize our collective commitment to the safety and security of our community's digital assets. With your support and the exceptional efforts of our cybersecurity staff, we will continue to strengthen our defenses, raise awareness, and protect the integrity of our digital operations.

[00:55:17] I take this opportunity to remind everyone of Security Awareness Day, which is October 13th, 2023. Please register for the sessions through EmployeeU, and this year's theme is Don't Get Spooked by Security Awareness.

[00:55:33] That's very fitting because it is October, and it's on Friday the 13th. Thank you for this proclamation, which serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to uphold cybersecurity standards. Together, we will navigate the evolving landscape of digital threats and safeguard the interests of our county government and its residents.

[00:55:54] With gratitude and determination, we remain vigilant to our mission. Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Dent. And again, thank all of you for being here, as well as all those folks who are not standing in front of us but are a part of this critical team this morning. We salute you as well.

[00:56:11] With that, I think we're ready for a photo. And Supervisor Alcorn, if you could join me, if you all could come forward and face the audience.

[00:57:27] And next up, we have a presentation of the Volunteer Fire Commission Update and Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards.

[00:58:07] And for this presentation, we have with us Sean Stokes, chair of the Volunteer Fire Commission, who will begin the presentation. Mr. Stokes, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. And good morning, Chairman McKay, members of the board, county executive.

[00:58:26] I am Sean Stokes, Chief of the Dunloring Volunteer Fire Department and Chairman of the Volunteer Fire Commission. The Volunteer Fire Commission, along with our volunteer members, Assistant Chief Reed, and staff are here today to provide a short update on the volunteer system and honor our 2022 Volunteer Award winners.

[00:58:43] Today, we continue to support the Fire and Rescue Department and serve the residents and visitors of Fairfax County collaboratively. I have the opportunity to work with volunteer and combination fire departments around the country, and I can attest that the system we have here is one that we can be proud of.

[00:58:59] That is a direct result of the leadership of Chief Butler and the Fire and Rescue Department, the hard work of our volunteers, and the support of our elected officials, you. I want to say thank you for the support of the board, especially Supervisor Gross, along with the County Executive's Office, for your assistance in addressing our concerns about vehicle maintenance that we mentioned last year.

[00:59:19] We've seen improvement in the information shared and the interaction on new vehicle delivery that has been a positive for the entire system. On the operational front, we continue to support fire and rescue with additional resources in the form of personnel, upstaffing frontline units, serving as minimum staffing when needed to keep units in service, and providing additional units in capacity to the system.

[00:59:41] Additionally, we provide resources for public standbys, staffing for support units like the rehab, and along with our partners in CERT, provide all canteen services to the fire and rescue department. Last year, I noted on the personnel front, our numbers had decreased as some members left during the pandemic, and many volunteer companies saw lower recruitment.

[01:00:00] Because of a FEMA grant that the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association was awarded, we've been able to reverse that trend through recruiting efforts, including social and other media, including video ads like the one that we'd like to show you right now. From Great Falls to Alexandria, Bailey's Crossroads to Centerville, hundreds of your neighbors are giving back every day by providing volunteer firefighter, emergency medical, and administrative support services in Fairfax County.

[01:00:29] Now is the time. Make the commitment to learn, to serve, to lead. We are the volunteers with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue. Join one of our 12 volunteer departments and make a difference in your community today. Visit us at joinfairfaxfire.org.

[01:00:45] That's joinfairfaxfire.org. While a simple and short piece, it has been very effective in getting interest back into the system. Additionally, we also know that retention is key. The support of the board for our LOSEP program has been a tremendous help, as is better preparing our upcoming leadership.

[01:01:03] To that end, we are using grant funds, developing a leadership development program that focuses on volunteers in a way that has not been done before. We will be piloting that program twice in the coming months and expect it to become a benchmark for the National Fire Service, yet again Fairfax County leading the way.

[01:01:21] Our continued partnership on apparatus facilities and personnel is unique and one that we can be proud of, one with both successes and challenges. One example of a success is multiple volunteer departments over the last year have been awarded grants to purchase EMS equipment to either replace frontline equipment that is expiring or adding additional equipment to the system that the current budget does not support.

[01:01:43] As more and more departments do this, we continue to partner to put this equipment into the system to help the community. At the same time, the challenging financial environment when it comes to apparatus that we've talked about in the past, along with the need for long-term planning for facilities, gives us concern about the future of our partnership with you.

[01:02:02] Without us working together to modernize our partnership with a plan to the future, we have a potential risk of harming that long-term partnership. To help address this, we are working with Chief Butler, developing a strategic plan for the volunteer system that will complement the fire and rescue strategic plan that came out recently.

[01:02:20] Working through this process will give us a roadmap on how to adjust the financial and personnel partnership to ensure success into the future, with our hope that we can start that process in the fiscal year of 2026. We are committed to continuing the partnership and appreciate your continued support.

[01:02:37] With a group of committed and dedicated volunteers that serve you and the community, combined with proactive leadership from Chief Butler and his staff, we are in a good position to continue to do great things into the future. Before we move on to the awards, Mr. Chairman, are there any questions? Any questions?

[01:02:53] Supervisor Herdy. Yeah, if you could just share your remarks with the board. Absolutely. Thank you. Any other questions? Before we move on to the awards, I just want to thank you for the report and the good, excellent work that all of our volunteers do.

[01:03:09] And certainly happy we moved the needle on some of those areas, but fully commit to continue to work with you closely. And we're aware of the challenges ahead and look forward to collaborating on those. So thank you for your presentation. Thank you, sir. We really appreciate it.

[01:03:24] Hold on one second. Supervisor Gross. I thought the video ad was quite good. And I was especially impressed with the ability of whomever was doing it to back that apparatus into Station 17. That is hard to do. The apparatus is getting bigger, the mirrors are getting wider, and that was, I don't know how many takes they needed to do, but it was nicely done.

[01:03:47] I feel confident in saying probably just one. Yeah, I think it probably happens a lot of times in one day, right? It does. A lot of practice. Thank you, Supervisor Gross, and thank you, Mr. Stokes. Thank you, sir. Well, with that, then let's meet some of our outstanding volunteers as we recognize them for their exemplary service to the county.

[01:04:05] Mr. Chairman, would you join Chief Reed and I up front, please? Good morning. I'm Dana Powers, the Assistant Volunteer Liaison for Fire and Rescue. I'm here to present the 2022 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards.

[01:04:23] To the honorees, please come forward when your name is called. The first presentation is to the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Matthew Brunini, of the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Matthew joined the department in 2018 and graduated from fire school in March of 2020.

[01:04:39] Instead of fading away during the pandemic, he continued to serve and enhance his skills. Seeking guidance and more riding time, he integrated himself with C-Shift at his station and started riding

with the career staff. He gained the respect of the rank and file as well as the battalion leadership and stepped up to provide minimum staffing for Engine 421.

[01:04:59] Mack took his passion for public service a step further and commissioned to the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and spent five weeks in training there. During this time, he continued his commitment to volunteering with the county as an engine driver and completing his advanced EMT process.

[01:05:17] Firefighter Brunini has shown passion, dedication, and perseverance in attaining his goals, and we honor him here today as Firefighter of the Year. Congratulations, Matt. The Volunteer Operational Officer of the Year is Jamie Gillespie of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

[01:05:38] Firefighter Gillespie is incomparable in her leadership, dedication, and service. Having served at VVFD since 2016, she is currently a member of the Board of Directors and serves as quartermaster, suppression lieutenant, ambulance officer, and driver, and is a new member of Virginia Task Force One.

[01:05:56] Jamie has dedicated nearly 10,000 hours of service since 2016 and is one of only six women who serve as volunteer firefighters in the county. She also assists with FRD's Girls Fire Academy and VVFD's Open House and Social Media. Jamie is a standout mentor and consistently works with new EMTs, training them to be BLS aides and drivers.

[01:06:18] She's a strong advocate for volunteers to integrate within the career staff. Firefighter Gillespie is a strong ambassador for the Combination System, and that's why she is Operational Officer of the Year. Congratulations, Jamie. The EMS provider of the year is Sebastian Herbel Scheimer of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

[01:06:41] Since joining the VVFD in July of 2021 as a junior member, Sebastian has shown an exemplary level of dedication. He began EMT school within a few months and never looked back, volunteering almost 2,200 hours since joining, with over 17 of those hours in field operations and training.

[01:06:59] He is an ambulance driver and began his firefighter training through the Volunteer Recruit School just last month. He has served as a mentor to other junior members and steps up to assist Fairfax County and Vienna community any way he can. Units responding to emergency conducting, hands-only CPR classes, and bringing the canteen unit to large incidents.

[01:07:21] Sebastian has a bright future with the combination system in Fairfax, and we're happy to present him with the EMS Provider of the Year. Congratulations. The BLS Provider of the Year is Kim Burns of the Dunloring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

[01:07:41] It should first be noted that Kim was nominated by three separate nominations for this award. Kim came to Dunloring in March of 2021 with her EMT card. Kim is a captain and pilot for United Airlines, and during COVID, when she wasn't flying, she decided to get her EMT license.

[01:07:57] Thirsty for practical knowledge, Kim dove right in and trained for 300 hours to learn a craft of being an EMT. She rides extensively on both ambulance and front-line medic and looks for every opportunity to grow. Considering her role as a captain for a commercial airline, it's not surprising that Kim has strong leadership skills, but the way she leads is extraordinary.

[01:08:18] The words calm, professional, kind, and patient were a common thread in her nominations. She is loved and respected by her entire department as well as her career set. On top of this, she encouraged her husband, Joe, to join up as well.

[01:08:34] He's also a United Airlines pilot. And together, they have remodeled major sections of the Dunloring Fire Department, the station, to include upgrading the women's facilities. Kim is an excellent medical provider, a caring, helpful teammate, and a sensitive leader, and an invaluable asset to the community.

[01:08:53] Thank you, Kim. The ALS Provider of the Year is Magdalena Bujaiska of the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department. Magda's service to the EMS community during 2022 was nothing short of extraordinary.

[01:09:12] She rode nearly 800 hours in completing her ALS internship and then continued riding as an ALS lead, demonstrating exceptional patient care, leadership, and clinical expertise. Magda took on the role of lead ALS provider, showcasing her capability to guide and mentor new EMTs.

