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[00:00:08] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of March 4th, 2025, and we are going to begin our meeting as we always do, which is a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and before those who are able can rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, we do want to recognize some folks, sadly, that we've lost in our community, and I'm going to begin and ask any of my colleagues if they would like to have some words this morning as well.

[00:00:36] First, I'm going to start with the news I think we all have received that Bob Frey passed away. And Bob was a former Fairfax County School Board Chair. He passed away on February 13th. He was the first black chairman of the Fairfax County School Board and served for 19 years on the school board between 1987 and 2006.

[00:01:01] He moved to Reston all the way back in 1967 to be part of the new town. And he was a champion of needs-based staffing, ensuring our schools with the most need had the resources that they required and certainly is a champion of what we now call One Fairfax and all the work that he did on the school board, a trailblazer and someone who served for a lot of years.

[00:01:27] And so if we could keep Bob Fry and those school board members that he served with and influenced in our thoughts and prayers, as well as his family. I did get information last night about his services, which we will make sure that we forward around so that folks have information about that.

[00:01:45] But I believe that there is a celebration of his life perhaps as soon as this weekend or next weekend. And so we will get we will get that information out to board members. Secondly, I just want to mention something else that we all know all too well here, which is that two, and this isn't that far from here, but two Virginia Beach police officers, Cameron Gervin, 25, and Christopher Reese, 30 years old, were fatally shot after a traffic stop on February 21st.

[00:02:15] And historically, those who have experience in law enforcement know that traffic stops are some of the most notable and dangerous procedures that an officer can undertake. It's routinely dangerous, and we know it's a part of an officer's job each and every single day.

[00:02:33] Fairfax County Police Department Chief Kevin Davis and a number of our Fairfax County Police Department officers attended the memorial service for these two officers to show our solidarity with Virginia Beach, and if we could keep the families of those officers, as well as our own first responders and our thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of two very young police officers just out doing their job. And with that, I'd be happy to recognize any of my other colleagues this morning. And let me start on this side for a change. Supervisor Stork.

[00:03:09] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a couple people I wanted to just talk about. One of them is Somebody that's really internationally known, but also was a resident in Holland Hills, Roberta Flack. She passed away.

[00:03:26] She lived in Holland Hills. She did, yeah. We have a lot of famous people. We do. We do. We sure do. She was a legendary songstress and composer, performer, and artistic icon. She was a musical prodigy, absolutely, and was one of the youngest students ever accepted to Howard University when, at 15 years old, She was offered a full scholarship to study music.

[00:03:48] The first time I ever saw your face and singing me softly, Singer, had an incredible career, inspired countless performers through her talent, showmanship, professionalism, and sheer charisma. The music world is paying tribute to a true icon celebrated internationally for her vocal artistry and soulful mastery of the timeless, deeply emotional terrain of love and romance.

[00:04:13] So I know I grew up, I feel like I grew up with Roberta Flack. So it was definitely, and to know that she's from Holland Hills is really amazing. We have a sadder situation. We have an NCS colleague, Caleb Gardner, office manager at the Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center.

[00:04:34] Health care. First off, I'm deeply sad to share that our NCS colleague, he worked for NCS for a long time, Caleb Gardner, passed away Thursday, February 20th. Caleb was a familiar face at Mount Vernon Adult Day Healthcare, where he was a cherished member of the team since June of 2022.

[00:04:54] Caleb was passionate about helping others in and out of work. Outside of work, he worked with a program in D.C. to mentor high school-age kids. At work, he enthusiastically worked to improve processes and find innovative ways to communicate with participants and families. His Mount Vernon ADHC staff were always happy to test out the new baked goods he surprised them with at work.

[00:05:16] His guava and cream cheese pastry was always requested for team potluck events and was shared with other centers. His quirky sense of humor, infectious laughter, and cheerful good mornings will be deeply missed. Thank you.

[00:05:32] Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A couple of announcements, and thank you for mentioning Bob Fry. I appreciate that. He certainly did a lot of public service during his time, among other things.

[00:05:48] So there's another person I want to note, John Duffy. It's with deep status that I announced the passing of longtime resident, rest in resident John Duffy on February 18th. He had a distinguished career in the concrete pipe biotechnology and petroleum bioremediation industries.

[00:06:09] During his career, John served longer than any other concrete pipe industry, state, or provincial association executive in North America after joining the American Concrete Pipe Association in 1974. He'll also be remembered for his love of boating and golf.

[00:06:25] As a member of the Chesapeake Yacht Club for 48 years, he served as Commodore in 2013. He and his wife, Lynn, loved spending time aboard their boat Camelot, navigating to ports through the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. As an avid golfer, John Andoy enjoyed playing with the retired men's golf league at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston.

[00:06:47] Among his friends and family, he was also known for his chocolate souffles. John is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and his wife, Lynn Molston, who has made innumerable contributions to our community, including serving as the president of the Reston Citizens Association.

[00:07:02] I offer my sincere condolences to Lynn and his children, Jennifer, John, and Joseph, in this difficult time. And, Mr. Chairman, one other Reston resident, long-time, actually in this case, Herndon resident, Dominic Bilardo was synonymous with Reston Little League, and sadly, we lost Dom last week at the age of 82.

[00:07:27] Dom loved baseball, whether it was playing, coaching, or watching, and he was one of the pioneers of Reston Little League. He served as president, coach, and equipment coordinator for more than 50 teams over a span of more than 15 years. He was the league's first quartermaster and he was responsible for ordering, organizing, and distributing all of the equipment and uniforms for Little League, Girls Softball, Babe Ruth, Senior Babe Ruth, and the Clark Griffith League.

[00:07:55] As a coach, he trained hundreds of children in both baseball and basketball, with many reaching out as adults to thank Dom for his teaching them by his example and his words. His players famously heard his mantra, never give up, wisdom that they undoubtedly echo to their own children today.

[00:08:13] To honor his incredible dedication, one of the fields at Fred Crabtree Park is named after Dom. He and a team of others literally built the original fields there, including installing the backstops. In addition to his dedication to Little League, Dom was passionate about his faith and volunteering.

[00:08:32] He helped establish St. John Newman's Catholic Church, where he faithfully attended from 1980 until his passing. He was also the neighborhood pool president, volunteered at the homeless shelter, coordinated and delivered food to the less fortunate, and taught non-English-speaking kids to read.

[00:08:50] Dom also served his country, retiring from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel. Following military service, he managed multiple highly classified security programs at the Department of Energy. Don will be deeply missed, and my thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 53 years, Karen Bilardo, his son, Michael, daughters, Kelly Maria, and Christina Ann, and his 11 grandchildren.

[00:09:13] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And first of all, I want to add my condolences. Roberta Flack, while I didn't grow up with her, as soon as I heard her the very first time, I just fell in love, and I've been very saddened in listening to her.

[00:09:31] non-stop introducing her to my daughter since hearing of her passing so thank you for sharing that I had no idea. Secondly I also want to thank you and share our thoughts about Caleb Gardner. I know he was very very beloved in the Mount Vernon community. I also want to share that by order of the county executive the county flag will be lowered tomorrow Wednesday March 5th at both the Fairfax County Government Center and the Jerry Highland Building in memory of Caleb Gardner.

[00:10:01] As you shared, he was very, very beloved by the county, by our residents, just a wonderful member of the Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Center, and his contributions will be greatly, greatly missed. So I want to send my condolences to the staff and to his family and to his work family as well.

[00:10:22] So thank you for sharing that. And then on Friday, I went to Temple Road of Shalom for the very moving and sad ceremony of Richard Bromberg, known as Rick Bromberg. He and his wife, Fran, were just beloved.

[00:10:40] I actually ran into them in Arlington about a month ago, meeting with Jay Fizetz, and there they were. One of their favorite spots was Bayou Bakery, and I got to see them, and she asked me, Even though he was struggling with Parkinson's, please find more for him to do.

[00:10:59] So I was working on more for Rick to do, and unfortunately, he passed away not long after. They were actually on a tour of Hollywood's Jewish origins with many friends and members of Congregation Road of Shalom, as well as some of the clergy there, when he unfortunately suddenly passed away on February 18th.

[00:11:25] Born in Newark, New Jersey, Rick met Fran, the love of his life, in 1969 on a blind date, thanks to some friends. And on their second date, they watched the moonwalk together. On December 23rd, they moved in together and were inseparable for more than 50 years, marrying on May 30th, 1977.

[00:11:46] While Rick began as a college radio, TV, and film major at Northwestern, he quickly realized he wanted to find another way to give back and shifted his career to law school. He earned his JD from Loyola, but being such a kind and gentle soul, no offense, Jimmy, he was always looking, probably in the same line, for those who were less privileged and could not see himself as a lawyer, but found his niche in Legal Aid Society of D.C.

[00:12:18] So another good one. His career and life's work really took off when he changed jobs to work for an office that provided legal services to union members. One day, a raid at a local hotel led to the arrest of hundreds of undocumented workers.

[00:12:33] 200 files landed on Rick's desk, and voila, he became an immigration lawyer. In keeping with his values, Rick's practice specialized in asylum cases, and his business grew to become one of the most highly regarded immigration firms in the local area, earning mentions on Best Lawyer's List for decades.

[00:12:52] His firm literally saved the lives of thousands of asylees and their progeny. Early in his career, Rick joined the Arlington Chapter of Amnesty International, later serving as the chair of the chapter and a state coordinator for Virginia with his wife, Fran. At Temple Road of Shalom, he contributed his expertise

to immigration issues and worked to help the refugee and asylum-seeking families that the congregation has supported.

[00:13:20] But his passion for film and music never left him. He organized two music clubs at Road of Shalom, one for his high school friends, and he even taught himself the harmonica. Rick helped to organize and publicize the Temple Road of Shalom Music Jam, which means monthly.

[00:13:37] And he combined his ability with words, with music. From an early age, he created song parodies. So many that in recent years, some of his parodies even received recognition in a former Washington Post contest, I believe at least seven first prizes or second prizes, while others were created for parallel religious services to bring to life different Torah portions.

[00:14:02] Rick struggled with Parkinson's for many years, but the disease never dulled his zest for life. He always had a joke or a pun to add to every conversation or lecture, and I can attest to that. His life was full of good deeds and love for his family. His pride in his sons was unparalleled, and they have followed in his footsteps as they've internalized his passion for social justice.

[00:14:23] His two sons and their wives are here. We join in their blessings, and we know that he will be missed by so many, both in his community, so many years in Mantua, so many years at Temple Road of Shalom, and with his law practice and those who have been blessed to be a part of his life.

[00:14:44] I know all who knew Rick will miss him dearly when we send our love and our prayers to his family. Thank you very much. Supervisor Smith. Thank you for sharing the information about Bob Fry. I served on the school board with him in 2002 and 2003, and Bob was the first person that tried to bring sexual orientation into the non-discrimination policy, and we weren't successful at that time.

[00:15:12] Just a wonderful man. I've stayed in touch with him over the years and his wife, Ratha, so I'll be thinking about her. And then on the night of February 27th, police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Pleasant Valley Road in Centerville.

[00:15:30] A 16-year-old Chantilly High School student was driving, and she was hit head-on when another car crossed her lane, and she succumbed to her injuries. We ask that you keep the family and the Chantilly High School community in your prayers during this difficult time. Thank you.

[00:15:46] Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Anyone else who would like to be recognized? Seeing and hearing no one, if all who are able could please rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:16:08] Please face the flag.

[00:16:25] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. And this morning, we have four presentations.

[00:16:50] And just as a reminder, I will announce the proclamation and invite the speaker down to the podium in front of me. We will then read it. And after our speaker's remarks, we will pose for a picture from the dais. And first up this morning, we have a resolution to honor James Madison High School students for raising money for their school custodian. This was requested by myself and Supervisor Alcorn.

[00:17:14] Our speakers today, our speaker today is Logan Georgilis, a student from James Madison High School, who's at the podium. And we're going to give your folks a second to come down and assemble. And while we're doing that, I am going to turn the gavel over to Vice Chair Smith so that I can read the following resolution, which reads, Whereas a group of compassionate and determined students at James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia, came together to honor their school custodian, Francis Apraku, by surprising him with a Jeep Wrangler on his birthday.

[00:17:52] And whereas Francis moved to the United States for a better future and has been a valued member of the Madison High School community, known for his kindness and hard work, whereas recognizing Francis' longtime dream of owning a Jeep Wrangler, students secretly, secretly launched a GoFundMe campaign in May of last year to raise funds to make his dream a reality.

[00:18:15] And whereas through their dedication and the support of parents, fellow students, local businesses, and community members, the students successfully raised over \$20,000 to purchase the vehicle. And whereas these extraordinary students surprised Francis with a car for his birthday last September, an act of kindness that has touched many hearts and exemplifies the power of compassion and collective effort and inspires others to embrace the spirit of giving and community support.

[00:18:43] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, hereby commends and recognizes the students of James Madison High School for their outstanding community service and leadership in raising funds to purchase a car for their school custodian, Francis Apraku, and expresses gratitude to all individuals and businesses who contributed to this meaningful initiative.

[00:19:09] I second that with multiple people. Mr. Chairman, discussion? Thank you very much. We wanted to take a moment to recognize you. We all learned about this. I think most of us learned about this when we saw the news story about it. And so nice job keeping things secret for a long time.

[00:19:27] But when we saw the story, it was great not only to have a positive news story out there, but to have one that recognizes the work of our young people. And I tell folks all the time, if you're having a down day and want to be inspired, go spend some time in any one of our Fairfax County public schools.

[00:19:47] And you will see talented young people all over this county doing amazing things. And so we wanted to take advantage of this opportunity not only to thank you for doing something positive, but also to thank you for recognizing Francis. You know, when I go into my own kids' schools, the one person that's known by everybody in the school typically is the school custodian.

[00:20:10] And for you guys to honor him in this way, fulfill a lifelong dream of his, it was inspiring. And watching the news coverage, I think we all had tears of joy, not only for our young people, but also for him, because there are few people who work as hard in our school system as our custodial staff.

