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[00:00:05] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of October 24th, 2023. And we are going to begin our meeting, as we always do, with a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. However, before we rise for a moment of silence in the Pledge of Allegiance, let me ask my colleagues if they have anyone that they would like to keep in our thoughts and prayers this morning.

[00:00:27] Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last week, we lost Marty Faga. Marty lived in the Ravenwood section near Seven Corners. He lived here for a long time.

[00:00:43] He spent six years in the Air Force. Then he went to the CIA. At least we think that's where he went. People don't talk about that very much. And then he became, in 1976, he joined the staff of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and he ultimately became staff director.

[00:01:00] And in 1989, he was appointed by President George H.W. Bush as Assistant Secretary of the Air Force and Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, where he served until 1993. After he retired from government service, he became the Vice President of MITRE Corporation and rose to be the President and CEO, where he retired in 2006, but he remained on MITRE's board as directors.

[00:01:28] And the reason I bring this up is because Marty was my Mason District's Lord Fairfax in 2015 because he served very well for a long time on the Seven Corners task force that brought forward the

Seven Corners plan.

[00:01:43] He brought a shrewd business sense as well as a really very diplomatic approach to a community, a long community issue. And I got to know Marty. He did agree to serve, and I appreciated that very much.

[00:02:04] He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and their two sons, Jeff and Scott, and some grandchildren. So please keep Marty Faga and his family in your thoughts and prayers as we start this morning. Thank you. Thank you very much. Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Palcic.

[00:02:21] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to bring our thoughts and prayers and our board's attention to the recent loss of Fran Wallingford. Many of us knew she was the unofficial land use expert in Providence District and beyond.

[00:02:39] Worked for many, many years in our community, representing the best interests of all residents. She resided in Mantua and really was well-known for her knowledge of the land use process.

[00:02:54] She belonged to a small and very loose-knit alliance of widely diverse interests, developers, counting planning stuff, government officials, local community leaders. Those of us who knew Friyan knew that she was vocal as she did her research, and she absolutely was both humble and persistent and effective as a land use advocate.

[00:03:17] Just recently, she had lost her husband of 50 years, so a very loving couple, and we are very sad to have seen both of them go. In fact, she was known by many as the de facto land use committee for Providence District.

[00:03:36] Her passing was a shock and a surprise to many of us. She was interred on October 14th. It was a family-only private graveside service, and she truly was an exemplar to the community. Beyond that, I know we all love our communications with her, her style, her down-to-earth ability to really understand the issues all the way to the minute details.

[00:04:05] But at home, she was known as a loving grandmother. She had eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren. And I can tell you when I had my daughter, she knew how to pick out baby clothes. She rarely spoke about her family. So I know we were not as familiar with her five children and her extended family.

[00:04:27] But I do have one quote from Nancy Goldsmith, who served with Fran on the Mantua Citizens Association. She says that Fran was always quietly but firmly asking the right questions to trigger a thought of impact of any project that impacted Mantua.

[00:04:43] I think those of us who knew Fran, that absolutely personifies the way she represented quietly, firmly, but is a very concerned citizen for the community. So our thoughts and prayers to her, her family, and to all those who had the opportunity to work with Fran.

[00:05:02] Thank you very much, Supervisor Paucik, Supervisor Lusk. Yeah, I'll just add on to the comments that were just made. Fran was pretty amazing. I got the opportunity to work with her when I worked for Jerry Conley doing land use in his office.

[00:05:20] And she was consummate person on all land use in Providence as it relates to Mantua and Pine Ridge. Stormwater was her thing, and she knew it back and forward.

[00:05:35] And I just appreciated her temperament and just her manner and her way in approaching the work in her community and just being such a strong and amazing advocate. So my thoughts are with her family at this time.

[00:05:54] Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you. I have one announcement, but also just to add on to Fran. I actually first met Fran in the summer of 1987 as a 20-year-old intern in her backyard for a stormwater project proposal.

[00:06:11] Sounds right. And, you know, she was amazing. I mean, she basically was, like you said, Supervisor Paul Cech, you know, persistent, thoughtful, so engaged. You know, she really did represent, I think, the best of Fairfax County's civic culture.

[00:06:29] You know, she really did embody that in so many different ways. So I know we all pass, or sorry about her passing. I do have one announcement. Someone else passed away in the last couple weeks. It is Jan Bradshaw of Reston.

[00:06:48] She embraced the values that represent our Reston community by supporting the arts, volunteering for those in need, and working in public service. She was also an avid traveler and an animal lover who considered her cats. to be her family. Jan was originally from Ohio and graduated from Hillsdale College with a major in sociology and a minor in music. But once she arrived in Reston, she gave our community all that she could and was named Lady Fairfax for the Hunter Mill District in 2019. In addition to serving on the Reston Community Center's Board of Governors in the 1980s, Jan worked for RCC for almost two decades as a customer service representative. I'd see her at the Lake Ann

[00:07:27] Community Center all the time. She had a deep appreciation for and love of RCC's arts programs. Her daughter Erin participated in the Young Actors Theater program as a child and Jan loved to attend those and many other shows held at RCC Center Stage throughout the years. She was also a champion of the Kathy Hudgens Community Center at Southgate over the decades of its existence. She was passionate about that community-serving asset from its very beginning and also served on its Advisory Council. Last but not least she served on the Reston Comprehensive Plan Task Force, which, as you recall, held its 58 meetings during the darkest days of the pandemic. And her sunny disposition was much appreciated

[00:08:07] throughout that process. So our thoughts are with her daughter Erin and family and her wide swath of friends in Reston. Very few people loved Reston and its values more. She will be remembered here with great affection. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. And anyone else who would like to be recognized, seeing and hearing. No one else, if we at this time, if all that are able, could please rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:08:40] Face the flag. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to a republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:09:16] And this morning we have five presentations on the agenda, so if we could keep that in mind as we go through what's a very busy morning that would be appreciated and for these presentations I will announce the proclamation and invite our speaker down to the podium in front of us and we will then read the proclamation and after the speaker's remarks we'll pose for a picture from the dais and our first presentation today is a resolution to recognize the 50th anniversary of

[00:09:50] the Fairfax County Tree Commission, and this was requested by myself, and I do have a resolution. Our speaker today is Cindy Spies, chair of the Fairfax County Tree Commission. If you could come on down, and at this time, I am going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Gross, Vice Chair Gross, so that I can read the following resolution.

[00:10:15] Whereas the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chartered the 11-member tree commission in August of 1973 to advise on implementation of the newly enacted tree planting and preservation amendment to the zoning ordinance and whereas the commission has since expanded to include representation from every magisterial district and one at large member along with state regional and county agency representatives and whereas in 2005 then chairman of the board of supervisors Jerry Connolly asked the Tree Commission to develop a tree action plan to manage and enhance

[00:10:51] the county's forest and trees, a plan which was adopted by the board in 2006 and subsequently amended in 2020. And whereas the Tree Commission helps facilitate the Friends of Tree Awards and authors and sponsors a public education pamphlet, Tree Basics, which is one of the county's most widely distributed and popular information brochures. And whereas the Tree Commission promotes the goals of One Fairfax by ensuring that historically underserved communities and neighborhoods benefit from tree preservation and planting goals in programs such as the

[00:11:27] Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan, which seeks to expand the overall tree canopy in the county to 60 percent with a minimum of 40 percent canopy coverage in every census block. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents does hereby congratulate the Tree Commission on its 50th anniversary and does honor and celebrate all who work to preserve, protect, and expand our urban forest.

[00:11:59] Seconded by Supervisor Palchuk, is there discussion on the motion, Mr. Chairman? Very briefly, Vice Chairman Gross. First, 50 years is a long time, but if we think about all that's been accomplished over those 50 years in understanding the importance of trees and environmental protection, we've come a long way. And this, you know, honoring the tree commission for 50 years of service is really a tribute to all who have served on the commission, a lot of folks who have dedicated a lot of time and energy to this work. But, you know, a few things that

[00:12:32] jump out to me. One, the original tree action plan and our tree canopy goals, we are very proud in Fairfax County to have exceeded. And we are now proud to live in a county that is over 50 percent under tree canopy. And I think we forget about that a lot. You know, if you go up in an airplane or go up in a tall building somewhere in the county and look out of the horizon, you feel like really all you see are trees. And, you know, sometimes at the ground level, it's hard to appreciate the magnitude of the canopy that we have protected, preserved. But equally important,

[00:13:11] all the efforts that are being made to plant new trees in the county. You know, I think a lot about our older parts of the county that are in need of revitalization. And those are areas that largely have no tree canopy because of development decisions that were made before we checked stormwater, before we required tree planting and redeveloping those into sites that adhere to today's standards is where we're seeing some meaningful tree canopy growth.

[00:13:40] And I think that's a tribute to the policies, the advocacy of the tree commission and so many to make sure as we move forward, we learn from past lessons and always do better. And then lastly, I really appreciate the tree commissions tied to One Fairfax because those older revitalization areas are also,

coincidentally, the areas that have some of the most economically challenged households and they have different health outcomes, different air quality readings, so many things that affect overall health of the people who live in those areas.

[00:14:16] and tying our One Fairfax equity policy to our tree goals is about protecting the environment first and foremost, but secondarily, absolutely critical to public health, something that has been renewed focus, certainly as a result of the pandemic, if not before. And so I really just want to congratulate Cindy. I'm glad to see an old friend back in the boardroom as well, but thank you both and all the members of the tree commission for what you do and celebrating 50 years and i look forward to uh joining you uh later in the week to plant the 50th tree uh right here be

[00:14:56] behind the government center to to mark this occasion so thank you thank you mr chairman additional comments uh supervisor palchek thank you it'll be very brief so good to see you cindy um and thank you for your work um and i believe we're also 40th year of tree city usa as well as We planted the trees together with the schools not long ago.

[00:15:17] So I want to thank you for your work. We get to have two Providence members, Cindy, who is now at large, and Rose, who began this year. And I know you are so committed, as the chairman said, not just ensuring that we countywide focus on trees, but especially, and as I go around these days more and more, door-to-door, seeing the differences in equity where we have trees, where trees are planted, which communities have access to trees and that tree cover, and which still need a little bit more of that targeted support for trees.

[00:15:50] So thank you for your leadership. There's a lot of work ahead, and I appreciate all the work that you and the Commission have done for the past 50 years. Thank you, Supervisor Pouchek. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair, and I can't resist the opportunity to, first off, thank you all, the work of the Tree Commission.

[00:16:13] Thank you, Elaine Kolisch, the current representative. And I can't say she replaced Kathy Ledeck, but she clearly followed on and is doing a wonderful job as vice chair of the tree commission. But I also have to acknowledge, once again, the essence of trees, if you will, in Fairfax County, Kathy Ledeck, and your commitment to the natural world and your commitment to, I mean, Hotley Meadows and Park Authority and really all the major initiatives that we've had that you were involved with and that we still

[00:16:47] so sadly lost you to New England, which I'm sure is the beneficiary of your efforts and George's efforts. The two of you were major sources of inspiration and hard work. And for those of you who come to the Mount Vernon Government Center, the core of the plantings there was an initiative that, frankly, that Kathy and I shared to, and Kamala, to really to pull that through and to kind of create maybe the core of what the future of all the government centers should look like, very natural, lots of trees everywhere, lots of plantings, and we particularly enjoy

[00:17:25] and admire and appreciate that when we see the bees and the birds and their embracing of the plants and the natural, really, plantings that are there again. so I could go on and on but I do want I cannot not acknowledge the core of where what we are at least in the Mount Vernon district with respect to that commitment and your chairing of the tree commission was acute which is huge part of that as well so thank you thank you Supervisor Stork before we vote 50 years in the life of a commission is a long time 50 years in the life of a tree is

[00:18:01] hardly anything. I got an email yesterday from a constituent in Camelot who was asking, you know, is there anything the county can do because a neighbor was cutting down two apparently healthy live red oaks. And she said, what can we do? The garden club has been planting, planting, planting, and now people are tearing down trees. And I said, you know, we've had, we've tried many times to get some sort of protection for trees, existing trees, from the General Assembly, and we have not been able to do that. So I told her, advocate with your General Assembly member. They need to hear from

[00:18:39] the constituents, not just from the board, in our legislative package, and that continues, and that will continue, I think. But I'm thinking back to, we've lived in our house for 50 years. When we bought the house, there were trees behind us, but they were owned by somebody else.

[00:18:57] And so after only about three years in our house and having, you know, a baby and another one on the way, somebody knocked on our door and said, we're going to develop the lots behind you, but we'll give you an opportunity to buy them. Well, we bought them.

[00:19:15] Don't know quite how we did that financially, but we bought them. I've got 300 trees in our backyard. We don't have a backyard. We have trees. You'd think that after all this time I'd be able to sit there and count them. I haven't done that yet, but it's about 300. We've lost very few.

[00:19:32] They're not all mighty oaks, but some of them are quite large. And our entire neighborhood has a lot of trees, and that's why we bought there 50 years ago. And when I look at the pictures of 50 years ago out at the patio and now, you know, it looks very much the same, although the tulip poplars have a larger circumference.

[00:19:54] But it's the kind of thing that maybe if you didn't grow up with trees, you don't appreciate them as much. But I think we have done a good job on this Board of Supervisors to encourage people to plant their own trees.

[00:20:12] And we have so many groups that are planting trees. And I think I see Jim McGlone in the auditorium with the Virginia Department, was with the Virginia Department of Forestry, who has been so good at educating elected officials and others about the value of trees and collecting your acorns and all that good stuff.

[00:20:32] So this is a very appropriate time, Mr. Chairman, for this to come forward, especially since we are having a mass year and we'll have lots of baby oak trees next year, probably, that some will grow, some will not. But that is the regeneration.

[00:20:48] But nature's regeneration needs help from the community to plant trees in the right places, the right kinds of trees, and encourage everyone else to understand the value of trees. It's not just their beauty and their shade.

[00:21:04] It is what they do for the climate, what they do for your home values. You can have a monster list of the reasons why we need to continue to maintain our trees and plant more trees because we are fortunate to live in an area that has great growing seasons.

[00:21:26] With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed, say nay. That motion carries unanimously. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. And with that, Cindy, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you very much Chairman McKay and the Board of Supervisors for your kind remarks and for this very special recognition.

[00:21:45] I'm going to take a moment to give this to 50 years ago in 1973, the chair of the Board of Supervisors was Jean Packard, an environmentalist and civic activist.

[00:22:05] She turned the Board's attention to how to implement a newly enacted tree ordinance. So, on August 1st, 1973, the Fairfax County Tree Commission was established to advise the board on the effectiveness of this new code, and since that time, it has consistently done just that.

[00:22:24] Since 1973, the board has passed, as you know, several important environmental policies, but it was not until 2006, and the chair recognized that, that a plan was developed especially for our trees. That year, and this is an apocryphal story, then board chair Jerry Connolly appeared before the commission, which was never heard before, and challenged the commission to write a strategic management plan for the urban forest.

[00:22:55] The commission was very excited, drafted the tree action plan, and it was adopted by the board, and then updated again in 2019. Today, the Tree Commission is proud to announce the publication of its 2023 annual report with yet more advice to help guide our tree canopy through the next 50 years of tree preservation and planting.

[00:23:19] And you have in front of you a QR code that will give you available and a quick, easy access to that report. Yes, there are lots of benefits of trees. They clean and cool our air. They sequester carbon. They mitigate flooding. They crown our native ecosystems and provide shade and beauty, which you have all referred to.

[00:23:43] But currently, we know there are threats to the canopy. This is the growing population, continuing development pressures, climate change. We're now looking at destructive pests and invasive vines. For our urban forest to survive and thrive, it will take all of us together to speak up, just like the Lorax, for the value and the benefit of our trees.

[00:24:09] So the Tree Commission would like to thank all the past and present supervisors for enacting policies that recognize the benefits and the values of a healthy urban forest. I'd love that we can see it from the air. Not many of us get to that view.

[00:24:27] We want to thank our dedicated county staff, including our liaisons and urban forest management division who are leaders in supporting the tree action plan and are members of all the members of the tree community of practice. We also thank past and present members of the Tree Commission, some of whom are with us today, and Jim is with us today.

[00:24:48] With all of us working together with the passion that we have for this work, we can support the urban forest in the next 50 years of growth. Indeed, as Supervisor Gross said, just a small part of the lifespan of a tree. But we want our future generations to enjoy living in the shady, healthy, beautiful, and green Fairfax County.

[00:25:11] And thank you all very, very much. Thank you very much, Cindy. Well said, and thank you for giving us a QR code and not a couple hundred pages of document in honor of those trees. Thank you very much. With that, I think we're ready for a photo.

[00:25:29] And please, if anyone else who's here with you for this can come on down for the photo. And Supervisor Stork is chair of our environmental committee, if you'd like to join me.

[00:25:37] And next, we have a resolution to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Providence Players of Fairfax County.

[00:27:55] And this was requested by myself, Supervisor Gross, and Supervisor Palchik. Our speaker today is Kevin Harnish, Board of Directors President of the Providence Players of Fairfax. I don't have to say, come on down, because he's got his game together. And if anyone is here for this, they're welcome to join us at the podium as well.

[00:28:15] And Supervisor Gross, you have a resolution. Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And just by way of identification, the Providence Players has their home stage in the James Lee Community Center, which for many, many years was in the Providence District.

[00:28:34] But in redistricting this last time, that precinct was moved to Mason District. And I am thrilled to have that and also to sort of have adopted the Providence Players. There has been no discussion of a name change, and I don't intend to have any name change.

[00:28:55] I think Providence Players just sort of trips off the lips, and it has a lot of history. So I am happy to move the following resolution. Whereas Providence Players of Fairfax was founded in 1998 to bring community theater to life with productions of artistic excellence through community involvement.

[00:29:16] And whereas Providence Players of Fairfax has built one of the region's best award-winning community theaters, providing quality, affordable theater to the residents of Fairfax and greater Northern Virginia with a particular focus on Fairfax Falls Church and Annandale.

[00:29:33] And whereas Providence Players is committed to the diverse community it serves through outreach initiatives, that strive to increase participation among new audiences, as particularly youth and underserved populations, and whereas Providence Players is a group of committed member artists welcoming all community residents who wish to become involved in the Fairfax artistic community, and whereas Providence Players has been a recipient of Arts Fairfax Grant Awards in recognition of its artistic excellence and commitment to engaging the community in theater productions, and whereas for 25 years, Providence Players of Fairfax

[00:30:08] has helped build a robust arts community as a community partner at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church, Virginia, now therefore be it resolved. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby recognize and extend its appreciation to the Providence Players of Fairfax Theater Company for 25 years of significant contributions to the arts in Fairfax County.

[00:30:31] I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Palchuk. Discussion on the motion? Mr. Chairman. Yes, Supervisor Gross. For probably as long as I've served on this board, I've sort of been the arts supervisor, taking a number of things through, including getting more dance space and dance floors in theaters and just doing whatever we are able to do to advance the arts.

[00:31:03] As you know, probably, both of our daughters are in the arts. One has her bachelor's in fine arts as a dancer, and the other has her master's in playwriting and theater.

[00:31:21] Don't know how they came about doing that, but they are very talented. And it's given me a new insight into the challenges, quite frankly, of of performance and for community theater.

[00:31:37] And especially as community theaters were having, you know, were challenged anyway, pre-COVID. But COVID really hit a lot of community arts groups here and around the nation very, very hard.

[00:31:54] Many of them had to cease functioning because they just didn't have the resources to continue. They had the heart and the soul, but not the financial resources. And I think one of the things that the Providence Players brings to the community is an outreach to underserved communities so we can get people in and also going out and beating the bushes for the resources, for the money.

[00:32:26] And, um, and so you operate on a very, on a real shoestring when you are a community theater. And fortunately they have their home base at James Lee Community Center in the auditorium of the former school.

[00:32:42] It's a great spot. It's a small theater, not huge. It's about 200 and about 200 seats. So you can really be close to the action. And the plays that they present are a variety of things for, you know, really intense or really just great fun.

[00:33:04] We spoke about Jerry Connolly, previous chairman. Jerry was well known to do walk-ons, cameos, at various Providence Players presentations.

[00:33:19] I actually got to see him do that one time. It wasn't a whole lot different than being here at the Board of Supervisors. You don't really – Jerry can play himself very, very well. But, you know, being part – we shouldn't be looking at theater as, oh, somebody else has to do it.

[00:33:41] Everyone can participate somehow. As an actor, costume maker, a set designer, you know, just – there are all sorts of opportunities that you can do, especially in community theater. And I think that the Providence Players has done that so well for 25 years.

[00:34:00] I'm happy to be able to acknowledge that, to support them, and would encourage everybody else to really go out and support. You can give money, but you can also buy tickets and go see a play. A play is nothing if there's not an audience.

[00:34:17] And so we all have a role, if you will, in what the Providence Players does. So I'm just very pleased to offer this resolution because this is one of the things that also, like trees, softens the hard edges of life.

[00:34:34] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. Further discussions? Supervisor Palchik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So good to see you all. So good to see you, Kevin, and the team. There is so much that's been said and that Supervisor Gross mentioned about Providence players and the arts. First of all, I want to say that my hope is now we won't have one but ten art supervisors moving forward.

[00:34:56] I know that as a community and as a board, we are very dedicated and looking to invest in what's working in our community arts programs and how we grow beyond that. I love seeing Kevin because actually his son was the nicest person in my elementary school class.

[00:35:14] That's how I first met the Harnishes, and being a young immigrant, it wasn't always easy, and Will absolutely always, and I know was raised very well and very kindly, and I know the arts are part of that. I also want to mention, well, first of all, I thought that Vice Chair Groh was about to volunteer as the new representative for the Providence Players to make that cameo.

[00:35:40] I thought that's where we were going, so I know you soon will have a little bit more time on your hands. Actually, Congressman Conlon and I were invited last year not to province players but to

traveling players, and I can say it's something I'll do once. I'm not sure if I'll do it again, but all I had to do was look at him and look scared.

[00:35:59] But I appreciate the work you do, and not just for the community in general, but I know with the Young Hearts Foundation, you are true partners for the community in helping children going through life-altering illnesses. I know that Ryan McLaughlin's dad, I believe, is still on your board of directors and the work that you have done over the years to bring not just joy to the community, but to help raise funds for children and their families.

[00:36:26] So I just want to thank you for your many, many years of service. I'm sorry to lose you from Providence, but as you know, I live even closer now and looking forward to attending one of your future plays. So thank you for all you do and for another 25 years of community theater.

[00:36:44] Thank you very much, Supervisor Palczyk. And let me also congratulate you. We had the Providence players here not too long ago to recognize a lot of their achievements. 25 years goes by quick. And I'm sure you can think back to all the performances over those years and have just great, you know, cherished memories of each of those.

[00:37:07] I did a cameo appearance. You know, I got set up. I didn't know at the time that I was walking in to be the narrator of the Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Lorton Workhouse some years ago. And so I'm still traumatized by that experience. But as Supervisor Gross said, this is for everyone.

[00:37:27] Not everyone has to be on the stage or participating. And as you said, you know, our arts are nothing without an audience. And I think about that even in the very young ages where all of our high schools have phenomenal theatrical programs.

[00:37:42] And I think a lot of times people in the community forget what fabulous performances those are without a lot of money to buy a ticket and be able to participate with the community and builds a pipeline of people for community arts and theater. And so 25 years, it goes by quick, but I want to congratulate you on 25 years.

[00:38:03] And rest assured, our interest in the arts in this community has never been higher than it is now. Supervisor Gross and I share the commitment to dance with our kids. My daughter's an avid dancer and travel dancer and high school dancer and all those things.

[00:38:20] And so when I see what the kids get out of this, in particular our young people, the confidence that it builds in them and an ability for them to express themselves freely and the people who come out and support them that build the pipeline for these community theaters, it's inspiring.

[00:38:38] And so your work is cherished, respected, will continue to be promoted by us in this county for the next 25 years. So well done. With that I think we are ready for a vote all those in favor of the motion. Please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and Kevin Welcome the floor is yours. Thank you. Good morning. Mr. Sherman Madam vice chairperson and all the whole board of supervisors My name is Kevin Harnish. I'm the president of Providence Players of Fairfax

[00:39:11] And I am a pleasure to be joined here with a few of my board members, including Jadon Bartlemay, Chris Purcell, and Tina Thronson, who I'm going to throw a pitch in here since you all were so kind, is directing our current production of Death Trap.

[00:39:27] And we have one more this coming weekend. Love to see you all there at the James Lee Theater. I want to express our sincere appreciation and recognition of our organization, and in particular, Supervisor Gross and Palchuk have been strong supporters of ours and leading proponents of the arts in general.

[00:39:48] This bestowed honor is very much appreciated, and we will miss Supervisor Gross' shared passion to bring the arts alive within the county. To reiterate some of the things that have been said, as you know, many, as our name indicates, were originated in Providence District with the early support of our actor member, Jerry Conley, and then continuing with Supervisor Smith and currently Supervisor Palchuk.

[00:40:18] When the recent county redistricting moved to our James Lee Community Theater in the Mason District, Supervisor Gross, in her good-natured wit, assured me we wouldn't have to change our name. Over the past 25 years, Providence Players has produced main stage and pop-up productions and has entertained tens of thousands of theater goers.

[00:40:42] Established by a committed group of parents involved in local community and local elementary school drama club in 1998, Providence Players remains an all-volunteer, non-profit community theater company with hundreds of members and volunteers and over 200 individuals and corporate sponsors.

[00:41:03] And since the move to James Lee, Providence Players has entertained over 50,000 theater patrons. As we begin our next quarter century, Providence Players remain committed to the diverse community it serves through outreach initiatives to strive to increase participation among new audiences, particularly youth and underserved populations.

[00:41:24] Our commitment to the broader community is to use our talents in the theater arts to make James Lee, Fairfax community, Northern Virginia and Washington area communities a better place to live. Again, thank you very much for this special recognition. Thank you very much, Kevin, and thank you to all the folks who are here with us as well. Appreciate your dedication.