[01:09:31] Magda fulfills her commitment to her ALS internship and her continued service as an ALS provider, even after starting a new job in New York City. Her commitment to the Franconi VFD and the residents of Fairfax County is unwavering. She embodies the qualities and spirit of a true EMS professional.

[01:09:49] Congratulations, Magda. The next awards recognize our administrative members who are a vital part of our success of our combined system. The first is Trina Herman of the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department, recipient of the 2022 Administrative Officer of the Year.

[01:10:11] Trina serves as president of the Springfield VFD, and her exceptional skills in financial management have played a vital role in maintaining post-COVID financial resources. Her prudent decision-making has helped the department achieve financial sustainability and significantly contributed towards the betterment of the organization's financial health.

[01:10:30] Moreover, Trina's commitment to fostering a friendly and conducive environment is worthy of recognition. She continually demonstrates a high level of integrity and professionalism in all her interactions, thus promoting a culture of mutual respect and teamwork. To enhance support of the career staff, Trina has initiated and managed an allocation of a dedicated budget line for their needs.

[01:10:53] This has allowed volunteer team members to work more closely with volunteer staff. Trina's dedication, work ethic, and sense of responsibility are an inspiration to others. Thank you, Trina. The Administrative Member of the Year is Char Silberstein of the Dunloring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department.

[01:11:17] Char was originally a very active CERT member and then transitioned over to Dunloring in 2016. She's dedicated over 6,800 hours in the past seven and a half years and is one of those members who toils in the background and makes things happen. She has taken on more and more roles over the years and is responsible for the Santa operations, managing all aspects of that program from Santa Tracker, which lets people know when Santa's coming to their neighborhood, as well as making sure the suits are ready to go and the crew has food to eat. Char has also served as a treasurer of DLVFD and has taken on the Fund Drive letter,

[01:11:56] and her efforts have contributed to a substantial increase in fundraising. She's also a regular at bingo, shows up early, stays late, and even works on days she is not assigned. Her outreach efforts include leading hands-only CPR, stop the bleed, and pet first aid classes to the public. Char is a great asset to the

combination system and deserving of this award as Administrative Member of the Year. Congratulations, Char. Each year, the commission likes to recognize an outstanding

[01:12:30] member of the Community Emergency Response Team, our CERT team. This recipient of the year is Wayne Vick of the Springfield Supervisory District. Wayne is a longtime resident of the Saratoga neighborhood and completed basic CERT training in 2018. Since then, he has been a tireless participant, committed to process improvement, an innovative director of training and a model instructor and mentor. Wayne has dedicated 2,300 hours of service to the county in the last five years, taking over as training division lead. Wayne designed an institute of many enhancements across CERT training, improving the training curriculum, the development of an

[01:13:09] advanced first aid class, and enhanced instructor delivery. Wayne has also been leading force in the CERT support group, which is an elite team recruited to assist the FRD with CERT's requirements such as canteen services and sheltering. Wayne is an exemplary asset to the CERT program and to Fairfax County. Well done, Wayne. The Fire Commission and the Fire Chief have chosen to present two special recognition awards the first of these is presented to captain william harrington of the fairfax

[01:13:44] county fire and rescue department while assigned to ems training at the fire and rescue academy captain billy harrington led the volunteer advanced life support internship program as program coordinator captain harrington implemented several improvements to streamline the internship process additionally he served as the lead instructor regularly staying late to lead evening workshops for the paramedic interns. During his tenure, Captain Harrington successfully guided several cohorts of volunteers through the rigorous internship process. We are pleased to recognize him here today for consistently being a cheerful and excellent teacher,

[01:14:24] a patient and calm mentor, and a tireless advocate for the ALS interns and the combination system as a whole. Thank you, Billy. So our last award, the second special recognition award is going to Harry Chalpan of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Harry has been a member of Burke since 2004 and served as an operational EMT up until August of this year. He's also served as a volunteer chaplain for the Fire and Rescue Department since 2010 and has been the lead of the Corps of Chaplains since 2012. While these are both

[01:15:04] worthy accomplishments and we thank him for his service, this is not why we recognize him today. When Harry retired from his real job, he agreed to come on to help at the Fire and Rescue Academy with volunteer training, admin, and records keeping. During this time, the volunteer training coordinator unexpectedly resigned and left us without a captain at the helm of our volunteer training division.

[01:15:25] Harry stepped up to fill the gap, and what it did was it changed his little part-time gig to a full-blown job. And as you know, the hiring process can be lengthy. But Harry hung on and kept us aloft and flying straight until we could hire a new coordinator.

[01:15:43] Harry is a tireless supporter of the combination system and has always been there for us when we need him. For this and nearly 20 years of service, we honor him here today.

[01:16:03] And that concludes the awards. We'll do a picture.

[01:17:16] Okay.

[01:17:47] I want to thank all of our volunteers from the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments. And, you know, Madam Chairman, I know we do this every year, but hearing the descriptions of what these folks have accomplished is just absolutely amazing.

[01:18:04] Really just people who are all in, and we can't thank you enough for that. So thank you very much. Making a lot of people today feel like underachievers, right? All right. With that, we're going to move on to board matters.

[01:18:19] And I have just one. am going to hand the gavel to vice chairman gross and i move without objection the proclamation requests listed in this document to be presented inside or outside of the boardroom as appropriate and those are proclamation to recognize october as filipino american history month a proclamation with supervisor stork to represent saint aden's episcopal church's 60th anniversary a proclamation in recognition of Stress Awareness Day, Anti-Bullying Awareness Week,

[01:18:55] a proclamation jointly with Supervisor Faust to recognize Transgender Awareness Week, Veterans Month in November, a proclamation to recognize the Army Historical Foundation for its 40th anniversary, and finally, a proclamation to recognize Neva Van Valkenburg and her late husband Max for their 40-plus years of support of Ronald McDonald House Charities, including the establishment of the Ronald McDonald House on the Inova Fairfax campus.

[01:19:22] And this is the updated list that you had circulated so that without objections, so ordered. Just wondering if you are going to accept the Stress Awareness Day proclamation for any member of this board. On behalf of all of us, on behalf of all of us, I will attempt to do that.

[01:19:40] Very good. Thank you, Vice Chairman Gross. And that is the only board matter I have. Next up is you, Vice Chairman Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And this is a board matter jointly with Supervisor Dalia Palchuk. The Providence Players of Fairfax is a community theater troupe that is in residence at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church.

[01:20:02] As an aside, it is still the Providence Players, but they're at James Lee Center, which is part of one of the precincts that was added to Mason District after the census. that's why we're doing this jointly. Providence was in Providence for a long time, now it's in Mason. Founded in 1998 by a group of parents involved in a local elementary school club, the Providence Players remain an all-volunteer non-profit theater company supported by hundreds of individual and corporate donors. Committed to the diverse community it serves, their community inclusion project is an outreach initiative designed to draw in new audiences from young

[01:20:39] and underserved populations through free and reduced price tickets and scholarships to college-bound students who are dedicated to theater arts. As a member of the Washington Area Theater Community Honors, or WATCH, the Providence Players have been nominated for more than 100 nominations for their production several times for Outstanding Play. They also have been honored by the British Players' Ruby Griffith Awards for All-Round Production Excellence, the organization's top honor, as well as Outstanding Achievement in a Play.

[01:21:09] I move that the Board of Supervisors commend the Providence Players of Fairfax Theater Company for their 25 years of providing community arts and invite them before the board for recognition with the attached resolution at the October 24, 2023 board meeting.

[01:21:25] Second. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded. Any further discussion on the motion? Mr. Chairman, the enthusiasm of the folks who are the organizers and the leaders of the Providence Players is really remarkable.

[01:21:41] It's always great fun to meet with them. And they have a lovely theater troupe in their home stage at the James Lee Center, which is the former auditorium of the original James Lee School. And I've attended some of their performances.

[01:21:59] They've actually got a new one coming up that is a, I believe it's the premiere, locally written. And it's just a, they do about four plays a year, and it's a wonderful community event. And I would hope that folks who are looking for an inexpensive theater opportunity, this is a great one because it's close to home.

[01:22:22] Thank you, Supervisor Gross. Let me just add briefly, I know they are the Providence Players, so no longer housed in Providence. Many of them do live in Providence, and as you are well aware, the theater was created by a partnership by both the Providence Players and former Providence Supervisor Jerry Connolly.

[01:22:45] They are all volunteers, and they do work with the high schools, provide scholarships, and just all around have been around for several decades bringing these excellent performances and I know are always looking to and dedicated to expanding their work with the community.

[01:23:02] So I know they're very excited that they now belong to two districts in a way and excited for increased partnerships there. So thank you so much, Vice Chair Gross. And Supervisor Palachuk, as you like to remind people, the origin of the word of the Providence District was actually the city of what is now the city of Fairfax, I guess, was originally named Providence.

[01:23:23] Years, I mean, it's an historical name, so it's not necessarily, you know, it's a county, it's a county group. Thank you very much. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[01:23:39] Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Gross. Mr. Chairman, I included in the packet a flyer for the grand opening of the Eileen Garnett Civic Space in Annandale, which is coming up on Saturday, the 21st of October, and activities begin at 10 a.m.

[01:23:59] It's still in construction, but it's looking really great, and we hope that, we'll hope for good weather. No, we'll hope for dry weather on the 21st, and look forward to seeing you there. I'm looking forward to it. Supervisor Gross, and there's a picture of people playing cornhole on this flyer.

[01:24:17] I hear Supervisor Walkinshaw is a pro. So we welcome the board's attendance. Supervisor Gross. Thank you. That's it, Mr. Chairman. All right. Next up is Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[01:24:33] No board matters. I did just want to just share a couple things and thank yous. I want to thank you and Supervisor Stork. for participating in our first annual climate action conference on September 30th. We had almost 200 people came, and the good news is a lot of them were not the usual suspects that come to environmental and climate-focused events.