[00:20:28] And for you to take the time to recognize him and to raise the money, and want to thank everyone who contributed, whether it was a dollar or more, to this effort, to just bring some joy into the world was remarkable. And so thank you for doing that.

[00:20:45] Keep up that spirit of giving. You made not only your high school proud, but you made Fairfax County proud with what you did. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. I want to build on what the chairman said. You guys really knocked it out of the park in terms of visibility on this.

[00:21:04] You did a fantastic job. You went viral. I mean, it really did, and, you know, it was on national network news. You know, you guys know where it was seen, but to do that on something that is such an inspiring moment really is a tribute to you, tribute to your families, your parents, your teachers, the school.

[00:21:31] You know, you guys have done fantastic here. It's a great thing, and I know we all appreciate it. It when we see those acts of kindness, but to have the whole world see it was really meaningful, so thank you.

[00:21:49] Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed, any abstentions, that motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, and as I mentioned this morning, of course, we have Logan Georgilis and a lot of his friends and supporters here as well, and welcome, the floor is yours.

[00:22:07] Thank you, Chairman McKinney. Good morning all. My name is Logan Georgiolis. On behalf of Bennett Hibishman, Nick Jupichopoulos, Joey Parrish, Nick Harms, Max Monticelli, Simon Bichara, Finley Dowell, Artin Eram, Tyson Murphy, and myself, we would like to take this time to thank the County Board of Supervisors for giving us their recognition and appreciation, as well as the Vienna Foodies Facebook group and Ted Brickford, along with all news organizations, media teams, and communities.

[00:22:36] We truly appreciate everyone who has shown us support and recognition. Our journey began in the summer of 2023, our first year attending James Madison High School. During football camp, in the sweltering August heat, we met Francis Abraku, a custodian who had recently moved from Ghana to the United States.

[00:22:55] We quickly formed a strong connection with Francis, who radiated gratitude in every interaction, greeting us in hallways, celebrating victories, and offering prayers before games. His warmth and welcoming spirit made a significant impact on us. As our season wrapped up, we transitioned into winter lifts and training for the next season, often encountering Francis in the halls and near the weight room.

[00:23:18] Our conversations became more meaningful as Francis shared stories about growing up in Ghana. He expressed his pride in achieving the American dream, highlighting the journey and experiences that shaped his success. On May 15th, shortly after a friend's birthday, we asked Francis when his birthday was and what he wanted.

[00:23:37] He told us he dreamt of owning a Jeep Wrangler with a large wheel on the back. Inspired by this, we initiated a GoFundMe campaign that same night to purchase Francis, the Jeep, as a heartfelt gesture of appreciation. We launched the campaign, sharing it with friends, family, and community.

[00:23:56] To our astonishment, within two days, we raised over \$15,000. Fueled by this momentum, we worked tirelessly over the next four months, acquiring the Jeep and preparing for the surprise. On the breezy afternoon of September 9th, my friends and I gathered at a local restaurant, eagerly awaiting Francis's arrival.

[00:24:14] My father drove him from our high school and parked behind the restaurant. As they rounded the corner, Francis caught sight of the cherry red Jeep Wrangler. Initially confused, he soon realized what was happening and was left starstruck. In disbelief, he fell to the ground, overwhelmed by the realization that he had received the vehicle of his dreams.

[00:24:34] With gratitude pouring out of him, Francis praised the Lord as he collected himself. He then climbed into his new Jeep and shared with the surrounding news cameras the importance of showing respect and how far it can take you. After the surprise, Francis drove home, and for the following month, our story trended on social media, reminding us all of the power of kindness and respect.

[00:24:56] Thank you for letting us share our story with you and your continued appreciation. We hope we inspire more teenagers to show appreciation for humble leaders in their own community. Thank you for your time. Thank you very much, Logan, and I hope that is true. I'm sure that it will be your wish that you inspire others, and if Francis is out there watching, I hope he knows that you may have done something that changed his life, but clearly he's had an impact on all of your lives as well.

[00:25:25] And I think that's another reminder for us here in Fairfax County of the importance of being a proudly international community where all people can come in Fairfax County and enjoy the love of our community, but that we also can learn, as you gentlemen have, from him about his cultures and his challenges and journey to get here.

[00:25:46] And so, Francis, thank you, too, for making a difference in these young men's lives. And so, well done, guys. We're proud of you. I think with that. Mr. Chairman. Because one thing I just want to say, I don't think it's a mistake that there's somebody named Georgilis that's up here leading this. So anyway, they want to go without mentioning that.

[00:26:03] Community service in the bloodline. There we go. So the future is bright. It was noted. Very good. Well, thank you all for everything that you've done. Again, you've made us proud. And I think we're ready for a photo. If you all could come forward and face the audience, and Supervisor Alcorn will join me and the board will rise.

[00:27:22] And next up this morning, we have a resolution to honor and recognize John Allfelder for his

[00:28:08] significant contributions as the Drainsville District Planning Commissioner. And this was requested by myself and by Supervisor Bierman. Our speaker, of course, no stranger to this auditorium making his way down is John Allfelder, former Drainsville District Planning Commissioner.

[00:28:26] And I see a lot of our Planning Commission commissioners here as well. And anyone who's here to celebrate John at this moment. You all are welcome to come down and join him down here in front of us. That would be great. And while we're doing that, I am going to recognize Supervisor Bierman for a motion. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to read the resolution.

[00:28:53] Whereas John C. Oldfelder was appointed to the Fairfax County Planning Commission by the Board supervisors on the nomination of supervisor John Faust in December of 2013 representing the Drainsville district until December 2024 demonstrating leadership in land use planning and community development and whereas Mr. Oldfelder earned the certified planning commissioner designation and held key leadership positions including vice chairman of the planning commission in 2020 to 2022 and parliamentarian in 2023 to 2024 and whereas Mr. Oldfelder served as chair of the land use process committee since 2020 effectively reviewing and improving

[00:29:33] land use policies and as chair of the parks committee from 2017 to 2019 advocating for park protection and enhancement in the county and whereas Mr. Oldfelder significantly impacted the Planning Commission by modernizing the zoning ordinance updating the downtown McLean comprehensive plan

reimagining the West Falls Church transit station area and establishing development guidelines for the innovation metro station in Herndon, and whereas Mr.

[00:30:02] Ulfelder demonstrated a strong commitment to community service by sharing his expertise with local nonprofits like the Great Falls Citizens Association, Audubon Naturalist Society, McLean Project for the Arts, and Innova Health System Foundation. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to John C.

[00:30:26] Olfelder for his exceptional service to the Planning Commission and the residents of Fairfax County and wishes him continued success in all future endeavors. I will second that motion along with Supervisor Jimenez, almost said Planning Commissioner Jimenez, and Supervisor Palczyk. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Beerman. I feel like I need a drink of water after all the accomplishments i just uh read out um thank you john thank you for your service thank you for um i'm the new guy and uh obviously when met with john very early on and i don't know there's

[00:31:02] something about him he he is extremely helpful he's always there wanting to do more he's always there wanting to uh to teach but to collaborate as well um he kills you with kindness um and And, you know, I think about all the many things that he's done.

[00:31:21] I got a, you know, Supervisor Faust unfortunately couldn't be here today, but I got an email from Supervisor Faust, which was just listing, again, it's like bullet points of accomplishment, accomplishment, things he did, you know, worked here, worked there, worked there, worked there.

[00:31:37] Just a true lifetime of service to this community and also a willingness to take on a lot of the jobs that are really important. But, you know, I don't think everybody wants to be the parliamentarian, but there's John being a parliamentarian.

[00:31:56] And, of course, he did all this with Susan by his side. Thank you, Susan, for gifting him to us. Because I know the other funny quirk of this story is that John had just retired when he got this job to join the Planning Commission.

[00:32:12] And it's nice to see the Planning Commission here in the boardroom before 11 p.m. Because I know that that's when you're here so often. So we know how hard you work. It's a testament, actually, to John that the Planning Commission is here before 11 p.m.

[00:32:28] So thank you so much for all of your lifetime of service, both as a planning commissioner and otherwise, to the Drainsville District and to Fairfax County. Appreciate you. It saved me from a life of crosswords and jigsaw puzzles. That too.

[00:32:45] Thank you, Supervisor Beerman, Supervisor Lusk, and then Supervisor Menes. So I just want to join the course here and say I appreciate so much your contributions and work on the planning commission. And I want to raise you up here, too, because we're going to be discussing the SSPA nominations for this upcoming process.

[00:33:06] And you were the person who helped us on the Planning Commission make revisions to that process. So I appreciate the work that you did specifically there, and we're going to be acting on it later today. And just thinking about your work also when you were at West Group and the accomplishments and the development that was undertaken to help grow Fairfax County.

[00:33:29] As a person who worked in economic development, I saw the power of that work and the importance of it in our commercial tax base and just want to acknowledge you for that service and work as well. So with that, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Supervisor Menez.

[00:33:46] I walked in and saw the – thank you, Mr. Chairman. I walked in and saw my former colleagues and friends from the Planning Commission and really made my day. I know it's going to be quite the morning, so walking in and being able to say hello to old friends and colleagues was great. And obviously, Mr. Allfelder, your contributions to not only the Planning Commission, but your community as well, because I know how involved you are.

[00:34:08] It really needs to be obviously talked about. And yes, there are so many bullet points that we can go through. But at the end of the day, your service to Fairfax County is something that, and I know we've talked about this before, isn't just seen while you were Planning Commissioner, but it's being seen now and in the future through the work that you did.

[00:34:28] And I know all the hard work you put in and the hours, and I just want to also thank Susan for letting us benefit from your time, Mr. Ulfelder. Thank you for your mentorship. Thank you for your kindness when I arrived on the Planning Commission. Thank you for your knowledge. Thank you for always being such a steward here in Fairfax County.

[00:34:48] And, again, thank you so much, and congratulations. Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Palcic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And to John and Susan, please. You know, I didn't want to speak, but I cannot get out of my head the first time I met you, you know, having just been elected to this board.

[00:35:06] And when people approach you, you never know what they're going to ask for. But I will never forget, I believe it was a supervisor, the supervisor's office home, and you came up to me and so soft-spoken, definitely killing with kindness.

[00:35:25] And you just said, anything you need, I'm here to help you. Any questions you have, please let me know. And I know you had so many years, right, of experience, both in your personal, professional life and as a planning commissioner.

[00:35:42] But you're just full of respect, humility, and desire to work collaboratively to move forward. And to that, I know that not only are your colleagues here, and though they may be here for the SSPA, also see all of our staff here current and former directors because you are respectful to every single person you interact with you ensure that the staff are respected as well as well as your commissioners and that we work together to try to build a better community as many opinions may differ on that I just very much appreciate the way you bring that honesty and thoughtfulness and

[00:36:20] kindness to everything you do so I truly just want to thank you for all you've done planning commissioner Alcorn so I have to say this is the most I've ever heard the words killing and John Elfelder ever John you you have done so much on the Planning Commission other things I just want to flag something And you're also, you carry around so much Fairfax County history and know so much Fairfax County history.

[00:36:56] And I would hope that maybe if you have a little more time, now that you're not on the Planning Commission, that maybe we could make sure that you could help document some of that history. Because, you know, we don't know where we're going unless we know where we've been.

[00:37:14] And what you have taught me over the years, and not just the kindness part, but on a lot of the history, has been so valuable for me and I know for the community at large. So thank you for your service, and very much an honor to have just barely missed you on the Planning Commission, but I didn't get that opportunity.

[00:37:41] But again, thank you. Thank you, Supervisor. Thank you. Planning Commissioner Supervisor Alcorn. Let me just wrap up, and then we're going to hear from John because we want to hear from John here most importantly. But I just want to reflect a moment because it wasn't that long ago we had Pete Murphy here.

[00:38:02] And many of the things that we said about Pete we could literally repeat here about John, especially in terms of professionalism, willingness to help, doing the right thing. And one of the things that rings true with both of these gentlemen is you won't find someone who has served with them that has a negative thing to say.

[00:38:20] And that's not always the easiest thing to achieve. And being a team player on this board, a team player on the Planning Commission is so important, and you have exemplified that. I also want to point out that when John Faust made your appointment in 2013, I remember voting for it, but I remember more vividly before the vote, John, we were talking about appointments that day, and John said, Jeff, I got a good one this time.

[00:38:49] Yeah, and so I was a little nervous about that, but he was adamant about it, and it turned out he was 100% right as John typically was. And so we are blessed to have had you serve for all these years and was mentioned all the other ways that you're involved in the community.

[00:39:06] And I look at your fellow commissioners, and one string that you can pull through all of them is that the Planning Commission is just a part of all the work that they do in our community. All are involved in different ways. And John was mentioned in the board matter, but involved in a lot of local nonprofits.

[00:39:24] And as our board's representative on the ANOVA health systems, I want to particularly thank you for the work you've done with ANOVA and the foundation and all the work that you've done outside of the Planning Commission. And then finally, thank your family.

[00:39:40] Obviously, your wife, Susan, is here. But I always say this because it was mentioned earlier. I think Supervisor Lusk and Numenes mentioned this. But, you know, Planning Commission, like so many positions in this county, takes a lot of support from family. A lot of evenings away, a lot of trips out to sites that aren't on the clock, a lot of meetings with community members at night on days the Planning Commission isn't meeting, Meetings in supervisor's office. This is a major time commitment And it is a major Commitment of your entire family to allow you to be able to do that and so for all those times you might have missed something

[00:40:18] We want to say to your family. Thank you for your for your service as well And with that, I think we're ready for a vote all those in favor of the motion. Please say aye Any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and John the floor is yours welcome Thank you. I would like to thank Supervisor Behrman, Chairman McKay, and all the members of the Board of Supervisors, including the Planning Commission alumni who now serve on the Board of Supervisors, and for this recognition of my 10 years as a member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission.