[00:41:50] With that, I think we're ready for a photo, and Supervisor Gross and Supervisor Palchuk,

[00:41:54] if you could join me. And next, we have a proclamation to designate November 11th through

[00:43:22] the 18th of 2023 as Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, and our speaker today is a familiar face, former mayor of the city of Fairfax, David Meyer, who is recently appointed the chair of the Fairfax County Continuum of Care Board is with us.

[00:43:40] If you could come on down and certainly all the folks who are here for this proclamation, if you'd like to come on down and join us as well, we would appreciate that. And there's a lot of organizations here and a lot of folks to come down. And so before I turn, I'm going to kill a little bit of time to help people come down. Lots of familiar faces, which is great. And while this is happening, why don't I turn to Supervisor Faust, who has a proclamation. Supervisor Faust.

[00:44:17] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move the following proclamation. Whereas to raise awareness of 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.

[00:44:46] And whereas, despite Fairfax County's relative prosperity and significant efforts by the county and numerous nonprofits and faith-based organizations, many county residents do not have adequate food resources.

[00:45:02] And whereas Feeding America, the largest hunger relief organization in the United States, estimated that in 2021, over 60,000 people in Fairfax County were facing food insecurity.

[00:45:14] And whereas in January, the point-in-time count of individuals experiencing homelessness, a collaborative effort of the Fairfax County Office to prevent and end homelessness and many county nonprofit partners indicated a 10% increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness and a 33% increase in the number of families with children experiencing homelessness.

[00:45:43] Whereas 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.

[00:46:03] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim November 11th through the 18th, 2023, as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Fairfax County, and encourages all residents to recognize and participate in solutions to the challenges of homelessness and hunger in our community.

[00:46:32] So move. i'm happy to second that along with a lot of the board uh discussion on the motion supervisor faust yeah uh thank you mr chairman keep this short uh because the proclamation was fairly long but i want to thank our county staff and supporters uh and staff of the non-profits that work to address hunger and challenges of hunger and homelessness in our community every single day we appreciate your efforts. We all know that the county cannot solve those huge problems by ourselves without your help. So we live in a community where we have great residents, provide generous financial

[00:47:11] support, and unselfishly donate their time to help us make life better for those who are experiencing hunger and homelessness and hopefully eventually solve those challenges. So this declaration of hunger and homelessness awareness week in the county it's going to be well publicized and you know the one of the reasons we do these declarations is we want to there are so many good people out there in our community in this county who are looking for opportunities to make a

[00:47:46] difference to make life better for people who live here and with this proclamation we hope to help lift up the interest and hopefully find you more volunteers, hope you find you more financial supporters. And together, we hope to raise funds, of course, but food, clothing, furniture, school supplies, and eventually address the challenges of hunger and homelessness the way we know we're capable of doing. So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Faust.

[00:48:24] Supervisor Palachuk. I will also add briefly, it's so good to see so many. I know you represent our county workforce. So first of all, I think a round of applause for the people here and those who represent doing this work every single day. So thank you so much. The words that really rang true from that, as I look at our county staff who've been doing this work so well for many years at our nonprofits, at our volunteers, is comprehensive and caring.

[00:48:57] We recently had a roundtable with my boards and commissions and with Carla Bruce discussing what we all do as a county and moving forward. And what really, really stood out is that while we have our challenges, there's so much that we can be grateful for in Fairfax County.

[00:49:13] But I think the number one thing here is our people. We have the most amazing people in the entire world, I will say, every place I've been, the most caring, inclusive, and hardworking community. and you represent them, and I appreciate that you're there every single day.

[00:49:33] I think we only see things that aren't working every once in a while, people who have needs once in a while, whether they're in our community or out in the community or coming to ask for help. But I know that you have done this not just through the pandemic, but long before, and you continue to battle that for us.

[00:49:53] So I just really, truly want to thank you. You are our frontline here, our army of caring and of comprehensive and caring services here in Fairfax County. Thank you, David, for taking on the helm. I was not excited about your retirement, so I'm happy we found, I think, an excellent role for you because it really, truly is understanding where people are and what they need, and it's not the same for everyone and every family.

[00:50:22] And so the fact that we and you and staff and the community and our nonprofits are so thoughtful and not only do you do everything you can to serve your community, but you're also all very thoughtful and advocating and asking us and those at the state and federal level when we need more help and to help understand where we need it, why we need it and when we need it.

[00:50:46] So I just want to thank all of you. It really is thanks to you that we continue to, I think, combat so effectively many of the challenges that our families face. So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

[00:51:02] Just to put one of the things in context from the resolution, 60,000 food insecure individuals in Fairfax County, that's the population of Reston. So, you know, I think we need to understand as a community, this is a huge challenge on hunger.

[00:51:19] But I would also say in terms of our unhoused population, and nobody knows this better than the folks here, that really is probably the toughest challenge we face as a community. It really is. You know, really putting a dent in that, I know we've done tremendous things, tremendous strides in the last couple of decades, but it remains our toughest challenge.

[00:51:42] And there's no more pressing area for innovation and doubling down on what we can do than our in-house population. So thank you all so much for everything that you do towards that. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[00:51:58] I'll go quickly. I just want to say I appreciate the comments of Supervisor Alcoin there with regarding to housing and homelessness. But I want to lift up again this point about hunger and acknowledging that the pandemic showed us just how imperative an issue hunger was for so many of our residents but it continues even since so we've got to keep lifting up reminding people the importance to support and i know echo is one of the organizations that's so committed to trying to address this problem in our community and we know they need additional donations they know they need additional

[00:52:34] funding they also need additional volunteers so this effort here will help drive for all of our non-profits awareness and visibility, and I just appreciate that we have so many people in this community who care. So with that, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk, and let me conclude also by thanking everyone who's here. This is a network, what you see here, a network of non-profits, county staff,

faith leaders, people in the community who care, and as many others have said, we cannot solve this problem on our own. And in fact, in many cases, you know more about

[00:53:12] many of the root causes and challenges of the clients that you see that help us form policies that help tackle this issue. To me, probably the most important thing about this Awareness Week is all the county residents who don't have any understanding of the magnitude of this problem, Because we hear constantly played over and over and over again about the wealth and opportunities that are in Fairfax County that many times people don't think about so many people who are living in this community who are struggling.

[00:53:47] And this is an opportunity for them to help deal with some of these numbers and the staggering statistics that are in here. And I don't want to be a broken record, but for me, every time we talk about hunger and homelessness, what gets me are the youngest people in our community who are facing these challenges.

[00:54:07] You know, we hear this from our school partners. It's hard to be a young person right now. It's particularly hard to be a young person if you are suffering from food insecurity or don't have a reliable place to stay on a given night and are still trying to focus on academics and being a successful young person.

[00:54:26] And one of the staggering statistics is the number of children who fall into these categories. And that is absolutely not a very well told story in the county. And I think our residents, if they knew these challenges, would be much more open to supporting the efforts that we and all of you are making towards trying to put an end to this.

[00:54:48] And then finally, I want to thank Mayor Meyer for stepping up, as Supervisor Pouchik said, when we appointed him out of turn to chair the Continuum of Care Board, because I knew everyone on this board would be supportive of that and clearly were.

[00:55:04] The work that you did in Fairfax City in this space is admirable, but we are really looking forward to the work that will come out of this new continuum of care board to take us to the next level. As we've done enough, not enough, not nearly enough, we've done a lot to address homelessness, and certainly the efforts in the Office to Prevent Homelessness at the time has moved the needle significantly.

[00:55:29] But we need to continue to move it, and we need fresh, new thought and new innovative ideas and those concepts brought forward to us so that we know what the future holds. We know what we've done in the past. What are we going to do moving forward? And so thank you, Mayor Meyer, for stepping up, filling that critical role, and look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead on this.

[00:55:53] And so with that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. I. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and Mayor Meyer, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Chairman McKay, and I want to thank Supervisor Faust and Supervisor Palchek, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Lust for helping with this proclamation, and the entire board for their commitment to address the challenges of unhoused persons and food insecurity, both in the county and the Northern Virginia region generally.

[00:56:34] The Board of Supervisors last month reconstituted the Continuum of Care Board to address this increase in homelessness in our region. This was a prescient action on the part of the board, and it

responds to a significant increase in the number of unhoused persons and families in this post-pandemic period.

[00:57:00] The request that went out to the jurisdictions and organizations to be part of the Continuum of Care Board, the response was swift and positive. The Continuum of Care Board will hold its first inaugural meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 7 p.m. here in the government center.

[00:57:21] And we are looking forward to understanding in greater detail that the scope and the nuances and the variations of food insecurity and homelessness in the county and the region. And I'm going to recognize and thank those people from the nonprofits and other volunteer groups in a moment.

[00:57:43] But I'm going off script here for a moment to share with you one story. And when Chairman McKay was talking about what we have done in the past and is commendable, the county school system is probably the single point where the effects of food insecurity and homelessness are seen every day.

[00:58:08] When people go into the career of education, they may not fully appreciate the scope of the challenges that they're going to encounter each and every day. And as many of you know, that my wife recently retired as a special education chemistry teacher at Fairfax High School.

[00:58:27] And she told me this story about maybe it was 19 or 20. Maybe it was right before the pandemic or the first year of the pandemic. I guess it was in 2019. And this boy was struggling to bring in his homework for this lab.

[00:58:43] And he said, I just didn't have the opportunity, just couldn't get it done. And so she said, well, would you be willing to talk with me about that? And he said, well, I just don't have any place to do it. And she said, well, more specifically.

[00:59:00] And he said, well, I don't want anyone to know, but I've been sleeping on the floor in the back room of a barbershop by himself. No mention of family. So, of course, appropriate staff were engaged to address this and hopefully that particular situation was resolved or at least addressed in the immediacy.

[00:59:25] But those are the kinds of challenges that we face across the county repeated thousands of times. And so today we have numerous devoted citizens representing a broad spectrum of nonprofits and faith communities and other organizations that have been steadfast in their support of citizens, of efforts to house and feed the most vulnerable among us.

[00:59:52] They bring an expertise and a commitment that will enable the county and our region to address this challenge effectively going forward. thank you for your vote of confidence in all of us to help you and help those who are most vulnerable we appreciate that thank you for the proclamation too thank you very much um and if there's no i thought you was there somebody else you wanted to recognize is there anyone from the um home stretch or would you like to say anything or maybe we would or at least maybe we can mention

[01:00:25] some of the organizations that are here okay um well home stretch for one um echo echo of course we we know about echo um western fairfax christian ministries which is a key part of what's going on in the western part of the county and fish of course cornerstone northern virginia family

[01:00:50] services any others i'm sorry okay great facets and bright paths and the lamb center as well and any others that would like to be recognized what this shows you

[01:01:27] is the rich tapestry of of support that we have across the county these are these are individuals who in their very essence want to change for the better the future of individuals who are most vulnerable and um for them it is a calling it is it's in their fiber viscerally to want to make a difference and so we're going to leverage all of these different groups with different perspectives and different skill sets that they bring to the table and resources and hopefully

[01:02:00] present to you uh some strategic plans and some very um actionable items that we can then prioritize fund implement monitor and improve thank you very much david and and i i wanted to make sure the groups could could recognize themselves for the reasons you just mentioned and also uh to demonstrate geographically what you just heard is every corner of the county that has people who are living in it who have needs and are making a major contribution to our community so we're literally in this together and literally this is a battle

[01:02:38] we're fighting in the entire county as we try to deal with hunger, hunger awareness and homelessness awareness week. And so thank you all for being here today. I think with that, we're ready for a photo. We'll see how well we can organize. If you all can come forward and I'm going to ask Supervisor Faust, Paucek and Alcorn, who were joiners in the original board matter to

[01:03:04] to join me okay uh we next have a proclamation to designate november 13th to the 19th 2023 as

[01:05:53] transgender awareness week and this was requested by myself and supervisor faust and with us today is reverend emma chatton senior pastor of the metropolitan community church of nova and also the executive director of transgender education association if you could come on down And wonderful. We have a lot of folks here with you.

[01:06:13] We would welcome them all to come on down. At this time, I will turn to Supervisor Faust for a proclamation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move the following proclamation.

[01:06:30] Whereas during Transgender Awareness Week, transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy. And whereas we honor our transgender family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors who are fighting for freedom, equality, dignity, and respect, and those who

[01:07:04] affirm the identity of transgender children and help these young people reach their potential. And whereas, sadly, the transgender community continues to face epidemic levels of violence, with 19 transgender and gender non-conforming Americans killed already in 2023, whereas despite the challenges including anti-transgender legislation and executive orders around the country, and even here in the Commonwealth, the transgender population and its allies have made remarkable progress

[01:07:42] in fighting for the rights of transgender people and increasing the visibility of the community. And whereas Fairfax County remains committed to ensuring that all members of the transgender community can live free of discrimination and harassment and continues to work to advance equity and inclusion.

[01:08:06] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, behalf of all residents of fairfax county does hereby declare the week of november 13th through the 19th 2023 as transgender awareness week in fairfax county and urges all residents to stand with and support the transgender community so moved second uh you've heard the motion it's been

[01:08:36] multiply seconded. Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, Fairfax County is committed to promoting a culture of openness, inclusiveness, acceptance for all people as this board demonstrated when we adopted the resolution of diversity and inclusion and our one Fairfax social and racial equity policy. We firmly believe that all residents deserve an equitable opportunity to succeed if they work hard, regardless of race, color, sex, nationality,

[01:09:14] sexual orientation, gender identity, income, or where they live. It doesn't matter. Fairfax County has been recognized by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation and the Equality Federation Institute for our significant efforts to ensure equality, inclusion, and non-discrimination for members of the LGBTQI plus community. Their municipal equality index is the nation's premier benchmarking tool to understand how well municipalities across the nation are providing that community inclusion in

[01:09:50] laws, policies, and services. We're proud that Fairfax County received the highest possible score on that index, and we acknowledge the chairman's great efforts to get us to that point. We recognize that some progress has been made toward protecting the rights of the LGBTQI plus community.

[01:10:10] Unfortunately, there's a troubling trend in our state and across the nation that seeks to halt and reverse that progress. For example, nationwide, during the first three months of this year, there were over 400 bills introduced in state legislatures that would either restrict protections for transgender and gay youth, or restrict discussion, even restrict discussion of LGBTQI plus topics in public schools. So here in Virginia, during the 2022 General Assembly, 12 bills were introduced

[01:10:45] that would have adversely affected those students. Fortunately, they were not enacted into law. Navigating sexual identity can be difficult, as you know, and sometimes threatening, especially for young people. Discrimination based on gender identity can actually be, as we noted earlier, a matter of life and death. The youth behavioral update on Fairfax County students was recently presented to the board. It showed a disturbing picture, finding that 65.5% of transgender students felt sad or hopeless compared to 27% of non-transgender students.

[01:11:24] And it also found that 15% of transgender students had attempted suicide. This is compared to 3.6% for non-transgender students. So those who attack members of the transgender community are pursuing an agenda that rejects medicine, science, basic human compassion.

[01:11:46] By adopting the Transgender Awareness Week proclamation, we once again affirm that Fairfax County opposes any discrimination directed at sexual preference and gender identity, and that we will stand up, speak out, and show support for those who continue to face that discrimination.

[01:12:06] I want to be very clear that we will continue to do everything in our power to provide the safe and secure environment that all residents of Fairfax County deserve. We will never let intolerance and hate replace empathy and acceptance.

[01:12:22] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Faust. Any further discussion? Let me just add a few things. First, thank you for mentioning the human rights campaign because it is a measure that I think is important to everyone in our community.

[01:12:39] And for us to have gone from scoring in the 40s and 60% just a few years ago to being at 100%, I think sends a clear message, regardless of what's happening in Richmond or other places, what are the core values of this local Fairfax County community.

[01:12:56] I also want to mention, as I have in the past, just how appreciative I was when the governor's model policies were put out at the way in which this community responded, especially our kids. The way they walked out of school to send a message, really, that where they feel on this issue.

[01:13:19] Too often our young people are not a part of the conversation. And I wish more people in elected office or positions of leadership would listen to our young people, because what they say is this will become the civil rights issue that all of us should be embarrassed about the way we treated people at this point in time.

[01:13:40] Just last weekend, I happened to have an hour of free time, which is uncanny. I was having trouble sleeping. And so I watched the, it's hard to believe this was 25 years ago, I watched the Netflix documentary on Matthew Shepard, and probably many of you have seen this, and 25 years ago.

[01:14:03] And to listen to some of the people who were friends of Matthew Shepard and people who were involved in the movement towards equality, talk about how far we had come after that. And yet, over the past couple years, because politicians have politicized this, how much further it seems like we have slipped backwards in the past couple of years.

[01:14:26] And that's why proclamations like this are important, because we refuse to slip backwards here in this community. And in respect to all people who have lost their lives just for being themselves, it's hard to believe that this is a partisan issue in today's day and age.

[01:14:45] And it's important for us to speak up, to protect the lives of all people in Fairfax County. And as we got the youth survey results, and frankly, there was some great news in those youth survey results for cutting down the number of people who are feeling sad and depressed.

[01:15:05] Our kids are feeling better. They're feeling more confident. They're using less drugs and substances. Yet, within our transgender population, the feeling sad and homelessness numbers compared to the general population in our schools is troubling.

[01:15:22] And I always remember having talked to a young man who was in the LGBTQ community who made it very clear to me that his sadness, hopelessness, and depression had nothing to do with his sexuality and had everything to do with what people were saying about him.

[01:15:40] the way that they looked at him and the way that they talked to him. And I think that can be a lesson for all of us to be careful about the words we use and to build up all people in our speech and in our actions. And I'm very proud to chair a board that knows very clearly that's where we are and that's where our community is.

[01:16:02] So this is an important proclamation. I wish we were all out here for this because it's important that our residents see us doing this and standing up for people who are vulnerable and protecting every life in Fairfax County through our policies. So with that, I think we're ready for a vote.

[01:16:20] All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that is passed. Nine to zero, Supervisor Herity being out of the room. With that, our speaker today is Reverend Emma Chatton. Welcome.

[01:16:35] The floor is yours. Thank you so much. First, I want to thank those who rise up in support when called. very grateful i also want to thank supervisor faust and chairman mckay for your wonderful comments so precise i feel like i should just sit down being a minister that's just not in my that's just not in

me so i want to thank you all for proclaiming november 12th through the 19th transgender awareness week this matters because we matter our community matters and when i say

[01:17:11] transgender community. I include gender non-binary and anyone, any place along the wide, wonderful, beautiful spectrum of gender between the binary, whether static or dynamic. Now, people often say they want to understand the transgender communities, and I think that's a well-meaning but a misplaced goal. The best minds of medical science don't understand why we are the way we are. We don't even know ourselves. What we have done is to accept ourselves as we are, and that's what we ask of

[01:17:50] others, and that's best facilitated by getting to know us. That's why the Transgender Education Association conducts trans educational outreaches in the larger communities where our people live and work, in hospitals, schools, places of worship, where we talk about who we are, where we share our stories, the obstacles we've faced in life and the obstacles that we have overcome. Our life journeys have so much to teach the world. This fosters awareness. This builds bridges where none existed

[01:18:25] and provides truth and reality in the face of misinformation. Speaking of which, whenever you hear something about us that causes you to pause or worse, please ask one of us before you believe it. If you don't know who to ask, ask me. Now, most folks say they don't know anyone who's trans.

[01:18:51] Well, you probably do, but you just aren't aware of it. Most of us simply want to live our lives. We just want to live. We don't want special rights. We just want rights. The right to education, the right to employment health care and housing without discrimination the right to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness and one word there stands out has a reason for the transgender awareness week and that is life because following the awareness week on november the 20th is the

[01:19:27] transgender day of remembrance when we remember those who were unable to live those who were murdered over the previous year due to anti-trans hate, anti-trans violence, and transphobia.

[01:19:43] Hate, ugly language, and misinformation has consequences. Last year we said the names and saw the faces of 41 individuals in our nation who were murdered, who lost their life while living their life, because they were living their life. While anyone in our community faces that risk, it is disproportionately experienced by the most marginalized among the marginalized.

[01:20:11] Nearly everyone who was murdered last year was a trans woman of color, the least privileged among us. And it has always been this way in the 14 years that I've been leading this service in increasing numbers.

[01:20:27] And so this year, once again, on November the 20th, TGEA and MCC NOVA will hold the 15th annual Northern Virginia Interfaith Transgender Day of Remembrance Service in coordination with many local faith partners.

[01:20:44] It will be held at Unity of Fairfax at 7 p.m. Shout out to Reverend Russ. And that is why we have a Transgender Awareness Week from the 12th to the 19th. It's because of what happens on November the 20th and with the hope that next year increased awareness will bring about decreased violence and rhetoric against our community and make all of our lives just a little bit better.

[01:21:16] Thank you so much for being a part of that. Amen. Thank you. Thank you, Reverend Tratton. Thank you very much, Reverend Tratton, for your inspiring words and the work that you do.

[01:21:48] And thank all of you for coming here today, for showing up in force for today's Awareness Week proclamation. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if all of you could come forward and face the audience, Supervisor Faust will join me.

[01:23:38] And finally, this morning, we have a proclamation to designate October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

[01:23:54] And this was requested by myself, Supervisor Walkinshaw, and Supervisor Palchik. Our speaker is Jay Aneliot, member and outreach chair of the Ashiana Board of Directors. If you could come on down, we certainly would welcome anyone else who is here with you to come join you as well.

[01:24:15] I see a lot of purple in the crowd. So if you all could come on down and join as well. and at this time I will turn to Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Let folks come down. Okay whereas during Domestic Violence Awareness Month we joined forces to raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence which touches all communities regardless of age, race, disability,

[01:24:50] gender identity, or socioeconomic status and whereas in FY 2023 the Fairfax County Police Department responded to 3,738 domestic violence calls, a 15 percent increase from the previous year, and 45 percent of homicides in FY 2023 were domestic violence related, a nine percent increase from the previous year. And whereas many of the issues that affected victims and their families through the pandemic continue, including but not limited to economic strain, lack of affordable

[01:25:26] housing and adequate mental health services and support for people who speak a language other than English. And whereas agencies and organizations across the county continue to adapt their work to meet the evolving needs of those impacted by domestic violence amid funding and staffing shortages and increased demand. And whereas we must work together to end domestic violence and create safer communities, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of supervisors on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County does hereby proclaim October 2023 as

[01:26:02] Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urges all residents to recognize the impact and become involved in efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence in our community. I'm happy to second that along with a lot of board members. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Walkinshaw.

[01:26:19] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And the proclamation goes through, you know, some of the troubling statistics, a few others that aren't in the proclamation. There were 253 strangulation charges in Fairfax County in FY 2023, and strangulation is one of the primary indicators of potential homicide in a domestic violence situation. The ANOVA Forensic Assessment consultation team conducted 377 exams. And our 24-hour domestic and sexual violence hotline

[01:26:58] received an average of 150 calls per month over the course of FY 2023. And let's tell people, a couple of years ago, I went and sat with one of the volunteers who staffs the hotline and receives those calls for about six hours, and not a single call came in while I was there.

[01:27:20] You should go more often. Yeah, that's the key. But they do incredible, incredible work in supporting folks. And, you know, I'll just say, I mentioned 45% of homicides. That has been remarkably consistent for many years in Fairfax County, that about half of our homicides are domestic violence related.

[01:27:40] And I get frustrated because if you listen to the media and political conversation around public safety in this county and elsewhere, nobody ever talks about domestic violence. And if we can end that, we could eliminate half of our homicides every year and all kinds of other challenges.

[01:28:05] And we're working really hard to do that. And my colleagues know I'm wrapping up my third year as chair of the Council to End Domestic Violence. I said when I ran, I was going to be a one-termer for that job.

[01:28:23] And I'm looking forward to the election of a new leadership team. We have some great folks that I think the council will elect at the end of this year. I hope to continue. I plan to continue to be involved, but I'm going to go back to being a worker bee like I was before I took on that role.

[01:28:45] But I am so inspired by the work that so many people in Fairfax County do each and every day. A lot of the folks who are here with us against really tough odds and against huge challenges, especially over the last few years related to the pandemic.

[01:29:05] And we're making we're making progress. We are, starting on November 1st, we'll be expanding our lethality assessment program, which is really key, working with our police department to identify those situations where folks are at serious risk.

[01:29:24] We're going to be expanding that. I want to thank the entire team that's been working on that, FCPD, for doing the training there. We have a new Green Dot bystander intervention program that has kicked off. We've expanded the locations for our domestic violence action centers.

[01:29:40] This I'm really excited about. Recently have started having community conversations around interpersonal violence, starting in the Mason District and in Culmore, bringing the community together to talk about these issues and how we can solve these issues.

[01:29:57] So really exciting stuff. And I've been honored to be able to support the folks that are doing the work. And I'm going to continue to do that in every way I can because they're just incredible. So thank you all for coming and for the work that you do. Thank you very much, Supervisor Walkinshaw.

[01:30:15] And thank you for all of your work in this space as well. Let me just thank you all for being here as well. You know, it's interesting. Just this weekend, I was speaking to a group of individuals who was gathered to support the Center for Improving Women's Lives.

[01:30:32] We were talking about domestic violence and so many of the challenges that are out there, and I told them the story of our equity policy in the county of our One Fairfax policy, and I see Carla Bruce, our chief equity officer, is here.

[01:30:48] And one of the first test cases of one Fairfax was involving a domestic violence shelter. And Supervisor Historic will remember, because the women's group of Mount Vernon had been lobbying us for many years to open a domestic violence shelter in that end of the county, realizing that it takes a lot of courage for somebody to come forward who's been victimized.

[01:31:12] But one of the barriers is knowing that when they do that, their whole life changes. And in some cases, the whole lives of their family, their children, uprooted, put into emergency shelter, and in some cases, in a very unfamiliar part of the county.

[01:31:31] And one of the first test cases of our One Fairfax policy was, shouldn't we have domestic violence shelters in more areas of the county, including parts of the county that had no formalized

domestic violence shelter? And that's why equity is so important.

[01:31:47] And it literally can go to the root of whether victims come forward or not, whether they believe and they have the confidence that the services are there and in place. The second thing that happened this week that I think ties directly into this is we graduated the largest in decades police academy class, but more importantly, the most diverse police academy class, public safety academy class in the history of Fairfax County.