[01:24:58] A lot of them were just ordinary folks who were interested in learning about how they could install solar or purchase an EV or save money through the incentives that are out there. So it was a big

success for our first event. want to thank my staff in the Braddock District Office, especially OEEC staff and Acting Director Morrill, Congressman Connolly, Michael Forrester from the Department of Energy, all of our partners for helping us make it a success. I also want to thank everyone who participated and contributed

[01:25:32] for our American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness walk last weekend. We raised more than two thousand dollars which is a record for for our team at least as far as i'm aware supervisor smith and lusk and alcorn and herity joined us special thanks to supervisor faust's aide camila who by far raised more money than anyone else on our team she dominated in the fundraising so thank you to her and the walk overall raised more than 150 000 so a big success and we're fortunate to be to be part of it thank you mr chairman thank you uh very much

[01:26:12] supervisor walkinshaw supervisor faust thank you mr chairman chairman my first board matter is a recognition of alan stevens mr chairman lewinsville retirement residence is a federally assisted non-profit community located in mclean its mission is to provide an environment to improve the lives of older adults while contributing to their continued independence for nearly 50 years LRR has offered independent living apartments and one meal a day to low-income older adults

[01:26:47] ages 62 and old. Since the establishment of the facility in 1975, Mr. Stevens has served on the LRR board of directors, including terms as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

[01:27:02] Throughout his 48-year tenure, Mr. Stevens has supported the mission of the organization with significant contributions of his time as well as financial support. Mr. Stevens is passionate about the provision of affordable housing.

[01:27:18] When the opportunity presented itself, Mr. Stevens advocated for the expansion of LRR and the addition of 18 affordable dwelling units. Today, LRR is home to 179 residents. Mr. Stevens has announced his retirement from the LRR board effective November 12, 2023.

[01:27:39] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to prepare a proclamation and recognition of Mr. Stevens' contributions to the Lewinsville Retirement Residence and greater Fairfax County communities over the past 48 years that will be presented at an event to be held in McLean on November 11, 2023.

[01:28:02] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, this board matter is a joint board matter with yourself and Supervisor Palczyk and Supervisor Elkhorn. It is regarding Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

[01:28:23] Mr. Chairman, as we approach Thanksgiving and other winter holidays, many families around Fairfax County and across the country will gather and celebrate with their loved ones. Unfortunately, there are those who will not be able to share the pleasures of this joyful season due to the realities of food insecurity and homelessness.

[01:28:42] To raise awareness about the pressing issues of hunger and homelessness, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger each year designate the week prior to Thanksgiving as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

[01:28:59] In Fairfax County, we are very grateful for our relative prosperity. However, we know that despite that prosperity and significant efforts by the county and numerous nonprofits and faith-based

organizations, many county residents do not have adequate food resources.

[01:29:17] Since 2011, Feeding America, the largest hunger relief organization in the United States, has produced estimates of local food insecurity to improve understanding of people and places facing hunger and to help make informed decisions that will ensure equitable access to nutritious food for all.

[01:29:37] With respect to Fairfax County, their Map the Meal Gap report estimated that in 2021, over 60,000 people in the county were facing food insecurity. Similarly, we also know that Fairfax County has not avoided the many humanitarian challenges caused by homelessness.

[01:29:59] Every year, the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness partners with several nonprofits to conduct a point-in-time count of individuals experiencing homelessness throughout the county. This January, the count showed a 10% increase in the overall number of people experiencing homelessness.

[01:30:18] An extremely distressing finding of that was that the count showed that the number of people and families with children experiencing homelessness increased by 33%. Helping community members who are most in need of food and housing assistance requires a comprehensive and compassionate approach that includes collaboration between government agencies, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations, and individual community members.

[01:30:45] We are fortunate to live in a county that cares. The more we are aware of the challenges of food insecurity and homelessness, the more likely we are to come together to address how we solve those challenges. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to prepare a proclamation recognizing the week of November 11th and November 18th as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Fairfax County to be presented at our board meeting on October 24th.

[01:31:15] We further move that county staff and community members who work to address the challenges of hunger and homelessness in Fairfax County be invited to attend the presentation. Finally, we move that the Office of Public Affairs be directed to publicize the week of November 11th to November 18th as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Fairfax County. So moved.

[01:31:38] 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. Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's my final board matter. It's a joint board matter with Supervisor Smith, Community Revitalization Murals Program. Mr. Chairman, the Board of Supervisors has recognized the importance of placemaking to advance the economic competitiveness and vitality of our county, especially our commercial districts. Placemaking is about creating environments

[01:32:13] where people can thrive, where people want to be, and where businesses want to locate and grow. Our countywide strategic plan prioritizes placemaking and recognizes the need to create great people places that convey a sense of community identity.

[01:32:31] As staff has demonstrated through presentations and discussions in meetings of our Economic Initiatives Committee, murals can be a key component of placemaking, especially when they engage with the community to celebrate the unique assets, history, and or character of an area.

[01:32:47] The Community Revitalization Section of the Department of Planning and Development has researched best practices for public mural programs and has developed a pilot murals program for the

county's commercial revitalization districts and areas.

[01:33:02] The pilot program was presented to the Board of Supervisors at our Economic Initiatives Committee meeting on September 26, 2023. As presented, CRS staff would administer the pilot program and work with community stakeholders to identify appropriate locations and themes for murals in their areas.

[01:33:23] CRS staff would also develop a database of local and regional muralists to call upon to develop and implement mural designs prioritizing local muralists, including student artists in local schools and colleges. As experience is gained from this program, lessons learned can be shared for possible application to other parts of Fairfax County.

[01:33:46] While the board initially discussed making an investment from the economic reserve account to fund the pilot program, staff has identified existing funding in the revitalization initiatives project in fund 310, that's 30010, general construction and contributions that could be utilized to support the estimated $300,000 cost of the pilot program.

[01:34:13] Therefore, Ms. Chairman, we move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to commence the pilot community revitalization murals program during FY 2024, utilizing existing funding in Fund 30010, General Construction and Contributions. So moved.

[01:34:33] Second. For the motion, it's been multiply seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Mr. Chairman. Let me start with Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Certainly, I support this effort, but would ask for a little additional information, perhaps in a memo from the county executive about what is remaining in the General Construction and Contributions Fund 30010, just to make sure.

[01:35:06] $300,000 is a considerable amount of money, and I want to make sure that we are recognizing what other things are in that particular, earmarked in that particular fund request for information that's all come back to the board other discussions supervisor poucher um i just want to thank the staff and thank um supervisors faust and smith for bringing this forward i i know we've had many conversations and i actually appreciate both um the feedback was received on engaging the community earlier in the process and ensuring that we are being doing the outreach and engagement

[01:35:45] and bringing the community forward rather than just pushing it out and number two i actually appreciate that this pilot will begin with existing funds as we look at how it works how we move forward how quickly it's able to move forward and that i hope that as we go through this evaluate and see if there are needs both for county or for external funding for these community assets so looking forward to seeing the pilot be successful across the county thank you supervisor palchick and i too support this i appreciate all the work that staff did

[01:36:22] bringing forward the presentation and i know the feedback that the board provided at the at that meeting will attempt to be you know folded in to this but it's important to get this pilot going so that we can hear some lessons learned and improve the program over time i will just stress to our staff working on this the importance of keeping this simple as we talked about in the meeting as you know if it's if it's too difficult to process for people to go through we're going to get less interest in it and so keeping this as simple as possible while making sure we're protecting the county's interest and and making wise investments will be critical to to the success of the pilot

[01:37:01] but definitely support this with that all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries 10 to 0 supervisor faust thank you mr chairman i have no other board matters thank you very much supervisor faust supervisor lusk thank you mr chairman my first board matter every year the boys and girls club of america selects a teen for its national youth of the year award thousands of boys and girls club teens participate in local

[01:37:37] state and regional youth of the year events to help determine the winner. Ultimately six teens including five regional winners and a national military youth winner advanced to the national youth of the year celebration. I am so very pleased to announce that one of our very own Fairfax County residents Abigail Akia from the Boys and Girls Marygate Club won the opportunity to represent teens from the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington Commonwealth of Virginia and the southeast region of Boys and Girls Club of America, which enabled her to compete as one of

[01:38:13] the six finalists at the National Youth of the Year celebration. While she did not win first place, Abigail is truly an exceptional youth leader in our community. Abigail has been a part of the Marygate Boys and Girls Club since she was in kindergarten. In Abigail's own words, the club introduced us to a world that most kids can only imagine and gave us opportunities that we read about in books. As a daughter of first-generation immigrants from Ghana, the Boys and Girls Club staff taught Abigail to appreciate her heritage and individuality. The appreciation sparked a

[01:38:51] passion for inclusivity in Abigail, and she started West Potomac Club, excuse me, West Potomac Change, a club that promotes inclusivity and diversity amongst faculty and students at West Potomac High School. Abigail also served as her boys and girls keystone president and represented her club as an ambassador with their inaugural cohort of the President's Circle. Abigail is an advocate for her peers, impacting others as a team mentor, speaker, and volunteer. In the future, Abigail would like to go into business and use her expertise and resources to help build and

[01:39:31] support clubs so they can continue to be places that change lives. I would like to share a powerful quote from Abigail. True change starts with investment in today's youth. These investments will create stronger, inclusive communities that also are innovative and ready to change the world for the better. Mr. Chairman, in recognition of Abigail's outstanding accomplishment as a finalist in the Boys and Girls Club of America's National Youth of the Year Award Ceremony and also to acknowledge her commitment to creating inclusive communities, I move that the board

[01:40:09] prepare a proclamation to be prepared and presented to her an upcoming meeting of the Board of Supervisors. So move, Mr. Chairman. You've heard the motion and the second. Let me ask Mr. Castrilli, had you coordinated a date with OPA for this?

[01:40:25] No. Tony Castrulli, Director of Public Affairs. I don't believe so, but we can work together on a plan moving forward. Okay. All right. Any further discussion? Mr. Chairman. Yes, Supervisor Gross. Mr. Chairman, I was at the Colmore Broys and Girls Clubs event for the Cox Communications presentation of their $20,000 check last week.

[01:40:47] And this was one of the things that was being discussed was that Abigail was going to be competing. They were very excited. The last time someone from Fairfax County got to that level, it was, I believe his name was Henry Lopez.

[01:41:03] I met him several years ago. He was from the Colmore Boys and Girls Club. So they were all very excited that a local kid had made that kind of commitment to move up. And they were very excited about what was going to happen in Atlanta.

[01:41:19] So thank you for bringing forward. These are wonderful programs, and they are sometimes not as well-known, and they are doing such great work with these kids. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross.

[01:41:35] And given how long Abigail's been there, I might have met her the day we brought free Wi-Fi to Murray Gate. Literally, I'm sure, because there was a ton of people there that day, and we recognize Cox for bringing free Wi-Fi service into Murray Gate, specifically into the Boys and Girls Club.