[00:40:57] I would also like to thank former Supervisor John Faust for originally nominating me to the commission just over 10 years ago to fill the remainder of Jay Donohue's term, and to re-nominate me two more times.

[00:41:15] And finally, I must thank my wife, Susan, who wholeheartedly supported me during my time on the commission. You may not know, I gave up my Virginia driver's license four years ago when I turned 80, and Susan chauffeured me to the government center for all my meetings, a true labor of love and partnership.

[00:41:35] I enjoyed my time on the commission. It was challenging and, I believe, productive. As you know, I think public service is an important part of citizenship, both with private, non-government organizations as well as with government.

[00:41:52] In addition to the commission, I have served on various task forces and study groups seeking to provide advice on issues of concern to our local officials and citizens. It is an important part of our civic life, and I'm happy to see that others are stepping forward to do their bit as well.

[00:42:12] Even though I am no longer on the Planning Commission, I fully expect to offer my views and opinions on future land use and development issues of importance. So this is not sayonara. It's merely I'll see you again soon.

[00:42:30] Well said. Thank you very much, John. And we laugh at that, but we're also counting on you to continue to be involved because we need you.

[00:42:47] And with that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if all of you could come forward and face the audience, and Supervisor Bierman and I will come on down.

[00:44:23] And next up, we have a proclamation to designate and celebrate March 2025 as Women's History Month in Fairfax County. And this was requested by myself, Supervisor Pouchik, and Supervisor Smith.

[00:44:43] And our speaker today is Helen Cole, the vice chair and commissioner on the Commission for Women from the Hunter Mill District. If you could come on down. Anyone who's here with you is welcome to join you as well. I see a few folks, which is wonderful. And while that is happening, I am going to turn to Supervisor Palczyk for a motion.

[00:45:00] Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. First of all, please pretend this pink is purple. I'm a little off color today. But I just very much want to thank the women of the Commission for Women and all who have been involved over so many years in this work in empowering other women.

[00:45:18] I will go ahead and read the proclamation first, and then happy to give some additional comments. Whereas, Women's History Month is an annual opportunity to reflect upon the overlooked contributions of women in U.S. and world history, as well as contemporary society.

[00:45:36] And whereas this year's theme, Moving Forward Together, Women Educating and Inspiring Generations, celebrates the collective strength, equality, and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership.

[00:45:51] And whereas women have historically shaped societies, broken barriers, and built bridges, creating lasting impacts that foster leaders and changemakers. And whereas from classrooms to boardrooms and from grassroots movements to global initiatives, women educators and leaders have

played vital roles in nurturing minds and inspiring transformative action. And whereas in 2025, we honor women's contributions to our education systems, to the free flow of ideas and the fabric of American democracy. Moreover, we honor women

[00:46:28] educators in Fairfax County for their commitment to fostering positive, collaborative learning environments for all learners. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim March 2025 as Women's History Month in Fairfax County, and encourages all residents to honor women educators, mentors, and leaders, enhancing the visibility of women, their contributions and achievements, raising awareness, and promoting the importance of women's roles in leadership

[00:47:05] and addressing common issues and strengths that all women share. I heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. All those in favor, I'm sorry. Let me turn to Supervisor Palchuk first for comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, it could not be more fitting to have Ms. Cole here, who not only has she been an incredible member of the community, a formal educator, but also a mentor who, all three of her daughters have incredible positions both in the public sector and in the private sector right here in Fairfax County.

[00:47:42] I could not think of a more fitting honor for women educators and mentors to so many who are here. Supervisor Smith and I are both former educators and school board members, and very much appreciate the fact that there are women in our community and young girls looking up to us and looking up to you and all the women of the Commission for Women.

[00:48:08] I just want to thank you for what you do. And lastly, not long ago, I got a chance to tour. There's a new exhibit at the Empire State Building, which, as you may or may not know, was built in one year. And amazingly, the story goes that while it was a man technically, officially with his name, managing the construction, about halfway through, it appears his wife was the one helping lead the construction from behind.

[00:48:39] And so we know the stories of so many women, whether we know their names and know the leadership roles they've held, or know that perhaps their names were not shared, but they have led and mentored and educated and led projects across history. So thank you for your continued work.

[00:48:56] We've come a long way, but there's still so much to be done. And I appreciate that you're here every single year helping us remind our county of the work to be done. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Powchick. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you. I think this is a good time for us to do this proclamation, for you all to be here to be talking about Women's History Month.

[00:49:20] Because I think we all recognize that history can repeat itself and bad history can also repeat itself. So I think it's so important that we recognize not just how far women have come and how far how much progress has been made over the recent decades, but also where that is under threat and where if we're not careful, we could go the wrong way and go backwards.

[00:49:47] So what do they say, you know, those who don't know your history are condemned to repeat it. So let's do what we can to make sure that actually we don't repeat some of those bad things, but also appreciate the accomplishments and the role that women have played in so many areas of our history.

[00:50:10] So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And on a theme of history, we we have substantial accomplishments and it's really leadership that's been

shown in Fairfax County We start with the ladies who frankly saved Mount Vernon and saved George Washington's house And that goes back a long time. But as we near the 250th Semi-quincentennial which formally starts next year But really starts this year with with George Washington going to the Boston assuming leadership of the the army in

[00:50:45] 1975 you know, there's there's every bit of our history is really intertwined with women who have been leaders and maybe not always recognized and Identified with that leadership, but but the ladies there have shown that for really a couple hundred years And also in our community the Lucy Burns Museum at the workhouse The Turning Point Memorial which is this board was very involved with our two outstanding examples of women who who fought for a long time But ultimately, over 100 years ago, we were able to get the right to vote.

[00:51:20] And those two particular examples where you can see at the Aquacon Regional Park or the Workhouse Arts Center are great examples of our history really brought to the present with women who have made a difference. So, again, my thanks to all of you for the differences that you're making for women every single day.

[00:51:39] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As I'm thinking about this recognition for women, I'm also thinking about two members who formerly served on this board. The one that I'm thinking about first is Kate Hanley.

[00:51:59] Supervisor Alcorn and I had the opportunity to work with her many, many years ago. And just thinking about her commitment to education, but then her commitment to Fairfax County, which continues to this day. Just extraordinary commitments.

[00:52:16] And then I'm also thinking about the former Springfield supervisor, Elaine McConnell, in terms of her focus on education, but then also her passion and commitment to service to the residents here in Fairfax County.

[00:52:33] And I had the honor to be a resident, and she was my supervisor for four and a half years. So I just want to at least acknowledge two women who I think have made substantial contributions to Fairfax County in ways that we might not ever be able to truly measure.

[00:52:55] So thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. And I'm thinking this morning about all the young girls in school today who are wondering what's going on in our world. And I will say to them what I said at Black History Month and what I said recently at Fort Belvoir and everywhere I've been going to reassure people that if you live in Fairfax County, DEI is in our DNA.

[00:53:23] And we will continue to celebrate that. And I think what we believe in as a community is that opportunities should be for all people without question and without restraint. And we will continue to not only advocate for our One Fairfax policies, but we will celebrate the diversity, the equity, the inclusion.

[00:53:46] And part of that celebration is an acknowledgment of where work continues to need to be done. And when I think about our young girls in particular, I want them to know what we're going through right now is not normal. You know, that we unfortunately as a nation are considering taking steps backwards and recognizing our full history.

[00:54:09] but that the community you live in here in Fairfax County will not do that. And I think reassuring them of that and that the world is open to them and any opportunity and anything they want to

pursue can be pursued with a lot of hard work and grit, but with community support that realizes we have overcome a lot, but we still have a lot of work to do.

[00:54:31] And that starts with celebrating our young girls and young women in every way that we possibly can and inspire them and the next generation for success. And so this is always an important year that we do this, but it feels like so many of the proclamations we've had recently, this seems like probably the most important year ever, especially for our young people who don't know our deep history and what we've been through.

[00:54:54] And so thank you to the Commission for Women for all that you continue to do. And I also want to thank Supervisor Stork for mentioning the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, as well as the Lucy Burns Museum, because I wish if I was in charge of FCPS for a day, I would make that a required trip for every one of our students right here in our backyard to see what happened here and to be able to understand that and let that resonate.

[00:55:23] And I hope more of that happens moving forward. But thank you for being here and for all of your advocacy and work. It matters. 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 as I mentioned, we have with us Helen Cole, the Vice Chair of the Commission for Women. Welcome. The floor is yours.

[00:55:44] Thank you. Thank you, Chair McKay. Thank you, Supervisor Palchik and Supervisor Smith for sponsoring this proclamation. And thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, for allowing me to represent Hunter Mill on the Fairfax County Commission for Women.

[00:56:00] The theme of this year's Women's History Month is Moving Forward Together, Women Educating and Inspiring Generations. We are celebrating the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership.

[00:56:21] Most likely, most of your teachers were women. I myself taught in Fairfax County for 39 years. Most of my colleagues were women. Each of us came equipped with unique characteristics and diverse backgrounds.

[00:56:41] Our commonality arose with our love of our career choice, our love of the kids, and our ability to adapt to an ever-changing curriculum. The Fairfax County School System honors a few of these exceptional educators by naming schools after them.

[00:57:01] Rachel Carson, who advanced the environmental movement. Katherine Johnson, whose mathematical calculations were critical to the success of the first spaceflight. Louise Archer, named for the woman who taught and fed her students at one of the colored schools in Fairfax County in the early 1940s.

[00:57:26] Lutie Lewis Coates, another educator who had to teach and feed black students when our county was segregated. So many teachers are responsible for mentoring so many outstanding human beings. Maria Montessori had all her little children.

[00:57:46] Ann Richards, the former governor of Texas, began her career as a teacher. Krista McAuliffe was a teacher and astronaut who elevated our profession when she was chosen to be a member of the crew of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

[00:58:02] Nikki Giovanni, one of the most famous poets of all time, taught right here in Virginia at Virginia Tech for many years. Linda Bloodworth Thomason, a writer for the TV shows Rhoda and Mash, started her career as an English teacher.

[00:58:22] Roberta Flack, a two-time Grammy winner, was a music teacher in D.C. And, of course, two of our former first ladies are both educators, Laura Bush and Dr. Jill Biden. You should think back and remember that teacher who did it for you, the one whose class you enjoyed going to, the one who didn't just teach but made sure you learned, that elementary school teacher who you will always be indebted to, that high school teacher who was so mesmerizing.

[00:59:00] These women have motivated generations of their students to take that chance. Try it again, even though you fail the first time. Moving forward together, we should continue to honor women educators and their impact on each of our lives.

[00:59:19] If Sister Eukaria hadn't insisted I participate in public speaking, I wouldn't have won that gold medal. I owe her. We all have some educator in our past to thank. We should all drop them a note. Thank you. Thank you very much, Helen. Powerful words and reminders for all of us. So thank you for your long service to FCPS and also on the Commission for Women. We appreciate that and your colleagues. With that, I think we are ready for a photo. And if Supervisor

[00:59:53] Palchuk could join me and the board could rise. Right. And next we have a proclamation to designate

[01:01:30] March 6th as Consumer Affairs Day in Fairfax County. This was requested by myself and we have a lot of folks here, including our speaker today, which is Susan Jones, consumer specialist for consumer affairs, Department of Cable and Consumer Services in Fairfax County. And I'm going to hand the gavel to Vice Chair Smith so that I can read the following proclamation. Whereas National Consumer Protection Week is a time for government, consumer groups, and other organizations to collaborate in helping individuals understand their consumer rights and responsibilities and to make informed decisions about their finances.

[01:02:07] And whereas in a rapidly advancing technological era, more individuals engage in personal and professional transactions online and through mobile platforms, attracting cyber criminals such as scammers, hackers, and identity thieves. And whereas each year, fraudulent and deceptive practices result in billions of dollars in losses and cause stress and hardship due to identity theft, imposter scams, and more.

[01:02:32] And whereas tenants who are also consumers face challenges and vulnerabilities in financially and legally binding transactions, making it crucial to ensure they understand their rights and responsibilities to navigate lease agreements and rental transactions effectively.

[01:02:47] And whereas our primary defense against fraudulent transactions and the misuse of personal information will always be an empowered and well-informed consumer, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, in recognition of the Federal Trade Commission's National Consumer Protection Week, March 3rd through March 9th, 2025, does hereby proclaim Thursday, March 6, as Consumer Affairs Day in Fairfax County and urges all residents to understand their consumer rights, effectively identify and report fraudulent scams, monitor their online privacy and security,

[01:03:27] make informed decisions, and engage in consumer education activities throughout Fairfax County. I'll second that, along with Supervisor Palchuk and Harrity. Mr. Chairman, discussion? Thank you very much. Let me just start. I mentioned in the last presentation it seems like a really important time to do this.

[01:03:44] This is a really important time to do this. Consumer, well, first of all, consumers at a national level, let's just say, are vulnerable right now. The CFPB was in court yesterday trying to make sure that they could continue to operate, returning billions of dollars to consumers who have been defrauded.

[01:04:07] Last week, I mentioned earlier, we were at Fort Belvoir last week, and I had a lady come up to me and say, you know, keep up the consumer affairs work. But I got to tell you, I represent soldiers, and soldiers are among the most vulnerable people to be taken care of.

[01:04:23] And if it weren't for the CFPB, if it weren't for the Consumer Affairs Department, we would get nowhere, and these soldiers would be taken advantage of. We know what happens with our seniors, that they are targeted for scams all the time. And yet, you know, here we have a federal agency tasked with protecting consumers, returning billions of dollars to people on a scale that we've never seen before.

[01:04:49] And yet we're questioning whether or not that's a good thing in our country right now. So it is really important to do this. The other really important reason to do this is today at 9.48 a.m., right here on my cell phone, I have a VDOT final reminder that I have an outstanding toll.