[01:32:13] Almost 30% women, people who speak multiple languages, people from all different cultures, from all over the world with all different lived experiences joining our police department. We raised the standard of who can become a police officer when we said we want our police department to look like our community.

[01:32:32] Why is this important to domestic violence? Because when people are at their weakest moment and they're contemplating whether to continue to allow themselves to be violated or whether they want to call for help, one of the things I know that concerns, and I've talked to victims of domestic violence about this, is their concern that the first responders may not be able to relate to what they're going through, might not speak their language, might not understand what's going on.

[01:33:01] And so sometimes that can be a barrier for calling for help as well. And so we have a role to play on this board to make sure that we are knocking down, proudly knocking down those barriers, having services available to people anywhere in the county, having public safety agencies that look like our community are also important ways, maybe not to stop domestic violence, but to allow people who are victimized to come forward bravely and know that there's a network of support and there's people who will listen to them and help them out of their predicament.

[01:33:35] And hopefully over time, those things will pay dividends, as you said, Supervisor Walkinshaw, in those statistics. Because we know most of the violent crime that happens in the county has a domestic relationship. And if it doesn't, it most certainly has a mental health relationship.

[01:33:54] And if we could get our hands around domestic violence and mental health interventions and support in our community, it would be the number one way we could reduce instances of crimes occurring. And I think we need to think about that and take that to heart as a community.

[01:34:10] So thank you for being here today as we proclaim Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And I want to also thank all of our county staff who are here, as you said, Supervisor Walkinshaw, doing the hard work. This is hard work. We know it. But we know you're doing it because you care and you're making a difference.

[01:34:29] And we see that and want to make sure that you know that. 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 jaya welcome the floor is yours thank you i mean you guys have said almost everything i wanted to say about domestic violence which always makes me emotional i'm sorry uh thank you supervisor walk-in show for having us here and everybody on the board good morning to all of you

[01:35:05] I don't know if it's afternoon already, but at Asiandar, as we would like to say, we are what we call home in South Asian languages, and that's what we are, a home for our people, our communities, and when I say our communities, it's not just the South Asian, but everybody who lives with us, because we are

the home, and our values are enshrined in the word home, so it's hope, open-mindedness, empowerment, and equality.

[01:35:32] That's what we stand for. And our mission is to provide a safe, peaceful area for all South Asians to live going forward and just realize their dream that they've come here for the American dream. I'm here to thank you all on behalf of our board, our staff, and our volunteers, and most importantly, our survivors, our brave, silent survivors, who motivate us and who inspire us to do what we do every day.

[01:36:05] Ashina has been in this area for the last 34 years, started at a kitchen table by five women, very brave, very strong, who wanted to help their sisters and their children impacted by domestic violence. We have grown since then, but we still are very small.

[01:36:21] We are basically volunteer-based. We have two staff members who we hired just the last year. It's the working board, it's the volunteers, just the bedrock, who try to help our community. And the way we do is being culturally sensitive.

[01:36:37] South Asians come from seven countries, and we know the population is really growing now exponentially, not just in Fairfax, but all over the country. So for us, the seven countries that we serve are Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, India, and Nepal.

[01:36:58] The reason we serve is not because there are no resources. As we know, we have these wonderful people who work for them. But this is a community that needs the little cultural empathy, the little cultural nuances, which we can bring to the table.

[01:37:13] We can help them understand. We can help them, we just show them the way to the resources that the counties provide. Because as you just said, it is so important to see somebody who looks like you, who's going to give you that little encouragement to take the next step.

[01:37:31] And we know how it is, how the statistics go. It takes about seven times to make the first attempt to a phone call or to reach out to somebody. And with the South Asian community, the community is what is their safety net.

[01:37:47] You come from an alien country, you're here, you're new, you don't know the culture, everything is different. And that is the safety net. But unfortunately, when something like domestic violence comes into your life, it becomes a trap. Because the community, the people in the community try to keep it right there.

[01:38:05] There is the cultural taboos, the stigma, just the family hierarchy, the patriarchal system, the feeling of you not being heard, the role of the women as just the person who is going to keep the family together, and then immigration, financial status.

[01:38:23] So all those just holds the person back to even come out and speak and reach for help. That's where we come in. We are also Asians. We don't speak all the languages. As some of you may know, there are 605 living languages in that little part of the world.

[01:38:39] And maybe we speak a few, but we do understand when they say. what they want to say and we are just there to tell them we do not tell them what to do because that's a big taboo the main thing that we face when we go into the communities is you are trying to break up families and that's not a done thing so what we do is we provide them options we tell them what is a possibility abuse is not allowed nowhere no

culture no religion agrees or condones it and that's where we are trying just to bring in the to let people know to give the information

[01:39:14] to prevent denial which happens with the community leaders because you go to a temple that's where we try and go and speak and the first thing we are told is oh it does not happen in our community and if it does yeah we take care of it we know what to do we are the heads so and the woman never has a space to talk. So that's where we come in. And we try to make them understand that this is not something that has, is not something that cannot be treated, that cannot be, I'm sorry, it just, like I said, it just makes me emotional talking about this when you come across

[01:39:51] clients who have so much to offer, but just cannot come to the table to ask for it. And so we try as much as we can with the help that is provided by the county, by all the resources, but just the wonderful people who work here to let them know that they can come.

[01:40:10] We are here and there is a route out of it. Maybe you don't have the right immigration status. Maybe you don't have the finances. And again, you can't have them go to a shelter because of the culture, because of the food, because of just the environment they lived in. So all that, although a challenge, what is so heartening is they still do come out.

[01:40:32] Maybe it takes one year. We have clients who come in as seniors. They have lived their whole life, but have finally decided enough is enough. And that's what we hope, to work with all of you. And thank you so much for doing this because what they need is a platform, is a place to speak, and a place to be heard.

[01:40:52] And that's what we do. We use the learn to talk with our clients. So the L is to listen, E is for explain, then A is to acknowledge the differences because they do have it, and then to connect them to resources, and most importantly, the N, never ever condone or agree that religion or culture is an excuse for domestic violence.

[01:41:17] And that's what we hope everybody realizes. Please do not think that maybe it's a culture, no culture and no religion in this world does that. So thank you all so much again. I just don't know. I mean, I know there's a lot of names I would like to thank. Mr. Beckett, Tony, Stacey, Angela, Brittany. I'm sure I'm going to miss a lot of them, but thank you all for what you do for us, what you do for our clients, and what you do for just

[01:41:48] the community at large. Thank you. Well, thank you very much. Thank you. Just one more thing if I may and say, I know we're having this as an awareness month. I'm just hoping and praying for the time.

[01:42:05] We will all be celebrating every moment of every day as the day we eradicated domestic violence from this world. Absolutely. Thank you. Absolutely. And thank you all, all for being here. It means the world to see such a cross-section of our public safety agencies, our people working in the community, our folks who work on this issue every single day.

[01:42:29] And so we appreciate, as I said earlier, the work you're doing. It does make a difference and does save lives. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. If you all could come forward and face the audience, and Supervisor Walkinshaw and Supervisor Palchuk will join me.

[01:42:45] And next up, we have appointments to boards, authorities, commissions, and advisory groups.

[01:44:52] And at this time, I will turn to Supervisor Gross. Everyone should have a copy, marked final copy, October 24th of the appointments before them. Supervisor Gross. I move approval of the final copy of appointments to be heard through, these are vacancies projected through October 31st, and this is our last appointments process until after the first of the year.

[01:45:14] Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion or any questions board members have? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[01:45:31] And that motion carries. Next up, we have board matters, and as is usual, the clerk has compiled these digitally and will go alphabetically by district, following myself and Vice Chair Gross. At this time, I'm going to turn the gavel to Supervisor Gross.

[01:45:48] I have a couple of quick board matters. First, I move to approve without objection the proclamation request listed in this document to be presented inside or outside of the boardroom as appropriate, And that is a resolution to recognize Janet Reamer for over 30 years of service on the Fairfax County Child Care Advisory Council, a resolution to recognize FCPD's 40th anniversary of the Auxiliary Police Officer Program, and a proclamation and recognition of Family Court Awareness Month in November.

[01:46:19] Without objection, so ordered. Thank you, Vice Chair Gross. My next board matter is a comment letter on changes to smart scale process, and we had a little bit of a discussion about this last week at our Transportation Committee, and those of us on some of our Transportation Commissions, of course, have also been briefed on this.

[01:46:39] In 2014, the General Assembly passed a bill directing the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the CTB, to develop and implement the prioritization process for the transportation funding for roadway, transit rail technology operation improvements, and transportation demand management strategies.

[01:46:56] This process, now named SmartScale, must consider congestion mitigation, economic development, accessibility, safety, land use, and environmental quality. SmartScale completed its fifth round of funding in the summer of 2023.

[01:47:13] The CTB is currently undertaking a review of the SmartScale process and is expected to vote on changes in December. The board received a presentation on these changes at the October 17, 2023 Board Transportation Committee. And at that committee meeting, I noted that I would be bringing a board matter with comments on the proposed changes and ask board members to provide any thoughts they would have.

[01:47:35] Therefore, I move the Board of Supervisors approve the attached letter providing comments on proposed changes to the SmartScale program. You've heard the motion and the second. Is there a discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[01:47:51] Aye. Any opposed say nay. Any abstentions? That motion carries unanimously. Thank you very much for that, Vice Chairman Gross. My next board matter is to recognize the Robinson Secondary Schools Virginia High School VHSL Class 6 Golf State Champions, and this is with Supervisor Faust, Lusk, and Walkinshaw.

[01:48:14] Earlier this month, Robinson Secondary Schools golf team, led by Coach Marvin Sim, won the VHSL Class 6 Golf State Championships on the Heritage Oaks Golf Course in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Rams scored, the Rams score of 20 over par 300 allowed them to squeeze past Cosby and Langley.

[01:48:34] Langley's third place finish ended a run of seven consecutive Class 6 titles, which is really unbelievable. Senior Katie Vu led the way for Robinson. She finished one over 71, good for the third lowest individual score of the tournament. Vu was the only Ram in the top 10.

[01:48:50] The future of the Fairfax golf community is bright in addition to Robinson and Langley. With Edison High freshman, Owen Love, who won the individual state championship with an impressive two under 68. Owen became the first golfer in Edison High School school history to claim the title.

[01:49:10] His win was also the first for Edison coach Scott Rasick, who brought his team to its first state championship appearance. Therefore, I move the Office of Public Affairs, draft a proclamation and certificates of congratulations to all three schools. Robinson, Langley, and Edison High golf athletes for representing the Fairfax County community well, and the VHSL Class 6 golf state champions.

[01:49:36] And this can be presented inside or outside of the boardroom, whichever is most appropriate. You've heard the motion, which I'm happy to second. Is there discussion on the motion? Seen and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed say nay. Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[01:49:52] Thank you, Vice Chair Gross. And then just an announcement. This is unwritten. not a board matter but i want to thank my colleagues who joined us as i mentioned earlier for our public safety uh graduation last week and as i mentioned earlier this was the you know historic in a lot of ways not just the largest class we've seen in over a decade but as i mentioned the most diverse academy class ever it's the first ever majority minority graduating class in our public safety academy and when you compare the candidates for who were before us for

[01:50:29] graduation to the county-wide averages by race and ethnicity the police this police department class was doing way more than we could have ever imagined i mean our county-wide for example our african-american county-wide population is 9.5 percent and this graduating class was 16 percent african-american and the same is true of our asian community where we're outpacing the percent of our population in the county and i think that's huge for the reasons that we just talked about earlier and so i want to again as i did that day thank the chief and our recruitment

[01:51:07] division the academy staff for an amazing job and and seeing you know the amount of candidates we have with college degrees and their backgrounds as i mentioned earlier we have raised the standards And you, in fact, can raise the standards and have a police department that looks like the residents of Fairfax County.

[01:51:25] And we certainly did that and will continue to do that. I also want to point out, because it's been talked about in the media related to public safety, that myself and board members have said that we're the safest jurisdiction of our size in the country. And I want to make it clear who said that.

[01:51:43] Who said that was the Major City Chiefs Association. The Board of Supervisors did make up that statistic. The Major City Chiefs Association made up that statistic. This is a law enforcement organization who looks at statistics.

[01:52:00] Frankly, they're all law enforcement professionals who analyze the data. They make recommendations for change in police practices, for recruitment and strategies and training. This is a nonpartisan professional law enforcement agency who declared Fairfax County the safest jurisdiction of our size in the country.

[01:52:20] And we as board members should celebrate, validate, promote that, not just to our community because they have a right to understand how we relate to other communities, but also out of respect for our police department, who's doing a phenomenal job in a nationwide circumstance where crime has risen across the country.

[01:52:42] Our men and women are doing amazing work. It was recognized by the Major City Chiefs Association. The statistics are not perfect, but they said we are the safest jurisdiction of our size in the United States of America. And I think that merits consideration and support by members of this board and certainly a thank you to not just our police department, but all of our public safety agencies and our community who play a major role in combating crime that also are part of the reason for that statistic that we are proud of.

[01:53:15] And so, again, thank you to my colleagues who joined us at this historic Public Safety Academy graduation last week. And with that, next up is Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no written board matters, but to key off of what you said about the police graduation, the graduates were from their 20s, and we commented on how young some looked.

[01:53:42] But also, I think the top age in this particular class was something like 45 or 46, which indicates that, you know, some people are coming back for second careers or for maybe they've served somewhere else. But it is not just something for a young person.

[01:53:58] You can actually serve with some experience. So I was quite impressed with that. Also, I just want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for coming to the dedication of the naming of the Eileen Garnett Civic Space on Saturday.

[01:54:15] It was a glorious day. The sun was shining. It was a little cool, but the sun was shining. We had, I think, about 200 people there with a lot of tents for the library.

[01:54:30] George Mason Regional Library was there. NCS was there. The Park Authority was there. Hidden Oaks Nature Center. I mean, it was a wonderful, festive day, and I really appreciate your coming out and honoring Eileen Garnett.

[01:54:45] Her family was thrilled. Most of her friends, many of her friends were there. They were thrilled. It just couldn't have been a more positive day, so thank you very much. And thank you to the county staff, Laura Baker especially, but also Liz Haig, folks at the Park Authority. Everybody worked very hard to bring this together, and hands-on harvest, planted bulbs and garlic and all sorts of things, and we'll have a full-blown garden there next year.

[01:55:12] So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. I planted a corner. I hope it makes it. I had a chance to do that myself, but it was a great occasion, as we mentioned, to turn what was a tragic situation into a real positive, not just in Ms. Garnett's legacy, But it was also great to see so many people who have worked on revitalization initiatives for so many years come out to celebrate.

[01:55:38] So, well done. Thank you. All right. Next up is Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just have one board matter. It's a joint board matter with you, including our annual letter to the governor on our budget priorities.

[01:55:56] And as my colleagues know, this is the time of year when we spend a lot of time working on our draft legislative program. to highlight our legislative priorities for the upcoming General Assembly session, which begins in January, but this is also the time of year that the governor is working on his budget or budget amendments, and depending on which year we're in in the budget cycle, and it's when we typically share our priorities as the governor begins crafting his legislative agenda in advance of the session.

[01:56:26] This year, the governor will be crafting his only full budget, The 2024 to 2026 biennium budget is the only one that he'll propose and implement as governor. Mr. Chairman, a wide range of programs and services in the Commonwealth require a strong partnership between the state and localities.

[01:56:46] That's a partnership that has often been strained because the Commonwealth continues to significantly underfund core services, leaving local localities like ours to fill funding gaps with local revenues to maintain or provide essential services.

[01:57:03] Even now, the state's revenues are being described as in, quote, surplus, but until the state has fully met its commitments, its own commitments to those core services, including shared state and local services, there isn't really a surplus because the Commonwealth hasn't paid its bills.

[01:57:21] At this critical time, it's important that we highlight our priorities, including increased state funding for K-12 public education, transportation, behavioral health, public safety, affordable housing, energy and the environment, and car tax relief. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the board send the attached letter under the chairman's signature to Governor Youngkin, requesting his consideration of the county's budget priorities.

[01:57:46] I'm happy to second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Yes. Supervisor Walkinshaw. And I'll just say, board members have reviewed the letter. You know, much of it is similar or the same as what we've sent in previous years.

[01:58:04] It's a long letter. We've succeeded in cutting down the length of the program, but maybe not the letter. You know, a few things that we are highlighting this year, obviously the JLARC study explicating what we all knew already about the severe and dramatic underfunding of K-12 education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[01:58:30] There's language specific to WMATA and the funding situation that Metro faces, which is the number one economic development threat facing the Commonwealth of Virginia today. There is no bigger threat to our continued economic development than the funding crisis at WMATA.

[01:58:52] We learned recently at NVTC that I think Secretary Miller, Secretary of Transportation, has said that they don't intend to do anything on that issue this year, which shocked me.

[01:59:10] I think it is an abdication of responsibility. I hope that they will reconsider. And this letter talks through some of those issues. We also mentioned our environmental priorities, including the previous letter we sent regarding the effort to withdraw from the regional greenhouse gas initiative and a number of other items.

[01:59:37] So I appreciate my colleagues' input in the legislative process up to this point, much of which is reflected here in this letter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you. Supervisor Walkinshaw did mention already the WMATA discussion at the joint NVTC WMATA and Legislative Committee meetings last week.

[01:59:57] It was shocking, frankly, that the state would, even before a budget is put together, would basically say, sorry, we're not going to help. So thank you for noting that. I would also just note, and I know this letter is targeted towards the governor, but this is going to be a really critical year.

[02:00:15] We're seeing some real turnover in our delegation. And so I think educating our new state senators and delegates is going to be really critical this year and making sure they understand what are the really key issues. And this letter does help.

[02:00:31] So thank you very much for doing this. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Any further discussion? Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you. I don't want to belabor it. I want to thank all the staff who worked on this uh and thank uh chair walkinshaw um for his advocacy and leadership i do agree transportation is critical i think there are so many issues here that were shared and the big ones that really stand out on the funding deficits in addition to transportation over the years being education which we know and the jlark study really shows that as well as housing and behavioral health i think it

[02:01:08] really stands out here and as we talk about and I know at the local and the state and the federal level we are talking about this pandemic and behavioral health right now and I know the CSPs are working really hard especially here in northern Virginia supplying so many services and one line that really stood out to me is that significantly at no point during the five years of the STEP Virginia System Transformation Excellence and Performance in Virginia program that was meant to transform behavioral health has the Commonwealth provided adequate

[02:01:43] funding for any of the newly mandated services to me that is just all of us here we continue to work through these services our staff do we know that there are workforce challenges across the board and not only has it not been funded but I think we have heard recently that any changes that were being looked at in order to be able to help increase the workforce through changes for requirements have also been put on pause and so I'm very very concerned about our ability to be able to do that and the increased demand on us here locally and our local taxpayers in order to

[02:02:22] fund that so again agree with everything that was said very critical and that this is being sent to Richmond, which is the governor, and also, I would say, our elected representatives and soon-to-be newly elected representatives and agree that we absolutely need to have these conversations with them because these funding systems are just broken. So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk, and I want to thank staff and Supervisor Walkinshaw for putting together this letter. It is a long letter. You know, I hope that there's a day, at one point in time, the letter won't have to be

[02:02:59] this long. But I think the challenges in each of these areas and the inadequate role that the state is playing is called out in the letter. On the WMATA front, I would just say that, you know, while I think the general manager in WMATA has done a good job refining, pushing down the number, what should be clear to all of us is that no matter how many things Metro does internally, that this is a problem that they alone cannot solve.

[02:03:27] And recently at a transportation alliance breakfast that I participated in, the person who reminded the administration of that fact was none other than Jack Potter, the head of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who just pointed out to us last week the importance of economic development, the airport, and the Silver Line service.

[02:03:48] And he made a point to make sure the administration knew that while we may be focused on the workforce and going after the workforce at WMATA, that's not a way to build better customer service and to build up an organization.

[02:04:03] And you alone cannot solve WMATA's problem by going after the workforce, which seems to be a position that has been taken. And so no matter how many things Metro does internally, this is going to need sustained help from Richmond to be able to support this.

[02:04:21] And we all know what the NVTC study showed in terms of the economic benefit to the Commonwealth of Virginia of Metro's existence. It is over a billion dollars that the state benefits and revenues because of the existence of the Metro system in northern Virginia.

[02:04:38] So this is an important issue, as is the education issue that's in here. I mean, if anyone can look at that JLARC report and say we think it's okay to live in a state that funds education at a lower level than Kentucky and West Virginia, then we're in for a long haul.

[02:04:56] Certainly that's rejected in Fairfax County. And as a result of that, it's the real estate taxpayers in Fairfax that have to bear an even larger challenge economically to support a school system that built our economy here.

[02:05:11] And so I think the linkage between property taxes and school funding is an important one that we need to discuss more often because it's the driver of our economy. And increasingly, it's a part of the economy that the state is walking away from and leaving it up to local governments to solve.

[02:05:28] And so I think the letter's pointed. I think it's appropriate. I think it covers all the issues that are important to the residents of Fairfax County. And I look forward to one day this going from a 14-page letter down to maybe a one- or two-page letter because we're actually making a lot of good headway on these subjects.

[02:05:46] So 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. Supervisor Walkinshaw. That's it. Thank you very much. Supervisor Faust. No board matters, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Supervisor Lusk.

[02:06:07] Okay, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one board matter. It's a joint board matter with Vice Chairman Penny Gross. Mr. Chairman, November marks the 30th anniversary of Military Family Appreciation Month, originally established in 1993 by the Armed Services YMCA.

[02:06:23] Since this time, November has been designated a time to honor and recognize the commitment and contributions made by military families in support of our nation and its military services. No matter what rank or branch or where life has taken them, our nation's military families share the common threads of service and sacrifice.

[02:06:43] According to the 2021 data from Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University, there are over 45,000 active-duty military, selected reserve, and their families living in Fairfax County. There are also over 14,500 military-connected children in Fairfax County public schools.

[02:07:03] Additionally, the annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey by Blue Star Families, a national military nonprofit, indicates that only 33% of active-duty family respondents agree they feel a sense of belonging to their local communities, while 52% of these same respondents agree that their children's schools understand the unique challenges of military families.

[02:07:29] We are all grateful as a county for the service and sacrifice of our active duty, reserve, and veteran service members and their spouses and children. In the National Capital Region, Fairfax County is a premier destination for our military families to relocate because of amazing resources such as schools, libraries, parks, and all the services the county provides.

[02:07:52] Military families are among the most engaged community volunteers. They serve on our local civic associations, HOAs, PTAs, and PTOs. They coach our children's local soccer teams. They serve as scout leaders and are engaged in their local faith communities.

[02:08:10] Our county is enriched by having such a large percentage of military families living in our communities. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move the board designate November as Military Family Appreciation Month in Fairfax County to coincide with the already established National Military Family Appreciation Month.

[02:08:28] I also move with the county executive, TASC, OPA, to work with the D.C. chapter of Blue Star Families, a recognized national military service organization with local presence, to revise and update our website with more information and resources to help our active duty, reserve, and veteran military families transition, live, and thrive in Fairfax County.

[02:08:51] And finally, Mr. Chairman, I also move that a proclamation be prepared in acknowledgement of Military Family Appreciation Month to be presented at a future meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Second. I've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Before we vote, let me ask Mr. Castrilli if we have this in the pipeline.

[02:09:10] I know we're getting really crowded, and I just want to make sure. Tony Castrilli, Director of Public Affairs. Yes, it's at a future board meeting, and we talked to Supervisor Lux's office about that. that should be fine okay all right and i don't know uh supervisor lusk if there's any event outside of the board room that might also be appropriate but we can keep our eyes and ears open for both and keep it on the slate for a future board meeting okay yes sir all right uh all those in favor of the motion discussion oh any more i didn't know there would be discussion on this discussion

[02:09:45] uh supervisor gross did you have discussion just that i there i wanted to draw attention to the Attachment which is from the blue star families this this is something that we first saw I think at the community military and federal facility partnership of the regional commission and It really gives some very very good detail about Just what we have in our community that a lot of people don't recognize Thank you. And then mr. Chairman if I could yes surprise as well Thank you by Sherman gross for doing that. I was going to do the same The last point I'll make is I got a challenge from the vice chairman

[02:10:21] She said that we need to step up and be engaged on this issue as she is transitioning off the board. So this is my first act to show that I'm committed to stepping up. And I will also be coming more involved at the NBRC's Military Partnership Committee on behalf of the efforts that you have led for so long.

[02:10:41] So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. And one of my first acts was to relinquish that position and give it to Penny. she's not a great and she has done a great job supervisor stork thank you mr chairman and i i want to speak to this because there's a huge thousands of housing units for belvoir and we also have particularly in the mount vernon community neighbors i have many many neighbors that are coolly military families move routinely i'm very very engaged and and the other point i want to make is that the schools have been incredibly important to this process our purple

[02:11:19] schools as well as our commitment as a county to building two schools have really made a difference in the programs that are on post are a huge part of having those particularly the children because they're the ones who are most impacted feel welcome so I think this whole initiative definitely needs to include acknowledgement of the school's critical role in that process in addition to the housing which we know is a it's a huge part of so thank you okay and of Of course, we'll get an opportunity also to share all this when they come forward for the recognition.

[02:11:56] I think it would be important to repeat these things. Okay. Any further discussion? Okay. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll just make an announcement of my intent to defer a plan amendment that's scheduled this afternoon.

[02:12:17] It's in the name of Topgolf. It is Plan Amendment 2015-Roman Numeral 4-RH1, and we will be moving that to a date certain in January of 2024. And that is, let's see, that is a 430 item?

[02:12:37] Yes. To be deferred? Correct. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All right. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Just one announcement today. I distributed a copy of an email I sent to the county executive this morning.

[02:12:53] There's a lot of chatter in Hunter Mill right now about a possible casino. And certainly there have been a couple bills introduced in the General Assembly. So I don't think we know for sure that there's going to be legislation this next year. But certainly if there is, I thought it would be helpful for us all to have more information about the process.