[01:41:55] Okay, with all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My second board matter, in the Francomia District, we're very fortunate to have many faith communities, including Calvary Road Baptist Church, also known as CRBC, When Pastor David Rodenheiser and his wife, Linda, first arrived in Northern Virginia over 46 years ago, they started a church called the New Life Baptist Church.

[01:42:25] His newly founded church met at the old Mount Vernon High School located on Richmond Highway. In 1979, New Life Baptist Church merged with Calvary Road Baptist Church, and Pastor Dave has been the senior pastor of the church ever since.

[01:42:43] He and his wife, Linda, have five children and 15 grandchildren and live in the Franconia District just down the street from their church. As Pastor Dave has focused on outreach to the community, Calvary Road has held a semi-annual children's consignment sale for 23 years where approximately 2,000 people attend annually.

[01:43:05] 30% of the sales go to charity donations, and they have donated close to $500,000 to charitable organizations in those 23 years. Calvary Roads Baptist Church donates many of the unsold items to organizations like Koinonia, Salvation Army, the Goodwill, and donates a large portion of their charitable funds and needed baby care items to the crisis pregnancies centers.

[01:43:30] The church has expanded under Pastor Dave Rodenheiser's leadership. They have bought and purchased surrounding property over the years to increase the size and the footprint of the church to where it is today. Prior to COVID-19, they welcomed nearly 1,000 members each Sunday with three different services throughout the day.

[01:43:49] Now they average 300 to 400 members of that congregation each Sunday. The church also runs Calvary Road Christian School, which has now been in operation for over 40 years. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I move that a proclamation be prepared to acknowledge Pastor Dave Rodenheiser and Calvary Road Baptist Church's commitment to serving others and our community to be presented at their 45th anniversary event, which is in June of 2024.

[01:44:19] I look forward to celebrating their immense impact on our community at that celebration in June. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So moved. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. And I know the board matter says 2023, but we're meaning 2024. i'm also happy to second that i've known david for 25 years and so looking forward to honoring him this is remarkable uh the tenure here this is really unusual uh to be in a position as long as he has been in a thriving uh church and mr chairman if i could just also note that uh just

[01:44:52] for full disclosure my daughters attended preschool at calvary road uh christian school so all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries Supervisor Lusk. Those are my two matters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Supervisor Alcorn.

[01:45:13] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one board matter today regarding the Reston Community Center preference poll. So the Reston Community Center has completed the annual preference poll election for its Board of Governors. The following individuals were elected to serve three-year terms on the Ruston Community Center Board of Governors, Paul Barry, William Penniman, and Vicki Wingert. All three candidates have actively served the community for several years. Penniman and Wingert are actually incumbents. So therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would move that the Board of Supervisors appoint Paul Barry, William Penniman, Vicki Wingert to serve on the Ruston Community

[01:45:50] Center's Board of Governors in time to be seated at the next Board of Governors meeting on November 6, 2023. Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[01:46:06] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Alcorn. That is all. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have just several verbal matters and one written that I passed out a little bit earlier. The first is I want to recognize somebody very important to all of us who's been deeply involved in our regional and area governments and state governments, governmental entities, and that is our Vice

[01:46:39] Chair Penny Gross. And I had the honor and the pleasure this past Friday of really acknowledging on behalf of the Chairman and really all of us her work for 21 years, 21 years with the Potomac Watershed Roundtable. This is a group that frankly has focused very long and hard to educate and bring together the counties and jurisdictions that are along the Potomac, particularly in Virginia, and had a lot of soil and water conservation, but also county officials that

[01:47:14] were part of that. Penny has led this, chaired this group for 21 years, which is a huge commitment, quarterly commitment on her part, and Cooley on our part, the benefits are long-lasting and deeply tied into, frankly, the progress that we've made in cleaning up Chesapeake Bay.

[01:47:32] We all recognize we have a long way to go, but we know that that's a key part of it is that we keep working and educating and hopefully developing people's awareness. It was held at the Fairfax Water Facility, which is a beautiful area and facility, and there were tours afterward to kind to connect all that together. So again, my thanks to Penny and all of her work on all of our, Supervisor Gross on all of our behalf. Thank you. Thank you. If I may, I want to make a pitch

[01:48:04] to my colleagues for work on the regional, state, and national levels. It's not just about the work we do it's also the ability to put fairfax county on you know at right at the top um the work that is done the the investments that we make the resources that we bring to all of these groups is really really important yes it does take some extra time but i think that for me certainly it

[01:48:41] has been extremely satisfying, but it's also broadened my perspective. If we only talk to people who think the way we do, or the only people in Fairfax County, or even only people in the capital region, we don't learn about the perspectives of everybody else in this nation.

[01:49:00] And really, we can find that there is a great deal of commonality, but you have to listen. You have to be in the room. And so I want to, Dan, thank you very much for your comments. It was a complete

surprise on Friday that what was being done there. But I really want to encourage my colleagues and anyone else who joins this board to look beyond your own districts and to remember that we represent Fairfax County and that we have the opportunities to really bring that to the fore.

[01:49:39] So spend the extra time, broaden your perspective, and you don't have to do it for 21 years or 28 years or whatever, but it really does help all of us, I think, understand the issues.

[01:49:56] Many of them that we share may be on a different scale, but you really don't be insular. don't just be in your own districts you know take it out of the room go out there and and and make sure that folks understand what we're doing in fairfax county and then bring all those other things back to fairfax county so thank you for the opportunity to do a psa here i i i thank you for your long service and so many i mean if this were the only one we could say wow this is pretty impressive but there's a whole bunch more of these and and i think i i look at supervisor

[01:50:32] who's very involved with COG and sees your work there and the chairman and the work at VACO. And, I mean, again, there's so many different areas that, and hopefully we'll all continue to acknowledge. But we also know that some of us are going to, if we're fortunate enough in November, we're going to have to step up and do more than what we've been doing because it is important to our region and to the state.

[01:50:54] Thank you. And speaking of really people that have been very involved in partnerships, The Black Women United for Action and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association on Saturday honored the 40th anniversary of the first slave memorial, the former slave memorial at Mount Vernon.

[01:51:12] And there had been a lot of recognition and, frankly, a lot of effort over the decades to identify the graves and locations of where former slaves of Mount Vernon Estate were buried. And they've made a lot of progress. There was some speaking about that.

[01:51:28] But particularly Sheila Coates, who's been very involved in the wreath-laying ceremony and the design that worked at Howard University did 40 years ago. Again, it's another acknowledgement, understanding that it takes a community to recognize, frankly, the history that always needs to be recognized about where we came from.

[01:51:47] And it wasn't always pretty, but hopefully we're all continuing to move in the right direction to honor the folks who've given their lives and given their experiences to doing just that. I also have an item that it's a joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Herity and myself.

[01:52:06] Please join us for the greatly anticipated opening of the new Lorton Police Station and Fairfax County Animal Shelter Lorton Campus on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. After 10 o'clock, a community celebration, after a 10 o'clock ribbon cutting and remarks, community celebration with games animal adoptions especially that refreshments will follow this new co-located state-of-the-art 54 000 square foot facility will serve the growing population of southern fairfax county providing shorter distances for to drive for police officers responding to

[01:52:44] calls strengthen our community policing model absolutely and offer rabies clinics pet adoptions spay and neuter services, wildlife education, and a volunteer program. This will be the ninth police station located in Fairfax County and the newest to open in 20 years. It is also the last major capital investment that was envisioned by the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Citizens Task Force in the mid-2000s to complete the Lorton community and meet the public safety needs in southern Fairfax County. Therefore,

Mr. Chairman, we ask with unanimous consent that the Board direct the Office of Public Affairs to publicize the ribbon-cutting open house and tour of the new

[01:53:23] Lorton District Police Station and Fairfax County Animal Shelter Lorton Campus. And without objection, that is so ordered, and I know a lot of us are looking forward to being there, but it is a beautiful facility, too, and so I know we'll have an opportunity at the opening to thank a lot of people, but our facilities folks and people in DPWS and the folks who work behind the scenes on on the design of this this is our first combined animal services police station uh in one location and it is a remarkable uh physical uh facility um as much as it is important

[01:54:02] uh to to serving uh the community and so looking forward to a great celebration that day and something that has been in the works uh for such a long time and and that you uh supervisor stork I know have worked hard to get us to this point, and so I'm looking forward to that day.

[01:54:18] And I think the best part is if you've never been inside an animal shelter, you can do that. You can get a tour. You can see what it's really like, and this will be really one of the few opportunities you'll have to do that, as well as to go inside a police station and see how they're set up and see where the different components that really make us the safest jurisdiction of our size and country because it's not just the police officers on the beat, which is important, but it's the back-end detectives and others who are really solving and cracking these cases and catching the bad guys and making sure they're not out in our community.

[01:54:52] And I wanted a special thanks to Tony Castrilli and Stacey Northrup on his team for their helping to put this event together, and really their ongoing support for this and so many other things. So, Tony and your staff, thank you very much. And last but definitely not least, this Friday, this Saturday, if you have interest in doing something, we are celebrating, if you believe it, a one-year anniversary of the Lorton Community Center Library and Park.

[01:55:22] And it will be a great event. We're going to have, I'm sure, a minimum of several hundred people. We've had, a few weeks ago, we had 1,500 people there. On the opening itself, we had probably 600 folks. So this is the flyer. It's a fall fest.

[01:55:38] And with that, we will be celebrating once again this amazing facility where you can enjoy food, music, games, and more. And frankly, come out and connect with the rest of your community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Stork.

[01:55:53] It is hard to believe it's been a year how many times we've been there for really important community events. It shows you, you know, the tremendous value of having that in the community. A year goes by quick. All right. Next up is Supervisor Palchik.

[01:56:10] No board matters. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Palchik. Supervisor Herity. For some reason, my mic, is that on now? It is. My red light's on. It sounds, yeah, it sounds a little different.

[01:56:27] All right, anyway, November is National Family Caregivers Month. Many of our older adults have faced unusually difficult times over the last three years because of the pandemic, adding to the care they regularly need. It is important to recognize and honor the dedicated contributions of family caregivers and encourage support and gratitude for all the care they provide.

[01:56:49] With the older adult population growing in Fairfax County and Virginia as a whole, caregivers are essential for our community and make up one in five persons in Virginia. Family caregivers selfishly care for older adults and adults with disabilities by providing physical and emotional support as well as financial and medical assistance.

[01:57:09] In addition, family caregivers prevent early institutionalization of loved ones, promote aging in place, and provide compassionate care without being paid. The monetary value of family caregiving is estimated at over $11.7 billion in Virginia alone.