[01:05:06] Your account balance is outstanding. If you fail to pay by March 6, 2025, you will pay penalties or legal action. Now payment. And there's a link here to a VDOT.Virginia ticket, WO, this whole list of things. And this is about the fourth one of these I've gotten in the last two weeks.

[01:05:26] And just another indicator, while I'm sitting here in this meeting, that scammers are out there trying to take advantage of vulnerable people. VDOT will never text anyone. They don't even run the tolling system. But a whole lot of people will reply why to this.

[01:05:43] And then all of a sudden, they'll start doing other things because they will be afraid of legal action or losing their driver's license. And so this is the kind of stuff that's happening to our people each and every single day. And undoubtedly, later this afternoon, I'll probably get a call from one of my parents asking me about, they got one of these, should I pay it?

[01:06:01] And so if we think for a moment that consumer affairs work isn't important, it's very important, not only to prevent people from getting ripped off, but I also have talked to individuals who, after being ripped off, are so humiliated by the fact that they've been scammed that they have other mental health issues associated with that and are horrified and really don't even want to admit it happened to them.

[01:06:23] And yet, these are pretty sophisticated things if you don't do this stuff on a daily basis to know the difference between a text like that and a legitimate request for a toll payment. And so this stuff is really important, and it's literally happening every minute of every day.

[01:06:40] And so I do want to take a moment to thank our amazing Consumer Affairs Department for all the wonderful work that you do, and we will continue to support you. I think you probably will be getting inundated by even more complaints than normal because sadly it looks like some dead ends are being created and other avenues for people to pursue consumer affairs complaints which is a really unfortunate

thing but it is the situation that we're in and I think it's something we all need to acknowledge and probably redouble our efforts to make sure that our consumers as the resolution says continue to be you know

[01:07:17] the empowered and well-informed consumer continues to be our primary defense against fraudulent attacks on individuals and we have a mighty role to play to continue to spread that message in Fairfax County so thank you thank you Supervisor Jimenez and then Beerman and then Lusk thank you so much and to follow up on comments the chairman just made you know this year it's the tolls you know next year even a couple months from now it'll be the next thing and so keeping an eye out for our vulnerable residents of all ages is critically important and you know

[01:07:54] mason district has the most senior seniors um in any of any district and so it's something that we take you know obviously very seriously and we're very thankful to you all for the work the hard work that you do to make sure that our citizens aren't scammed so anyways i'd like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the consumers affairs over the course of last year staff has been proactive in mason district communicating with residents about their rights as tenants staff have held multiple events throughout the mason district and even rolled up their sleeves to assist with food distribution with our non-profit partners they've also been integral

[01:08:31] in ensuring that landlords are living up to their lease agreements specifically in neighborhoods where there is caution by some to contact the county due to fear of retaliation which we're seen now, unfortunately, more than ever. Again, I'd like to thank Rebecca Makeley, Amanda Castle, Susan Jones, and the rest of the team for their dedicated service to our residents. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Bierman. I think it's perfect that the chairman of the board literally got a scam text in the middle of the meeting. I just wanted to add my favorite

[01:09:08] story from a, I mean, first thing, it did happen to my parents. I got a call from my dad once about one of these scams. And, you know, my dad practiced law for 40 years. So, of course, when somebody says that there's something legal going on, he got extra worried about it. But my favorite was a longtime family friend, a friend of my parents' is William Webster, who was, has the distinction of having served both as the director of the FBI and the director of the CIA. And I was having lunch with him about four years ago. He's still around. He's about, he's 101. He was in his mid-90s.

[01:09:43] And he had gotten a call from scammers. And boy, the wrong person to try to scam is the former director of the FBI. But they still went after him. So it's just really important the work that you do. And it's really important also at a local government level, we often are getting calls from people who don't know who else to turn to.

[01:10:07] So having staff, having people who are committed at this level to try and tackle those issues is extremely, extremely important. And I just want to thank you for the work that you do. Thanks. Supervisor Lesk. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chairman.

[01:10:23] I'll say I also support the work that's being done and echo the comments from my colleagues here. And I'll say, I think I said this last year, whenever I think about what's being done, really against our senior members of this community, it makes my stomach turn.

[01:10:40] It's just abominable what people are doing. And it's so important, the work that you're doing, to get out and let people know about what these scams are. And even hearing the scam that the chairman

mentioned, I've gotten at least 10 of those emails in the last few weeks.

[01:10:57] And the first time I looked at it and I was like, was I even on the toll road on that day? I actually thought about it for a second, and then I realized it's a scam because I wasn't on the toll road that particular day. And I think the problem is that people just don't know, and the advocacy that's being done, the communication that's being done, the outreach that's being done is so important.

[01:11:22] And I'm looking forward, I think on March 7th, you have an event at Green Springs, so I'll be joining that discussion with our community because, again, I've gone to these in the past. And you can see the participants, it's almost like, oh, my gosh, it's like their eyes are enlarged because they're realizing that these things are things that they might have fallen into had they not, you know, come to that event.

[01:11:47] So I just want to acknowledge the work that's being done and thank you for that. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Thank you. Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Thank you. You are such an incredible team, and I think lesser known, probably, agency and the work that you're able to do.

[01:12:07] As you know, my first interaction and ability to work with you and bring your resources to our tenants in one of my community buildings to bring them resources and to really show that, yes, there are things we can do. There's a lot we can't do by law, right?

[01:12:23] there's a lot that we don't have authority to do, but your office, and I just want to read, in addition to all the scams, and I've deleted all my text ones, but I have to say I did fall to an email one, and they had people behind there responding to my email. It was really, I've never seen anything like that. I'm still shocked that I fell for that one, but they get quite personal, if they can, but your list of resources, which are things that we or our tenants deal with almost daily at some times, bedbugs, contractors, solicitors, energy

[01:13:02] saving tips, kids socializing online, moving companies, renting a room, selecting an arborist where I just did for the first time, service terms and conditions, so whether they are seniors aging in place and navigating all kinds of new technology and new scams out there young homeowners new homeowners who are trying to understand how to navigate all these new areas or parents who are just so worried about everything that's out there and how to help support their kids and their teens I wish we could take you and your team to every event we do I know you you do a

[01:13:38] lot of outreach and I appreciate all the materials you've provided in multiple languages and I just want to thank you especially at this time when there so many of those supports and consumer affairs not taken as seriously at the federal or the state level it's more critical than ever that we have the support of your team for our over 1 million residents so I just want to thank you for all the work that you do for the county thank you seeing no further discussion all those in favor of the motion say aye aye anyone opposed Any abstentions?

[01:14:12] That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Vice Chair Smith, who is a consumer specialist with our Consumer Affairs Department of Cable and Consumer Affairs Services here in Fairfax County with us. Welcome.

[01:14:28] The floor is yours. Thank you, Chairman McKay and the members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. I am Susan Jones. I'm the branch manager of Fairfax County Consumer Affairs. On behalf of the Department of Cable and Consumer Services, we sincerely appreciate your recognition consumer affairs day in fairfax county in honor of national consumer protection day our dedicated team which is

behind me and a couple others are at outreach today mediate and resolve consumer complaints including tenant landlord disputes in fy 2024 we effectively resolved over 7 800

[01:15:06] consumer complaints and advice inquiries recovered over 630 000 for consumers conducted over 200 outreach events that reached over 8,800 consumers throughout our community. My team's commitment has made a profound effect to all the difference in the lives of Fairfax County residents.

[01:15:27] Now join us this Thursday, March 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Lobby for Consumer Affairs Day that features educational materials and resources from our county partners like Silver Shield and our industry partners like AARP. Please also save the date for Scam Jam 2025. It's on April 30th at the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale campus. Once again, thank you Chairman McKay and the members of the Board of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for your continued support in protecting and empowering consumers in Fairfax

[01:16:06] County. Thank you very much, Susan. And we look forward to those two events, as I know a lot of our constituents do as well. And we thank you and your small but mighty team of folks who do this work every day. And also Rebecca Makeley, who's here, who is always here with us, but also an opportunity for her to thank her for her leadership as well. And I think we're ready for a photo. And And so if the board could rise, and I will come down and join you.

[01:17:02] Next up, we have our report on General Assembly activities.

[01:17:47] And I see our, I mentioned small but mighty a moment ago, our small but mighty team of legislative affairs is here. And while they are getting prepared, I am going to turn to Supervisor Walkinshaw, the chair of our legislative committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As the board is aware, the regular session of the 2025 General Assembly adjourned on February 22nd.

[01:18:09] Board members received a copy of the draft final report by email yesterday when it was also posted on the county's website. A final version of that report will be posted on the board's webpage later this week or early next week, which will include additional details on some county priorities.

[01:18:25] Looking at the session by the numbers underscores the volume of bills that were considered this year by both the General Assembly and this board. 3,107 bills and resolutions were introduced. 971 bills were reviewed by county operational and legal staff.

[01:18:44] And the board took formal positions on 139 bills. And sometimes I hear from colleagues, why don't we look at this bill or that bill? If we looked at all 3,107, our meetings would be even longer than they are. So we do our best and rely on your input to determine which ones we really need to focus on.

[01:19:03] The board originally opposed or sought to amend 48 bills. At the end of the session, seven bills remained in that category. Of those seven, three were amended and fixed in the final week of the session, and two are House and Senate versions of the same bill.

[01:19:20] So only three discrete proposals that the county sought to oppose or amend remain. The budget conference report contains a number of Fairfax County priorities, including funding to eliminate the cap on support positions in schools and to restore the cap of 0.5 on the Local Composite Index for the Virginia Preschool Initiative.

[01:19:44] That conference report also directs the formation of a select committee to monitor changes in federal funding levels in Virginia. In addition to that, the House of Delegates formed the Emergency

Committee on the Impacts of the Federal Workforce and Funding Reductions to examine issues related to cuts to the federal workforce.

[01:20:03] That committee has already held its first meeting and is chaired by Delegate David Bulova from Fairfax County. There was, unfortunately, limited action on recommendations from the Watershed Report on State K-12 Funding, which was completed in 2023 by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

[01:20:24] That study, as we know, outlines both the inadequacy of state funding and the substantial flaws in state funding formulas, determining that the Commonwealth of Virginia dramatically underestimates the actual costs of public education by approximately \$6.6 billion per year, and as we have noted many times, trails all of our neighboring states, including West Virginia and Kentucky.

[01:20:49] In FY 2023, FCPS, Fairfax County Public Schools, spent \$1.2 billion above the SOQ formula's calculated required local effort. The conference report does provide funding to support the ongoing work of the Joint Subcommittee reviewing Virginia's K-12 funding formula, but additional action is needed to implement the recommendations in a long-term and strategic way.

[01:21:17] There's been a lot of interest locally about the impact of the budget agreement on Fairfax County Public Schools, and we discussed this at our joint meeting with the school board last week. When compared to the governor's introduced budget and to FCPS's FY2026 proposed budget, the conference report provides additional revenue of \$28.3 million.

[01:21:42] While restoring funding for the cap on K-12 support positions and other K-12 actions are important, there is a lot of work ahead for the General Assembly to craft the kind of overhaul in state funding that's needed to ensure that the Commonwealth of Virginia is a real partner in providing the 21st century education that our students need and deserve. The 2025 General Assembly took a small step, a very small step in the right direction, but it's only a step. Now is the time for the Commonwealth

[01:22:16] to move forward and take bold action on education funding. And I shared this last week during our joint meeting with the school board. In 2009, the Commonwealth of Virginia devoted 36% of its general fund to K-12 education funding. Today, 15, 16 years later, they devote just 29% of their general fund to K-12 education. There's been a systematic disinvestment from public education by Richmond over the last 15 years, and that has to end. It has to end. On a brighter note,

[01:22:56] Our legislative initiatives, and we had two initiatives this year, were very successful. The first, as the board knows, would expand reckless driving to include exhibition driving and prohibit increasingly dangerous behaviors on the Commonwealth's roads.

[01:23:13] It passed the House and Senate and awaits action by the governor. This is a big win. I want to thank Fairfax County Police Department, Deputy County Executive Arnold, Delegate Bulova, who patroned the legislation for us, our legislative team. It's been a huge team effort to get this bill across the finish line.

[01:23:32] And I want to thank the nine members of this board who supported us in this effort. The second initiative authorizes localities and planning districts 8 and 16 to place and operate noise abatement systems for the purpose of recording and enforcing exhaust system violations in a pilot program, which would expire on July 1, 2027.

[01:23:53] And I think the last time we discussed this bill, at this dais, we were lamenting the fact that the Senate had turned the bill into a study based on fiscal impact concerns. We were able to revive it.

[01:24:09] It was sent to a conference committee, and the requirement for the Virginia State Police to collect data from localities, which generated the fiscal impact, was eliminated. So the bill is moving forward as a pilot. It would require localities participating in that pilot to post data on their website.

[01:24:27] That bill passed both the House and Senate and is awaiting action from the governor. And I'm certainly hopeful he will hear the cries from northern Virginians about the serious impact on quality of life that these loud exhausts have generated.

[01:24:47] And we did have some bipartisan support for that legislation in the Senate, at least. The General Assembly also passed a resolution honoring former Mount Vernon District Supervisor Jerry Highland, noting his dedication to listening to the concerns of his constituents and ensuring that local government responded to those concerns.

[01:25:05] And his leadership roles on the Virginia Railway Express, the Virginia Association of Counties, and the National Association of Counties, among others. Finally, Mr. Chairman, I just want to thank our legislative staff for their hard work and dedication to Fairfax County throughout the session and throughout the year.

[01:25:23] Claudia Arco, Jennifer Van E., Noel Dominguez, Kristen Kanasky, Ariel McAloon, Alexa Tellez-Mancy, and Michonne Dikotu. The very frenetic and intense pace of the session is demanding, but we know they are working hard on our behalf every day down there, and their work is so important.

[01:25:43] I know I speak for all of us when I say how much we value and appreciate their work, as well as the work of all of the county agencies and staff who provide input and contribute to the legislative committee's work over the course of the session in the year.