[02:13:13] So I did ask the county executive to provide the responses to the whole board. So we can know what's going on. So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate that, Supervisor Alcorn. And if others have additional questions, they can submit those as well. The only thing we know about the casino right now is that there's no proposal.

[02:13:33] I keep getting asked all the time, where is it going to be? Who's going to do it? When are you going to vote on it? There is no proposal on the table. There's absolutely nothing that's been proposed. There has been discussion, as you mentioned, about the General Assembly potentially putting in a bill. And obviously our legislative committee will be tracking that so that we can make sure we comment on that should that actually happen.

[02:13:54] And just to reassure folks of where we are in the process, there is no proposal, there is no bill that anyone has seen. If there is a bill, it will absolutely be discussed at our legislative committee if there is a bill in Richmond. So thank you for that. And if others have questions, you know, looking at the ones that Supervisor Alcorn has submitted, have additional ones, it would be great to submit those the same way you have so that everyone on the board can see those questions and everybody on the board can see the answers to those questions, similar to what we do with budget Q&A.

[02:14:26] So thank you. Let's see. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I have just three verbal matters I want to mention. First and foremost, I want to thank NCS for the Lorton Community Center first anniversary celebration, which was wonderful, and I'm deeply appreciative of all the work.

[02:14:47] It was a rainy day, but it worked inside because we have a gorgeous community center and library, and it just really, everything came together for a wonderful event. This past Saturday, what was predicted to be a rainy day was not a rainy day. As Vice Chair Gros was talking about, it was a gorgeous day, beautiful day for our 8th annual tour to Mount Vernon.

[02:15:06] Mr. Chairman, thank you very much for being there. We had about 500 riders there, which is by far and away the most we ever had. And just there's some beautiful pictures of them lined up to go down the parkway because we literally rode on the parkway. And there's a couple of gorgeous pictures on the parkway with the leaves changing and just the water and just, again, it's a beautiful day.

[02:15:24] A few people I've got to thank for that work that they did on all our behalf. Not only Fab was a key partner in that process, Jeff Anderson and his team, the National Park Service, the Park Police, as well as Charles Cavalier. The superintendent was who graciously supported doing this.

[02:15:42] Mount Vernon Estate, where we hosted all this stuff. And so at the end of the ride, you got to have Chile in. Look at the gorgeous mansion while you're sitting on the lawn of the Mount Vernon Estate. FC Dot and Police Department, obviously, they do great work. Handy Bikes, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Chamber of Commerce.

[02:15:59] And especially, I have to mention, two people on my team, Cassie Donahue, who really led this effort, and Kamala Spear, who worked with her, were huge parts of doing this. And, of course, Lady Fairfax Shirley Short was, of course, there doing her extraordinary volunteer work.

[02:16:16] So we had a couple of other notable riders. We had Risa Courier, the executive director of our animal shelter, as well as Lisa Connors. Thank you very much, Lisa, for riding with us. Tom Bishani, you know, a ghost from the past, right?

[02:16:32] Yeah, Tom was out there. He's ridden on most of them, and he was out there. Channel 16 did a great job of covering it once again. So, again, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. We had a great ride. I'm sorry you could not ride with this. I'm sorry. For all the right reasons, you didn't ride with this.

[02:16:48] You needed to obviously honor our vice chair. Yes, sir. And then last point is we have this. So we've had a big month in Mount Vernon. We have an amazing event this Saturday, I know you'll be there and many of us will be there Supervisor Herity we have the opening the grand opening as well as the open house of the new Lorton police station in County animal shelter the south out. So we're all it's obviously a lot is coming together This is a copy of the brochure But I would just say for anybody who wants to come please come between 10:00 and 2:00

[02:17:25] You'll get a bunch of once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to where the police station As well as to do a tour on the animal shelter side Arisa told me on Saturday they're bringing the first their animals to the shelter this past Monday, so they're literally bringing it alive Animals and people and looking forward to so please join us We you know it will be a true community celebration of a long long look for Improvement in the community. So thank you all. Thank you very much Supervisor stork, we're definitely looking forward to that and on the bike ride

[02:17:58] You know, it was historic because I believe I was told it was the first time the parkway had ever been closed for a bicycling event. It's been closed many times for runners, but the first time ever for a bicycling event. So it was literally a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the riders that we wouldn't have been able to have without, of course, the support of National Park Service, but your advocacy as well.

[02:18:20] I mean, it is amazing to me the amount of work that your office puts into this. And I know I wasn't joking when I said that the day after it begins the first day of planning for next year because that's how much work I know goes into putting that event on. It was an amazing day, and the weather was perfect, the venues were perfect, and very well done.

[02:18:41] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Next up is Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have three board matters. One came a little bit late, so you should all have a copy of that. The first one, and actually what's not stated here, is that as we get ready to honor Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in November, my office is getting ready to launch our fourth annual food drive.

[02:19:08] And as was discussed, there are so many young people affected. This year, we are actually supporting three high school pantries. One has been added, as well as the Lamb Center. Members of the board, the holiday season is an especially busy time for food pantries. Many families face financial burdens during the holidays, and these can affect families both immediate and long-term health.

[02:19:29] My office is hosting our fourth annual food drive. This year, the donations will benefit the Oakton High School Pantry, the Falls Church High School Pantry, the Woodson High School Pantry, and the Lamb Center. We are collecting unopened and unexpired items through Thursday, November 16th at the Jim Scott Community Center, 3001 Baden Drive.

[02:19:49] In addition, food donations can be sent through an Amazon wish list, and more information can be found on the Providence District website. This year's partners so far include the Miller Heights HOA, Tyson's Community Alliance, the Rotunda Condominion Unit Owners Association, Girl Scout Troop 1489, Celebrate Fairfax, and the Mintua Citizens Association.

[02:20:12] If you or your HOA or organization are interested in helping collect donations, please email providence at fairfaxcounty.gov and we'll be happy to coordinate with you. Therefore, I ask that the Office of Public Affairs and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services share this information through their channels.

[02:20:30] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Palcic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The second one is a joint board matter with yourself, Supervisors Lusk and Stork. and happy to bring on any others who may be interested i know we were working on this with staff and the area where it might be happening once an event is set it's not set yet but happy to have any others join us it is to proclaim january 16 2024 as a national day of racial healing in fairfax county members of the board the national day of racial healing commemorated

[02:21:05] annually is part of the WK Kellogg Foundation's Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation TRHT efforts to restore individuals and communities to wholeness by repairing the damages caused by racism. It facilitates trust, builds authentic relationships, and bridges divides, which is the work that leads to community, organizational, and systems transformation, as well as racial equity.

[02:21:33] It is a time to acknowledge our shared values and create a blueprint together for how we heal from the effects of racism. TRHT is a comprehensive, community-based process to bring about transformational and sustainable change.

[02:21:51] Through TRHT, the historic and contemporary effects of racism in communities and institutions are addressed. TRHT works to replace the deeply held belief systems that fuel racism with ones that see the inherent value of all people.

[02:22:08] This holistic approach addresses mind and heart, the interpersonal and systemic, and places the power of authentic, trust-based solidarity at the center. Fairfax County's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services has partnered with the Northern Virginia Community College, NOVA, TRHT campus to commemorate the National Day racial healing and use community development to promote racial healing transform communities and build social capital nova is one of 62 colleges and universities selected by the american association

[02:22:45] of colleges and universities to host thrt campus centers the campus centers help prepare the next generation of leaders to break down systemic racism and dismantle a hierarchy of human values through THRT circles. Racism impacts all of us, whether we are aware of it or not.

[02:23:09] Systematically, racism is one of the biggest obstacles to solving the challenges we face in our communities. Through NOVA's TRHT Campus Center Racial Healing Circles, participants build relationships, trust, and collective power at the community and institutional levels.

[02:23:27] These relationships lay the groundwork for powerful systemic change as community partners to re-envision and reshape their institutions, policies, and practices to address racism and racial healing. This is aligned with NCS's mission to promote equity and create positive outcomes for people of all ages and abilities. It also aligns with Fairfax County's One Equity policy. The NCS and NOVA partnership will collectively impact the racial healing and trust-building needed in communities to achieve transformational changes in policy and practices as they commemorate the National Day of Racial Healing.

[02:24:08] Therefore, we move without objection that we direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation recognizing January 16, 2024 as the National Day of Racial Healing in Fairfax County. The proclamation will be presented to NCS and NOVA representatives outside the boardroom.

[02:24:28] And without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Palachuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I move on, I do see that Lloyd Tucker, the director of NCS, is here. Thank you and your team for your leadership. Carla Bruce was here. - She's here. - There she is. Carla Bruce and her team and all who have been doing the work on this and I think bringing a very important, not just a commemoration, but I think a conversation and work to our community.

[02:24:55] As I mentioned earlier, Carla joined me as well as I think almost 25 our boards and commissions appointees in the Providence District for very powerful also beginning conversation about the work of racism and equity here in our county looking at the history and looking at our practices I think we started what was a very productive community conversation and I think this seems similar in some ways and I appreciate the work that she and her team do every single day thank you supervisor bow check you the final is

[02:25:33] also a joint board matter with yourself supervisors Faust and Lusk it is recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Davis Career Center members of the board this year marked the 40th anniversary of the Davis Career Center the DCC and its success in our community the DCC is one of two Fairbanks County Public School Centers designed to serve students with disabilities aged 18 to 20 years who require instruction through a modified curriculum focused on life and career skills. DCC's journey over the last four decades has been nothing short of inspiring. They have created a self-welcoming

[02:26:08] and respectful classroom and community environment where students can grow and learn in various life and social skills, such as problem solving and productive communication skills, not to mention culinary skills, while building relationships and habits that will prepare them for life ahead.

[02:26:25] DCC helps build strong connections between school, home, and community. They create an inclusive environment that fosters growth and allows our students to feel encouraged, involved, and respected, all while working in a challenging and safe environment. DCC aims to empower all students, including those with disabilities, by offering career and independent living training, preparing them for post-secondary options, fostering self-determination, and facilitating their transitions.

[02:26:52] This is achieved through various instructional strategies and environments, including small group classrooms, school-based and community-based job sites, community resource sites, supervised and unsupervised settings. The Davis Career Center has and will continue to transform the lives of many in our community.

[02:27:11] Therefore, without objection, we move that a proclamation be prepared and presented to the Davis Career Center inside or outside the boardroom to honor and celebrate 40 years of success and dedication to improving the lives of our students. And without objection, that is so ordered.

[02:27:28] Supervisor Palachuk. That's all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Supervisor Herity. Yes, I've got one board matter, Recycles Day jointly with Supervisor Stork and Supervisor Gross. American Recycles Day takes place annually on November 15th and is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States.

[02:27:49] Nationally, thousands of organizations, including our neighboring jurisdictions, hold an event to educate people about recycling resources in their community. In past years, the locally branded Fairfax Recycles Day has included informational webinars, the opening of new glass recycling bins and food scrap drop-off locations, a recycling poster design competition, and a touch-a-truck at the main government center.

[02:28:11] This year, there are multiple ways for residents to engage in Fairfax Recycles Days, as we encourage everyone to increase their recycling at home, at school, in the office, and in the community. Residents are encouraged to drop off glass at a purple can club location, visit the I-66 transfer station's compost drop-off, and learn how and where to recycle common materials using the county's what-goes-where tool. Simply type in an item and the tool will tell you where it can, if it can be recycled, as well as where you can take it to get the item to recycle it if it is recyclable. Residents are also encouraged to participate in our four touch points initiative

[02:28:50] with licensed waste collectors. This two-minute survey has helped the county learn about your experience getting information from your hauler about what can and cannot be recycled. Anyone who completes the survey will receive a fund gift as well as a mention on the county website if you choose.

[02:29:07] Each year, staff does a fantastic job helping residents find ways to recycle. By declaring Fairfax Recycles Day, we can build on this success and continue to highlight the benefits of recycling as well as help our residents recycle more. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that without objection, we declare November 15th Fairfax Recycles Day in alignment with the national initiative to better promote our local efforts to recycle and ask OPA to publicize that.

[02:29:35] I further ask without objection that we prepare a proclamation recognizing Fairfax Recycles Day to be presented to the Director of Solid Waste Management Program and members of the recycling team at our November board meeting. And without objection, that is so ordered.

[02:29:51] Supervisor Herdy. That's all I've got. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. That brings us to admin items. Oh, I'm sorry. Supervisor Smith. It says none submitted, but I want to make sure. Supervisor Smith.

[02:30:06] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no board matters, but I do have an intent to defer the two solid district land use cases. So the 330 case with Cahov, Navy, and Holmes, which is RZ2023-SU-00008, and also an intention to defer the 430 public hearing.

[02:30:29] It's PDCREF2 Chantilly. That's for the data center warehouse, which is RZ2022-SU-00019, concurrent with sc 2022-su-00038. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you Supervisor Smith and so if you're looking at the agenda we're deferring the fourth case and the final 3.30 case intent to defer and then the final 4.30 before public comment if you're looking for those on the agenda.

[02:31:00] Okay thank you Supervisor Smith. With that let me ask Supervisor Gross if you have a motion to approve admin items 1 through 10. So moved Mr. Chairman. Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that along with Supervisor Lusk. Any items that we want to pull for separate discussion or vote?

[02:31:21] Supervisor Faust. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Admin 9 just a comment. Okay. Any others that board members would like to have pulled for a separate vote? Okay. Admin item 9 is authorization to

[02:31:36] A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND RIGHTS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF INNOVATION STATION NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS SHARED USE PATH IN THE DRANESVILLE DISTRICT. QUESTION OR COMMENT SUPERVISOR. JUST A COMMENT. IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO HOLD THAT HEARING. BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION IN HAND. SO I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ADVERTISEMENT. BUT STAFF'S DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF GETTING GET US IN A POSITION WHERE WE'RE PRONOUS.

[02:32:06] going to have to do the actual condemnation so excellent good good news and we thank staff for that ongoing work any other questions on admin items 1 through 10 you've heard the motion it's been multiply seconded all those in favor of admin items 1 through 10 please say aye all right aye any opposed any abstentions and that carries moves us to action items. Action item number one is approval of the Economic Incentive Program Application of

[02:32:39] Mars Incorporated in the Drainsville District. Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There will be a land use case later this afternoon, hopefully not this evening, this afternoon, that we'll seek to rezone the Mars property in downtown McLean. And this, what we have in front us is this action item and i have two actually i think supervisor gross has one uh we adopted

[02:33:11] the economic initiative uh incentive program uh to encourage revitalization and um uh revitalization districts and some other areas and it's working i think particularly uh fortunate in mcclain where we were able to combine a this program with a revised comprehensive plan that was intended to encourage additional development and revitalization so i am i understand that i move now on the

[02:33:47] incentive program we'll address the rezoning later this afternoon mr chairman uh the mars mars Incorporated application for the economic incentive program has been reviewed by staff and found to conform with the statutory requirements of the program and is therefore eligible for the board's consideration of approval.

[02:34:10] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move to concur in the recommendation of staff and approve the EIP application of Morris Incorporated, submitted in conjunction with RZ-2022-DR-00008 for eligibility in the Economic Incentive Program. So move.

[02:34:35] You've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of Action 1, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. It takes us to Action 2, approval of the Economic Incentive Program application for Eastgate-Annandale in the Mason District.

[02:34:57] Supervisor Gross. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And just to follow on what Supervisor Palos had said, when we first set up this VIP program, we needed to do the land use case first and then do the motion, but the process has changed.

[02:35:13] So we can do it first, and then we'll take up the rezoning this afternoon. Mr. Chairman, the Eastgate-Annandale application, and for those of you who need to know where this is, this is the old Kmart site in downtown Annandale. The Eastgate-Annandale application for the Economic Incentive Program has been reviewed by staff and found to conform with the statutory requirements of the program and is therefore eligible for the Board's consideration of approval.

[02:35:38] Mr. Chairman, I move to concur in the recommendation of staff and approve the EIP application of Eastgate Annandale submitted in conjunction with RZFDP 2023-MA-00001 for eligibility in the Economic Incentive Program.

[02:35:55] Second. Heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action item two, please say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action three is approval of the Economic Incentive Program application of Astoria-McLean in the Drainesville District.

[02:36:17] Supervisor Faust. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I forgot to note, both the Mars and the Astoria applications, and I suspect the one in Mason, are without obvious opposition. But this is not intended.

[02:36:35] Approving these EIC at this time is not intended to prejudge the application. Absolutely. We're waiting for the public hearing to finalize our position. It's just that procedurally, this is how we do it. If the applications get approved, then these will be relevant to how they move forward.

[02:36:55] So with that, Mr. Chairman, the Astoria McLean application for the Economic Incentive Program has been reviewed by staff and found to conform with statutory requirements of the program and is therefore eligible for the board's consideration of approval.

[02:37:11] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move to concur in the recommendation of staff and approve the EIP application of Astoria McLean submitted in conjunction with RZ slash FDP dash 2022 dash DR dash 00028 for eligibility in the Economic Incentive Program.

[02:37:33] So moved. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Yes, I just want to thank staff. I mean, this is a new thing, and it's a really important thing, and it's coming together really well.

[02:37:49] And so, thank you for doing that. Thank you, Supervisor Faust. Any other discussions? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action item number three, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:38:06] And that takes us to action item number four. Approval of amendments to the project administration agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation for the continued implementation of Fairfax County Parkway improvements in the Springfield and Braddock District. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of A-4 as recommended by the county executive.

[02:38:25] I'm happy to second that along with Supervisor Herity. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action 4, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number five is approval of a resolution supporting additional projects being submitted to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for FY 2024 to FY 2029 regional funding consideration. Drainsville, Franconia, Mason, Mount Vernon, Providence, and Sully District. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of A5 as recommended by the county executive. I'm happy to second that along with

[02:39:05] Supervisor Lusk. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action item number five, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Action item number six is approval of an authorization to execute the deed of lease for Tyson's Community Center with the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority in the Hunter Mill District. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of action item number six as recommended by the county execs happy to second that uh motion along with

[02:39:39] supervisor was it faust uh discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action item six please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries uh well done staff thank you very much uh action item number seven is authorization for the fairfax county redevelopment a housing authority to one issue multi-family housing revenue bonds or notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed 20 million dollars for little river glen one and two issue multi-family housing revenue bonds or notes in an aggregate

[02:40:19] amount not to exceed 20 million for little river glen four as part of the financing plan for the plan renovations and new development at little river glen in fairfax virginia in the braddock district supervisor walkinshaw thank you mr chairman to move approval of the county executive's recommendation on action item number seven and i'm happy to second that motion along with supervisor palchick any discussion on the motion yeah mr chairman discussion supervisor harry yeah actually question for staff um what is the per unit cost for the uh for the new units hello uh

[02:40:58] the per unit cost for lrg4 um the new units uh the 16 units is 527 000 527 7,000. Okay. I calculated it at 571, but over a half a million dollars per unit.

[02:41:14] I'm sorry, yeah. So I'm using the Virginia Housing Standards, so they subtract out the acquisition cost to calculate the per unit standard. So with that acquisition, it's roughly 527,000. With acquisition, it's closer to the number you call. 571,000. Yeah. It's over 300 houses, single-family houses for sale in Fairfax County under 570,000.

[02:41:37] It just seems really, I typically support senior affordable housing, but per unit cost here just seems really high for affordable units, over half a million dollars. I'm going to, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to, again, I typically support our senior affordable housing.

[02:41:57] I'm going to abstain on this one. Okay. Further discussion? Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of Action 7, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? supervisor harry abstains and that is approved nine to zero to one uh with that uh we are going to move on to we have one consideration item uh and it is amendments to the fairfax county history commission bylaws um let me ask first if there are any questions of staff on this item

[02:42:31] not seeing any even as staff is assembling uh let me now recognize supervisor gross for a motion thank you mr chairman i did have a question on this one but i got it answered when in my conversation with the county executive yesterday and so I am happy to move approval of these bylaws as presented and as presented in attachment one of the board item dated October 24th 2023 and I am happy to second that motion is there any discussion any discussion seeing and hearing none all

[02:43:07] those in favor of consideration item one please say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries mr chairman thank you quick question perhaps either the clerk or the county attorney um we've been updating bylaws of the various boards authorities and commissions endlessly on a fairly regular basis um where are we on that and is somebody tracking when we have to do the next ones or come back around and start over again good afternoon everyone martin Desjardins from the Office of the County Attorney.

[02:43:42] Supervisor Gross, at this time, I think that we are continuing to work through them. It's a staff-driven process. I know that at this point, I've personally been involved in about 15, and I have at least two in the works.

[02:44:00] So I think we are progressing. The rate of progression really has depended on, you know, working, coordinating with staff and the members of the various boards. And I don't know if the clerk has a more precise count, but that's mine. So we are working on a basic template.

[02:44:17] We didn't used to have a template for them, but I think we now have sort of a basic template, and then you embellish. That's correct, Supervisor Gross. There is a model template that is kept updated, and that basically serves as the starting point for almost all of these discussions when approached by staff.

[02:44:34] Thank you. Mr. Chairman, we didn't used to do this, And we got left way, way behind. So I'm glad we're picking up on this, but it's a long process. Thank you. Thank you very much, Supervisor Gross.

[02:44:49] And that brings us to the end of our county executive items. And before I turn to Supervisor Gross for a motion to take us into closed session, let me ask the county attorney how long we need for closed session. mr. chairman I estimate approximately two and a half hours 2.5 hours that's a healthy

closed session our first public hearing is at 3:30 so if you back two and a half hours out of that that would be one o'clock it is now 12:17 so if

[02:45:26] folks board members want to grab their lunch and bring it into closed session that's fine have lunch in the cafeteria beforehand that's fine but we will begin closed session promptly at 1 p.m. to ensure that we have enough time. Supervisor Gross, do you have a motion? Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors recess and go into closed session for consideration, 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, 1, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A, 7 and 8,

[02:46:03] legal analysis regarding the following potential reconveyance by the board of several parcels of real property and wash and gas light company v christine chen zinner et al fairfax county circuit court case numbers cl 2022-2942 and dash 3061. two as permitted by virginia code sections 2.2 JAS 3 7 1 1 a 1 and 8 personnel and legal briefing regarding county contract number four four zero zero zero one zero nine seven three and three as permitted by Virginia code section 2.2

[02:46:40] JAS 3 7 1 1 a 1 interviews discussion and consideration of candidates for the vacant auditor of the board position you've heard the motion and the second by supervisor Palchik is there any discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor please say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions uh that motion passes and as a reminder uh we will quickly quickly grab lunch and report to closed session promptly at 1 p.m

[02:47:12] the board is coming out of closed session and to do that i'm going to turn to supervisor gross for

[02:51:02] motion. Always good to have it in paper. Mr. Chairman, I move with the Board of Supervisors certify that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from the opening meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were

[02:51:39] identified in the motion by which closed session was convened were heard discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors during the closed session. I'm happy to second that motion along with Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:51:59] That motion carries. Motions coming out of closed session. Supervisor Gross. Mr. Chairman, I have two motions coming out of closed session. I move that the Board of Supervisors deny the claim of ganishmada arising from an automobile accident on April 1st, 2023, according to the terms and conditions outlined by the county attorney in closed session. And the chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye.

[02:52:24] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Gross. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors deny the settlement demand of Anthony Gardner according to the terms and conditions outlined by the county attorney in closed session. And the chair will second that motion as well. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and i believe is the end of any actions coming out of closed session at this time we're going to begin our afternoon public hearings we have quite a few of them so we will try to be as efficient as possible but before we begin just

[02:53:03] a few reminders 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 At the designated point in the public hearing, I will call for any speakers that we have on our speakers list and they will come forward or their video will be shown or they will be connected live by telephone.

[02:53:25] There will then be an opportunity for anyone else present who would like to speak to the application to come down to the podium or for anyone watching at home to call in on a number that will be provided on the screen. Speakers testifying via video must have signed up and submitted their video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the hearing. And for all testimony, you are given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you are given five minutes. With that being said, I'm going to call our first public hearing, which is a public hearing on RZ 2023-MA-00001

[02:54:01] Eastgate JV LLC in the Mason District. And could we please reaffirm the affidavit? Good afternoon. I'm Scott Adams, land use attorney with McGuire Woods, agent for the applicant, and I reaffirmed the affidavit dated August 31st, 2023.

[02:54:17] Thank you very much. And are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you and good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. My name is Sharon Williams, and I'm with the Department of Planning and Development.

[02:54:35] The 3.22-acre subject property is Zone C6, and it lies within the Highway Corridor and Sign Control Overlay Districts, as well as the Annandale Community Business Center. The site is located within the larger 11.8-acre Eastgate Shopping Center in the northern portion of the center, which is currently developed with the Block Food Hall.

[02:54:55] The property fronts along John Marr Drive, in between its intersections with Little River Turnpike and Columbia Pike. The applicant proposes a rezoning from the C6 to the PRM District to permit the construction of a 280-unit multifamily residential building with 11,220 square feet of commercial retail use on the ground floor for a maximum of 319,220 gross square feet at a 2.34 FAR.

[02:55:21] The building would be developed in a donut style with a private interior courtyard in the middle and structured parking garage attached to the eastern building facade with retail space located along the southern building facade. A plaza space is proposed outside of the retail use where dining and other seating could occur.

[02:55:38] The applicant proposes to provide 23,858 square feet of new on-site urban park spaces, and those park spaces would consist of a pocket park slash civic plaza as well as a linear park. Along John Marr Drive, the applicant proposes to relocate the northernmost access point further south to enable a street grid within the shopping center.

[02:55:58] This relocated access point would be right in, right out only, and would connect to the existing drive aisles within the surface parking lot, as well as to the alley on the eastern portion of the site. 496 parking spaces are required for the proposed building, but the applicant has requested a formal parking reduction of up to 16% for the residential portion of the project to provide 425 parking spaces on site, given the availability of transit bus service nearby.