[01:57:29] Given the complexity of the roles and responsibilities of family caregiving, caregivers are at an increased risk for adverse effects on their physical, mental, and emotional well-being. This year's Caregiver Awareness Month theme is hashtag caregivers connect to highlight the importance of connections as a way to get information about loved ones, a loved one's disease or condition, share experiences, get support or form a closer bond with a loved one.

[01:57:57] Fairfax County Department of Family Services Adult and Aging Division provides support to family caregivers, including caregiver webinars, caregiver telephone support calls, caregiver consultations, care management, in-home respite, and bathing services, text and email alerts, and an Aging Disability and Caregivers resources line.

[01:58:18] With the exacerbated needs and challenges for both older adults and caregivers post-pandemic, these resources are increasingly important. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, as chairman of the Older Adults Committee, I ask without objection, board designate November 2023 is Caregiver Awareness Month, to honor the service and sacrifice of our many dedicated caregivers, and to have staff prepare a proclamation recognizing Caregiver Awareness Month to be presented outside of the boardroom.

[01:58:48] You've heard the motion without objection. It is so ordered. Supervisor Herity. The next one is Adoption Awareness Month. Then there's some minor corrections on the numbers in here. November is National Adoption Awareness Month, when we recognize the need and value of adoption in our community. Across the United States, more than 64,000 children are legally free for adoption, and over 1,200 foster children in the Commonwealth of Virginia are waiting for adoptive families.

[01:59:16] Youth leaving foster care without being adopted or without permanent connections face ongoing challenges with employment, education, mental health, as well as have an increased risk of homelessness, and human trafficking. During Adoption Awareness Month, we celebrate all the families who've opened their homes to children through adoption. Last year, 30 children and youth were adopted from foster care in Fairfax County, and there are currently 10 children waiting to find adoptive families. Every child in Fairfax County, regardless of physical, medical, or emotional challenges, needs love, support, security, and a place to call home. The Department

[01:59:53] of Family Services is committed to supporting children in foster care, waiting for adoption and supporting adoptive families through education services and support. As an adoptive parent, I understand how rewarding, as well as with all children, how challenging the experience can be.

[02:00:11] I encourage all residents to consider adoption as a way to give our many foster children forever homes. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that we declare November 2023, Adoption Awareness Month in fairfax county encourage all residents residents to support our children any way they are able whether by opening their hearts in homes through adoption becoming foster parents or by supporting adoptive and

foster parents in our community and have staff prepare a proclamation recognizing adoption awareness month to be presented at the november 21st board meeting and without objection

[02:00:46] that is so ordered um and i'm looking at mr castrilli we have that one down excellent supervisor The last one is to recognize West Springfield High School assistant softball coach and volunteer Bob Luttle. Mr. Bob Luttle served as an assistant softball coach, volunteer, and facilities maintenance employee at West Springfield since 1998, where he has helped with practice and facility equipment maintenance.

[02:01:13] Investing in the next generation, he has trained and mentored many athletes as well as coaches over the years and continues to do so today. Mr. Little works diligently and joyful to ensure West Springfield High School's facilities are pristine, prioritizing safety and cleanliness for all.

[02:01:31] He's fostered an environment where athletes and students enjoy competing and participating in the Spartan athletic community. He serves as a role model when it comes to work ethic and professionalism, spending upwards of 40 to 50 hours a week as a volunteer managing projects, fixing irrigation, maintaining mowers, lawn equipment, as well as maintaining sports equipment.

[02:01:55] He's a dedicated supporter of West Springfield School Community, so much so that West Springfield High School Principal McKay and others have requested West Springfield High School Maintenance Building be named after him, and the school boards approve that. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection, staff prepare a resolution recognizing the years of Mr. Bob Little's service to the West Springfield High School Community as a coach, employee, and volunteer and mentor.

[02:02:21] This resolution will be presented outside of the boardroom. And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Herity. That's all I have. Thank you, Supervisor Herity. Supervisor Smith. No board matters. Thank you very much, Supervisor Smith. So with that, we are ready to move on to administrative items.

[02:02:40] And we have only one. Mr. Chairman, this is the smallest administrative item. I don't even have to ask if we need to vote on it separately. I don't think this has ever happened. Move approval. Yes, we have one admin item. Supervisor Gross has moved approval of admin one. I will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries.

[02:03:10] Moving on to action items. Action item one is approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District for the Fairfax County Energy Conservation Assistance Program. Supervisor Stork.

[02:03:28] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move the approval of the memorandum of understanding with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to support the Energy Conservation Assistance Program. i'm happy to second that along with supervisor gross is there any discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action one please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries action item number two is approval of a resolution to request authorization of the sale of fairfax county economic development authority eda fairfax county facilities revenue

[02:04:04] bond series 2023 tyson's community center project for the tyson's community center and other necessary documents in the hunter mill district supervisor alcorn thank you very much mr chairman i'm very pleased to move approval of action item number two as recommended by the county executives

second motion it's been seconded by half the board it sounds like um supervisor palchek myself Supervisor Lusk, discussion on the motion.

[02:04:33] Mr. Chairman, very briefly, this is a big step in this project. And just to remind the board and everybody that this community center was really important to attracting the funding from Amazon for this project. And it's also going to be a really useful asset to the broader community for that area.

[02:04:55] It's certainly going to help make it a great place to live for the future residents. but also for the others. And I want to thank everybody who's been part of this, certainly Tom and Anna and the crew.

[02:05:11] And also, you know, this is a big thing because, you know, NCS really did go out to the community and talk with folks outside of this particular project to get feedback on what kind of programming, what kind of facility would be most of interest.

[02:05:28] So I appreciate them doing that very much as well. So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Alcorn. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Action item number three is approval of a resolution to request the sale of Virginia Resources Authorities, VRA, Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2023 through the Virginia Pooled financing program VPFP for the Lincolnia Center and to authorize the county's issuance of its

[02:06:01] VRA Lincolnia Project Special Subfund Revenue Refunding Bond Series 2023 to VRA in the Mason District. Supervisor Gross. Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. I'm happy to second that motion. Is there any discussion? Supervisor Gross. Mr. Chairman, This is a very well-managed investment for our community.

[02:06:26] And I was thinking that the Lincolnia Senior Center may be one of the earliest examples of repurposing buildings in Fairfax County because that was actually the main part of it.

[02:06:42] There have been additions for the housing, but it was the old Lincolnia Elementary School that was vacant for many, many years. And actually, since it's October, was the haunted house, the community haunted house activity back in the 70s.

[02:06:58] So this is, the Lincolnia Center is remarkable in the services it offers and the people that is able to house. And so I'm really pleased to see that we're able to continue that investment.

[02:07:14] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. It's been moved and seconded. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And action item number four is approval of a resolution to support the abandonment of a portion of Old Centerville Road, Route 858 in the Sully District.

[02:07:37] Supervisor Smith. I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. Second. And I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Palczyk. Any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[02:07:54] Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Action item number five is approval of a resolution to support the addition of a portion of Saintsbury Drive Route 4949 into the state secondary highway system in the Providence District.

[02:08:10] Supervisor Palchuk. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by myself and Supervisor Lusk. any discussion i do have some discussion this is a project that's uh very small 0.21 miles but very dear to my

heart um it was originally built in 1986 as part of the i-66 project but as we reach out to vita in issues of road maintenance and grass cutting it became clear that this small portion that goes from five oaks in front of a 55 plus community and many many pedestrians that go

[02:08:48] to the metro to our community center along the sidewalk have shared joint concerns about the lack of and the need for maintenance from everything from sidewalk trimming grass trimming to repaving and the road improvement so I know it's there's still steps ahead in the process but I appreciate staff's work on this and I know this is going to be an important though quite small but critical improvement to the safety of all the multimodal users of every age along this area.

[02:09:20] So thank you for your work on this. Thank you very much. Supervisor Palczyk, any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. That brings us to action item number six, which is authorization to enter into a memorandum of understanding for the promotion of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail in Fairfax County in the Drainsville and Mount Vernon Districts.

[02:09:55] Supervisor Stork, I will turn to you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move the county executive's recommendation. And I'm happy to join Supervisor Faust in seconding that motion. Is there discussion on the motion? Yes, Supervisor Stork.

[02:10:11] Just very briefly, this is a mostly unknown trail connection that we've all been working on, believe it or not, for years. And I particularly have spent a lot of time in the last few months on it because we're working on trying to change some of the trail segments so they're not right on Route 1, so they have a little bit more enjoyable experience.

[02:10:35] And working with Fort Belvoir, trying to hopefully get them to move it a little bit off the road and into the port a little bit more. But that's as you all know is a challenge because the DOD has certain rules and restrictions about what you can do and where But but the core issue here is that this is a national historic Scenic trail and it and it's one that I think again, we've made great progress We'll need to continue work on this will be something that gets worked on long after I'm gone probably just to further To find better ways to have it be more scenic and less of an urban kind of a sidewalk that you're walking on

[02:11:10] But, again, we're doing the right thing, and it's taken, as you can see, it's taken 50 years or so just to get this far, so we'll keep plugging away at it. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye.

[02:11:27] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries, and we have one information item today on which the board does not vote, and this is the county holiday schedule for calendar year 2024. uh are there any questions or comments on this any questions or comments supervisor gross mr chairman as chair of the personnel committee i'm asked each year to review this it's pretty much standard um two items that are a little different um than some would be the um that what was ever what was columbus day and now is indigenous people's day is a work day in fairfax

[02:12:07] County. And of course, um, now election day, uh, the, the date of the general election is a day off. So, um, but, but those are the only changes I've noticed over the years. So I just wanted to mention that. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. I think the only other major change on here is when we adopted Juneteenth, uh, as a county holiday as well. And, uh, adding Juneteenth and election day and removing

Indigenous Peoples Day was a decision the board had made in previous years and certainly one, I think, that is important for our county employees.

[02:12:43] Thank you. Okay. Any other questions or comments? Okay. With that, let me ask the county attorney how long we need for closed session. Mr. Chairman, I estimate that you'll need between two and a half hours and two hours and 45 minutes.

[02:13:01] Okay, so two and a half hours. Our first public hearing is at 3.30. However, we only have four. And I have not heard, let me just verify, there's no, none of these public hearings that intend to be deferred, correct?