[01:25:58] And thank all of you as well for your great input and insights this year as well. With that, Mr. Chairman, I move that the board adopt the 2025 General Assembly final legislative report. I'm happy to second that. discussion on that. Let me ask staff first a question. First, I want to thank Supervisor Walkinshaw for all of his work and staff because this is, having chaired our legislative committee for years, I know it's a lot of work. I don't think people realize how much work goes into this and I do want to respect that. But I do have a question for staff on the report on page 152.

[01:26:37] There's House Bill 2527, which is sex offenses prohibiting proximity to children, state parks, and penalty. And nine of us who participated in the legislative committee supported that bill and asked that it be amend to include parks and parks authorities.

[01:26:54] And then after that legislative committee, nine of us on the board here voted to support that bill. Can you tell us what happened with that bill? Good morning, Jennifer Van E. That bill was left in appropriation.

[01:27:13] So, it was a funding decision made by the Senate in both cases. So, the bill got out of the House. The Senate version died in appropriations before crossover, and then the House, once crossed over, also died in appropriations. Okay.

[01:27:29] I think that's important to point out because nine of us were briefed on that, had questions about it, talked about it during legislative committee, and then supported that bill. And so, I just want to

point that out for the record. And I also want to thank Supervisor Walkinshaw for his comments about school funding because we've mentioned this in the context of our county budget, and obviously a major driver of the tax rate in Fairfax County is based on what available funding the state makes for public education, which is primarily their responsibility.

[01:28:02] And, of course, that JLARC report points out the state's negligence in that area, and we will continue to be loud about that because as our homeowners struggle with rising assessments and our school system struggles with trying to fund services, the starting point of that conversation, having a state that funds education below all of our neighboring states and most importantly below states like Kentucky and West Virginia, continues to be an embarrassment to me as a Virginian and something that I think we have to continue to remind our constituents about and certainly prepare for in the next session where hopefully more progress can be made on that front.

[01:28:41] There was a little bit of progress made, but we still got a long way to go in that category. So with that, if there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? I heard he may. Any abstentions?

[01:28:57] And that motion carries 9 to 1. Again, thank you, staff. We're glad you're back, but we know not for long, as special sessions and other things loom and in the future so thank you with that we are going to move on to board matters and as usual these have been compiled digitally and we'll go alphabetically by district following myself and vice chairman Smith and I want to start by handing the gavel over to supervisor Smith so that I can read my board matters first I move to approve Without objection, the proclamation request listed in this document to be presented inside

[01:29:37] or outside of the boardroom is appropriate, and those are a resolution jointly with Supervisor Walkinshaw and Herity to recognize Lake Braddock Gymnast's fourth straight Virginia Class 6 championship, a resolution to recognize Mark Miena's four decades of service to the Fairfax County Athletic Council, a resolution to recognize Fairfax Libraries Foundation's 30th anniversary, proclamation jointly with Supervisors Smith, Stork, and Walkinshaw to recognize Earth Day, April 22nd, and a proclamation to recognize Emergency Medical Services EMS

[01:30:11] Week, May 18th through the 24th. Without objection, it is so ordered. Thank you. My second board matter is establishing joint committees of the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board. On February 25th, the board and our board and the school board met to discuss the FY 2026 budget. Our two boards have a strong, long history of collaboration, especially around the budget. Every year, the Fairfax County Public Schools receives over half of its county general fund, which amounts to around 70% of FCPS's annual budget from our county system. Our two boards collaborate through formal committees, such as the ongoing Successful

[01:30:49] Children and Youth Policy Team and the completed Joint Environmental Task Force and Infrastructure financing committee. We also collaborate through ad hoc policy-specific efforts that result in improved services to our constituents. At last week's joint budget meeting, we discussed looking for ways to continue our collaboration to find efficiencies and savings, as well as potential opportunities to improve services. Now is the time to redouble our collaboration, particularly in light of the fiscal uncertainty being placed upon us by the actions of the federal government.

[01:31:21] Therefore, I move the Board of Supervisors establish two joint committees with the school Board. First, we establish the Joint Information Technology Committee and nominate Supervisors Walter

Alcorn and Dan Stork to represent the Board of Supervisors. And second, we establish the Joint Facility Review Committee and nominate Supervisor Walkinshaw and Vice Chair Kathy Smith to represent the Board of Supervisors. Upon passage of this board matter, I will request School Board Chairman Carl Frisch to select two school board members to serve on each of these committees. Furthermore, I ask that the county executive direct staff to draft mission statements

[01:31:58] for both committees to consider in their first meetings. Given their narrow scope, the committee shall specifically, shall be specifically limited to only identifying cost savings and efficiencies and avoid expansions of existing programs and less than expansion can be done in conjunction with a cost reduction through the utilization of shared existing resources. These committees are not expected to meet until after the completion of the 2026 budget however I should point out their recommendations will be needed in advance of the construction of the following year's budget finally I asked that skip prioritize as we discussed in our committee meeting reviewing school-age

[01:32:38] childcare program pre-k and after-school program opportunities as they continue to work on their agenda all committees joint IT committee joint facilities committee and skip shall report their findings back as I mentioned to the boards in advance of the 2027 FY 2027 budget deliberations okay well second then along with Supervisor Behrman any discussion yeah just very briefly you know we've had a number of these committees over the years the board matter mentions they've always been productive I think the smaller committee structure is helpful for us and trying to advance some recommendations

[01:33:14] for next year's budget we wanted to make sure that we had folks on these committees that in each of these committees thankfully that also has school board experience and so certainly Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Stork and Supervisor Powcheck on the skip and each of those important committees not only has great experience on this board of supervisors but also experience on the school side of the ledger as we work through these issues and then I will just mention as I mentioned at our committee meeting and as the board better acknowledges you know our schools and our staffs collaboratively work

[01:33:49] on things every single day in this county and so this is not to suggest that that doesn't happen but rather to suggest that in terms of budget construction for next year if we are specifically looking for savings this is a very targeted limited term effort that it will be on a short schedule to try to identify some potential targeted savings as we go into the following year's budget cycle and so I appreciate the willingness of my colleagues to serve on this it will be potentially time-consuming but I think more importantly rewarding as we await the final reports from the committees thank

[01:34:28] you supervisor Harrity yes I said it our joint budget school board budget committee meeting I served on the last one of these I think it's anytime you've got communications a good thing I think this is a really good thing to be moving forward with I'm happy we are again I will reach out to our information technology policy advisory committee and make sure they're looking at things because there are kind of our industry experts that they see and make sure we get that presented at the next IT committee meeting so that can feed into the school board members so I'm I'm ready to fully support this I think it

[01:35:05] makes a lot of sense and I look forward to see it move forward thank you supervisor Alcorn thank you madam vice-chair yeah I want to thank the chairman for bringing this forward I there's going to be a lot of work over the coming year that we're going to need to do staff's going to need to do board members are going to need to do because we are entering a time of economic challenges that I think we've

never seen before so this is not going to be easy it's not going to be immediate but I'm glad we're doing it so thank you mr.

[01:35:37] chairman thank you seeing no further discussion all those in favor of the motion say aye aye anyone opposed any abstention that motions carries mr. chairman thank you very much my next board item is a letter to Governor Youngkin regarding proposed agency relocations and I'm offering this jointly with Supervisor Walkinshaw the chair of our legislative committee and some of this we all know very well but it bears repeating the repose the proposed relocation of federal agencies from the national capital region poses a significant threat to Virginia's economy workforce and the operational

[01:36:13] efficiency of federal agencies. Northern Virginia, as we know, is home to over 175,000 federal employees, including thousands of contractors who depend on the stability of these agencies. More than 80,000 of those federal workers live right here in Fairfax County. Federal contract investments in Virginia exceed \$108 billion, with Fairfax County alone receiving over \$41 billion dollars in federal funding in FY 2024. The potential relocation of these agencies would have a profound negative impact on our region and our county, including job losses, economic

[01:36:52] instability, and the erosion of institutional knowledge critical to effective government operations. Furthermore, these relocations will weaken the agencies themselves, resulting in inefficiencies, delays, and a reduction in the quality of services provided to the American public. Past relocations have led to workforce attrition and operational challenges that ultimately cost taxpayers more in the long run. To be clear, our Board of Supervisors does not oppose finding efficiencies in federal spending as this is our practice that we employ here constantly. Last year's budget was approved with over \$30 million in savings and reductions,

[01:37:31] and we're currently reviewing \$60 million in proposed efficiencies and reductions in the FY2026 budget that's being considered. However, we do that with full transparency, with the community at the table, with the direct participation of impacted agencies, and with thorough analysis so that we can understand all impacts and protect our dedicated and talented workforce. Fairfax County is doing all we can to support our impacted residents. We've established a resource page and are sharing information through all communications channels. We're holding a series of committee meetings beginning on March 11th with economic development experts and private sector representatives

[01:38:11] to develop a clear understanding of the full depth of the impact. Our Economic Development Authority has enlisted third-party support to conduct a thorough economic analysis that will be presented to us. I'm using every opportunity to speak publicly in support of Fairfax County residents impacted. The Board of Supervisors urges Governor Youngkin to take immediate action and advocate against these relocations to protect Virginia's workforce and economy. To date, he has not taken a stand against these moves, despite their significant negative consequences

[01:38:47] for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Just the opposite. He has told us that this is what American voted for, that the downsizing isn't wrong, and that the cuts are painful but necessary. Therefore, I move the Board of Supervisors approve sending the attached letter to Governor Glenn Youngkin, expressing our full opposition to the proposed federal agency relocations and urging him to speak out against the Trump administration's plans due to their negative impact on Virginia's economy and on the effectiveness and efficiency of federal agencies.

[01:39:18] The letter also contains an invitation to the governor to meet with our full Board of Supervisors anytime and anywhere to further discuss this pressing issue. Seconded by Supervisors Beerman and Walkinshaw. Any discussion on the motion? Just very briefly, I appreciate my colleagues' support on this.

[01:39:37] As I mentioned the last time we met, not as thoroughly as this letter does, but this is the subject every single place we go. And you hear every single place you go a consequence of what's happening in Washington, D.C.

[01:39:53] There is no jurisdiction in the United States of America that's more impacted by this. and there's certainly no state in the United States of America more impacted than the Commonwealth of Virginia. And so when I see governors from all around the country advocating against these, even though the impact to their states is minimal in terms of the workforce and economic development component, they're advocating in large part because of the good work that's done by these agencies.

[01:40:21] It is alarming that here, the place that not only will not get the good work of these agencies, but also will feel the huge economic impact of this, that anyone could ever in our region right now or anyone who represents Virginia could ever not stand up and fight against this.

[01:40:41] And as we've said here repeatedly at this dais, this has always been the tradition of governors in Virginia of both parties. Protect your people first. Protect your Virginia economy first. And if you look at the thousands of people who are showing up at town hall meetings in our area, there's going to be a resource fair this weekend that we are co-sponsoring with Congressman Beyer.

[01:41:04] But if you look at the people who are showing up at these town meetings across the country concerned about this, and they're not nearly as impacted as we are here. And story after story from federal employees, the contractors who have come up to me and told me that they're losing jobs.

[01:41:22] There's been reports every single day of private sector contractors in Fairfax County that are shedding jobs. And these are highly specialized jobs of people who took many of these jobs, not necessarily for the money, but for the mission behind the government organization that they're working for directly or supporting.

[01:41:44] And so, as I said before, I can't think of a thing that is more a direct attack on the success, the tremendous economic success that we have experienced in Fairfax County in our lifetimes than this. And every single person at this dais and every single person who represents the Commonwealth of Virginia shouldn't be waving this on, shouldn't be sitting on the sidelines, but should be fully and completely engaged in fighting this.

[01:42:11] It's one thing to say, we're sorry you lost your job, now here's government resources that the taxpayers will pay for to support you. It's another to work to prevent the job loss in the first place. And what we don't have is proactive actions happening in Virginia to prevent these workers from losing their jobs in the first place.

[01:42:33] And so, you know, that seems to be completely lost in the story. And it's a nice thing to tell people what resources are available, but it's a whole lot nicer thing to stand up and fight for them. And as I've said repeatedly, and I will say again today, that if Fairfax County's economy suffers because of this, and we know that it already is, Virginia's economy is doomed.

[01:42:56] They're doomed if Fairfax County is failing financially. They rely so heavily on Northern Virginia that the other parts of the state whose schools we fund, whose roads we build, whose programs we support will suffer immensely if we are suffering financially in Northern Virginia.

[01:43:13] That's just pure economics of the way the Commonwealth of Virginia operates. And reporter after reporter, financial analyst after financial analyst is saying this. And we need everybody to be saying it and not just saying, but doing everything they can to fight for this. We know our governor has a very close relationship with the people behind this entire operation.

[01:43:34] And now is the time to use that relationship to protect Virginians from what is happening to them. Elon Musk sent an email out called a fork in the road. Well, this is a fork in the road opportunity. Which way do you want to go? Do you want to be afraid and support your own political ambition in the future?

[01:43:52] Or do you want to take the fork in the road that says, I'm going to protect the people who put me in office that I represent, and I'm going to stand up and fight for Virginia's economy and for the Virginians in the public and private sector who are being affected by this. And the time is now. It's not, it really was weeks ago, but it's not weeks from now. The time to act is now. And so as this board matter suggests, we invite the governor to come. We have set up special meetings to discuss this specific issue in coordination with our Economic Development Authority in coordination with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

[01:44:29] We have some meetings coming up where we are specifically setting aside time to talk about these impacts. We will invite our congressional delegation. We invite the governor, any of our statewide elected officials, including the folks who are working on Delegate Scott's initiative to look at this from a statewide level, folks who are on that committee to come and brief the board.

[01:44:53] But more importantly, hear what our statistics are. And I'll just close by sharing that the board matter also points out that there is a comprehensive economic analysis by a third party being done at the behest of the EDA. And we're hoping at that meeting on March 11th that at least some of the primary elements of that report can be shared with the board of supervisors.