[02:56:25] The treatment of John Marr Drive was a really important part of the review of this application, and the applicant agreed to reserve 21 feet of right-of-way for future dedication to the county to

accommodate the improvements along John Marr Drive. And those improvements are shown here in this proposed section, which depicts an eight-foot-wide landscape panel, a 10-foot-wide shared-use path, three-foot-wide clear zone, and an eight-and-a-half-foot-wide landscape panel adjacent to the proposed Civic Plaza.

[02:56:53] And this concludes my presentation. Thank you so much. Thank you very much. At this time, we'd recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Thank you. And good afternoon again. For the record, I'm Scott Adams. I'm a land use attorney with McGuire Woods and very excited to be here this afternoon talking about the revitalization of a portion of the East Gated Annandale Shopping Center. I think as you saw from the presentation with staff, what we're proposing is a really high quality mixed use project in the heart of the Annandale CBC. And this is an area that hasn't seen a lot of development. And this will be the

[02:57:28] first new mixed-use multifamily development in Annandale in decades. And it's also one that I think we're excited about because of the partnership and the structure of how it's being developed that really is going to be additive to the community, but also one that's going to enhance the existing culture of what is, frankly, a successful shopping center with added housing options. And it's also something where we think it's going to spur additional revitalization in area i did want to thank staff for the great presentation today for all their hard work on

[02:58:02] this project this was a very smooth and productive process a lot of back and forth but a lot of give and take and getting to a point where we have a really good project that's in front of you with no real outstanding issues the project's in full conformance with the comprehensive plan for annandale it meets or exceeds the development expectations that the county has for projects in this area including the annandale meeting the annandale urban design guidelines and from a design perspective again we think this is a project that's going to be an asset to the community

[02:58:39] you you start with the architecture using high quality materials four-sided architecture that extends out to the streetscape i think you saw in the presentation we really focused on creating a safe and inviting pedestrian environment for this site that prioritizes the the pedestrian so we've removed a turn lane on john marr drive provided wide line landscape amenity panels on both sides of the 10-foot mixed-use trail that's going to be there really trying to set a great pedestrian template for for this area and that hope that streetscape really ties in directly with the open space the publicly accessible park space that's

[02:59:18] being proposed that wraps around three sides of this building to really create a mixture of active and passive spaces and what we think is going to be a really great community gathering space and you know sort of showing the the cohesiveness that open space ties into the retail that's proposed on the ground floor of this project the way that that's oriented was was done very intentionally making sure that we had frontage for retail on john marr drive but also making sure that the retail spoke to and was connected in a really cohesive way with the existing remaining retail that's going to be on the shopping center both in the interim and hopefully

[02:59:57] in the future when the rest of the site comes in for redevelopment additionally from an environmental standpoint we think this project is an absolute home run we're reducing the impervious surface on the area on the site by about a quarter of an acre we're exceeding stormwater management requirements and expectations for Annandale. We have green building commitments.

[03:00:20] We've got EV charging, both chargers in the parking garage, but also an agreement to wire that garage for conduit for future EV charging stations. And that's in addition to sort of the commitments that you would expect for a project like this in terms of transportation and schools and parks. We also think it's just, it's a project that sets a really great template for redevelopment in Annandale. It's an area that's been searching for revitalization efforts, and we think this is going to be a really good sort of first step related to that. And I mentioned at the top, one of the things we're excited about is the partnership that's bringing this project

[03:00:59] forward. Insight Property Group, which is a mid-Atlantic-based or a D.C. area-based multifamily developer, they're a long-term holder. They already own a site in Annandale down the street from this property. They're a partner in this project with Brian Kim and his company who currently own the Eastgate at Annandale Shopping Center. And so as part of this development, you know, we were really focused on making sure that we were enhancing the culture that's already there on this site. And so as part of this development, you know, Brian is going to be handling and his group will be handling the leasing for the new retail so that you've got

[03:01:38] cohesive retail strategy between the new building and the existing and you know we're also excited because the the block which is currently in the building that's that's coming down we are very far into negotiations to bring them back into the the building which the new building which we think is going to be a really great asset and maintain the the really vibrant culture that exists at this shopping center so for all those reasons we think this is going to be a great project for annandale We think it's going to be an asset for the community and would humbly request your approval of the project.

[03:02:14] Happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of the applicant or of staff at this time? Any questions of the applicant or staff? Not seeing or hearing any. Thank you very much. This is a public hearing, and I have nobody signed up in advance to testify on this matter.

[03:02:32] Is there anyone here present in the auditorium that wishes to speak on this case? Anyone present who would like to testify on this matter, this is a public hearing. I am seeing and hearing no one. Let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No one has called in. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal.

[03:02:48] Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On October the 11th, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended the approval of RZ 2023 MA0001 and its associated conceptual development plan subject to the execution of proffers consistent with those dated October 10th, 2023.

[03:03:08] The Planning Commission also approved the concurrent FDP, subject to the approval of the rezoning. And then finally, the Planning Commission also recommended approval for the parking reduction, as well as the waivers and modifications that are contained in the handout, dated September 26th.

[03:03:24] Staff concurs and agrees with the Planning Commission's recommendations. Thank you. Thank you very much. Last call, questions from Board members. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Gross for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:03:43] The Annandale plan was finalized in about 2008, just before the Lehman Brothers crash. And anybody who was doing comprehensive plans about that time knows that everything sort of went on the back burner.

[03:04:00] The original idea was a mixed-use town center in phases, and now 15 years later, the first phase is coming to fruition. And I am very pleased to make the following series of motions. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve RZ 2023-MA-00001 and its Associated Conceptual Development Plan CDP 2023-MA-00001, subject to the proffers dated October 10, 2023.

[03:04:32] I also move that the Board of Supervisors approve a parking reduction pursuant to section 6100.4C to allow for a reduction in the number of parking spaces based on proximity to Metro to reduce the parking ratio from 1.6 to 1.34 spaces per dwelling unit as shown on the CDP FTP and as a condition in attachment 1 of Appendix 9 is contained in the staff report.

[03:05:00] And I further move that the Board of Supervisors approve the waivers and modifications handout dated September 26, 2023, which will be made part of the record. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Palchuk and Supervisor Lusk.

[03:05:16] Discussion on the motion? Discussion on the motion. Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to thank Brian Kim and his representatives and his partners for hanging in there with us through all these years.

[03:05:39] Brian and I have had many conversations about this, and I'm really pleased to see that it is moving forward. Thank you. Indeed. Thank you. Thank you all. Our next public hearing is a public hearing on RZ2022-DR-00008, Mars Incorporated, in the Drainsville District.

[03:06:02] And once the applicant is here and ready, if you could please reaffirm the affidavit. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and Board. Evan Pritchard from Cousin O'Connor. I reaffirmed the affidavit dated September 19th, 2023.

[03:06:21] Thank you very much. are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none. I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Daniel Creed with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant, Mars Incorporated, seeks to rezone approximately 3.8 acres from the C2, C3, and C3, excuse me, C6 district to the C3 district to redevelop and expand an existing office building. The subject property is located in the downtown McLean area within the Drainsville Magisterial District. It is located within the

[03:07:00] McLean Commercial Revitalization District. The property is bounded by Old Dominion Drive, Ingleside Avenue, and Elm Street. In addition, the site abuts two existing office buildings which are subject to a rezoning proposal known as the Astoria at McLean. The site is currently developed with two office buildings, associated parking, and private open space. The applicant seeks to redevelop and expand the existing office building currently located at the corner of Moyer Place and Elm Street. To accommodate the expanded building, the office building located at 6867 Elm Street will be raised. The total square footage of the expanded office building will be up to

[03:07:36] 126,974 square feet with a maximum height of 63 feet or up to three stories. The combined site area is 3.8 acres which will net a maximum FAR of 0.76. The applicant is proposing a 1,850 square foot public park at the southern corner of the site along old dominion drive the park will feature landscaping seating areas and a radial pergola the applicant is further proposing to relocate an existing bus stop along old dominion drive and to construct a bus shelter construct several bulb out in crosswalks and complete all recommended streetscape improvements including

[03:08:16] the undergrounding of utilities here are the proposed architectural elevations of the building depicting the quality and character of the proposed expansion this concludes my presentation and i'm happy to answer any questions thank you thank you very much uh this time we welcome an applicant's presentation yes uh evan pritchard again i have just a few slides i promise to be brief because i know you guys have a full afternoon on your plates okay i'm joined by

[03:08:53] peter rowan from mars here and we have the whole team together um thank you first to supervisor faust and ben wiles and staff this has been a great project to work on and we're very proud of of where we've arrived okay so mclean has served as mars's home since 1984 so mars is very proud to reinvest in the community and develop a lead gold headquarters that's going to serve them for many years to come very happy to have the support of the chamber of commerce the planning

[03:09:29] commission mclean citizens association mclean planning committee and and many other groups in in the community that have been wonderful to work with, uh, existing conditions. Uh, Mr. Creed went through, uh, we've, we've got double curb cuts on Elm street and old dominion that we're going to be consolidating down to a single curb cut. Uh, the overhead utilities are going to be undergrounded. Um, we're taking the, uh, what, what you used to see on old dominion was a service station way back when. So we're removing that legacy, uh, driveway and, uh, a little bit of

[03:10:07] surface parking that we have there, replacing that with the new bus shelter and the public park space. We're taking a site that today has almost all of its surface parking above grade, and we're taking that all underground.

[03:10:24] Same thing with the backup generators, which get a lot of use these days with the storms that we have. Those are going to be also moved inside the building, which I think will be a big improvement for the community. You saw images of the building facade.

[03:10:43] I won't belabor those, but just emphasize again, we are targeting LEED gold for this building, and we're very excited about having a lot more natural light and a better appearance for the community and also for Mars Associates to work within. We provided public seating along Elm Street, and we're very happy to be providing a much nicer sidewalk and streetscape situation, as well as street trees and very robust stormwater management facilities along Elm as well.

[03:11:18] On the Moyer Place, one thing I want to point out is that we don't currently have a loading dock today. That will be provided on Moyer Place to minimize any kind of traffic conflicts on Moyer. The building loading dock area will actually have a mechanical turntable, So a truck will be able to come front end into the loading dock and be rotated 180 degrees so it can do its unloading and then drive right back out, which is not something I've seen before.

[03:11:47] So I want to toot Mars's horn there and the architect's efforts. And then along the frontage with the Astoria project that's been running mostly concurrently through the process with us, We've had a very good working relationship with that applicant team that staff has helped facilitate.

[03:12:06] We're excited about the pedestrian connection that's going to be provided with that project between Elm and Old Dominion. And so we pulled the building back approximately six feet and are proposing some landscaping along that path. So it will be a little more opening and pleasant for pedestrians to use going forward.

[03:12:28] We're going to make much better use of the private amenity space that's on the western side of the property with this new building. We're very excited about the outdoor entertainment opportunities that it's going to provide that's going to occur on terraces. And it's just going to be much more directed at that private amenity space than it has been, which is currently separated from the building by some of the surface parking.

[03:12:53] Here's an image of that private amenity area that I was just referring to. We've identified a number of trees that are healthy and some of which have important significance to the family members. So we're saving a good deal of those.

[03:13:10] We're supplementing those with many more new trees. We're sort of updating the whole stream system that works through there. So it's not only going to continue to be an attractive amenity, but it's also going to do some pretty heavy lifting, again, in terms of stormwater management facilities.

[03:13:29] We're also, on the Old Dominion side, as I mentioned, we're putting in a new bus stop and a public park space. The public park space was, again, an area we worked closely with staff and the Astoria applicant team to locate the public space so that it is adjacent to the pedestrian connection and sort of creates some synergies there.

[03:13:55] It's going to be about 1,850 square feet. It's going to lead to the 12 foot wide shared use path along Old Dominion that will be an amenity for pedestrians and cyclists and will be lined on either side with a double row of trees and a new bus stop shelter.

[03:14:15] Currently, there's just a bus stop sign there right next to the curb going forward. It'll be nice to have a nice bus shelter there and it provides some shade and protection from the rain for bus riders. Thank you.

[03:14:31] Happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you very much. Questions of staff or the applicant? Supervisor Gross. Looks very nice, but I'm wondering, you've got public amenity space. Is there any provision for public art?

[03:14:49] Now, you mentioned that you're going to have some sort of performance space, but what about public art that is either something that would attract folks to this new building even more? Yes. So Mars is very committed to the arts and has a longstanding relationship with the McLean Arts Foundation.

[03:15:11] So while that's not been proffered, we have been involved in ongoing conversations with the arts community that I understand has some ideas for projects in the area. So we're definitely going to continue that dialogue. Thank you. Knowing that McLean is very arts focused, I thought I would probably ask that question because you have some opportunities that might not exist in other areas.

[03:15:35] Thank you. Any other questions for 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 here present in the auditorium that would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing.

[03:15:51] Anyone who would like to speak? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk. No one has called in. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On October 11th, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of RZ-2022-DR-0008, subject to the proffers now dated October 23rd, 2023.

[03:16:17] The Planning Commission also recommended approval of the waivers and modifications as listed in the staff report. Staff concurs with these recommendations. Thank you very much. Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Faust for a motion.

[03:16:36] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, as was noted, Mars moved to McLean in 1984, and I'm so glad that they're the applicant for the first rezoning that was filed under the updated comprehensive plan for McLean's downtown.

[03:16:55] They've been a great community member and look forward to a long-term relationship. The comprehensive plan update process took about three years and was truly a community effort that included dozens of meetings, workshops, task force meetings, open houses, and just a lot of discussion.

[03:17:14] But this proposal, in my opinion, is situated, well, first of all, it's situated within an area in the plan called the center zone that is considered an area of mixed-use walkable development. This project will permit the development of a stunning new corporate office for Mars, and it provides the opportunity to update the public realm with today's high development environmental standards.

[03:17:37] Critical site improvements include the underground of existing overhead utilities along Old Dominion Drive and Elm Street The applicant will deliver pedestrian bicycle And landscaping improvements in full conformance with the newly adopted McLean design guidelines a new public park at the southern corner of the site along Old Dominion will serve as a gateway feature into downtown and will include landscaping seating a pergola and bus shelter i would note that there's an another park that was delivered by the signet directly across the street and we'll add to the

[03:18:16] ambiance around your building the large private park in the rear of the property along old dominion will be preserved i don't know if anybody's familiar with that but in downtown mclean there's a beautiful piece of property that is owned by mars and already well taken care of and the plans are to improve that the proposal provides 65 open space parking will be located underground the applicant is committed to meet lead gold certification storm water and environmental considerations are a high priority in our comprehensive plan for mclean and this applicant

[03:18:54] is committed to incorporate green storm water infrastructure and water quality improvements that will reduce the post-development peak runoff rate by 40 percent over the existing condition in my opinion the design and quality of this proposal is consistent with the community's vision for the future of downtown mclean i'd like to thank the communities that have provided feedback on the proposal especially mclean house the signet and mclean villages i'd also like to recognize the work of the mclean citizens association and the mclean planning committee both of whom support

[03:19:30] this project i want to thank them for their valuable input and steadfast advocacy on behalf of the community i also want to thank county staff especially suzanne wright kathy lewis and daniel creed uh they were under a lot of pressure to get this done uh it's to say you know we we really wanted to see it happen and they rose to the occasion shall we say and it uh as you will see in the next case i bring that the same team had to uh work both projects uh at the same time but But they did a great job.

[03:20:03] I want to thank Evan and our friends from Mars. Thank you so much for your hard work to get us to this point. And finally, I want to thank the owners and management team at Mars for their commitment to reinvesting in downtown McLean. We really appreciate it.

[03:20:20] So I move that the board of supervisors approve RZ2022-DR-00008. Subject to the executed proffers dated October 23, 2023.

[03:20:37] I move that the Board of Supervisors approve a modification of the loading space requirement to that shown on the GDP. And I move that the Board of Supervisors approve a 20% parking reduction of the parking requirements, either current or as amended by the parking reimagined, so long as there are no less than 205 parking spaces.

[03:21:00] So moved. The Chair is happy to second that, along with Supervisor Lusk. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:21:16] That motion carries. Thank you very much. Thank you all. We next have a public hearing on RZ 2022-DR-00028, Jag Partners, LLC, in the Drainsville District.

[03:21:33] And as soon as they are ready, if the applicant could please reaffirm the affidavit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. For the record, my name is Michelle Rosati. I'm a zoning attorney with Holland and Knight representing the applicant.

[03:21:48] I reaffirmed the affidavit dated October 4th, 2023. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, this time would recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:22:05] And once again, I'm Daniel Creed with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant, JAG Partners LLC, seeks to rezone approximately two acres from the C2 and C6 districts to the PRM district to permit a residential mixed-use development. The subject property is located in the downtown McLean area within the Drainville Magisterial District.

[03:22:26] It is located within the McLean Commercial Revitalization District. The property is south of Dolly Madison Boulevard and north of Old Dominion Drive. The site fronts Elm Street to the northeast and Old Dominion Drive to the south. The site is currently developed with two office buildings, associated parking, and a small freestanding restaurant.

[03:22:47] The applicant seeks to redevelop the property by replacing the two existing office buildings and the restaurant with a single mid-rise residential mixed-use building. The building will include up to 130 multifamily units, and on the ground floor, 3,109 square feet of retail and 1,692 square feet of office.

[03:23:06] The overall square footage of the building will be 281,046 square feet with a maximum height of 92 feet. The combined site area is 2.06 acres, which will net a maximum floor area ratio of 3.12.

[03:23:22] The on-site public park network consists of three primary park spaces, including two corner plazas connected by an 8-foot wide pedestrian pathway. The park space will also serve as a pedestrian mid-block connection between Old Dominion Drive and Elm Street. Additionally, the applicant is proposing to construct all recommended streetscape improvements and to underground existing utilities along the frontages in accordance with the comprehensive plan recommendations.

[03:23:51] And here are the proposed architectural elevations of the building, which will show the character and quality of the proposed architecture, materials, and relationship to the streets. This completes my presentation. I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation.

[03:24:12] Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. again. My name is Michelle Rosati. I'm very happy to be with you this afternoon representing the applicant. With me is the Astoria McLean design team, urban engineering, the project architect Lessard Group, and Grove Slate on transportation. The Astoria McLean is the first mixed-use residential proposal for redevelopment under the new CBC plan, which, as Supervisor Faust described, is aimed at creating a revitalized walkable downtown McLean with vibrant mixed-use and connectivity and places to actually go.

[03:24:50] So you'll see on this slide, this is the Old Dominion Drive frontage. The building in the foreground is the proposed historian McLean Building, and the building next door on the left is our next-door neighbor Mars, which is the application that you just approved. So just for context, the site location is outlined here in blue on the right-hand side.

[03:25:10] We are in the center zone of the CBC plan, which is a tiered intensity form-based plan. The recommendation in the center zone is for mixed-use and multifamily residential, if there is residential, up to seven stories with form-based building massing.

[03:25:26] A very big issue throughout the CBC plan process was walkability. This is maybe the biggest challenge in downtown McLean right now. And as you can see, there was a lot of attention paid to streetscapes and sidewalks. There was a big consensus about that. The new standards are for broader streetscapes, green, welcoming, multimodal, with great tree canopies.

[03:25:47] The design guidelines in McLean followed the adoption of the CBC plan and added details identifying Elm Street as the main street of downtown McLean and Old Dominion Drive identified as a green avenue. A lot of focus on these pedestrian connections, including a focus on breaking up some of the super blocks in downtown McLean that make it difficult to really walk around.

[03:26:10] So as you can see here, this is the triangle of Mars on the left-hand side and Astoria on the right-hand side and the signet across the street on Elm Street at the top of the picture. As you can see, we benefited from a perfectly straight property line all the way from the Old Dominion Drive frontage all the way through to Elm Street.

[03:26:31] So this was a really fantastic opportunity to create that pedestrian mid-block connection and break up the superblock. This shows you a little bit more detail of the design guidelines, attention to detail on the streetscapes. So this is a mixed-use multifamily residential building with ground floor retail and office, but we started this design with the pedestrian realm to really play on a flag in those new streetscape standards.

[03:26:56] We are undergrounding utilities on both street frontages by proffer. This pedestrian mid-block connection is actually a linear park, and it varies between 37 feet and 24 feet wide. That 8th Street, that 8-foot pedestrian walkway is a part of it all the way through, but it really is a linear park that's anchored on both sides with retail.

[03:27:15] We have coordinated, I'm very happy to say, with Mars on the urban park space near Old Dominion, and what a great neighbor. We're so happy to be coming through the process with them today. That entire urban park is 0.34 acres. It'll be in a public access easement. We have proffered the installation of public art in coordination with the McLean Planning Committee and the McLean Project for the Arts.

[03:27:37] This just shows you a little detail on the Old Dominion Drive side, that plaza that's adjacent to the Mars urban park space. And this is the Elm Street side. So you can see there's a variety of seating,

landscaping, a garden, a patio to really amplify that retail that's on both corners of that pedestrian mid-block connection.

[03:27:55] This is the Elm Street frontage. You can see on the right-hand side is Mars, just for some perspective, and you can see on the left-hand side is the Astoria. You can see all the frontage there on Elm Street is retail except for the entrance itself.

[03:28:11] This is the mid-block perspective because this building goes all the way through the block. Based on community input, we changed the articulation and finish of the building about midway through so that it sort of broke it up to the eye, you can see the mars building is sort of ghosted in in front of it we also stepped down from seven stories to six stories on the elm street side to really make that difference in the way that it presented visually environmentally we think this application is very strong we're proffering to green building standards uh significant tree canopy in addition to this green avenue effect

[03:28:45] that we're really contributing to on old dominion drive 33 open space proffered commitment to do a 40% reduction of the 10-year 24-hour storm, green infrastructure and proffered EV parking spaces both installed and pre-wired. So the CBC plan was a long public process and so were the design guidelines and we would submit to you that this application is in harmony with those policies and it respects and continues that collaborative work in the community. I'm very pleased to report this application has the full support of the McLean Citizens Association and the

[03:29:21] mcclain planning committee and is recommended for approval by county staff and was unanimously recommended for approval by a planning commission i want to thank staff again and the mcclain community and our neighbors next door at mars for working with us to refine this application but last and most importantly i want to thank supervisor faust this has been a long process it's not just that this application it's the whole cbc plan the design guidelines really reshaping mclean in a way that is going to be amazing and permanent and i want to thank you for your leadership and and your support and your vision through all that and so with that i want to

[03:29:58] respectfully request that the board approve the historian mclean rezoning application i would be happy to answer any questions that you may have thank you very much are there any questions of staff or the applicant any questions yes supervisor stork is this a concrete steel or stick building we don't know yet it's not maybe not a very satisfying answer but we don't know yet well it's right at the height range that it's not clear so that's why yeah and that's there has been a fair amount of discussion about that and that's ongoing thank you any further questions or

[03:30:33] comments of for staff or the applicant any other questions seeing and hearing none this is a public hearing and i have nobody signed up to speak in advance is there anyone here present in the auditorium that would like to testify this is a public hearing is there anyone present who would would like to testify on this case. Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if we have any callers. No one has called in. Assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On October 18th, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended

[03:31:07] approval of RZ 2022-DR-0028 and it's approved its associated FDP. Subject to the executed proffers now dated October 23rd, 2023. The Planning Commission also recommended approval of all requested and associated waivers and modifications.

[03:31:28] Staff concurs with those recommendations. Thank you. Thank you. Last call. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Faust for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like the MARS application, under the revised comprehensive plan for downtown McLean, this proposals within the plan center zone where we seek mixed use walkable development and I believe this project clearly represents a significant contribution to achieving that goal. This area is going to have an urban feel with buildings close to the street, generous sidewalks, street

[03:32:07] trees and other amenities such as urban plazas, ground floor, retail and public art. The comprehensive plan recognizes that new residential units are critical to the success of the revitalization efforts in downtown this proposal by the applicant to construct a multi-family project with ground floor office and retail is consistent with uh and will advance the goals of the plan these new housing units are going to provide much needed housing but including affordable housing uh affordable workforce housing they'll also help diversify the mix of uses in mclean and provide

[03:32:43] a customer base which has been missing for our small businesses it'll support existing and future commercial uses within the town in my opinion the design and layout of the building along with the on-site park spaces and critical mid-block connection will set a high bar for all future family applications multi-family applications so the application commits to underground utilities to construct streetscapes per the mclean design guidelines in addition to providing several units of affordable housing it will meet the standards for parks open space

[03:33:21] storm water management green building practices and public facility contributions many of the same players who contributed so much to the success of the mars application also did great work on this application you may have noticed and may have been surprised there's no speakers on either application and they're both significant applications that's because the hard work was put in by staff and by the the representatives and the applicants and the community but I especially want to thank the applicant and mr. Rizzotti for engaging all the nearby communities time and time again

[03:34:00] and meeting with them and obtaining feedback from both McClain Plain Committee and McClain citizens Association that effort made a very good application even better in my opinion so the project advances our goals for the revitalization of downtown mclean and i am happy to support it i move that the board of supervisors approve rz 2022 dr 00028 subject to the executed proffer stated october 23 2023 i move that the board of supervisors approve of a modification of the loading space requirement to that shown on the cdp

[03:34:39] fdp so moved been moved and multiply seconded uh any discussion on the motion any discussion yeah that uh the same team worked there worked hard uh to bring this to us today and so i i really want to thank you for all your good efforts they haven't changed a bit in the last 10 minutes but well well done uh any further discussion uh seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries thank you all very

[03:35:18] much i understand our next case is going to be deferred uh but that was a public hearing on rz 2023-su-00008 k hovnanian homes at the gallery park at westfields llc in the sully district supervisor smith mr chairman the application before us does not propose a new land use development concept that the board has never acted on before. In fact, this application is identical to one that was already approved by the board back on June 28, 2022. The current

[03:35:55] application is directed at a single issue, whether the board will extend the time for the applicant to pay the Route 28 tax district payment. The applicant requires a brief deferral of the public hearing on this case to submit additional documents. As the Board is aware, we adopted an election year policy at our meeting on January 24, 2023, providing, among other things, that Landview's public hearings will not be scheduled between November 7, 2023, and January 1, 2024,

[03:36:30] when the new Board takes office. We are not required by law to adopt this policy, and the county attorney has confirmed that the board may grant a waiver of this policy as it sees fit. I believe it is appropriate in this unique case for the board to approve a limited waiver of the election year policy and allow the public hearing on this application to be deferred until November 21, 2023. Again, we have already approved the land use development proposed in this application, and a new approval would essentially be a housekeeping measure to extend the time to

[03:37:10] make the Route 28 tax district payment. The purpose of the election year policy, of course, is to prevent lame duck incumbents from voting on controversial land use applications, and approving a waiver of the policy in this unusual situation would not interfere with the board's goals in adopting the policy. Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve a limited waiver of the election year policy and allow RZ FDP 2023-SU00008 to be scheduled for

[03:37:47] a date certain on November 21, 2023 at 3.30 p.m. Second. You've heard the motion. It's been multi-seconded any discussion on the motion Supervisor Palchik we're gonna work our way down this way Supervisor Palchik Thank You mr. Chairman and thank you Supervisor Smith for for giving the clear explanation As to how this is you need a unique case I do appreciate that and just want to clarify and make sure with you and with staff so we are saying here

[03:38:20] It is unique because we have this policy. I guess my first question for you Just to clarify there are no changes being proposed from the original adopted Case to what was being what is being presented now? Correct?