[02:13:18] Okay, so what we will do is we will, if we back out at 2.30, two and a half hours, that puts us at one. You know, if we run a little bit late because there's only four public hearings, there are no speakers signed up, correct, yet?

[02:13:36] Okay. So why don't we do this? Why don't we report into closed session at 1.30? And that will give us two and a half hours to get to four with only these four public hearings.

[02:13:52] And that will give everybody an opportunity to take a little bit of break, maybe go pick up lunch. But then we'll report back into closed session after lunch at 1.30 in advance of our public hearings beginning at 3.30. Okay.

[02:14:08] At this time, I am going to turn to Supervisor. Yes. Mr. Chairman, I think as a county executive, I just wanted to talk to Supervisor Walkinshaw because you and I had a conversation during board calls that you had a potential. Yeah, I was wrong.

[02:14:26] Okay. That's why I asked if anyone had any deferral announcements that they wanted to make to factor into the schedule, and I heard none, so I wasn't going to put him on the spot and make him say that. So with that, we're going to stick to exactly what I just said, which is we will report to begin closed session at exactly 1.30, should Supervisor Gross' motion be approved.

[02:14:51] 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 2.2-3711 and listed in the attached agenda for this meeting. And in addition, one, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A7 and 8, legal analysis regarding the following, litigation over PFAS and PCB chemicals and the regional greenhouse gas initiative appeal to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, and two, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1,

[02:15:30] interviews, discussion, and consideration of candidates for the vacant auditor of the board position. You've heard the motion, and it's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk and myself. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[02:15:47] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. We will report for closed session at 1.30.

[02:20:31] And the board is back, having just completed closed session, and before we move to public hearings, I am going to turn to Supervisor Gross to make a motion to bring us out of

[02:21:11] 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.

[02:21:33] I'm happy to second that motion along with Supervisor Palchuk and Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Motion is coming out of closed session.

[02:21:48] Supervisor Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize a settlement of the court case styled Amazon Data Services, Inc. versus Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia. Case number CL-2022-17488, which is pending in the Fairfax County Circuit Court on the terms and conditions outlined by the county attorney in closed session.

[02:22:13] You've heard the motion. The chair will second that, along with Supervisor Faust. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:22:30] I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the county attorney to participate in an amicus in Association of Energy Conservation Professionals et al. versus Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board et al. Case number CL-2023-12061.

[02:22:48] Heard the motion. The chair will second that motion along with Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? already nay any abstentions and that motion passes nine to one and with that i believe that's the end of our items from closed session so we will now move on to public hearings and just as a reminder individuals wishing to provide testimony have a number of options they can testify here in person or they can provide testimony by phone or youtube video at the designated point in the public hearing

[02:23:26] i'll 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 by telephone. There will then be an opportunity for anyone else who would like to speak to the application who is present here in the auditorium to come down to the podium or to call in on a number if you're watching at home that will be provided on the screen. Speakers testifying by a video must have signed up and submitted their video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the public hearing. For all testimony, you're given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you are given five

[02:23:58] minutes with that being said our first public hearing today is public hearing on rz 2021-br-018 mary h day in the braddock district and could we please have the effort uh reaffirm the affidavit please thank you mr chairman and members of the board my name is lynn strobel i represent the applicant i reaffirm the affidavit that is dated august 2nd 2023 thank you thank you miss strobel are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures? Seeing and hearing none, we'll now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and

[02:24:38] members of the board. I'm Brandon McCadden from the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant seeks to rezone a 2.8 acre lot from R1 to PDH3 to build six single family detached dwellings at a density of 2.09 dwelling units per acre. Access to the site will be from the existing stub of James Young Way that will be extended to the west as a private street.

[02:24:57] The single family homes are situated along the street with the western and northern portions of the site reserved for open space and tree preservation. A bioretention facility for stormwater

management will be at the rear of the property. The James Youngway Street extension will be approximately 300 feet long and is sufficiently wide to accommodate nine on-street parallel parking spaces and a sidewalk in addition to vehicular use. We would note that this applicant pursued consolidation with the adjacent lot to the north, however it was unsuccessful.

[02:25:24] Therefore, this applicant has proposed a reservation to the north of the cul-de-sac with ingress and egress easements on each side to accommodate a future inter-parcel connection if needed the zoning ordinance requires a minimum of 20 open space in the pdh3 district and the applicant proposes 46 open space the 10-year tree canopy requirement is 25 and the applicant proposes 35 most of which will be from tree preservation due to the undeveloped nature of the site the applicant proposes a combination of landscape buffers and easements along the southern lot line to separate the application property from the burke junction community to the south the proffers include specific language that construction activities will not cut into the

[02:26:02] roots or damage any off-site trees the existing landscaping and tree cover along the southern lot line will be preserved and supplemented by 32 deciduous trees 12 evergreen trees and 51 shrubs additionally staff has proposed and the applicant has agreed to a conceptual development plan condition to install multiple evergreen trees on the burke junction hoa common area to further screen the proposed lot 4. although of comparable height to the houses in burke junction the proposed dwellings are higher in elevation due to the topography the applicant proffers to bury the basements on lots one through four a minimum of six feet below the existing grade to lower the height of the proposed dwellings to minimize potential negative effects from this condition.

[02:26:40] The proffer language permits the applicant to establish a complete and separate HOA for the six proposed dwellings. Alternatively, the proffer also permits the applicant to join the Burke Junction HOA in accordance with Burke Junction's existing declarations of protective covenants and the approved proffers from the 2014 rezoning of their community. The applicant would also be be required to complete an agreement with the Burke Junction HOA for the ownership care and maintenance of the proposed infrastructure including stormwater management of the street extension and common areas. This concludes my presentation Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.

[02:27:14] At this time we'd recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the board. Again my name is Lynn Strobel. I represent the applicant. I do have a presentation for you this afternoon because this application has received a lot of feedback from adjacent community and i think it might be helpful to provide some background and to kind of walk you through how this application has progressed to the through this process and what the applicant has been doing to collaborate with that community so just starting off if we could go to the first

[02:27:51] slide and i think there you go thank you so just uh taking a look at as was described this is about a two-point acre site that is zoned to the r1 district it was not consolidated with development with the burke junction community to the south however the owner did dedicate right-of-way without compensation for access to zion drive which is across from hillard lake road so this is where the access was desired to be across from hillard lake road while this roadway was dedicated to fairfax county james youngway is not maintained by vdot and is proposed to be vacated

[02:28:30] and to become a private street the next slide in fact if you want to i'm so sorry um so just reflecting a little bit on the proposed development this is a proposal uh to rezone to the pdh3 district and

just to be clear that is the same zoning classification as the property to the south the proposed lots are approximately the same size as burke junction with similar yard setbacks and as you are aware in the zoning ordinance if you have pdh3 development adjacent to pdh3

[02:29:09] development there are no transitional screening or barrier requirements the proposed six lots as mr mccadden said results in a density of 2.09 dwelling units per acre the properties planned two to three dwelling units per acre so we are at the low end at 46 percent the open space is more than double the requirement this proposal exceeds tree preservation and tree canopy requirements and what i think is interesting to note about this graphic you'll see the dark green that's actually

[02:29:44] part of berk junction is that when that community was developed it was designed with open space adjacent to the application property and i was not a part of that but i believe that that was by design to provide a buffer to future development when the application property developed in accordance with the plan the applicant was unable to consolidate the property to the north but as was mentioned is providing inter parcel access just a little bit of history i just wanted to share with you some dates of when we began this application we originally were accepted by

[02:30:22] the county for processing in 2021 and we've gone through a very thoughtful process to work with the community to work with the county staff that did result in revisions to our development plan i would note that when the staff report was originally published it did include a recommendation of approval. That recommendation has been consistent throughout. The applicant actually has submitted nine separate plan submissions for review in response to concerns, and that's

[02:30:57] a lot. For six lots, that's a pretty good number of revisions that have been made. And as I've said, you know, during this processing, we weren't just working with the staff. We were working with the Braddock District Land Use and Environmental Committee. We had community meetings and site walks so there has been quite a journey in processing this application some of the modifications that we made to the proposal include the following we did shift the access road to the lots to the north to create a better separation with the burke junction community and if you go back real quick and i'll just show you the plan again you can see actually that's not the

[02:31:36] most up-to-date plan i apologize but it does the road does curve to the north and that's to maximize the screening that's provided to burke junction we prepared a detailed landscape plan it includes on-site plantings multiple plantings we hired an arborist to evaluate existing trees we've taken you know a look at what is off-site and we've identified on our property trees to be removed with the detailed planning plan to enhance the buffer and we also have native plant rescue so i think that's one of the primary focuses of this application has been the landscaping and plantings

[02:32:14] i won't go through the rest of this i think some of the significant items include the fact that we removed a tot lot that we were proposing because that was not desired by the community and a crosswalk we also as was mentioned agreed to bury the basements of lots one through four that are next to the community to ensure that we were minimizing height and we spent a lot of time working on the homeowners association and when and if that would be joined with burke junction and we actually went through and got an interpretation from fairfax county to clarify what the homeowners association requirements were so just very quickly i just

[02:32:52] wanted to go through the buffers on this property adjacent to burke junction because that really has been the main focus i just want to emphasize that we don't have any encroachment onto burke

junction which is their homeowners association open space we are not cutting down any trees on the burke junction property except there is one tree that may not be in good health we're going to coordinate with burke junction if they decide they would like for it to be taken down we will accommodate that request so just looking at this you'll see that in addition to the yard of 20 feet

[02:33:28] we have an eight foot buffer width and all of these buffers are provided either in hoa open space or within an easement to ensure their preservation this will not be you know creating an opportunity for trees to be planted that will just be taken down so looking at the lots as we continue to move down it goes to 6.5 feet along lot three and then lots four and five we have five feet and i just want to note that that is adjacent to a wider part of the hoa's open space we did prepare some

[02:34:04] cross sections to hopefully illustrate and i may have skipped a slide there i apologize we did provide information regarding our elevations our backyard elevations basement elevations we have provided this to the community and i will acknowledge that there are differences in l you know in height between these properties and that's why we did agree to bury the basements for lots one through four by six feet and i would also note that you know when you look at this plan there is a great deal of separation in most instances it exceeds 100 feet between the proposed

[02:34:42] homes and burke junction and i would say that this is you know having homes that are perhaps taller next to existing communities is not an uncommon occurrence in fairfax county so this is a a cross-section elevation of lot one as i mentioned there's quite a bit of separation here it's 132 feet i would note that in the zoning ordinance the transitional screen yard width between townhomes and single-family detached to developments is 25 feet we've got you know much greater distance here

[02:35:17] to minimize impacts this is a cross-section for lot four won't spend a lot of time on that that's about 93 feet one issue that has come up is could the road that we're proposing be lowered because that would potentially allow the homes to be lowered we can't get there from here because we have a fixed point for the sewer in zion drive we have to use gravity you know to get there and And we've got, that's one of the few things I know about sewer, is that it flows downhill, right?