[01:45:15] But this is a third-party economic analysis being done on the financial impacts to the northern Virginia area of what's happening in Washington, D.C. And so I don't know that we need a third-party report because anyone who reads any periodical will know what's going on.

[01:45:32] But it will be helpful to have that third-party report so that at least we all have the same numbers that we're working off of. And in my board matter, the numbers that were used here were largely derived through demographic research of NBRC and the EDA that has already occurred.

[01:45:48] But this is a major, major issue, and it's something that should be on all of our radars and a focus of all of us, and certainly in the next coming weeks and months as we do everything we can to fight this economic devastation. Thank you. I have Supervisor Alcorn.

[01:46:06] Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Yeah, just a couple things to add on to the chairman's comments. I think we're all hearing a lot of our constituents that are hurting on this. And there are a lot of businesses in our districts that are hurting as well.

[01:46:22] And this is something I think it's unprecedented, the assault on our economy. I don't think we've ever seen this before, ever. And I fully support the board matter.

[01:46:38] But I think we also should remind the administration and remind ourselves that the U.S. Constitution does designate the District of Columbia as the seat of government for the United States of America. And that was done as a compromise back in the day.

[01:46:59] And there was somebody who was a resident of your district that actually had a lot to do with that back in the day. You know, and that continues to be in our Constitution. So I would hope that we would continue to basically to keep the economic engine going that's powered Fairfax County, the Commonwealth, and beyond.

[01:47:23] So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I have Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. And I'll just echo the comments as well of my colleagues here and acknowledge that this issue is very, very significant. And I'll just double down on the point that as you look at the agencies, there's the contractors that spin and tail from it.

[01:47:47] So we've clearly got to be cognizant of the fact that as those agencies decide to go to other places, their contractors are going to have to be closer to them. So from an economic standpoint, we've got kind of a double whammy for losing the agencies that are in the county and in the region, but then we're also going to be losing the contractors.

[01:48:10] And I think there's a lot of jobs connected to that. They're high-paying jobs. It is a thing that makes, I think, the Commonwealth run. You think about the payroll that comes into the Commonwealth. A lot of those higher-paying jobs are in this contractor-related work.

[01:48:27] So we've got to do something here, and I appreciate this call to action, this requirement that we have, this letter sent to the governor talking about this is vital. And to the point that Supervisor Alcorn was making, there are real lives that are being impacted by the decisions that are being made right now.

[01:48:48] And in my own district, we have a fairly large percentage of my residents who are working in the contractor's base and also working for the federal government. So I know firsthand that this is causing some pain, and we've got to do what we can to try to, you know, assuage that.

[01:49:08] And for me as a person that worked in economic development and looking at the numbers, how significant our job growth and our opportunities here in Fairfax have been because of this proximity to the federal government and because of these contractors has been unparalleled.

[01:49:26] As a county, we are receiving a significant amount of investment from the federal government as well as from the contractors who are doing work. So this is something that has to be taken care of because it will cause pain not only to Fairfax County, but as the chairman said, to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[01:49:46] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Madam Chair. This is the second letter in a couple of weeks that we will have sent to Governor Youngkin. And one might ask, why are we sending letters to Governor Youngkin and not to President Trump? Obviously, President Trump isn't going to care a lot what Chairman McKay thinks or Supervisor Walkinshaw or most of us here.

[01:50:10] But if enough members of his own party, like Governor Youngkin and like you, Supervisor Herity, have the courage to stand up and speak out for their constituents, he might have to listen. And one

of the things that the letter does is it gives the governor some arguments he can make.

[01:50:28] I actually don't recommend that the governor go into the Oval Office and talk just about the negative impacts on Virginia of agency relocations. What Governor Youngkin should do is go into the Oval Office with his friend, President Trump, and tell him that we have tried agency relocations, and they have failed.

[01:50:47] In 2019, the Trump administration moved the Bureau of Land Management to Grand Junction, Colorado. It was an absolute disaster. They lost 87% of the headquarters staff. They spent huge amounts of money paying severance, relocation expenses, rehiring people who they had lost.

[01:51:10] They built out a massive new office in Grand Junction, Colorado at taxpayer expense, and it was a ghost town before COVID because they couldn't hire people. They couldn't meet the mission. They cost taxpayer dollars. Agency leadership every day of the week are or should be collaborating in person with other agencies in Washington, D.C. every single day.

[01:51:36] So this has failed. This approach has failed. And the governor should go into the Oval Office and tell the president that. And maybe this second letter will convince him to do that. But right now, Virginians need a governor who is less subservient to President Trump and spends more time serving the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[01:52:00] And he has the opportunity to do that. His voice matters in this moment. Supervisor Herity, your voice could matter in this moment. And now is the time to step up. Thank you. Supervisor Herity. I certainly have a lot of friends as a member of the government contracting industry for the last 35 40 years I've got a lot of friends that are feeling the impact that is so I understand it I get the impact I've got neighbors that are losing jobs I've got family members that are losing jobs so you know last week the governor was up here at Capital One in Tyson's Corner with our business

[01:52:39] leaders his cabinet and our economic development authorities speaking to the impacts of the government reductions and help available from the state for our residents and the businesses that are impacted he's already addressing many of these issues in fact in it I met with the EDA last week and they were very complimentary on the the assistance that they were getting for the state from the state mr. chairman you said you spoke with the governor at our last meeting and when he was in Tyson's he said he'd be absolutely open to talk to you you know anytime and I don't think we need a letter to do that I think you

[01:53:18] should just call him instead of a political grandstanding letter and I'll leave it at that madam chairman there's nothing politically grandstanding about asking our governor to stand up for our constituents and that's fundamental to the jobs that we do this letter is an open request for him to not just talk to me but come brief this whole board come to one of our committee meetings where we can get on videotape what the state is doing about this and hear from our private sector contractors of how this is impacting them because that's what needs to happen here and that's what this letter does and not only does it

[01:53:55] invite him to come here and speak with our committees the same way we're going to invite our delegation and our delegation has been very involved in this I mean I'm talking to several members of them every week they have meetings they come to NVRC they come brief our our Northern Virginia community our business community on what's happening routinely and this is an open invitation not only

to come brief our committee but we'll go to to Richmond. We'll meet with him there if we have to. This is an invitation to meet here, there, anywhere, but our full board deserves to get a briefing on this issue. And I think our

[01:54:30] constituents need to hear very clearly what the distinction between our position and the governor's position is on this. Because yes, the governor has, and we sent a letter in the day after that, the governor put out resources available to people who are losing their jobs.

[01:54:47] There's no doubt that that's being done, and we appreciate that, and we're glad that the governor is doing that. What's not being done is anything to prevent those jobs from being lost in the first place. I have not heard one word from the governor about what he is doing to prevent the job losses in the first place.

[01:55:04] And so it is time to not just be reactive and help people who have lost their jobs, but try to be proactive and help prevent the loss of those jobs in the first place. And that is very clearly what this letter is asking for. Supervisor Bierman. So back in October, we had a meeting with the Land Use Policy Committee, and it was about our office market.

[01:55:27] And I remember bringing up these plans potentially to relocate agencies. And you, Supervisor Herity, said, well, I guess somebody believes everything he reads on the Internet in an extremely sneering fashion as I brought it up.

[01:55:43] You can go watch the tape. This is very, very serious, and it demands a serious response, both from us and from the governor. It's not political grandstanding to ask the governor to stick up for his constituents.

[01:55:59] It's the opposite of political grandstanding. Political grandstanding is to sit back there and sneer at somebody when they talk about the effects on our county and when they talk about the effects on our commonwealth. So I fully support this letter. I'm glad to hear that Governor Youngkin is keeping an open line for Chairman McKay, for the rest of us.

[01:56:22] I would love to have a collaboration in which we can talk about the negative impacts on the Commonwealth and the negative impacts of how this is being done. And I want to emphasize something very important in the board matter and otherwise. There is no one up here, no one, who doesn't support having a more efficient and effective government.

[01:56:46] There's no one up here who doesn't support trying to find ways to save taxpayer dollars. What we are seeing across the river isn't that. It's not. It's a fraud. It's a complete fraud. These indiscriminate cuts, the fact that we have a tally of various agency savings that changes every single day because they realize that they read something wrong, it is a fraud what is happening across the river.

[01:57:19] I'm all for efficiency. In fact, in fact, we saw what happened when there was bipartisan work on government efficiency in the 90s, when there were recommendations made for Congress to pass laws. We saw actually the shrinking of the federal government to some degree over eight years. It was a process. It followed the Constitution. It followed our constitutional structure. It wasn't what we

[01:57:55] we are seeing today. And speaking out against it isn't political grandstanding. It is an obligation. So I really, really hope that our governor rises to the occasion. I think he can. I think that we

will all see the negative effects on our economy if he doesn't. And when he does, I'll be the first one clapping in the front row. Thank you. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. I think the

[01:58:31] letter is important. I think it's essential that we remind kind of all of us, really, but the governor in particular, how really concerned, and I would say even somewhat fearful, because we recognize we don't know what we don't know. And what we do know so far is it's hard to understand.

[01:58:52] And particularly, this is kind of where I go with the conversation, as Governor Youngkin was a very successful business leader for decades. And I can't imagine that this is the approach that he took in his business about how to get something done. And because it's incredibly expensive, I personally believe that over the next year or two, we'll have spent more money rather than any whatever savings we might generate. But in particular, I'm really looking for Governor Yonkin's leadership, not only with his business experience and knowledge and kind of sense

[01:59:32] of what you reasonably would do or not do, but even most importantly, his leadership, his representation of all of us, and ensuring that he has an obligation, we have an obligation, that's kind of the emotion, that's really what you're hearing, to ensure that our community is not incredibly harmed by these actions.

[01:59:53] And we're on a path right now that I think really has that. And specifically, if you look at a map of where the federal employees are, and I thankfully received that from one of the members of the board here, the biggest impact, the biggest, the highest percentage number by zip code of federal employees is in the Mount Vernon District, it's in the Franconia District, and it's in the Springfield District.

[02:00:21] And, yes, there's other impacts throughout Fairfax County, but the heaviest concentrations are in those areas, and the heaviest impact absolutely will be in those areas. And as we all know, we don't know what we don't know. Again, we know where federal employees are.

[02:00:37] We don't necessarily know where all the contractors are. But we need a governor to be representing not only the state of Virginia, because the impact of Virginia is going to be huge, but especially someone who's a resident of Northern Virginia and I think should know better than any of us what that impact and how serious it's going to be.

[02:00:58] And we need his leadership to have those conversations and to ensure, whether it's done publicly or privately, but most assuredly kind of giving us a sense that he is, in fact, going to be working hard to minimize those impacts on Northern Virginia.

[02:01:16] Right now, it's not obvious to me. I'm looking for that, and I think this letter is a way of reminding him and others how important it is that we get that leadership. So with that, I'm going to be supporting this. Thank you. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion say aye.

[02:01:32] Aye. Anyone opposed? Apparently, nay. Any abstentions? That motion carries, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Vice Chair Smith. And next up on board matters is you. No board matters. Thank you very much. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:01:48] I have two board matters and one announcement. First is a joint board matter with you with Supervisor Jimenez, Stork, and Alcorn. Twice a year, Mr. Chairman, billions of birds, billions, migrate hundreds of miles between wintering and breeding grounds, facing a lot of threats along the way.

[02:02:06] Scientists have found that most of those birds migrate at night using the stars to navigate. In northern Virginia, 100 to 160 million birds migrate each spring and fall. Unfortunately, the bright lights on tall buildings and sky glow attract them, leading to window collisions or exhaustion from circling illuminated structures.

[02:02:28] At dawn, they face a different set of urban threats. North America's migratory bird population has declined by \$2.9 billion in 50 years, a 30% drop. Fairfax County lies along the East Coast Flyway, essentially a superhighway for migrating birds, which is one of four bird migration routes in the U.S., making our action at the local level critical.

[02:02:56] Several organizations, including the Northern Virginia Bird Alliance, Nature Forward, and Friends of Huntley Meadows have partnered with Dark Sky Nova to launch the Turn Lights Out for Birds campaign. Running from March 15th to May 31st, it urges residents and businesses to reduce unnecessary nighttime lighting.

[02:03:15] Research on a Chicago high-rise found that this simple step reduced bird deaths by 80% while cutting energy use and costs. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors support the Northern Virginia Bird Alliances, turn lights out for birds spring campaign by directing the Office of Public Affairs to promote it before migration season begins on March 15th.

[02:03:39] Additionally, I move that the county executive identify county facilities where nighttime lighting could be reduced or eliminated during spring migration in consultation with Fairfax County wildlife experts. So moved. And I'm happy to second that. Discussion on the motion?

[02:03:55] Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next is a joint board matter with you with Supervisor Jimenez, Stork, and Bierman, recognizing March 9th through 15th as Flood Awareness Week.

[02:04:14] Flooding, which is exacerbated by inclement weather and climate change, remains one of the most common and costly natural disasters in the United States. As climate change increasingly impacts communities worldwide, its effects are being felt right here in Fairfax County. Bordered on the east by the Potomac River and retaining many streams and creeks within our borders, Fairfax County is susceptible to both major tidal and event flooding.

[02:04:40] Every year, the Commonwealth promotes Flood Awareness Week in March before the spring rains and upcoming hurricane season. During this week, we inform residents and business owners about the risks of flooding and the importance of checking whether their properties are located in floodplains. Residents are also encouraged to obtain flood insurance and heed weather and flood warnings.

[02:05:02] Throughout the year, our Department of Public Works and Environmental Services responds to service requests, implements major stormwater projects such as the Tucker Avenue Stormwater Improvement Project in the Drainesville District to mitigate structural flooding. The department also provides residents with vital information and tools via our web pages, social media, and media coverage.

[02:05:24] The county also works with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to offer grant funding through the new Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, which helps protect properties from flood damage. Additionally, the district provides on-site assistance to residents and business owners to help them reduce the negative impacts of moderate to heavy rainstorms.