[03:38:38] It's the same case and it's already been through the Planning Commission for what it's its second time and it passed the Planning Commission Okay, thank you. And then just my follow-up for you and here I think for staff as well my understanding and reading through this is that it is a so unique hopefully we've never been through this and hopefully never will have to go through this again and i guess i want to make sure we're not creating a precedent here um but if i understand correctly the uniqueness is both of the fact that we are having to rehear certain cases at this time because of the recent supreme court hearing and our and our looking at cases again out of an

[03:39:14] abundance of caution is that correct um suzanne wright department of planning and development this is an application that was previously approved and they didn't pay their Route 28 taxes in the amount of time approved in the state code and so they had to go back through the process but they're proposing no changes we've seen a couple of these in the past few months and so we are reminding folks to do that in a timely manner in the future so hopefully we'll be able to avoid too many of these in the future okay thank you I asked that question the wrong way so I appreciate he's saying that it is a mistake but we're ensuring that we won't be seeing more of these it looks like you and staff are working through and we

[03:39:52] certainly are doing our best to remind the applicants but it is obviously their responsibility to meet their proffers and meet the state code but we try to you know try to remind them as much as we can

okay and do you do we have any other outstanding cases in this time period that's within that sort of lame duck no we don't know we do not this is the only one okay and and clearly we won't know again for another four years hopefully this does not happen again is there anything else we can do um i guess as four years come closer to that we've learned to ensure that we're not

[03:40:26] doing this again um you know we certainly will remind folks that they need to meet their state code requirement um there's a certain you know this sort of event hopefully won't happen very often i can't really guess hypothetically what could happen but in this case we do remind people we're trying to remind people but it is up to them to make sure they are putting their outlook calendars up there so they know they are they need to pay their uh tax on this but i but it's it's not that common that it happens but it has happened a few times and hopefully we're able to track that and be able to give people that reminder okay clearly it's not up to us uh hopefully this

[03:41:04] does not happen again um but appreciate um the work that's been put into making this a unique case i don't know that i would approve this again if it were to happen in another case if they're not following up um but i think in this instance um and the unique uniqueness of this case i appreciate supervisor smith's working with the applicant on this and i'm happy to provide to support this supervisor harry yeah and i'm inclined to support it as well because of its uniqueness but um any speakers at the planning commission if you can remember i am afraid i don't know the answer to that but i don't believe there were i have to look back at the verbatim yeah i was just

[03:41:44] try i didn't know this was coming but do you know were there any speakers i don't know if there are any speakers but i think it was an 11-0 vote one person wasn't there i was just making sure that i wasn't missing anything same exact case my guess it went very quickly at the planning commission i would assume so but like i said i didn't know we were doing this until i just saw this handed to me two minutes ago supervisor of house yeah thank you uh i support this completely And I want to just make my opinion clear that even if it happened again, I would not be all that upset.

[03:42:22] This is without substance as far as I'm concerned. It's a procedural item that doesn't go to the substance of the land use case. It goes to the issue of timely payment of a tax bill that obviously didn't happen.

[03:42:42] So the likelihood of this coming up again is so slim because it has to come up in the last meeting of a four-year term, and it has to involve an applicant who had a Route 28 tax bill that they were supposed to pay and didn't, and it has to come before us exactly at this time.

[03:43:04] So extremely unlikely, but literally, this is not something, if people are wondering what we're doing, this is not adversely impacting anyone. And this is just a procedurally appropriate thing to do for the benefit of moving the project forward.

[03:43:21] Okay. Any other discussion? Let me just also say I'm supporting this given what a limited situation and unusual this is. And I don't think in any way runs sideways to the voluntary policy that I made a motion on to put into place, and traditionally the board has done in the past.

[03:43:41] And so I appreciate the explanation given by Supervisor Smith, the county attorney's confirmation. And I'm happy to support the motion as well. That being said, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:43:57] And that motion is approved, Supervisor Alcorn being out of the room. And I am going to call our next case, which is a public hearing for the creation of Homes Run Area Sanitary District for Refuse Recycling Collection Services. in the Mason District. And as soon as staff is ready, we would welcome a staff presentation.

[03:44:25] Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. My name is Lanie Cook, and I'm with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. The Solid Waste Management Program has one petition going forward in the Mason District. We initially received the petition request on March 10th of 2020, and the petition process started on January 20th of 2023 regarding

[03:45:04] the creation of fairfax county refuse and recycling collection services in the homes run area the petition area includes 74 properties with 44 in favor four opposed and 26 were unable to be reached or unresponsive thank you very much it was very brief um are there any questions of staff any questions of staff supervisor pouchig um and this is going to be the same question for all of the the cases so I'll just ask it once you know service is going really well right

[03:45:41] now it seems to be I know there's been delays because there were issues in the past so I just want your insurance assurances that adding these districts today will not impede the continued good collection services we have at this moment good afternoon Eric Forbes deputy director with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services with a solid waste management program great question and um yes we'd like to assure you that everything will work out well for these petitions and all of our customers we've had to utilize contract resources so supplemental resources to collect yard waste for about the last two years we just issued or are in the process of issuing a

[03:46:20] new long-term contract for that supplemental support we're still seeing vacancy rates within our newington collection team that does this service that are pretty high so we're confident because we're able to utilize this contracted supplemental force with these petitions and moving them forward. Thank you. And thank you for your work on that and your team. Any other questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I do have one speaker who has signed up in advance to testify, Ryan McCrone, who is president of the Homes Run Homeowners

[03:46:56] Association. Mr. McCrone is here. Is there anyone after Mr. McCrone who wishes to speak on this subject. If you could please sign in here with the clerk and anyone else who wishes to speak on this application who's present, please come in, come down to this side of the dais and sign in with the clerk to the board of the supervisors. Mr. McCrone, welcome. McCrone, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you very much. Good afternoon. My name is Ryan McCrone. I'm the president of the Homes Run Village Homeowners Association. Our association has been going through this process that you've heard for a few years now. In fact, I was not the president at the time it started.

[03:47:32] This effort is very important to our neighborhood because it will provide affordable and reliable refuse and recycling pickup for most of our residents. Our association is a community made up of multi-generational family units, renters and homeowners, and people of varying income levels. Having canvassed our neighborhood several times for this, I got to know my neighbors a lot better.

[03:47:53] And one of the big issues I've discovered is that we have varying levels of cost among our neighbors for recycling and refuse pickup. The biggest issue is that some of us are paying double of what your service offers us. And at this time, that money can go pretty far for families.

[03:48:12] We've been told that there's a slight environmental concern associated with the addition of our association. We have one unit on Rebel Drive. We were given an opportunity to come up with alternate plans. After discussion with the other homeowners and the board, we believe it would be wrong to exclude our fellow member and that the environmental impact, the addition of this one unit, is insignificant.

[03:48:34] This person is a resident of Fairfax County and would love to participate in these services. The addition of this route adds only six-tenths of a mile to the overall route. This means that even during seasons of two or more trash pickups, there's never more than two miles added to the route during a single week.

[03:48:51] I ask you to approve this proposal and allow our residents to enjoy these great services that you offer as Fairfax County residents. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. McCrone. And one thing I've observed, Mr. McCrone has with him one of our youngest Fairfax County residents in the back.

[03:49:07] Two of them now, but the one that was sitting next to you is among the most well-behaved young children that have entered this auditorium. So you deserve a medal. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Our next speaker is Harry Edelman. Mr. Edelman is here testifying as an individual.

[03:49:24] Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, board members. Before we get to the substance, from a purely procedural standpoint, this petition should be denied.

[03:49:42] Only about half of the current residents signed, and the remainder did not sign the petition, despite an intensive door-to-door canvas with social pressure and no balanced, full and fair disclosure of the consequences. Many residents signed under duress without understanding the ramifications of what they were doing.

[03:50:02] This arose out of the pandemic labor shortages, which are largely gone and beyond the provider's control and the residents' simple frustration. Turning to the substance, if the county takes over the administration of Swink's Mill trash collection, it will reduce the number of trash collectors from two to one, creating a government-managed monopoly that operates without residents' input.

[03:50:26] Creating that monopoly in one of those companies is going to eliminate the need to compete and be efficient, unless the county is going to aggressively manage the survivor. Residents' ability to change providers or play one against the other will be removed, and they'll lose their direct contractual relationship with their trash collection company and be unable to communicate directly with it, rather default to communicating to the county, which will in turn be managing the trash collectors.

[03:50:56] If the petition is granted, this will create a manpower and economic burden on the county, unappreciated by half of the Swinx Mill residents with little room to recoup out of new tightened fees. The proposed steep reduction in fees may well be illusory.

[03:51:15] Right now, one of the providers is only $56 a year more expensive than the county would be, and it's hard to imagine that there's very much slack in the current pricing to allow compensation of the trash collector as well as a reasonable compensation to the board at that price level, pardon me, to the county at that price level.

[03:51:38] Granting the petition could easily be perceived in the media and by people in this county as this board acting to allocate resources to a wealthy neighborhood and neglecting similar issues in many poor neighborhoods. Moreover, the choice of trash collection companies by the county could become

subject to political pressure that would create an appearance that did not benefit the neighborhood or otherwise. It could be tinder for scandal simply. In closing, I note that in the 34 years I have lived in the Swings Mill neighborhood, there has never been such a

[03:52:14] divisive, polarized, and sometimes vitriolic issue as this. It could have been avoided if there had been more of a consensus built up before this bare 50 percent petition was submitted to your board. Whatever the outcome, half of us are going to be dissatisfied, and accordingly, I would request respectfully that your board deny the petition. Mr. Edelman, I think you're testifying on the wrong public hearing. This is a public hearing on Holmes Run Sanitary District. I think what you're wanting to testify is on the Swinx mill, which is several

[03:52:54] public hearings later from now. But I do want to ask the county attorney, can his testimony be submitted for the record for that other case, or does he have to repeat his entire testimony again when that case comes forward? It would be cleaner, unfortunately, if he gave his testimony in connection with the other hearing.

[03:53:15] The reason I say that, Mr. Edelman, I think you probably have two choices here. If your testimony is in writing, you can submit it for the record on that case if you don't want to wait for that public hearing. I'd be happy to wait. Or you can come back and summarize your testimony before us.

[03:53:31] Again, I didn't want to interrupt you midstream, but we're going to hear that case here in a little bit. All right. I apologize. Thank you very much. Let me ask again if there's anyone else here who wishes to speak in this matter, which is, again, is the creation of the Holmes Run Area Sanitary District.

[03:53:50] We have a number of these we're going to hear later. Sir, if you could, why don't you go ahead and testify, and then when you're done, if you could submit your name and address to the clerk for the record. Welcome. My name is Bernard Thompson. I'm the past president of the Homes Run Village Homeowners Association.

[03:54:06] I actually just came down to make certain that there was clarity on the language that was used by the previous speaker insofar as he was talking about something completely different. And I just want to make absolutely clear that whatever those circumstances were that he was speaking to, they did not apply to our situation.

[03:54:27] That's all. It was just a moment of clarity. Bernard, thank you for having our back. How are you doing? All right. Thank you very much, sir. Is there anyone else here who wishes to testify on this matter? Anyone else who wishes to speak on this subject?

[03:54:42] I'm seeing and hearing no one. Let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No one has called in. closing comments from staff staff denies approval for this petition thank you very much um any questions from board members last 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 um this is the unusual situation where the county executive and staff recommendation

[03:55:16] is to deny the application for sanitary service district services. And it actually revolves around one particular property because the subdivision includes a property that is served by an entirely different street.

[03:55:41] And none of the properties on that other street are served by the county. And so because the map, there was not a desire to adjust the map to remove that one property on Rebel Drive, the recommendation was for denial.

[03:56:00] However, it is my understanding that the board can adjust that boundary by removing. We can't add things, but we can remove things. And so by removing that one property, it would give the other 73 properties the opportunity to be in a sanitary service district.

[03:56:23] There is, I have been persuaded by the, by our staff that what we are, what their concern is, you know, sending a truck all the way down an adjoining street, all the way to the end, and then all the way to the back, all the way back.

[03:56:41] Maybe it doesn't sound like it's a long distance, but as we are trying to make sure that we are as efficient as possible time-wise and also in using resources, fuel, and so forth, it is best to shrink this size a little bit rather than deny everybody else the opportunity.

[03:57:06] So I move to modify the county executive's recommendation to deny completely, still creating the Homes Run Area Sanitary District for Refuse and Recycling Collection Services in Mason District, DTA Local District 1B, but removing one house from the map located at 7829 Rebel Drive.

[03:57:29] The recommendation, as I mentioned, the recommendation is based on the fact that the submitted petition includes a home whose service is not on the streets of all other homes in the petition, requiring the county to travel on multiple streets not serviced by the county to service that one home.

[03:57:44] This situation is counter to the guidelines that enlargements and creations of sanitary service districts should not have the negative environmental impact of multiple haulers servicing the same street as well as resulting in increased costs due to abnormal travel time from one customer to another.

[03:58:01] So if that is understandable, that is my motion. And I'm happy to second that motion along with Supervisor Lusk. Discussion on the motion. Any discussion on the motion? Then Supervisor Gross and then Supervisor Herod. Mr. Chairman, we've had a number of – this petition came, I think you said, March of 2020.

[03:58:24] It's been hanging out there a long time. I have some misgivings about how well the county is going to be able to continue to service our sanitary service districts based on a lot of history. But there is, I think there is some confidence among staff that this will be something that they can do.

[03:58:47] But by adding this, I was looking up, I don't know if anybody is familiar with it, around Robin Hood's barn. It's a circuitous route, and circuitous routes are not efficient. So I appreciate the county staff's work on this and their advice and their counsel.

[03:59:06] and i think we have a sweet spot for the most part um to be able to move forward thank you thank you supervisor gross supervisor harry yeah i think the last speaker cleared us up but just to be even clear when you take that one out they still have the required percentage of votes yeah i thought so just yes i think it comes out to 60 percent uh approval yeah okay any further discussion supervisor stork i just want to make sure so basically staff is supportive if you take out this one house they can do it with it when it's it's that extra house that

[03:59:42] requires this long circuitous route that is the problem thank you okay uh all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries nine to zero thank you

thank you our next case is a public hearing for the enlargement of stone haven area sanitary district for refuse and recycling collection services in the braddock district at this time i would welcome a staff presentation good afternoon mr chairman and members of the board my name is lanie cook and i'm with the department of public works and environmental

[04:00:20] services the solid waste management program has one petition going forward in the braddock district we initially received the petition request on july 28 2020 and the petition process started on february 8 2023 regarding the enlargement of fairfax county refuse and recycling collection services in the stonehaven area the petition area includes 102 properties with 64 in favor five opposed and 33 were unable to be reached or unresponsive thank you very much are there any questions of staff any questions of staff seeing and hearing none this is a public hearing

[04:00:58] And I do have one speaker who signed up in advance to testify. Joseph Schumer, treasurer of the Stonehaven Civic Association. Mr. Schumer, welcome. The floor is yours. Good afternoon, Chairman McKay, Fairfax County Supervisors. My name is Joe Schumer. I'm a resident of Stonehaven, so I'm speaking about the right topic. Since 2012, today representing the Stonehaven Civic Association as an officer since 2016, we are seeking your support for Stonehaven's petition to add Fairfax County refuse and recycling collection to our neighborhood.

[04:01:28] stonehaven is a neighborhood of just over 100 homes in the heart of the braddock district we're surrounded on three sides by the existing canterbury woods sanitation district which is currently served by the county for the past year or so we've been considering exploring county trash service since 2019 specifically when we heard that canterbury woods was pursuing it we held a civic association vote in 2020 to initiate this pursuit and started with the county process. Then, of course, things were delayed by COVID. Our residents are tired of having multiple trash companies going through our roads three or four days of the week.

[04:02:04] There have been significant service issues, of course, with private trash companies in the past few years. After a lengthy but understandable delay due to COVID, our neighborhood is excited to request the county trash service to reduce traffic on our roads and to get better service. Throughout this process, we've performed significant community outreach to get to every homeowner, making sure that everyone had access to all the information and the things that they needed to make an informed decision. We sent many emails, had many Q&A meetings, regularly distributed printed letters to each household to try to reach everyone. I'd like to give a special thanks to Ms. Laney Cook for all of her help with the video conferences and the information meetings. She

[04:02:43] joined us several times with community meetings virtually. Out of the 102 Stonehaven households, The 64 voted in favor to join Fairfax County Refuse and Recycling. This represents over 60% of the households. We had 71 people reply out of the 102, and 90% voted in favor of the people that responded.

[04:03:03] So we kindly ask for your support for this petition. We hope this is easy for the board to decide in favor, considering that it's clear that we have expressed the will of our residents for the petition. We are a small addition of only 100 or so homes to an existing sanitation district. And because we're surrounded by Canterbury Woods' existing district, the trucks are already driving through our neighborhood, and it's an easy add-on.

[04:03:25] Thank you for your time. Thank you, Mr. Schumer. Is there anyone else here who would like to testify on this matter? Anyone else present who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if anyone has called in. No callers. Again, closing comments and a recommendation from staff.

[04:03:43] Staff recommends approval for this petition. Thank you very much. Final call questions for board members. Seeing and hearing none, at this time, I will close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Walkinshaw for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to thank staff for the great work on this and Joe and the Stonehaven community and leadership.

[04:04:02] This is about as good a sanitary district as we're going to get. As was mentioned, it's literally a wedge inside an existing district. And one thing I'll just note, and Joe mentioned it, folks are starting to catch on to the fact that it doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to have three or four or six trucks going through your neighborhood every week and there's a lot of enthusiasm for districts as a result of that. With that Mr. Chairman I move approval of the county executive's recommendation for the enlargement of the Stonehaven Area Sanitary District for refuse

[04:04:37] and recycling collection services in Braddock District DTA Small District 3. And the chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion. Any further discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries uh nine to zero thank you very much uh and we're going to go on to our next one of these uh which is a public hearing for the enlargement of springfield park area one sanitary district for refuse and recycling and vacuum leaf collection services in the

[04:05:14] franconia district and at this time we would welcome a staff presentation good afternoon mr chairman and members of the board my name is lanie cook and i'm with the department of public works and environmental services the solid waste management program has one petition going forward in the franconia district we initially received the petition request on december 1st of 2020 and the petition process started on february 24th of 2023 regarding the enlargement of fairfax county refuse recycling and vacuum leaf collection services in the springfield park area one the The petition area includes four properties with two in favor, zero opposed, and two were unable to be reached or unresponsive.

[04:05:56] Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? This is a public hearing, and I have nobody signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on the Springfield Park Sanitary District? Anyone present who would like to testify?

[04:06:13] Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if anyone has called in. No one has called in. closing comments and a recommendation again from staff staff recommends approval for this petition thank you final call questions from board members seeing and hearing none i will now close the public hearing and recognize supervisor lusk for a motion thank you mr chairman very quickly i'll move uh the county executive's recommendation for this item heard the motion the chair will second that along with supervisor faust discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions

[04:06:50] that motion carries and that brings us to our next one of these which is a public hearing for the enlargement of dun loring area one sanitary district for refuse and recycling collection services in the providence district at this time i would recognize county staff good afternoon mr chairman and members of the board my name is lanie cook and i'm with the department of public works and environmental

services the solid waste management program has one petition going forward in the providence district we initially received the petition requests on march 28th of 2022

[04:07:26] and the petition process started june 6 of 2023 regarding the enlargement of fairfax county refuse and recycling collection services in the dunloring area one the petition area includes two properties with two in favor zero opposed and zero were unable to be reached or unresponsive thank you are there any questions of staff seeing and hearing none this is a public hearing and I have once again I have no speakers signed up in advance to testify is there anyone who would like to testify on this matter anyone here who would like to speak on the Dunloring area one

[04:08:00] sanitary district anyone present seeing and hearing no one let me ask the clerk no one has called in uh closing comments and recommendation from county staff staff recommends approval for this petition final call questions from board members seeing and hearing none at this time i'll close the public hearing and recognize supervisor palchik for a motion thank you mr chairman i move approval of the county executive's recommendation for the enlargement of dunloring area one sanitary district for refuse and recycling collection services in Providence District DTA Small District 11.

[04:08:37] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Supervisor Poucher. Yeah, thank you. I just really want to thank staff. I think this wins for the easiest one, two for O. Thank you so much for your work and appreciate it. Thank you very much.

[04:08:52] Any further discussions? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Our next one is a public hearing on the creations of Elmwood Estates, Area 1, Redfield, Area 1, Swinks Mill, Area 1, and enlargements of Chesterbrook Estates, Area 2, Lewinsville Heights, Area 1, McLean Manor, Area 3, River Oaks, Area 1, and River Oaks, Area 2, sanitary districts for refuse and recycling collection services in the Drainsville District.

[04:09:29] And at this time, we would welcome a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. My name is Lainey Cook, and I'm with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. The Solid Waste Management Program has eight petitions going forward in the Drainsville District.

[04:09:45] The first petition request was received on December 11, 2020, and the petition process started on March 1, 2023, regarding the creation of Fairfax County Refuse and Recycling Collection Services in the Elmswood Estates Area 1.

[04:10:00] the petition area includes 81 properties with 51 in favor 16 opposed and 14 were unresponsive or unable to be reached the second petition request was received on january 8 2021 and the petition process started on march 23rd 2023 regarding the creation of fairfax county refuse and recycling collection services in the red fill area one the petition area includes 59 properties with 42 in favor, 9 opposed, and 8 were unresponsive or unable to be reached.

[04:10:32] The third petition request was received on December 17, 2020. The petition process started on March 1, 2023 regarding the creation of Fairfax County Refuse and Recycling Collection Services in the Swinx Mill Area 1. The petition area includes 55 properties with 30 in favor, 18 opposed, and 7 were unresponsive or unable to be reached.

[04:10:53] The fourth petition request was received September 14th of 2021, and the petition process started on April 19th, 2023, regarding the enlargement of Fairfax County Refuse and Recycling Collection

Services in the Chesterbrook Estates area too. The petition area includes 19 properties with 19 in favor, zero opposed, and zero unresponsive or unable to be reached.

[04:11:16] The fifth petition request was received on March 31st of 2021, and the petition process started on January 23rd, 2023, regarding the enlargement of Fairfax County refuse and recycling collection services in the Louisville Heights Area 1.

[04:11:32] The petition area includes 17 properties with 11 in favor, 3 opposed, and 3 were unresponsive or unable to be reached. The sixth petition request was received on July 23, 2020, and the petition process started on January 26, 2023 regarding the enlargement of Fairfax County, Refuse and Recycling Collection Services, and the McLean Manor Area 3.

[04:11:54] The petition area includes 23 properties with 12 in favor, 2 opposed, and 9 were unresponsive or unable to be reached. The seventh petition request was received on January 22, 2021, and the petition process started on March 28, 2023, regarding the enlargement of Fairfax County Refuse and Recycling Collection Services in the River Oaks Area 1.

[04:12:16] The petition area includes one property with one in favor. The eighth petition request was received on May 18, 2021, and the petition process started on April 11, 2023, regarding the enlargement of Fairfax County Refuse and Recycling Collection Services in the River Oaks area too.

[04:12:36] The petition area includes two properties, with two in favor, zero opposed, and zero unresponsive. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing.

[04:12:52] I do have six speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. And our first speaker is Meredith McVicar. Is Meredith here? She is. And following her will be Henry Edelman. And speaker number three, Eileen Watson.

[04:13:10] Is Eileen Watson here? You will be speaker number three. Meredith, welcome. Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. My name is Meredith McVicar. I'm a resident of Redfield area one and I am here to express my support for the petition of County trash collection I help coordinate the petition process in our neighborhood and wanted to be here today To help bring this process a little bit off the paper for consideration during this hearing This has been a topic of interest amongst my neighbors for several years now particularly during the pandemic when trash collection became unreliable and

[04:13:49] For me and many others very expensive uh as one earlier person uh spoke similarly i the cost of my trash collection is double what it be what it would be for the county um so we sought to go through the petition process however it wasn't available at that time fast forward to 2023 we set out in our neighborhood seeking our neighbors opinions uh given some time had passed and weren't quite sure what to expect but i'm here today to tell you that as we went from house to house to house asking their opinions we received enthusiastic

[04:14:24] support and willingness to sign the petition. Indeed, you heard that over two-thirds of our neighbors signed in support of the petition. The majority of our neighbors saw several benefits that could come with this process. I'll give you one example similar to one that was already heard.

[04:14:40] We have several dead-end streets in our area, and rather than having multiple trucks for multiple companies back down these streets multiple times each week, we expect this process to limit that or reduce that to one truck. And this is in addition to the broader positive effects that we hope to achieve in this process, which is reliable cost and reliable service.

[04:15:04] So while there may be some here who don't agree, a few, they are entitled to their opinion and to be heard here. They are our friends and our neighbors. But I wanted to thank you for this opportunity to come and reiterate the support of the majority of our neighborhood. And I ask respectfully that you approve the petition.