[02:35:49] So the house that's proposed at the end of the cul-de-sac, lot 6, proposed lot 6, is at the lowest elevation it can be to maintain that gravity flow. What you don't see on here, some other constraints, we are providing inter-parcel access to the north.

[02:36:04] We have to maintain that access, and we also have to accommodate storm drainage, and we've designed that to minimize the flow to Burke Junction. Again, I won't go through all these proffers. Just know that we spent a lot of time on proffers that are unique to this particular application, including improving an off-site storm inlet that's not functioning today.

[02:36:28] We're going to take care of that and make sure that it receives runoff properly to minimize any flow off-site. What you'll also see in the proffers are our typical commitments to the park authority, to schools, to affordable housing.

[02:36:44] We've got green building practices, and the list goes on. And one thing that was just added yesterday in discussions with the supervisor's office, there is one area behind lot four that the existing vegetation is a bit sparse on the Burke Junction side.

[02:37:01] And we have proposed a development condition that I think is before you this afternoon for consideration that would require us to plant four evergreen trees, six to eight feet at time of planting in

locations as agreed by Burke Junction, and that we would do that to hopefully provide some additional screening.

[02:37:20] So with that, I do appreciate your indulgence on time. I'd be happy to answer any questions. I'll just sum up by saying that the applicant has worked very hard in this application. the applicant has agreed to meaningful revisions as I mentioned they modified the plat nine times have agreed to multiple proffers this is in accordance with the recommendations of the comprehensive plan and enjoys the recommendation of approval from staff and the Planning Commission so I would ask your favorable consideration this afternoon thank you thank you very much for that presentation let me ask if there are any questions of staff or the

[02:37:56] applicant supervisor Walkinshaw thank you mr. chairman I just want to ask staff staff to reiterate and confirm our interpretation of the proffers, both the Burke Junction proffers and the new proffers before us today, and their impact on the possibility of the two HOAs joining.

[02:38:20] The concern from folks in Burke Junction, I think, is twofold. A, would they be forced to allow the new homes and the associated common areas and maintenance responsibilities to join Burke Junction?

[02:38:38] And would they have any potential legal or financial liability if anything were to go wrong during construction of these new homes? So can you just address those two issues and give our interpretation of them?

[02:38:54] Yes, this is Brandon McCadden, Zoning Evaluation Division. As the proffers are written, they allow the applicant to have two paths forward on establishment of an HOA. They could establish a complete and separate HOA for the six proposed dwellings. That would be completely separate from the existing Burke Junction HOA.

[02:39:12] The second path is they could seek to consolidate with the existing Burke Junction HOA. As stated in the comp plan, consolidation is recommended in this area, which is why there's a single access onto Zion Drive for both of these communities. And the hope is that they would consolidate to go with the comp plan.

[02:39:29] As far as the mechanisms there, any consolidation would be subject to the Burke Junction declarations and covenants of their homeowners association, as well as the language in the 2014 proffers that allowed the Burke Junction community to be built.

[02:39:45] So unilaterally, the applicant could not decide to just join the HOA. It would be subject to the existing declarations and covenants. And I believe based on my review of the documents, there is a voting process for the addition of land area to the existing HOA. So ultimately, it would be at the discretion of the Burke Junction folks if they voted to accept these additional homeowners and property.

[02:40:06] It would not be forced upon them based on the proposed proffers or the existing proffers for their community. Okay, thank you. And then the issue of potential legal liability that Burke Junction could conceivably have based on something that went wrong during construction of the new homes.

[02:40:29] What is our interpretation of that? Yeah, proper 15A requires the applicant, if they were to consolidate, they would have to complete a maintenance agreement with the Burke Junction community

first. That would indemnify them from any issues or damages that might be caused by the construction of the new community.

[02:40:49] So they would be separating the fact that that agreement would be signed prior to construction, and it would separate the risks between the applicant or the developer and the existing Burke Junction community, so that if there was an issue with the street extension or the stormwater infrastructure, those costs would not be carried over to the Burke Junction HOA.

[02:41:07] It would stick with the developer until they are released from bond. Okay, so no liability for anything that occurs during construction, and the Burke Junction would not have to allow the new homes in their HOA unless they chose to do so pursuant to their covenants and their bylaws and their voting process.

[02:41:25] That's correct. Thank you. Thank you. Any other questions of staff or the applicant? 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 present in the auditorium that would like to speak on this subject?

[02:41:43] Anyone present who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No one has called in. Let me ask the applicant if there's any need for rebuttal. No need for rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff.

[02:41:59] On July 27, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of RZ2021-BR-018, and they approved the associated final development plan. Staff concurs with the Planning Commission's recommendation and finds that the application is in harmony with the comprehensive plan and the applicable zoning ordinance provisions, subject to the executed proffers dated September 29, 2023, and the conceptual development plan conditions dated October 10, 2023, which were provided to you today.

[02:42:25] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. uh final call any questions from board members seeing and hearing none i will now close the public hearing and turn to supervisor walkinshaw for a motion thank you mr chairman um just a few comments and then i'll make a motion uh you know this has been a challenging process um and it's a situation that i think all of us have probably dealt with where you have a community uh who who was under the impression and and were told maybe when they purchased their home that the adjacent property would not be developed some have even said they were told it was a nature preserve

[02:43:04] and and that's regrettable when that happens the comprehensive plan even at the time was was very clear about this parcel as was mentioned when this board approved the rezoning for burke junction the existing neighborhood it envisioned the development of this parcel one of the things we're we're doing in this that i wish had been done at the time is at the site of future inter parcel access where the stub out is and the proffers we're going to have a sign that says

[02:43:39] this is future inter parcel access for future development so that folks who move in will know that the additional lot just to the north could potentially be developed as well unfortunately that that didn't happen here so folks maybe we're not aware we have worked really hard to address the concerns that that the community has has raised and staff and the applicant have worked hard to do that it's taken longer than than I would have liked and the presentations went through a lot of the changes that that have been made in the very first community meeting we had I said

[02:44:15] that my standard would be does it meet all of our requirements in terms of tree preservation stormwater transportation comprehensive plan obviously and does the applicant do everything within reason to address the concerns that the adjacent neighborhood has raised I think I think we're there I think we have done everything that can possibly be done within reason the HOA concerns and issues have been addressed additional landscaping including those that are in the CDP today the basements have been buried as as far as the basements can reasonably buried to try

[02:44:55] to mitigate the difference in height the community didn't want a tot lot they wanted a open space yoga type yard instead so so that's what we're doing they were concerned about sign relocation so we're addressing sign relocation there was concern about potential impacts on off-site trees those are protected there was concerns about who could participate in the pre construction meeting that's addressed in in the proffers as well and the list goes on and on so we've done everything in our power to address the concerns of of the community. And with that, Mr. Chairman, first let me just ask the applicant

[02:45:33] if you agree to the conceptual development plan conditions dated October 10th, 2023. Yes, the applicant's in agreement. Thank you. Thank you. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve RZ 2021-BR018 and its associated CDP subject to the executed proffers dated September 29th, 2023, and the conceptual development plan conditions now dated october 10th 2023 which have been provided to you today so moved you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor alcorn any discussion on the motion any discussion on the

[02:46:11] motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries thank you very much our next public hearing is a public hearing on rz 2022-le-00024-6235 brandon avenue llc in the franconia district and if we could please have

[02:46:39] the applicant reaffirm the affidavit thank you mr chairman members of the board my name is lynn strobel i represent the applicant and i reaffirmed the affidavit the date is september 12 2023.

[02:46:57] thank you thank you miss strobel any disclosures from board members any disclosures seeing and hearing none i now recognize county staff for a staff presentation good afternoon mr chairman and members of the board i'm zach fountain with the department of planning and development the applicant seeks to rezone the subject property from the c6 district to the pdc district to develop a self-storage facility the subject property is located within the springfield cbc at the the intersection of Brandon Avenue and Commerce Street. The site consists of two parcels. Parcel

[02:47:31] 5C1 is developed with a 20-year-old, four-story, 86,000-square-foot hotel, and parcel 5C2 is smaller and developed with both a gravel and concrete parking lot. Parcel 5C2 is accessed by an existing service drive connecting Brandon Avenue and Augusta Drive, which is a private Street. The applicant is seeking to rezone the subject property to develop a 167,000 square foot self-storage facility on parcel 5C2. The existing hotel and its surface parking lot located on

[02:48:07] parcel 5C1 will remain unaffected. The ground floor of the self-storage facility would include an approximately 1,000 square foot leasing office with approximately 2,700 square feet of space to be leased for retail, office, or public and community uses.