[02:05:44] These programs, along with the implementation of our award-winning, resilient Fairfax plan by the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination, are helping the county adapt to more extreme weather events. When severe weather strikes, Fairfax County agencies launch a coordinated response involving the fire and police departments, public works and environmental services, and the Department of Emergency Management and Security.

[02:06:10] In alignment with our One Fairfax policy, the county strives to ensure equitable outcomes for all with particular attention to marginalized populations and underserved communities. Mr. Chairman, I move that the board direct the Office of Public Affairs to draft a proclamation.

[02:06:25] I'll ask without objection that the board direct the Office of Public Affairs to draft a proclamation recognizing March 9th through 15th as Flood Awareness Week for presentation outside the boardroom and to publicize the event through its communication channels. And without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Walshenshaw.

[02:06:43] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last but not least, excited to introduce the newest member of the Braddock District team, our new staff aide, Alejandra Caballero. Alejandra is originally from Mexico. She relocated to the U.S. in 1984, and she's lived in northern Virginia since 1990.

[02:07:01] She worked in human services for Fairfax County from 2006 to 2017, so she has a lot of experience already in the county. and with the school system until 2021. She became a first aid CPR AED instructor, which is, you know, in case we have any emergencies in the office ready to go, certified by the Red Cross in 2019.

[02:07:24] She's taught classes at Dharal Hijra and Falls Church and other locations around the county. She is deeply devoted to her family, her son, two granddaughters, and her dog. She's been a committed philanthropists supporting underprivileged children and families since 1998, including impoverished families in Mexico and other Latin American countries. In her free time, she finds comfort relaxing near clear, calm water or in a hammock. She also serves as a volunteer Spanish interpreter for her church during Sunday services, and she's very excited to be part of the Braddock District team, and we are excited to have her. So join me in welcoming Alejandra.

[02:08:03] And that's it, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Thank you very much. And next up is Supervisor Beerman. No board matters, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Beerman. Supervisor Lusk.

[02:08:18] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one board matter and one announcement. The board matter is to acknowledge the community service of Renee Grebe to the Environmental Quality Advisory Council. Renee stepped down from EQUAC in November of 2024 after serving since 2016.

[02:08:36] She has been a passionate advocate for environmental conservation initiatives and a force behind the installation of pollinators in the community. I'm certain that she will continue to advocate for restoring and protecting the environmental resources of Fairfax County.

[02:08:51] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move without objection that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation to recognize Renee Grebe for her dedicated service to the Franconia District community, the Environmental Quality Advisory Council, and Fairfax County.

[02:09:08] This proclamation is to be presented either within or outside the boardroom. And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next, I would like to announce that later today I will be making a motion to cancel the 4 p.m. public hearing on the acquisition of certain land rights necessary for the construction of Cinderbad Road Bikeway and remove the matter from the Board of Supervisors' public hearing agenda as staff has confirmed all the land rights involved in the phase, in this particular phase, have now been acquired by the Land Acquisition Division.

[02:09:48] I know that there are a number of public members who are signed up to testify on this matter, and I would encourage those individuals to reach out to my office for their thoughts and comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lust. anything else? That concludes my board matters. Thank you. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. I have one board matter, and this is a joint one with Chairman McKay, Supervisor Palchuk, and Supervisor Herity. It's to designate May as Older Americans Month and Adult Abuse

[02:10:21] Prevention Month. So May is Older Adults Month, and this year's theme, Flip the Script on Aging, challenges us to change the way we think about and we talk about getting older as we as well as confront stereotypes and incorrect ideas about aging. So during this month we honor the contributions of older adults, explore many opportunities for staying active and engaged as we age, and highlight the opportunities for purpose, discovery, and connection that come with aging. Fairfax County has prioritized the ability for our residents to age in place and through

[02:11:00] the implementation of our Shape the Future of Aging plan, we provide resources both to protect those who are vulnerable and to connect and engage older adults. These include community events, volunteer opportunities, and a wide variety of services to help older adults learn, connect, and thrive in Fairfax County. May is also Adult Abuse Prevention Month, which recognizes that vulnerable adults may need protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation and scams, as has been discussed earlier.

[02:11:33] By observing these two recognitions, we have an opportunity to celebrate the strength of older adults and the aging network in Fairfax County, ensure residents have a supportive environment where they can age well and be engaged in their communities for as long as possible and have supports that protect those who may not be able to protect themselves.

[02:11:55] Therefore, Madam Vice Chairman, I would ask without objection that we designate May as Older Americans and Adults Adult Abuse Prevention Month in Fairfax County and request that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation to be presented inside the boardroom on April 22nd.

[02:12:17] Without objection, it is so ordered. Thank you, and that's all I got. Thank you very much, Supervisor Alcor. Next up is Supervisor Menas. Thank you, Supervisor Menas. Supervisor Stork.

[02:12:34] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first matter is the Alternative Dispute Resolution, ADR, refers to several processes, tools, and techniques used to manage and resolve conflict. ADR is an alternative to traditional adversarial processes and helps disputing parties reach mutually agreeable outcomes that consider the needs of all involved and minimized costs while improving communication and morale.

[02:12:59] ADR is utilized in various ways throughout Fairfax County, including ADR programs which support effective and efficient government by supporting employees in navigating high levels of stress,

communicating effectively, and strengthening workplace relationships. Fairfax County historically celebrates March as ADR month, and each year chooses a leader in this field to receive recognition.

[02:13:20] This year, Fairfax County recognizes the Northern League Long-Term Care, or LTC, Ombudsman Program, a critical service offered through the Adult and Aging Division provided by the Fairfax County Department of Family Services. The LTC Ombudsman Program, driven by staff and volunteers, provides support to consumers of long-term care services connected with 149 facilities across Northern Virginia.

[02:13:46] Through a combination of community outreach, education, and delivery of free and confidential services focused on the skills of negotiation, counseling, and investigation, the program empowers consumers of long-term care services to proactively resolve issues, complaints, thereby working tirelessly to enhance their quality of life.

[02:14:06] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, without objection, I ask that we recognize March as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month in Fairfax County and that a proclamation be presented to the Department of Family Services inside the boardroom on March 18th in honor of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Bierman.

[02:14:26] Discussion on the motion? We'll vote on it. Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My next item is the 50th anniversary of the Lorton Community Action Center.

[02:14:45] This is jointly with yourself. For the past 50 years, the Lorton Community Action Center has been a pillar of support for residents in need. Founded in 1975 by Christine Herbstreet, as the Lorton Community Information Center, or LCAC, was born out of a simple but powerful idea, to help clothe and feed local children in need.

[02:15:06] What started as a small community initiative has grown into a lifeline for thousands of residents and families, offering food assistance, educational programs, emergency financial aid, and much more. Everywhere you go in Lorton, LCAC is intertwined in the fabric of our community.

[02:15:22] While LCAC has evolved over the decades, its mission has remained the same, to create a better quality of life for those living in the Lorton area. The county has had a long-standing relationship with LCAC by helping to collect donations, volunteering, and growing their organization. In 2022, LCAC moved from its small house next to the previous Lorton Library to a permanent spot in our beautiful Lorton Community Center and Library.

[02:15:47] Bringing LCAC into our county spaces ensures that it is able to support more residents, ensure that no one is left behind. LCAC is taking this milestone year to reflect on its history, share stories from the past five decades, and honor the countless volunteers, donors, and staff who have made its work possible.

[02:16:06] Community members are encouraged to share their experiences and memories through LCAC's Google Form to help capture its lasting impact on Lorton. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask with unanimous consent that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation to be signed by the sponsors of this board matter and to be presented to the Lorton Community Action Center outside the boardroom in recognition of the 50 incredible years of service and support for our residents.

[02:16:36] And without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My third item is also with you, and this is probably more personal to you than it is even to me, but I'm happy to present this for both of us. For 60 years, Woodlawn Little League has been a cornerstone of our community, providing children with opportunities to develop teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship through baseball and softball.

[02:17:01] Since its founding in 1965, WLL has helped shape the lives of thousands of young athletes, creating lasting friendships and instilling values that extend far beyond the game. WLL brings together families and players who later return as coaches, mentors, volunteers, and lifelong supporters.

[02:17:20] Sitting in this boardroom today are several Fairfax County staff members who grew up playing with WLL, some of whom now watch their own children take the field or help volunteer to flip burgers at the concession stand. Just this past fall, WLL celebrated a major milestone, and frankly a long and hopeful milestone, with the ribbon-cutting of a brand-new restroom, concessions, and storage building at McNaughton Field, a much-needed improvement that will serve players and families for years to come.

[02:17:50] As they mark 60 incredible years, WLL is inviting past and present players, families, and community members to join them for a special 60th anniversary opening ceremony on Saturday, March 29th, from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. at McNaughton Field.

[02:18:06] The celebration will be a chance to connect remnants about the championship seasons and honor the league's rich history. WLL is also collecting photos and stories from past players to help commemorate this occasion. Reach out to the WLL president to share your memories and let them know you are planning to attend the celebration.

[02:18:26] As we recognize this significant achievement, it is important to celebrate the countless players, coaches, families, and volunteers who have built and sustained Woodlawn Little League over the years. The dedication has ensured that generations of children continue to have a place to grow, compete, and thrive.

[02:18:42] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask with unanimous consent the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation to be signed by the sponsors of this board matter and be presented to Woodlawn Little League outside the boardroom at their 60th anniversary celebration in recognition of the many contributions and for the 60 years of excellence in our community.

[02:19:02] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Stork, thank you for bringing this up. I have pulled out a lot of old photos of teams that I played on and sent them in and was recalling a past story that I'll admit publicly.

[02:19:19] One year on opening day, when we had our pristine, clean uniforms on, before our game and before the photos were taken, we decided to roam over into the marshland next to the fields and quickly sunk very quickly and came out like we had already played 10 games for our opening day photo. Our white pants were brown and we got in a lot of trouble. And I remember it well, but I bring that up because what one of the things that is not in this board matter that I think we all know and appreciate is we want to thank Fort Belvoir for their partnership with this because

[02:19:55] these are fields that were on Fort Belvoir property. And for a long time, as the expansion happened at Fort Belvoir and Woodlawn Village was expanding, there was a threat that these fields would be taken away because they were not ours. They're not Park Authority fields at the time. And when we

went out there to celebrate the reopening of the McNaughton fields, not only is this venue a hundred times better than it was when I was a kid growing up. But there's a guarantee that it's going to be there for future generations, and I think that is huge. And so I will provide

[02:20:32] some comical photos from the old times for this event. I'm really looking forward to being there because there are a lot of stories to be told and a lot of tenacity and drive by a lot of volunteers to not only make sure this league would survive possible loss of their fields, but continue to thrive and has served tens of thousands of youth over the years.

[02:20:53] And so it's a real community treasure. And if anything, it's far more active today than it was back in my day. And I think that's a tribute to many of the volunteers that are involved there, the coaches. I remember going back and coaching as a volunteer coach there, too.

[02:21:09] And it's a family, the people who are involved there. And I really appreciate you bringing this forward, Supervisor Stork, and look forward to celebrating 60 years and hoping they have another 60 years of success at that very location because it's a beautiful facility.

[02:21:24] It's about community, and this is an amazing community that's thrived for 60 years. Indeed. We have a nice flyer that goes with that, and clearly baseball as a national pastime is intertwined with our community and really the society as well.

[02:21:42] So thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two verbal matters I need to mention. First off, I didn't get this in last week. Last meeting, I meant to do that. We had an amazing town meeting a couple weeks ago, and I have to really, again, thank Channel 16.

[02:22:00] They do an amazing job. Rebecca, you have an amazing team. I know you know that, but when you work with them, you even see it and feel it even more, particularly Abby Sinayoko, Patrick Potts, Balsamo, Rebecca Makeley, Anteam, Chairman McKay, the CEX, Bryant, as well as many county agencies were there to support our exhibit hall.

[02:22:22] We had over 300 participants, and this one in particular was important because of the many federal workers who came to hear Congressman Byron Connolly and really the level of concern that we've really talked more about today. And frankly, their reassurance about their advocacy on behalf of our federal employees as well as our community members, that they're doing everything they can to protect them and to provide opportunities for them to continue serving all of us.

[02:22:49] And then the second item is we had two also incredible virtual budget town hall meetings over the past two weeks. I want to thank particularly Joe LaHate, Katie Hartzman, Brian Hill, Phil Hagen. Also, Jay Doshi attended.

[02:23:06] Mateo Dunn did a great job as a school board member of Mount Vernon, as well as the FCPS staff that we're presenting. Again, we had over 100 residents attending, and the meetings were in partnership with the South County Federation for the first one, and the second one was with the Mount Vernon Council. So very involved.

[02:23:23] Obviously, we're all deeply concerned about this budget and the challenges that it represents for us. And then the last item I wanted to mention is that, and Chair McKay alluded to it and identified it as part of the letter, but we've been working together to put together an economic initiatives committee agenda that's really appropriate and very connected to the times that we're in, which is how do we first off

understand what all the changes that are happening with federal employees what are the facts if you will versus the just the concerns and question marks and there's so much that we don't know but we're going to try to answer a few more of those questions on March 11th at the

[02:24:02] Economic Initiatives Committee meeting it'll be at 11 o'clock we'll have presentations from if you will the intelligence team had our EDA as well as we have our own EDI staff that will be part of that and we just make sure that I want to make sure that everybody here is aware of it.

[02:24:20] You're welcome to tune in, but more importantly, the intent of that is for the board to better understand what we're facing, frankly, what our residents are facing, and we'll continue to drill down on facts, if you will, and continue to drill down on how do we respond to those facts, and then how do we make a difference in the lives of our residents in really such a difficult time.

[02:24:40] So thank you. Thank you very much, Supervisor Stork, and next up is Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have three written board matters. The first one is an authorization for concurrent processing for the Tysons Fire Station No. 29 and Transit Facility.