[04:15:21] Thank you. Thank you, Ms. McVecker. and speaker number two is henry edelman speaker number three eileen watson if you could come down closer and be ready uh speaker number four james dennis james is here uh and speaker number five patrice lyons and speaker number six uh robert khan if you could be ready when it's your turn we would appreciate it uh mr edelman welcome back it's a pleasure to be here again mr chairman

[04:15:48] Thank you. I'll try and go through this as quickly as possible. But before we get to the substance, from a purely procedural standpoint, the petition should be denied. About half of the current residents deliberately did not sign the petition despite an intensive door-to-door canvas with social pressure and no balanced full and fair disclosure of the consequences in contrast to some of the other petitions you've been talking about today.

[04:16:17] Many residents signed under duress without understanding the ramifications of what they were requesting. This rose out of the pandemic labor shortage beyond the provider's control, and there's no reason to believe that that's going to be ongoing. Turning to the substance, if the county takes over the administration of Swing Spill Trash Collection, it will reduce the number of trash collectors from two to one, creating a government-managed monopoly that operates without residents' input, Creating that monopoly in one of those companies will eliminate the need for them to compete and be efficient unless the county is going to take on aggressive management.

[04:16:56] Residents' ability to change providers or play one against the other will be removed. They'll lose their direct contractual relationship with their provider and no longer be able to communicate directly with it. If the petition is granted, this will create a manpower and economic burden on the county unappreciated by half of the Swinx Mill residents with little room to recoup out of new tighter fees.

[04:17:25] The promised steep reduction in collection fees may well be illusory. In the case of one of the providers, the difference is $56 a year. it's hard to imagine that there is so much slack in the current pricing that they could not operate profitably.

[04:17:43] And with that curtailment, there's going to be a reduction of services, and particularly when the county will need to take an administrative fee out of the new price. Granting the petition could easily be perceived in the media and by the people of this county as this board acting to allocate resources to a wealthy neighborhood and neglecting similar issues in many poor neighborhoods.

[04:18:06] Lastly, there's the potential for the appearance of political pressure once you have garbage collection under the county, which is not the case when you have private companies providing it. So in closing, I would note that in the 34 years I've lived in Swink's Mill, there's never been such a divisive, polarized, and sometimes vitriolic issue as this.

[04:18:32] It could have been accomplished by consensus, but here we're looking at something with a very bare majority and people, in fact, pulling back their signatures on the petition. Whatever the outcome, half of us will be dissatisfied accordingly.

[04:18:49] It's respectfully requested that your board deny this petition. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Edelman. Speaker number three is Eileen Watson. Ms. Watson, welcome. Hi, thank you. Glad to be here. Hello, my name is Eileen Watson. I'm a resident of Redfield Court, which would be part of the Redfield Area 1.

[04:19:10] Along with Meredith, I help collect signatures, and I just want to reconfirm the excitement and overwhelming support that we had from our neighbors. We started this process much long ago, but I guess the service that I used to use folded, and so I'm excited for a stable trash service that I don't have to manage myself. Thank you.

[04:19:30] Thank you very much, Ms. Watson. Speaker number four is James Dennis. Mr. Dennis, welcome. Thank you for giving us the opportunity. James Dennis, Swings Mill District, I guess representing the opposite view that you have heard now twice.

[04:19:48] I'm here sort of to give you a sense of our community, which is we are a thoroughfare, or not a thoroughfare, it's a series of cul-de-sacs, and so we have no pass-through traffic. As such, children play in the streets, they walk to school, we have retirees that walk in the neighborhood, children ride their bikes.

[04:20:07] We have no lanes painted in the road, so it's relatively maybe 30 feet. So when cars are parked on the street, as they have the ability to do, as a matter of right, there isn't a lot of extra room. And I think Supervisor Walkinshaw hit the nail on the head when he said, really, this is about reducing the number of big trucks in our community.

[04:20:26] I have a letter that I think you received that has six families have signed. I have a copy for the staff if necessary. But we're all sort of saying the same thing, which is this is really about safety and reducing the number of trucks in our neighborhood so that we can continue to enjoy.

[04:20:43] It's a 55,000 community. It's very nice. And we'd like to stay that way. And we see this as a wonderful opportunity. And I would point out we have no HOA. So outside of provisions like this in a county code, we have no way of contracting for services such as trash.

[04:20:59] So thank you for allowing us this opportunity, and we appreciate the time. Thank you, Mr. Dennis. Speaker number five is Patrice Lyons. Lyons, welcome.

[04:21:17] Thank you. Before I begin, I'd like to mention that we're number five and six, and I'm making it on behalf of both of us. So you're representing Mr. Robert Kahn as well? Yes, I am. Excellent. Thank you. So my husband, actually, Robert Kahn, Bob is sitting here, and myself, appreciate the Board of Supervisors providing this opportunity to share our concerns about the proposal, petition to bring county trash collection services into our community.

[04:21:51] Bob and I have lived at Swinks Mill Estates since we purchased our home in 1993. For 30 years, we have enjoyed our lovely neighborhood, the kind and thoughtful people with whom we interact. The trash collection petition has unfortunately introduced a somewhat discordant note in the harmony of our community.

[04:22:15] Both of us are in our 80s, and if this petition is approved due to our existing age-related challenges, we would encounter a significant obstacle in bringing our trash containers out to the street, or even to position them where they'd be visible from the street.

[04:22:34] Such a change would place a burden on us that doesn't exist today, and which would be quite difficult for us without help from the county. From our perspective, given our age-related challenges, we have enjoyed the services of Republic Trash Collection.

[04:22:50] For a very small fee, they stop at our home every week to collect the trash from the containers located at the rear of our property near our garage doors. And I understand that this is called garage door pickup.

[04:23:07] I would also note that we have been quite pleased with the quality of service that Republic provides. We have had no interaction with the other trash collection, American, so just the two. So I don't have an opinion on that. Our property has a long driveway from the street to the front of the house and a winding driveway around to the back of our house where the trash containers are located near our garage.

[04:23:36] For us to bring the containers to the street each week would pose a serious difficulty. It's our understanding that under current county pickup requirements, we would be required to bring our trash out to the street once a week, or at least to have them visible from the street.

[04:23:56] In either case, we would not be in a position to comply with this requirement, as it is difficult for us to just make them visible as it would actually be to take them to the street. In conclusion, therefore, we respectfully request that if you should decide to make a change to county trash collection services for our area, special arrangements be made for persons having age-related and possibly other disabilities that would permit continued garage door trash collection services, such as we have now enjoyed with Republic for a number of years.

[04:24:34] This may necessitate a change in the refutes and recycling collection services procedures, but I'm not too clear about that. I'd have to verify that. And, of course, we'd be prepared to pay an extra fee, a reasonable extra fee, if that was possible, to have that kind of service, much as we have today, that we would continue to have that.

[04:24:59] So, we appreciate your attention to our request and hope that you look favorably on our situation. Thank you. Thank you both very much for your testimony. We appreciate that. And that was speaker number five and six.

[04:25:16] Is there anyone else here present who would like to testify on this matter? If your president would like to testify on this matter, please come in, come down here and sign in with the clerk. I see at least two, maybe three. If you're here for this public hearing and you wish to testify, please come down and sign in with the clerk.

[04:25:53] And I will ask this again in a moment, but let me ask the clerk, is there anyone who has called in to testify that we can take? There's not. Okay.

[04:26:00] Thank you very much.

[04:26:38] Okay. Speaker number seven will be Bill Senna's. I hope I'm reading this right. To be followed by Ann Worcester and Steve Forer would be speaker number nine. So, speaker number seven is Bill.

[04:26:55] Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, gentlemen. My name is Bill Sinas. I lived on Ratesville Drive for 30 years, and this petition that had been introduced to us was almost forced onto us with stickers on the door, with little girls coming smiling and having people sign up this petition.

[04:27:17] We have elderly folks that live down the street, widow ladies that can't move their trash or pick out their snow blouse. So a lot of the residents in my neighborhood and across the street from my neighborhood have declined to sign this petition.

[04:27:36] Now, it has caused a lot of animosity between the neighbors who do like to sign and those who didn't like to sign. I mean, granted, we live in a free society, not a communist neighborhood, okay? So I do not want anybody to force anything when we can choose what I want to choose.

[04:27:55] We have been happy with American Trash Company. During the pandemic, there was a bump on the road, which is understandable. But now, they're on time, they're very efficient, and they deliver on time. Granted, we paid them three, four months ahead of time for them to start picking up our trash.

[04:28:14] A lot of people are against this because they think the rate is doubled. But they have a fancy lawnmower system or service. So you do the math, where are we going to save money to cover for the other ones?

[04:28:31] So now I speak for the people that did not sign. We also have people that don't even have trash companies. They hold their own trash. So how can you force something on residents that have gold lock rate versus somebody that claims that their rate is higher?

[04:28:49] They can always negotiate with the service company. They can always find a solution not to force this whole system on us where we have lived with no HOA service. So that's all I have to say. Thank you very much, Mr. Senes.

[04:29:09] Speaker number eight is Anne Worcester. Thank you, Supervisor McKay. I appreciate the opportunity to speak in favor of county trash service in the old Swinks Mill Estates neighborhood.

[04:29:31] I'd like to address the disability issue. It is my understanding that for county trash service, That will be a required service so that our disabled neighbors, they will be provided service and it is required unlike the private trash providers of today.

[04:29:49] Second of all, it is my understanding that the county service provides multiple bulk pickups, which at this time I have to pay for in the individual private market. I'd also like to, as a previous neighbor spoke, Mr. James spoke to the safety issue.

[04:30:09] We have multiple trash trucks barreling through the neighborhoods on various days. We have young children. We have elderly people out walking. It certainly would make more sense to have one specific pickup day for trash. I'd also like to point out that having one day for trash and one specific dedicated truck from the county would also be a green option for us and not to have multiple trucks coming to our neighborhood.

[04:30:37] And finally, I would like to address the process of this trash petition. It is a democracy. Every person has the opportunity to sign the petition or not sign the petition. I chose to sign the petition.

[04:30:53] We were in the majority, and the majority should speak on this issue. Thank you for your time. Thank you, Ms. Worcester. Speaker number nine is Steve Forer. steve i hope i'm uh reading your last name correct uh welcome you do a very nice job i i respect that i'm steve for i'm with the swinks mill estates

contingent here and i am anti-change i've been with a neighbor of bill and bob and purchase for 23 years i've raised three children

[04:31:26] in the community i walk my dog regularly i walk the neighborhood regularly i do not believe this is a safety concern. What I believe is this was a well-intended effort with a solution looking for a problem. And speaking for the half that participated in the early outreach that was against it, we were never reconnected with. And I think what's happened within the community is a consensus was never built. Full disclosure was never shared. I'm learning things today

[04:32:05] from the pro side that I've never heard before. And I think essentially what happened was when the first straw poll was taken, 51 or 52 percent looked like it was doable with compliant and supportive neighbors, and it was just railroaded through. The first time I became aware of the advancement of this project was when I received a letter from the county notifying me of this hearing so i understand process i understand democracy but as a 23 year resident with some 25

[04:32:39] and longer year residents here i would just suggest that we would appreciate the board giving us a chance to get back to an 80 or 90 percent something a little bit more than 48 52 or whatever the spread is today and just kind of regroup as a community get the information out there and redo the petition in a manner that's much more transparent and that allows people to fully understand what they're supporting or rallying against thank you very much thank you steve and steve was speaker number nine let me verify that there's no one else present who would like

[04:33:19] to testify on this matter no one else who would like to speak and verify that no one has called in okay thank you all for your testimony and we're going to go to closing comments and a recommendation for county staff and if you could please if someone on staff could also please address for us the issue of what the county does in terms of disability services for people along our sanitary routes i would appreciate that as part of your closing comments and recommendation um chairman mckay this is eric forbes deputy director of the department of public works

[04:33:55] environmental services um i'll address uh your question on how we help our residents that need assistance to getting their trash and recycling to the curb we have a special pickups program essentially where it's an application-based process where our customers reach out that are physically unable so someone at the house if they are able then they wouldn't be allowed to have the service but in a situation where two people were physically unable to remove the trash to the curb we do provide that um it does have to be visible um though from the street so we're not going around in backyards or anything like that to access the bins um and that's that's our program

[04:34:34] okay and that is an application process that someone fills out submits it to the county you review that and you do some type of verification of that application yes okay okay um closing comments and a recommendation from county staff staff recommends approval for all eight petitions thank you uh questions from board members any other questions from board members seeing and hearing none i will now close the public hearing and recognize supervisor faust for a

[04:35:05] motion thank you mr chairman uh i think we said we had eight of these uh before us i think there's just the one that's really uh in contention the swing smell one um i would say you know i sympathize with those who object uh to going forward with it however the process is established uh to require 50 or more of the um the residences in the community that's that's a pretty high standard

[04:35:42] because it's hard to get responses from a lot a lot of times from residences but in this instance the uh the swings mill area 54.5 percent of the residences voted to support the county's trash service that was actually 62.5 percent of those who voted at all so you know as we normally think in elections you would think it was a you know 62.5 but that's not how we count them we count

[04:36:16] them by total residences and when we do that it's 54.5 uh the you know i hate to throw us out on the table right now because you know because i am going to move to approve this but there's a process for discontinuing if you're dissatisfied i would say let it let it play out you will i think you will be satisfied i've gotten letters from constituents who talk about the dangers of walking on your streets the fact that uh sometimes two three uh trash trucks can be on the streets

[04:36:56] in the same day this this is gonna make it a much more pleasant experience but you have that option you can after it's been approved and in place for a while you can come forward uh to seek to have it discontinued i would also say that uh mr uh mr khan and ms lyons you heard about the the exception that is available please contact my office and we'll try to work with you

[04:37:27] uh to see if you can qualify for that application right um ma'am we've we have yeah we yeah let's make sure yeah we can't we can't have any more uh testimony or questioning at this point but we heard you and appreciate supervisor faust yeah thank you mr chairman uh uh mr chairman uh

[04:37:58] that without exception these uh meet the criteria uh for approval and you know i am going to make the following motions therefore i move for approval of the kind executive's recommendation for the creation of three sanitary districts for the purpose of providing county refuse and recycling collection services to the elmwood estates area one redfield area one and swings mill area one in the drainsville district and i move for approval of the county executive's recommendation for the enlargement of five sanitary districts for the purpose of providing county refuse and

[04:38:36] recycling collection services to the chesterbrook estates area two lewinsville heights area one mclean manor area three river oaks area one and river oaks area two in the drainsville district so moved second you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor lust discussion any further discussion on the motion any further discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries

[04:39:10] And that brings us to our next public hearing, which is a public hearing on RZ 2022-HM-00025, SEM Fairfax. If we could please stay in order.

[04:39:27] If folks want to have conversations, please exit the auditoriums with respect to the other folks who are here. Again, this is a public hearing on RZ 2022-HM-00025, SEM Fairfax Land Associates, LLC, in the Hunter Mill District.

[04:39:47] Folks, we've got to take conversations out of the auditorium. Can we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit? Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. My name is John McGranahan. I'm the attorney for the applicant.

[04:40:03] I reaffirmed the affidavit dated October 4, 2023. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Disclosures from board members. Seeing and hearing none, at this time I would recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board.

[04:40:30] I'm sending in with the Department of Planning and Development. The subject property is located on the west side of Lake Fairfax Drive. The surrounding area is developed with single-family homes, and to the south is Lake Fairfax Park. The site is developed with an 18th century locked house and a cemetery, which was used by the Johnson family when the family owned the land in the 1800s.

[04:40:57] There are resource protection area, floodplain, and environmental quality corridor along the western property line. The applicant proposes to rezone the property from RE to PDH1 to permit development of eight single-family detached dwelling units at a density of 0.9 dwelling units per acre, and to preserve the lockhouse and to relocate it adjacent to the cemetery, which will also be preserved and fenced with a sign identifying it as the Johnson Farm Cemetery.

[04:41:30] The proposal not only considers the use of the historic structure if desired by the future homeowners, but also is thoughtful in its protection of environmental and historic resources.

[04:41:46] This concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you. We'll now recognize the applicant for presentation. Thank you, Supervisor Gross. Again, for the record, my name is John McCranahan. I'm the attorney for the applicant.

[04:42:02] And I do have a few slides. You've had a long day, and I promise to be efficient, but if you could advance it to the first slide, please. There we go. I do want to take a minute because this application actually went through two public hearings in front of the Planning Commission.

[04:42:22] It was a quirk of the state law change that took effect July 1, but we made great use of our time. We were in front of the Planning Commission in July. We had a number of speakers who raised issues, and so Commissioner Carter deferred the application to the last meeting in September of the Planning Commission.

[04:42:42] And in that interim period, we worked with Commissioner Carter, the neighboring community, and staff to address a number of the comments that had been made at that first public hearing in July. There were really two big issues that were the focus of that hearing in July.

[04:42:57] One was the location of Lot 6, and I wanted to put this graphic up with the July date. This is what the development plan looked like at our public hearing on July 26th. And you can see Lot 6 there. It's to the north, but it's to the right side of your screen, and it kind of wrapped around the cemetery.

[04:43:15] So location of Lot 6 and protection of the cemetery were the two big issues that we had at the community meeting. Commissioner Carter also wanted to see us put some more trees along Lake Fairfax Drive there at the bottom of your screen. So this is what we came back with after our work.

[04:43:32] And this is the graphic that the staff showed you a few minutes ago. Lot 6 was relocated to about 1 o'clock on your screen there. And what that did is it created a substantial tree preservation area between the community to the north, which is on the right-hand side of your screen, and the cemetery.

[04:43:51] So it did two things. really was preferred by that community the hunt club cluster community to the north and it also provided an additional buffer to the cemetery we had worked Mary Lipsy did a great job at the public hearing of giving us some ideas for how to protect that cemetery we incorporated those into our proffers and if you notice last point on this slide we added some landscaping along Lake Fairfax Drive for Commissioner Carter at his request so with that and I'm not going to walk through all of these benefits. You all can read them while I make just a couple of points,

[04:44:27] but I really wanted to point out that your comprehensive plan worked here because the residential option is an option in your comprehensive plan, but there were two things that really that option wanted to accomplish. One was the preservation of the log house. The second was the preservation of the cemetery. You get those things plus all of these commitments, the substantial tree preservation, the schools, parks contribution, the housing trust fund contributions, those come with rezonings. They don't come with by right development. By right, this would support four houses. So there are four more houses and you're getting all the benefits

[04:45:03] that you see on this screen. So it really worked out. Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee recommended approval. County staff recommended approval. Ultimately, the Planning Commission recommended approval once we made some changes. And I think it's a wonderful opportunity for the county to create a fairly small neighborhood, but accomplish two critical comprehensive plan goals and preservation of the log house and preservation of the cemetery. With that, I'd be happy to answer any questions that you have. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Any questions of staff or the applicant? Any questions? I do have a quick question. I presume that the Johnson Family

[04:45:40] cemetery is historic but no longer subject to burials is that correct that is correct it's a historic family family cemetery for the farm and the folks who are on the farm thank you thank you mr mcgronahan uh this is a public hearing i don't have any speakers signed up is there anyone here in the auditorium who wishes to speak on this matter anyone in the auditorium this is a public hearing all right seen in hearing uh we will recognize the clerk to note if we have any speakers have called in no callers so I don't think the applicant needs a rebuttal or would

[04:46:20] you like to no no no supervisor gross I waive rebuttal but um I'll take one minute to to make the following comment this uh likely I think given your policy will be the last land use application I present to this board of supervisors no I'll be back um sorry my apologies uh but but I would like to say to Supervisor Gross and to my supervisor, Supervisor Faust, it really has been a privilege to work with you all over the many years, and I just want to thank you for your service and say that we had mostly fun.

[04:46:55] We had some difficult cases, but truly, your service to the county has been exemplary, and I just wanted to say thank you and all the best to you with the next chapter. Thank you. Thank you, John. Thank you. We've just gone to rebuttal. Okay.

[04:47:11] That was a rebuttal. gather i just walked back in so just want to make sure i'm in the right place at the right time uh thank you very much uh for that uh closing comments and a recommendation from county staff on september 27 2023 the planning commission held a rehearing of the application and recommended approval of the application subject to the proffer stated september 7 2023 staff concurs with the the recommendation. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none at this time, I will close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Alcorn for a

[04:47:49] motion. Yeah, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. This was a small but tricky case with a couple of the issues that were well described by the applicant. And I do want to thank Commissioner Carter in particular, working with the applicant and the neighbors to come up with what I think is a is a good solution all the way around so with that mr chairman i'll move that the board of supervisors approve rz 2022-hm-00025 and the associated conceptual development plan subject to the executed proffers dated september 7th 2023 you've heard the motion it's been multiply seconded

[04:48:29] by supervisor palchek and supervisor lusk any discussion on the motion any discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries our next public hearing is a public hearing on the acquisition of certain land rights necessary for construction of chain bridge road walkway courthouse road to sutton road in the providence district and as soon as staff is ready we would welcome a staff presentation

[04:49:04] thank you mr chairman and members of the board my name is scott harriter senior

[04:50:28] right away agent in the land acquisition division department of public works and environmental services i'll be presenting today the county is planning to fill in missing gaps in the sidewalk along the south side of chain bridge road from courthouse road to the sutton road intersection the sidewalk additions will total 1760 linear feet also included will be 193 square yards of curb ramps two bus paths updates to four driveway entrances and added

[04:51:05] pedestrian signal heads and crosswalks new curb ramps are proposed on the first property this will improve safety by putting the crosswalk further away from Cambridge Road in addition new signal heads will be installed a 179 square foot dedication for public street purposes and a 259 square foot grading and temporary construction easement will be needed for these improvements actually we didn't have time

[04:51:43] to update this presentation since it was saved in the system yesterday we no longer need to proceed with eminent domain on this property since we are able to reach an agreement with the property owner this afternoon again this is the property already closed this afternoon land rights for these improvements are required on seven properties six of which have already been acquired by the

[04:52:18] land acquisition division we have attempted to reach out to the owner of the remaining property but have been unable to get any response we will continue to reach out and attempt to negotiate however in order to keep this project on schedule it is necessary for the board to utilize quick take eminent domain powers the county executive recommends that the board of supervisors adopt the resolution authorizing the acquisition of the necessary land rights for this important transportation project thank you the staff is here to answer any questions you may have thank you very much are there any questions of staff

[04:52:56] any questions of staff seeing and hearing none this is a public hearing and I have no one signed up to speak in advance is there anyone present in the auditorium that would like to testify on this matter this is a public hearing anyone who would like to testify seeing and hearing no one let me ask if anyone has called in there are no callers closing comments and a recommendation from county staff county executive recommends that the board of supervisors adopt the resolution authorizing the

[04:53:31] acquisition of the necessary land rights for this important transportation project thank you very much at this time i will close the public hearing and recognize supervisor palchick for motion thank you mr chairman i move that the board of super board of supervisors approve the acquisition of those certain land rights necessary for the construction of the chain bridge road walkway courthouse road to sutton road project in accordance with the resolution included in the board package as attachment b i'm happy to second that motion is there discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion supervisor pouch i just want to clarify i want to thank staff for their

[04:54:10] their work up to the last minute um only one remaining uh piece of property correct that you're still negotiating yes we're hoping to get response from okay thank you so much thank you thank you staff and uh with that all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and that brings us to our next uh public hearing uh public hearing to convey board-owned property at 13 500 dulles green drive to the fairfax county

[04:54:44] redevelopment and housing authority the rha in the drainsville district and as soon as staff is ready we would welcome a staff presentation thank you mr chairman my name is mike lambert i am the property manager of real estate services for the facilities management department the board of supervisors is the owner of a nine and a half acre parcel of land located at thirteen five hundred Dulles Green Drive near Innovation Avenue that is also identified as tax map number 0161, subdivision 1, parcel 11B. The north station entrance to the Innovation Center metro station

[04:55:22] is located within walking distance to the southwest. The property is generally undeveloped with approximately two-thirds of the land situated within a resource protection area around Horsepen Creek Stream Valley. A regulation-sized cricket field, which has been established status site is scheduled by neighborhood and community services and maintained by the capital cricket premier league in light of the critical need in dulls corridor for the creation of housing options for low to moderate income households the fairfax county redevelopment and housing authority has identified the dulls green site as a potential opportunity for the development of affordable

[04:55:57] multi-family rental housing the housing authority is evaluating the possibility of using a ppea or other procurement process to a list of 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 while the project is being evaluated by county staff the housing authority will allow capital cricket to continue to access and use the cricket field until construction the project

[04:56:32] begins the park authority is also actively searching for alternative field capacity for the current users of the cricket field staff recommends that the commands of the double screen parcels of the housing authority be subject to the condition that the property must be incorporated into an affordable housing community in the event the house authority no longer pursues the 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 I have no one who has signed up to speak in advance on this

[04:57:10] matter is there anyone present who would like to speak on this subject anyone present in the auditorium who would like to testify this is a public hearing seeing and hearing no one let me verify no one has called in no one has called in closing comments and a recommendation from county staff staff recommends that the board authorize staff to execute all necessary documents convey the dullest green property to the housing authority thank you final call questions from board members seeing and hearing none at this time i will now close the public hearing and recognize

[04:57:43] supervisor faust for a motion thank you mr chairman uh mr chairman this is a pretty exciting opportunity to advance our affordable housing goals it raises a concern and an issue about finding a home for the temporary use that was agreed to which was a cricket field and i really appreciate the fact that

county staff and the park authority have already jumped on that process and are searching and have i'm not going to get out ahead of myself but it looks like we have some

[04:58:18] options that i think look good but the bottom line is the cricket use will continue until we turn start to turn dirt and it looks like that's at the absolute earliest this spring 2027 so we have some time to make this work and make make it a win-win i'm excited about that mr chairman i move that the board authorized county staff to prepare and execute all documentation necessary to convey

[04:58:51] approximately nine and one-half acres of borna board owned property located at thirteen thousand 500 screen drive and identified as tax map number point zero one six one zero one zero zero one one b to the fairfax county redevelopment and housing authority subject to the condition that the property must be used to create an affordable housing development if the fcrha no longer pursues the project the fcrha will transfer ownership of the property back to the board so moved second

[04:59:30] you've heard the motion it's been seconded by supervisor lusk discussion on the motion supervisor faust i just want to note that uh there will be opportunity for public input as was noted i mean this will this is not getting out ahead of that process it is actually beginning that process so there's no uh no assumptions made in terms of what the ultimate approvals will be but uh the process will go forward as a result of this transfer thank you supervisor faust any further discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye

[05:00:07] any opposed any abstinence parity nay parity nay any abstentions and that motion is approved nine to one uh our next uh public hearing is public hearing on proposed plan amendment 2015-4 and i And I should say, I understand this is going to be deferred, but public hearing on proposed plan amendment 2015-4-RH1, top golf site located northwest of the intersection of South Van Dorn Street and Kingstown Village Parkway in the Franconia District, Supervisor Lusk.