[02:48:26] Specific tenants or organizations for the ground floor have not yet been determined, but the applicant has proffered for this ground floor space to be prioritized for nonprofit, workforce development, or other public and community uses permitted in the PDC District. The applicant also includes a 1,200-

square-foot publicly accessible plaza near the intersection of Brandon Avenue and Commerce Street featuring benches, landscaping, and public art. The applicant has proffered to record a public access easement over this space. The applicant has designed the

[02:49:02] self-storage building to have an appearance of an office building achieved through the use of false facades, windows, and mansard roof elements. The applicant is committed to pedestrian connections along Augusta Drive, bicycles, and EV amenities, and sustainable building design. Overall, staff finds the application is in conformance with the comprehensive plan applicable zoning ordinance provisions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That concludes my presentation. Thank you very much. At this time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I'm not going to spend a lot of time with a formal application, with a formal presentation on this

[02:49:42] application, because I think it is, despite the time that it's been pending, it comes to you in a very straightforward manner. I would say that this is going to take a vacant lot, and it's a lot that's been vacant um for about 25 plus years and and really um you know needs to be better it's right next to the highway and what we've done is we've designed a self-storage building which may not sound exciting when you first hear it but what we've done is we've made it exciting because it's a self-storage building that first of all looks like an office building and so i think that is a real benefit and the second piece that's exciting is that we're going

[02:50:20] going to have first floor uses hopefully with nonprofits our community uses to kind of revitalize this area we're really hopeful that this project will be a catalyst for this part of Springfield and so I think that we're very pleased that we have we've come to this point before you at the board so I would be happy to answer any questions this comes to you with a and I think it was unanimous recommendation of approval from the Franconia district land use committee. We went through a plan amendment process and we got that approved by the board and now we're here with you with a staff report that recommends approval and a planning commission

[02:51:00] that recommends approval. So again, happy to answer any questions and I appreciate your time. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant? Questions? Supervisor Lusk. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and I'll just ask a couple questions of Ms. Strobel first. I'm very appreciative of this self-storage facility. I don't think many people normally would get excited about the opportunity to have self-storage, but what we are really doing here is building something that mimics an office building. And unfortunately, in

[02:51:32] this portion of the Central Business Center, we have not had any new office construction. So I think this does provide us an opportunity to have a catalyst. But the question I wanted to ask is with regard to the first floor uses, and I think this is really important, that you're also trying to help incentivize the use of that space for either community or public or other use. Can you talk a little bit about the proffer commitment that allows for that, please? Correct. And I think

[02:52:09] the most significant piece is that for non-profits and community uses, we will be providing a break on leasing. You know, we're going to lease this at significantly less than market rents as a way to incentivize the use of these facilities by non-profits and community uses. Yes, and for me personally, I think that's going to help us activate that space and bring in users from the community as well if we can position this in the way that we're thinking so we do have a couple of entities that we're talking to we just haven't gotten to a place yet

[02:52:44] where we can publicly say that but with things work in the way that we intend we will be able to do that hopefully soon so that was the first question and then can I just ask one last question as it relates to the plaza can can you talk a little bit about what you might intend to do there in terms of both the public art and then some of the improvements we're making a number of improvements in the comprehensive plan this particular corner as identified as a focal point so even though it is not our property you know it's not really part of the self

[02:53:21] storage we are going to make improvements that will include a combination of hardscape and landscape and there was previously a fountain on this property at the at the entry but it went into disrepair and it seems that fountains don't often function like we think that they're going to so after having had some conversations with the hotel property owner we decided that maybe we could create instead a piece of public art that would draw people's attention to this corner and so we are very excited about that we will work on

[02:53:55] that and I'm happy to work with you know Fairfax County agencies in order to see if we can do something special at that corner so that's what we'll be doing and I think it's going to be a very nice addition to this corner in Springfield.

[02:54:10] And I'll just make the point that Arts Fairfax would be certainly an entity that we could work with to help us come up with a plan and some options that would make sense. But again, appreciate your clarifications on those two items.

[02:54:26] Thank you. Any other questions of staff or the applicant? Okay. This is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. Is there anyone present in the auditorium that would like to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to speak?

[02:54:43] Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No one has called in. Assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On July 19, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the requested application, parking reduction, and requested waivers and modifications contained in the staff report.

[02:55:08] Staff concurs with their recommendations. Thank you. Thank you very much. Last call, any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn to Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, I think this is pretty straightforward only because of all the work that's been done to lay the foundation for us to be here today.

[02:55:28] And I just want to, again, reiterate how excited I am to see this project coming to fruition and giving us the opportunity to put in place what I think will be a very attractive office-looking facility.

[02:55:43] The treatments, the facades, the articulations, all of the elements of this building are very impressive. And I'll make the point, too, that I appreciate Insight for the work that they've done to help us get to this place.

[02:55:59] But really, they showed and demonstrated their ability to do this project by the work that they've done in other places. And really talking about the activation of that first floor, that was pivotal. And I just feel that it's going to make a huge difference as we're planning for the future of Springfield.

[02:56:20] And I'll make another point as it relates to the study that we did. There's a market study that was done about a year ago. It talked about the office uses, the retail, the residential, and the hotel uses in

the Franconia-Springfield market.

[02:56:37] And it was very specific about the need, one, for residential, and not really a lot of discussion about office, except in some limited areas. And unfortunately, I don't think there's a market right now for an actual office building.

[02:56:56] But this mimic of an office building is going to be very essential. And then lastly, I'll say I just appreciate the work that Zach Fountain, the work that Kathy Lewis, I'll say Lynn Strobel and the team from Insight did really to help the community understand what this project really was.

[02:57:16] Because I'll be frank in saying that when we first talked about it, there was not support for it. And it was understood because the expectation was that we're going to be building an industrial-looking self-storage facility in their community, and they did not want that.

[02:57:34] But being able to go over to a district not too far from ours to see how these uses can be done in a way that makes it look like residential or office, I think was extremely helpful. And then to really drill down on the elements and the features of the facility were essential.

[02:57:55] So I just want to acknowledge the work that was done and how it helped us get to where we are today. And then last, I'll say looking at the Franconia District Land Use Committee and their unanimous decision. We don't have many that are unanimous now.

[02:58:11] So that does say something about their support of this project, as well as having the Planning Commission and the staff support. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I will make three motions. The first is I move that the Board of Supervisors approve RZ 2022-LE-00024 and the associated conceptual development plan subject to the executed proffers now dated July 31st, 2023.

[02:58:43] Second, I further move the Board of Supervisors approve the parking reduction request pursuant to subsection 3102.3, point E point two point B of the design ordinance based on the advancement of revitalization goals for the commercial revitalization district as set forth in the comprehensive plan including economic vitality appearance and function and then last Mr. Chairman I further move the Board of Supervisors approve the requested waivers and modifications contained in the handout dated July

[02:59:18] 19th 2023 so moved you've heard the motion the second by supervisor faust any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion is carried thank you very much supervisor lusk uh next up uh we have a public hearing on AF2023-SP-00001, AR2013-SP-001, Kincheloe Statewide A&F District in the Springfield

[02:59:57] District, and of course there is no affidavit for this application, so I would at this time recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Sophia Fisher from the Department of Planning and Development. This application requests a renewal of the Kinchlow Statewide Agricultural and Forestal District for an additional 10-year term.

[03:00:21] The property is just over 343 acres and is located in the Springfield District. The property is zoned residential conservation and is in the water supply protection overlay district. It is planned for low-density residential.

[03:00:39] Residential uses comprise approximately two acres, and the Paradise Springs Winery is located in this district and is approximately 10 acres. It's entirely located within the Old Mill Branch Watershed,

and there are a significant amount of environmental resources present.

[03:01:02] A soil and water quality conservation plan was prepared by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. Critical recommendations include carrying out RPA, nutrient, and pest management practices. The area forester visited the property in March 2023 and found that no updates are needed to the previously written forest management plan.

[03:01:25] Staff finds that the proposed district renewal satisfies all applicable criteria. That concludes my presentation. I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much for that. At this time, we'd recognize the applicant for a presentation. My name is John Kinchelow, and I want to thank the staff and the Planning Commission and the Agricultural and Forest District Committee and everyone here that's involved in furthering this application.

[03:02:04] I do that all on behalf of my family. We appreciate being able to do this. Thank you very much. We appreciate you as well.

[03:02:21] Are there any questions of staff or the applicant? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I do not have any speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak? This is a public hearing.

[03:02:36] Anyone present who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if there's anyone who has called in. No one has called in. No need for rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff. You can have a seat, sir. Thank you. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff.

[03:02:53] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Planning Commission and the Agricultural and Forrestal District Advisory both recommend approval of this renewal. Staff concurs with their recommendation. Thank you very much. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn to Supervisor Herity for a motion.

[03:03:14] Yes, Mr. Chairman, I request the applicant state for the record their acceptance of the ordinance provisions dated September 6, 2023. Yes, we agree to that. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors approve AF-2023-SP-00001 and that Appendix E of the Fairfax County be amended to renew the Kinchlo Statewide Agricultural and Forestville District subject to the ordinance provisions dated September 6, 2023.

[03:03:48] So moved. To the motion, I'm happy to second that motion. Discussion on the motion. Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. I just want to thank the Kinchelow family for continuing this A&F district.

[03:04:06] Thank you. Yes, indeed. Thank you very much. And that brings us to our last public hearing, which is a public hearing to convey board-owned property identified as tax map number 0504010050B to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority in the Mason District, and this time we would recognize a county staff presentation.

[03:04:33] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Mike Lambert. I am the Assistant Director for Real Estate Services for the Facilities Management Department. The Board of Supervisors is the owner of a half acre parcel of land located near the intersection of Annandale Road and School Lane that is identified as tax map number 50-4 subdivision 1 parcel 50 b the vacant parcel is currently part of the campus for the

james lee community center despite the best efforts of the county to maintain this land the property has frequently been used over the years as a dumping site for construction materials and household items recently the fairfax county redevelopment and housing authority has

[03:05:10] identified the school lane site as a suitable candidate for the construction of affordable homeownership units the project is still in its conceptual phase as the housing authority evaluates the possibility of using a ppea or other procurement process to enlist the services of a private developer to construct the facility once the initial design is complete and a developer has been selected the public will be afforded several opportunities to comment on the project and its possible impacts on the surrounding community through the public hearings that must occur during the zoning entitlement process staff recommends that the conveyance of the the schooling parcel to the housing authority be subject to the condition that the property must be

[03:05:48] incorporated into an affordable housing community. In the event the housing authority no longer pursues this residential housing project, the authority will transfer ownership of the property back to the board. This concludes the staff report. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? 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. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on on this matter. Anyone present who would like to speak? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No one has called in. Closing comments and a recommendation from

[03:06:26] county staff. Staff recommends the board authorized staff to execute all necessary documents to convey the schooling property to the housing authority. Thank you very much. Final call questions from board members. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize supervisor gross for a motion thank you mr. chairman this may be the smallest parcel of county-owned land that we have considered giving to the conveying to the Redevelopment Housing Authority but it is in a community that could certainly

[03:07:01] use some more affordable housing and this may give us an op the RHA an opportunity to be creative on a very small parcel of land to see how many units we can actually do there so therefore i would move that the board authorized staff to convey the property identified as tax map number 0504010050b to the fairfax county redevelopment health and authority second you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor palchick and the chair is happy to second that any discussion on the motion supervisor i wanted to

[03:07:40] add to the comments that um i think every community in our county at this point could use housing and but very fortunate and happy to see that this even a small parcel can be used um here in in the county we hope so very good um any further discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and that brings us to the end of our board meeting of October 10th, 2023, and the board is adjourned.



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