[05:00:38] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the board is aware, we've had a number of inquiries on this and a request for additional community meetings. So I plan to do that to make sure we conduct that ahead of our board public hearing on this particular amendment.

[05:00:57] So with that, Mr. Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for plan amendment 2015-Roman numeral 4-RH1 to a date certain of June 23, 2024. I mean, January.

[05:01:15] June, January. Big cash, big cash. As I said, I was like June. Maybe I'm thinking I'm going into June. Confirm the date again, Supervisor Lusk? To a date certain of January 23rd, 2024, Mr. Chairman.

[05:01:31] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And that brings us to our next public hearing.

[05:01:49] Public hearing on PCA CDPA 81-D-024, RZPA 2022-PR-00119, McLean Corporate Ridge Property, LLC, in the Providence District, and could we please reaffirm the affidavit?

[05:02:08] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Greg Regal for the applicant reaffirming an affidavit of August 2nd of this year. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from Board members? Seeing and hearing none, at this time we would welcome a staff presentation.

[05:02:25] Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. I'm sending in with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant McLean Corporate Ridge LLC requests approval to convert an existing office building to a residential building to permit up to 250 leave work units.

[05:02:43] The 8.07-acre subject property is zoned PDC and is within the Highway Corridor Overlay District. The property is developed with a 10-story office building and a 4-story parking garage accompanied by surface parking located to the north and east of the garage.

[05:03:04] The existing building will be retained with internal upgrades and no new GFA is proposed. Most of the existing surface parking will be removed and redeveloped with urban parks and open space. Parking for the proposed use will be accommodated within the existing garage.

[05:03:25] Publicly accessible park spaces are provided, including the preserve and boardwalk, the neighborhood park, and the reforested hillside. A private tenant amenity space is also provided to the east of the parking garage. Pedestrian paths are provided throughout the site, as shown in this slide.

[05:03:46] Significant to the application is the applicant's proffer to construct a pedestrian connection to the I-495 pedestrian bridge that crosses over the Beltway and provides pedestrian connectivity to Tyson's Corner Center. Perspectives of the building are shown here.

[05:04:05] Reflective glasses will be removed and glazing will be replaced. Color and texture will be applied to facades for more residential proportions. As part of this application, the applicant can also request approval of a list of waivers and modifications.

[05:04:22] This concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we welcome an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A couple of brief remarks while the staff is pulling up a very short slideshow, but we'd like to think and hope we're solving a problem here.

[05:04:39] And tactical repositioning has a number of important economic development benefits. And frankly, in addition to the obvious benefit of taking something with limited or no value and putting it to productive use, simply stated, removing non-competitive office product only strengthens the health and the viability of the remaining product, improves the rental rates, and makes the remaining portions of the market more competitive, which is a benefit to those owners and, of course, a benefit to the county as well.

[05:05:06] If I could have the next slide. Notwithstanding those and other benefits, successful repositioning demands the right locational context. This is a site that's blessed with tremendous locational benefits, and as we've tried to show pictorially, the site's walkable and bikeable to abundant parks, retail and dining options, and business opportunities.

[05:05:26] Of particular significance is what the staff made correct reference to in terms of the adjacency to the new pedestrian bridge that crosses I-495 and effectively solves one of the biggest impediments to pedestrian movements in all of Tyson's. In improving this project, you're leveraging that investment, and frankly, then you're putting the site in easy walking distance to some of the largest business and amenity areas of all of Tyson's. I'll also note that the distinguishing factor of this project and others that this team has been involved with has been to embrace a live-work concept that does not force an absolute choice between residential and commercial workspace opportunities.

[05:06:07] The potential remains for this building to be predominantly or even exclusively workspace as markets and needs evolve. And as we try to sort out the new workplace, to say that flexibility is the name of the game is a significant understatement. This project embraces clearly evolving trends with respect to how and where people are choosing to work.

[05:06:28] I also want to note that repositioning should be an integral part of community building and placemaking. The current condition contributes almost nothing to the economic or community building story in Tyson's. If I could have the next slide. What you see in the existing condition is a classic case of an inwardly focused automobile-centric site.

[05:06:49] Against that history, the comparison and opportunity is striking. And if you could advance the slide once more. And as staff alluded to, one of the things that also distinguishes this project are exemplary amenities in public space. We break down that internal focus with new connection points to the community.

[05:07:07] And of equal importance, and I want to emphasize this, virtually all of those public spaces are public in every sense of the word. Meaning that this site can be an important space for the community to gather. It can be a collective amenity. Staff had a numerical calculation up on their presentation.

[05:07:23] Almost three and a half acres of open space available to the community. Tremendous opportunity, I would respectfully suggest. I'll close with this. I think this is the sixth repositioning project that this team has been involved with. If we've learned anything along the way, partnership is the operative word.

[05:07:41] Staff has been great. It's been a constructive process. And I'll also say the strengths and opportunities I've outlined are well recognized by the regulators and the stakeholders. We're here with the support of the staff, the planning commission, and strong and uniform support from the community. Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

[05:07:58] Any questions of staff or the applicant? Supervisor Gross. Thank you. Mr. Regal, I was keeping track. also. You said six. I actually had eight, but that included the Bailey's Upper Elementary School, which this team did not do. But my question really would be of staff. When was it? 2012, 2013, when we did the building repositioning report a number of years ago. Now we have it in action. We've seen a number of successes, several in Mason District. Is there a plan to

[05:08:38] update that or give us a report on how well our repositioning work has been going and what we may need to do to streamline it more or you know are there barriers that we've run into I know that there was one in Skyline where we're trying to you know create more green space and the built environment which is really really difficult but I'm just wondering as we're having some successes a number of really good successes with building repositioning we don't want to just leave it there how do we move it into the you know forward and see what else not every building you know a lot

[05:09:15] of people are saying oh why don't you do this do this a building has to be have exactly the right floor plate to really do this but i'm wondering maybe tracy strunk can give us some updates because i i think it would really be beneficial because we're doing a good job supervisor gross Tracey Strunk with Department of Planning and Development and yes I think that's exactly right we're doing a great job we did present our department presented to can't remember was the land use or one of the the the committees earlier this year some work on what we have done with the the repurposing and

[05:09:53] and how many how many different buildings we've had and some of the work we've learned we're putting that together in a white paper which we'll be putting out there's a great map in there we've shown to some people that shows where some of these areas are and then as our planning division continues our work with our policy plan this upcoming year we're going to take some of that and also look at how those things impact the office market how they impact the residential market and where those areas should be so yes we're we're certainly following up on that thank you thank you and and would that also include um commentary on using the um what is it eip um because some some of those buildings do

[05:10:32] fall into that particular criteria um but i just think we really need to blow our own horn and and celebrate something that a lot of people thought we shouldn't be doing or just this wasn't going to work and it's working so i look forward to that i may not be here when you have that white paper out there but i want to make sure that i you send me a copy thank you thank you very much are there any other questions of staff or the applicant this time seeing and hearing none thank you uh this is a public hearing and i do have one speaker who has signed up in advance to testify

[05:11:09] michael hooper we were actually unable to reach mr hooper on the phone okay um that being said that's the only speaker that i have signed up in advance is there anyone here in the auditorium present who would like to testify on this matter this is a public hearing anyone who would like to testify on this matter seeing and hearing none let me verify that there are no callers no callers Assume the applicant waives rebuttal.

[05:11:35] Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On September 14, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the applications subject to the proffers consistent with those dated September 14, 2023. The Planning Commission also recommended approval of the requested waivers and modifications.

[05:11:56] Staff concurs with the recommendations. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I'm going to close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palczyk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve PCA CDPA 81-D-024, subject to the executed proffers dated September 14, 2023.

[05:12:26] I further move that the Board of Supervisors approve the waivers and modifications listed in the handout distributed to you. i'm happy to second that along with supervisor gross uh discussion on the motion supervisor thank you i know it's late in the evening so i'll try to be brief um but so much work has gone into this application um i really want to thank staff and the applicants my office the planning commission there are probably others uh the community uh for their work on this we from going out to walking to see the connection to the new pedestrian bridge um to figuring out how to as was mentioned

[05:13:00] reuse and readapt an existing beautiful but empty or mostly empty office building in this area I know there are some challenges related to noise and reuses but I think that we have worked pretty diligently and the applicant and staff have found solutions for those for those issues as was shared this is really an ideal opportunity to reuse existing high vacancy buildings with convenient access and future BRT access in this area I do believe that the

[05:13:39] developers design provides a significant improvement in the overall pedestrian experience I know that they are committed both to the public amenities the open space both the private as well as the publicly accessible amenities and And to be able to have passive and active recreation throughout the

property and its environmental aesthetics will be considerably upgraded by reducing unnecessary surface parking, added landscaping, and the integration of best management practices.

[05:14:13] So much was shared I don't want to repeat very much of that but just to thank the access that was provided throughout the site as well as off-site connections to the Old Meadow Road shared use path and the pedestrian bridge over the Beltway as options for the McLean Hills Association to accommodate a direct connection to the new public open spaces.

[05:14:37] It does meet the Tyson's policy for on-site WDUs and very much appreciate the work that has gone into this. So to that, I believe it did pass the Planning Commission 10-0, if that is correct, and very much appreciate the work of many, many over now a long period of time to make this possible.

[05:15:00] And to that, I hope to have the support of my colleagues on this application. Thank you very much. Supervisor Palczyk, any further discussion? Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor? You made your motion?

[05:15:17] You have not made your motion. I did. You did make your motion. You were speaking to your motion. I was. I just want to make sure. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion does carry. Thank you. Thank you very much. That brings us to our next public hearing, which is a public hearing on SE 2023-DR-00001, FR Chesterbrook, JV, LLC, in the Drainesville District.

[05:15:49] And could the applicant please reaffirm the affidavit? Good evening. Mike Venata, Landy's Planner with the law firm McGuire Woods. On behalf of the applicant, I reaffirmed the affidavit dated August 1st, 2023. Thank you very much. Any disclosures from board members? Disclosures from board members?

[05:16:10] Seeing and hearing none I would now recognize County staff for a staff presentation. Thank you Mr. Chairman members of the Board of Supervisors. My name is Curtis Ouellette and I'm with the Department of Planning and Development. The subject property is known as Chesapeake Shopping Center Building C located at 6242 Old Dominion Drive in Acclaim.

[05:16:31] The one-story shopping center building sits on roughly half an acre located southeast of the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Kirby Road. The parcel is located in the C6 zoning district. The applicant currently features a building amount of signage along the front edge of the site for their tenants.

[05:16:51] The building amount of signage is illuminated with LED lighting throughout and will adhere to zoning ordinance lighting standards. The applicant seeks a waiver of certain sign regulations for Building C of the Chesterbrook Shopping Center as the rear of this building faces a public street, Old Dominion Drive.

[05:17:12] Approval of the special exception would permit the applicant to have signage on both the front of the building facing Old Dominion Drive and the rear of the front of the building that faces the service parking lot and the rear of the building that faces Old Dominion Drive.

[05:17:30] excuse me. This will permit an additional 201.9 square feet of sign area for building mounted signage. The building location presents a site and elevation disadvantage for the tenants within the building with the elevation of the building at 280 feet and the elevation of Old Dominion Drive being 287

feet. The applicant currently is allowed 201.9 square feet of sign area per the zoning ordered standards, which is one and a half feet per one foot of building frontage.

[05:18:04] So this proposal will permit a total of 403.8 square feet or 80.76 square feet assigned area per tenant, excuse me. The applicant proposes that the assigned area will run the length of the building towards the front and the rear of the property as shown in the graphic above.

[05:18:24] Staff finds this above-mentioned application to be consistent with the zoning ordinance and the comprehensive plan standards. This concludes my presentation. Thank you so much. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff seeing and hearing none?

[05:18:39] We would now recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Good evening again, Chairman McCabe, members of the board. I will keep my remarks short as Mr. Rowlett did a fantastic job summarizing the proposal. I would like to just provide some quick context on sort of the background of why we're here this application builds off some recent and ongoing improvements and efforts that are occurring on the shopping center property and those are really in the vein of promoting pedestrian and placemaking improvements in the modernization of other signage that are occurring by right and outside the scope of this special exception application before you this evening and so you can actually already see some of those the positive transformation that's that's

[05:19:19] occurring at this shopping center this application is narrowly focused to this this specific building building C and that's because of the unique characteristics of that building again at the front of the building facing away from the public right-of-way and you've just got a unique visibility issue for those tenants and so that's really why we're before you tonight but other otherwise I thought mr. Rillette did a fantastic job not only summarizing the presentation tonight but throughout the process it's been great to work with him and the rest of staff so I could thank them for their efforts we have a delighted that we have a unanimous recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission, and we hope to get your support as well. Happy to answer any questions.

[05:19:57] Thank you very much. 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 on this matter. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing. Is there anyone present who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing none, let me ask if the clerk has anyone who's called in.

[05:20:22] No one has called in. Assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On September 14, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended approval of SC-2023-DR-00001.

[05:20:40] Subject to the development conditions dated August 30, 2023, staff concurs with the Planning Commission's recommendations. Thank you so much. Last call. Questions from board members? Yes. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, I just point out for John's last land use case, on the staff report, Drainsville is spelled D-R-A-I-N-S-V-I-L-L-E.

[05:21:04] It made me go back and look. You gained an extra letter. So is that wrong? After all these years.

[05:21:20] After all these years. I hesitate to ask. Are there any questions, any other questions of board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Faust for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[05:21:36] First, I want to thank the applicant for the significant investment that is being made in that shopping center. It's coming along great. It's going to be a really nice addition to the McLean community. So thank you for that. I would request that the applicant please confirm their agreement to the development conditions dated August 30th, 2023, for the record?

[05:22:00] Yes, we are in agreement with the development conditions dated August 30th, 2023. August 30th, 2023. Thank you so much. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve SE 2023 DR00001, subject to the development conditions dated August 30th, 2023.

[05:22:23] So moved. i'm happy to second that motion along with supervisor lusk a discussion on the motion any discussion super very very uh simple uh mr relay you did a very nice job on this i appreciate how you brought it together and no controversy which surprised me so anyway thank you well done okay uh 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 thank you

[05:22:56] very much i understand our next public hearing will be deferred which is a public hearing on rz 2022-SU-00019, PDCREF 2, Chantilly LLC, in the Sully District, concurrent with SC 2022-SU-00038, Supervisor Smith.

[05:23:21] I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for RZ 2022-SU-00019 and SE 2022-SU-00038 to a date certain of January 23, 2024 at 4 p.m.

[05:23:40] And I will second that motion along with Supervisor Alcorn. Any 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, and that brings us to public comment, which is our last agenda item today, although I know we have a correction to an earlier item, so stay tuned at the end of public comment, but this is our last formal agenda item today, and before we start public comment, I just want to take an opportunity to remind everyone of the rules associated with public comment.

[05:24:17] The board will hear public comment on any issue except issues under litigation, issues that have been scheduled for a public hearing before the board and personnel matters and or comments regarding specific individuals speakers must register in advance and each speaker is given three minutes for his or her remarks a maximum of 10 speakers may address the board during any public comment period and speakers may address the board once during a six-month period of time i have four speakers who have signed up in advance to testify today speaker number one has submitted video

[05:24:51] testimony and is Thomas Clarkson. Good afternoon. My name is Tom Clarkson and with me today is Ms. Leslie Soitel, a student at Madison High School here in Providence District where we both live.

[05:25:09] We'll be speaking today about a federal jobs guarantee. Ms. Soitel will begin. I know a girl whose father died working to support his family. She was broken and devastated by this. So was I.

[05:25:24] He was willing to give everything for them. This affected me a lot, as well as so many injustices that I see every day. And it is sad to see the discrimination and rejection among people in this country, being a country of opportunities.

[05:25:40] Being a country full of hopes and full of people that can contribute a lot of things to this country. This is why I'm excited to work with Tom Clarkson on the Federal Job Guarantee Project. I believe that this can change many lives. It will take time, and I know this for sure, but it is possible.

[05:25:59] Thank you, Leslie. Members of the board, in 2022, Fairfax County's unemployment rate was 2.6%. On top of that, Oxfam International found that nationwide, 46% of all Black and Hispanic workers earned less than $15 an hour.

[05:26:22] Unemployment and substandard jobs are the primary cause of poverty in the U.S. and they are problems that require federal government help to fix. One of the best ways to fix them is for the federal government to become the employer of last resort and guarantee a $17 an hour job to every adult in the U.S. 16 years old and above who is able and willing to work.

[05:26:52] the jobs would come with benefits, including child care, medical coverage, and social security retirement. This policy, called a federal job guarantee, would be paid for by the federal government, but with jobs created and managed by local governments and non-profits. Assuming an unemployment rate of 2.6%, such a program would bring at least $900 million federal dollars every year into Fairfax County. The federal dollars would bring increased security and income to our

[05:27:29] families, commerce for our businesses, and build a stronger community. A federal job guarantee is well thought out in books, economic studies, and in federal legislative proposals. Leslie and I request the board, and particularly Supervisor Palczyk, whose district we live in, to number one, Arrange for Leslie and me to meet with the relevant county departments to discuss the benefits of a demonstration job guarantee program in our county.

[05:28:01] And two, we request the county to ally itself with other county governments and ask Congress to implement a job guarantee. Thank you very much. Thank you very much, Mr. Clarkson and Leslie, for your testimony.

[05:28:19] Speaker number two is Laura Morrison. Is Laura Morrison here? Laura Morrison. Speaker number three is Joni Gaines. Ms. Gaines is here. And speaker number four, Pastor Walton, I know is here. So following Ms. Gaines will be Pastor Walton's testimony.

[05:28:40] Welcome. Good evening. I appreciate your patience through this afternoon's public hearings to hear us out for folks who'd like to bring community issues to your attention. As you know, my name is Joni Gaines, and I live in Hunter States.

[05:28:57] I am here to talk about the need for a sidewalk on Newington Road. My neighbors have spoken to you about this previously, and I know you've heard a lot about safety, and they're right. People should have a right to feel safe in their neighborhood, whether it's working in their lawn, getting to know other neighbors, or walking to the park.

[05:29:15] A safe neighborhood is fundamental to well-being. I'm here to ask you to look at this from a different perspective today, and I want to talk about community connection and resiliency. In my last job, I took teams of doctors, nurses, veterinarians, and pharmacists into communities devastated by hurricanes and other disasters.

[05:29:35] When we arrived, we could always tell which communities were connected. Connected communities had a place ready for us to come in and set up our tents. Connected communities were doing everything that they could to take care of each other and their neighbors already. When we arrived in connected communities, we were there to provide specialized support only because they had the networks and the infrastructure in place already to take care of everything else.

[05:30:01] This allowed us to reduce the amount of time and the number of people we placed in those communities so that we could move on to those in greater need. But that resiliency in a community, it doesn't happen overnight. It takes time to get to know your neighbors, sharing recipes and child care, looking out for our elders.

[05:30:21] And as I'm here today, organizing around a common cause. A University of Missouri guide on community resilience indicates strong community networks and relationships are key to overcoming adversity after disaster. I'm proud to say that my neighbors are doing their part.

[05:30:38] When disaster strikes, we will be ready. The guide also says transportation and infrastructure are critical to community resilience. According to FEMA, community resilience reduces business and commerce interruption, which keeps the economy going at a critical time.

[05:30:55] Community resilience also lowers emergency response and disaster recovery costs. For example, every $1 spent on preparing connected communities can save $4 in recovery expenses. Community resilience attracts new businesses because they know we're ready to support them before, during, and after disaster.

[05:31:18] Resiliency also reduces environmental damage because we have taken care to ensure that our infrastructure is ready. Like I said before, I'm proud that my neighbors are doing their part, and now we're asking you to do yours. This sidewalk will bring our community safety, connection, and resiliency.

[05:31:36] And I look forward to celebrating with our neighbors when our request for funding the sidewalk has been funded. Thank you for your time and consideration this afternoon. Thank you very much, Ms. Gaines. And thank you to the Newington communities. Very well organized. We're hearing from you. So thank you.

[05:31:53] I'm very proud of my neighbors. Yes, thank you. And our final speaker is Vernon Walton, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Vienna. Pastor Walton, welcome. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. Let me just say I've never cleared a room before. that's the first thing I'll say and then the second thing no one from my congregation should ever talk about the length of service to each of you let me again say mr. chairman board of supervisors in the absence of the county executive let me thank each of you for the service you render each and every day I know sometimes you don't get the thanks that you deserve and it's a tough

[05:32:33] job, but we recognize that all is not lost. Let me also preface my comments in the few minutes that I have by saying that I am grateful for all of those individuals who are sworn to protect and to serve us. I want to emphatically say that I am grateful for the men and women who put on uniforms each and every day to make sure that we are living safe lives here in Fairfax County.

[05:33:05] And my prayer daily is that every officer who dons the uniform and begins their shift gets that same opportunity to end his or her shift and to return to their family. In the same breath, I would also like to add that I believe that it is fair and safe to say that every person and every citizen, every friend of Fairfax County who enters into our boarders who comes in contact with our officers should likewise have the same opportunity to get home safely as as well as a community member who served as a member of the police reform matrix

[05:33:44] working group I thought it responsible to come and to share just a few comments today to this particular board who received our initial report and I know that for some you are ending your tenure and

others will be joining, but I thought it was important today to come and to have these words heard. I think it's safe and it should be noted that the group's final document is not the product nor reflections or the ideas of one or two particular individuals, nor is the group's

[05:34:20] final product the product or reflections of one or two entities. But I need to remind each of us that are here today, and particularly those of you who are sitting on the dais, that this product is a representation and reflection of more than 300 to 400 recommendations that were received from members of this community.

[05:34:43] And I think somewhere in the translation, sometimes it is lost that this particular document that was submitted is owned by the members who served on the matrix committee. And I want to stand emphatically and say it is not our document. It is the document of the citizenry of Fairfax County.

[05:35:05] Placing that in further context, I think it is important to note that this group was established largely in response to a broader police reform conversation. And the work that this group did was in response to that broader conversation, specifically after the very vivid killing of George Floyd by the police.

[05:35:29] We cannot ignore the documented disparities of police interactions with people of color right here in our community. My time is short, and I ask your consideration on the following, very simply, that you recognize that a bridge needs to be built if we are seriously going to address the stark racial and ethnic disparities in the activities of our Faircloth County Police Department, in particular, as it relates to officer-involved shootings.

[05:36:00] Secondly, I ask for your consideration to ensure and to assist, insist that there is meaningful and I place emphasis on meaningful deliberation on the proposal and recommendations submitted by the matrix working group.

[05:36:15] in addition to an effective co-production and community input process. Thirdly, to ensure the adoption of a foot patrol policy as recommended not solely by the Matrix Working Group, but also by PERF, who provided detailed recommendations as to when a pursuit is appropriate.

[05:36:43] Fourthly, last but not least, Fairfax County was extremely progressive and a leader in its formation of the citizen review panel. At that particular time of its adoption, the CRP structure was the best that you could produce under state statute.

[05:37:02] And we were, as I repeat, leaders in the formation of the CRP. However, brothers and sisters, this is no longer the case. We are not leaders in this particular industry. Neighboring jurisdictions have moved, unfortunately, ahead of us in this regard.

[05:37:19] And I ask for your consideration. I ask passionately for your consideration to review this particular process. I ask for independent investigative authority, in addition to the ability to monitor and review investigations involving serious use of force and those alleging racial and ethnic bias on profiling.

[05:37:44] Again, I want to thank you for the work that you do on a regular and consistent basis, and I am hopeful and I am prayerful that you will take these recommendations and considerations into your thought process and consideration, and that we're able to have meaningful dialogue beyond this particular moment.

[05:38:02] Thank you so very much. Thank you very much, Pastor Walton, and thank you for all your time and dedication. We appreciate that, too. Thank you. All right. Let me double check, make sure Speaker number three, I'm sorry, Speaker number two, Laura Morrison has not arrived. Laura Morrison. Okay. That brings us to the end of public comment, almost to the end of our meeting. But let me first recognize Supervisor Stork.

[05:38:28] thank you mr chairman and um we did our appointments to the board's authorities commissions earlier today and i my office had sent over an email to appoint somebody that was not on the list we sent the email on friday and i just need to add her as an appointment today that's elaine d colish she's currently the vice chair of the tree commission and this would add her as an appointment for another three-year term on the tree commission her term expires in october of this year and so we would be amending our approval already today to include the reappointment of elaine kolish as the mount vernon district representative and the clerk's uh report uh

[05:39:07] list her as resigned which was a mistake she's not resigned she was seeking reappointment and supervisor stork has moved uh her reappointment um i'm trying to think who the original maker of the motion was it was the maker uh let's just amend the earlier motion okay i would accept that as a friendly amendment to the motion this morning thank you very much um and i will uh second that i think i seconded i hope i seconded it this morning i'm pretty sure i did uh why don't why don't we have somebody else second it with me just in case uh supervisor smith supervisor lusk

[05:39:47] seconds that as well all those in favor of this amended appointments to boards authorities and commissions please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and that was all supervisor stork yes thank you i i didn't look at it until afterwards and i see the results so my apologies uh thank you uh very much supervisor stork and with that uh that brings us to the end of our board meeting of October 24, 2023, and the board is adjourned.

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