[02:24:59] Members of the board, the new Tysons Fire Station No. 29 and Transit Facility is proposed to be constructed on the existing site of the Tysons Bus Transit Facility. A 4.2-acre parcel currently zoned C3 I-4 located at 8300 Jones Branch Drive in McLean.

[02:25:17] Tax Map 29-I 14A. The existing transit facility will be rebuilt on the same site and co-located with the new fire station. The current Tyson's Fire Station No. 29 is located on a 2.58-acre parcel at 1560 Spring Hill Road in McLean. Tax Map 29-3 157B. The existing facility and systems are well beyond the end of their life cycle and no longer meet the current and future operational needs of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. The existing fire station will remain

[02:25:56] operational throughout construction of the new station. The project will be phased also to allow the existing transit facility to remain operational throughout the construction. The project is listed in the Public Safety and Court Facility section of the FY 2025-2029 Adopted Capital Improvement program with future fiscal years to 2034 the department of public works and environmental services dpws is currently working on the construction plans for the new tyson's fire station number 29 and bus transit center facilities for this project to proceed on

[02:26:33] schedule it will be necessary to concurrently process and review the site and building plan applications to implement the proposed facilities and improvements while the proffer condition amendment pca application is being processed therefore i move that the board of supervisors direct the director of the department of land development services and staff to expedite and concurrently process the rezoning and site plan architectural drawings building permits and or plans and permits as may be necessary to implement the improvements proposed to facilitate the

[02:27:07] construction of the new facilities and to designate staff from dpwes to act on behalf of the board as its representative agent to file and process these applications with the department of planning and zoning and land development services this motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation for a potential plan amendment or any subsequent rezoning or other application and does not relieve the applicant from complying with all regulations ordinances or adopted standards and will not prejudice the consideration of this application in any way you've heard the

[02:27:41] motion the chair will second that discussion on the motion I want to thank the staff this has been multiple years of work by several agencies as you have heard and I appreciate our expediting it because it is a much better project than was when it was first proposed from working listening to the community going out and getting feedback from fire from transportation from all the agencies who've been involved in this I just had the the latest briefing from staff they've reached out to the neighboring jurisdictions of any others

[02:28:18] want a briefing they're more than happy to share where the application is at this moment but it will be coming forward to the board and to that just has been many many hours I started before this board was at the dais and I think if you haven't had a chance to look at it. Co-location, creative urban use, improvement of the facility, of the stormwater, of the pedestrian bike connections, there's a lot on this site and they've been able, I think, to work through a lot of issues over the past three years. So I appreciate my colleagues

[02:28:56] in supporting the concurrent processing of this application. Thank you, Supervisor Paucek. Any further discussions? Supervisor Haridi. Yeah, I'm gonna support this much like I did the Dunloring school application because I think we can get it through the process but I'm hoping we we take a good look at whether with the budget constraints that we've got today and we've got that we're looking at over the next several years as we've been talking about at length this morning we're we've got a brand new police station that we're not able to fill we've got a budget that's got removing ambulances and making cuts to the fire

[02:29:34] Department and you've seen the cut list or the reductions list I'm sorry the proposed reductions list just to be clear I just I just hope we take a second look at this to make sure that we need to do it in the near future but I completely support doing the land-use process to get it through so that it's there when we're ready to move forward with it because it probably needs to be ready to be moved forward but as it's it's a different day we're gonna need to take a look at some of these things again I'm supervisor stork and I are sitting on an empty police station and I don't want to see that happen mr.

[02:30:11] Harrity just to clarify this is not adding new staffing this is a very very outdated station it's an RC IP it is a I think use of more efficient use of land in the collocation so definitely creating efficiencies for the future and you know it's needed just I think we've heard from our community we need fire stations I hope you will be supporting this moving forward I'm not just here because this is a very old station happy to invite you to take a look at it if

[02:30:45] you haven't I will um no new equipment no new equipment okay that's not part of this you're welcome to ask separately I don't believe so but I thank you I was just yeah it's moving an old station yep yeah and to be clear what we're doing is authorizing the concurrent processing of an application that has yet to be approved and a construction of a new fire station that has yet to be approved as well and so we'll stay focused on the actual motion that we have in front of us all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries Supervisor

[02:31:23] Palchuk thank you mr. chairman the next one to me is also very critical at this time when we discuss the need for housing and our investments in our community and housing in our community. It is recognizing April 21 to 25 as Community Development Week in Fairfax County. Members of the board, the National Community Development Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the profound impact of federal community development funds on neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County.

[02:31:51] The Community Development Block Grant, CDBG, and the Home Investment Partnerships Program are supported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD. They provide vital funding for neighborhood improvements, economic revitalization, affordable housing, and essential infrastructure and services for our most vulnerable communities.

[02:32:13] An estimated \$8 million in funding supports initiatives such as the renovation and expansion of the Little River Glen community for older adults. It also supports nonprofit organizations like Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, which recently acquired its 100th affordable housing unit.

[02:32:32] This funding also supports a wide variety of community services provided by our nonprofit partners and provides rental assistance to dozens of households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. At a time when American families are spending over 30 percent of their income on housing, this is especially necessary to support families needing a place to live.

[02:32:53] National Community Development Week was established to highlight the positive influence of these funds and to reinforce the importance of these programs. This is especially important as we hear about large potential reductions at HUD, including in the office that oversees CDBG and HOME.

[02:33:11] These funds make a difference every day in the lives of residents of Fairfax County, and this week also gives us a chance to focus on how our federal resources help us create communities where all residents have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

[02:33:27] Therefore, I will move that the Board approve a proclamation declaring the week of April 21 to 25 as Community Development Week in Fairfax County. The proclamation will be presented during our meeting on March 18, 2025. And without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Palchuk.

[02:33:46] Thank you, Mr. Chamberlain. The final is a joint floor matter with Supervisor Lusk. Request to designate April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Members of the board, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, remains one of our nation's most pressing public health concerns, often resulting in long-term psychological, emotional, and physical impact.

[02:34:07] Prevention and early intervention are essential to reducing child abuse and neglect, And Fairfax County remains committed to prevention and early intervention of childhood trauma by supporting children and families. Through the dedicated efforts of the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, other human services agencies, Fairfax County public schools, and community partners, we continue working to strengthen families and create self-healthy childhoods, building a strong and thriving community.

[02:34:35] The Federal Administration for Children and Families reports that in FY23, nearly 3.1 million children nationwide were involved with Child Protective Services. Here in Virginia, more than 53,000 children were involved in CPS and FY24, including over 3,700 children here in Fairfax County.

[02:34:54] These numbers highlight our collective responsibility to ensure that every child in our community grows up in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment. April is the time to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse. Active and aware community members can make a life-changing difference by asking questions, offering support, and connecting families with resources.

[02:35:17] Adverse childhood experiences have lasting health effects, but the trauma of child abuse and neglect is preventable. We encourage residents, community agencies, faith groups, and businesses to renew their commitment to protecting children, strengthening families, and promoting resilience and well-being.

[02:35:34] Without objection, we move that the board designate April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Fairfax County and present a proclamation to the Fairfax County Department of Family Services at the board meeting on April 22nd, 2025. And without objection, that is so ordered.

[02:35:52] Supervisor Palchuk. That is all of my written board matters, Mr. Chairman. I did want to highlight that in recognition of Women's History Month, there is a brand-new initiative happening in the Providence District this Saturday, and you're all welcome to join.

[02:36:11] The She Rocks Foundation, which empowers women through culture, music, and innovation, is putting on an incredible concert kicked off by GMU and then followed by musicians from all over the world. I think many of us know the Ship Garden is hosting this event.

[02:36:31] I will be there, and Sheriff Kincaid is also planning to attend. And those of you, I know many of you love music, love community. And love places where you can bring your kids and your dogs to the same location to celebrate.

[02:36:47] It will be happening from starting at noon. There are, I believe the entrance is free. And I hope to see you all there for this inaugural event called the She Rock, for the She Rock Foundation. It is called the International Women's Day She Rocks Music and Arts Festival.

[02:37:06] And that is all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Palachuk. And finally, Supervisor Herity, I have none listed on this, but do you have board matters? Yeah, I have one board matter that was distributed earlier today and sent by email. Fairfax, this is on Fairfax County's locker room and bathroom use policy.

[02:37:27] Mr. Chairman, on July 1, 2020, without board review or approval, the Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs issued memorandum number 39-08 entitled employment policies related to facilities access for transgendered workers which states that quote all persons shall have access to the facilities corresponding to their janitor identity end quote the policy goes on further to state quote no individual shall be asked to provide any medical or legal documentation of their gender identity in order to have access to gender-appropriate restrooms sleeping quarters locker rooms or changing

[02:38:04] facilities. End quote. The park authority references the need to comply with this county policy for their written and operating procedures concerning restrooms and locker room use. Interestingly, the park authority has always had a policy that requires children over seven to use the appropriate locker rooms or alternatively the family restroom for the comfort of their patrons. Over the last several weeks, there have been numerous media and police reports of an individual that exposed himself in high schools, recreation centers, and a private fitness center in both Arlington and Fairfax County. This biological male, who identifies as female,

[02:38:44] except on the sex offender registry, where he's identified as male, used the current county and park policies to repeatedly enter women's locker rooms and restrooms in the county. In the case of Fairfax County Park facilities, this individual was allowed to repeatedly access the restrooms despite reports of patrons complaining that the individual was exposing male body parts in the women's locker room.

Patrons were told to use the family restroom if they were uncomfortable with a naked man in the women's restroom. It turns out this individual was a tier

[02:39:21] three registered sex offender. Prior to and when finally confronted by police, he cited the county policies for allowing him to enter the women's locker room. I've had a lot of difficult conversations with neighbors over the federal cuts and a whole bunch of stuff over the last couple of weeks, but one of the more difficult ones that I had was with the grandmother of one of the young girls that encountered this individual. An 11-year-old shared with me that she's still traumatized by the incident. Her granddaughter had her run into a bathroom stall and lock herself in until she

[02:40:00] felt it was safe to run out of the restroom. I also spoke to the father who wasn't as understanding. He was a little more on the angry side. He summed it up by saying it's simple. Do you want grown naked men alone in locker rooms with young girls and women? It either stands or it doesn't. This isn't the first time the region has dealt with issues with men entering the women's bathroom or locker room. We are all familiar with the incidents in Loudoun County schools where a young woman was assaulted in a woman's locker room by a man wearing a skirt.

[02:40:35] In Fairfax County, this behavior and trauma it calls women and young girls was allowed to continue for weeks, and it was only stopped because he was ultimately identified as a Tier 3 sex offender. Had he not been a registered sex offender, this behavior would still be allowed to continue.

[02:40:53] No woman or young girl should have to be traumatized by this activity, and this policy needs to be reviewed and revised. When the safety of children is put at risk in the name of trying to protect the rights of another segment of the population, then the pendulum has swung too far and we must find a better solution.

[02:41:13] There are gender-neutral restrooms available to meet the needs of transgendered persons without discriminating against the rights of the majority of our residents. Other jurisdictions are reviewing their policies and I believe it's past time to review ours.

[02:41:28] The current policy is an invitation for incidents like this to continue to occur in the future, and one more incident, frankly, is too many. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, a simple motion that we have that policy be added to an agenda at the appropriate subcommittee for discussion and possible amendments that will protect young women and girls from these type of incidents in the future.

[02:41:52] So moved. You've heard the motion, and it dies for a lack of a second. Supervisor Herity. Just a little a little surprise there, but I will turn to a positive note. I'm having my teen job fair this Saturday the first of two it'll be at West Springfield High School from 11:00 to 1:00 at West Springfield High School and That concludes my board matters. Thank you very much. And before we turn to the county executive items. I will say I

[02:42:31] Believe that this motion first week. We got this at the start of the board meeting your your board matter We didn't see that until this morning, and there's a number of things in here that are incorrect, not the least of which is we don't have subcommittees.

[02:42:46] But I do want to point out that there has been a new policy that was created. You may not know about this. Oh, I do. But it's December 6th of 2024, and so I will be putting out more information in my newsletter. And as we discussed earlier, there was a House bill, House Bill 2527, that would have

dramatically helped with this, But you weren't at Legislative Committee, and then you voted against it when we adopted our legislative program.

[02:43:09] So hopefully there will also be— I didn't vote against the specific bill, Mr. Chairman, and you know that. I voted against the package. Okay. Well, we had a discussion— So, you know— We had a discussion about it in close—in Legislative Committee, and you were not there. And so you didn't get the benefit of hearing some of the conversation.

[02:43:25] But you just said I voted against that specific bill, which is not true. Well, okay. Thank you for sending the board matter out five minutes before the start of today's meeting for an incident that happened in November. I do want to say I will, like I said. Mr. Chairman, you don't have the floor, Supervisor Harry.

[02:43:41] I had my aunt's funeral yesterday. Supervisor Harry, you don't have the floor. And so I look forward to making sure we put out additional information on this, as I will be, including some of the actions that the park authority has taken since the incident that occurred in November.

[02:43:57] With that, we are going to move on to our admin items. And let me turn to Supervisor Smith. Do you have a motion for admin items 1 through 5? I move approval of admin items 1 through 5. Second. Chair, we'll second that along with Supervisor Bierman and Supervisor Palczyk.

[02:44:14] Are there any items board members would like pulled for separate discussion or any item that board members would like to ask questions on? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of admin items 1 through 5, please say aye. Aye. any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and we now will move on to action items and action item number one is designation of the agape chantilly house site as a revitalization area in the sully district supervisor smith i move approval we got one meeting going on

[02:44:51] supervisor smith i move approval of the county executive's recommendation you've heard the motion i'm happy to second that along with supervisor lusk any discussion on the motion Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action item one, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number two, authorization to amend Fairfax County's one-year action plan for FY 2025. Supervisor Palchik.

[02:45:20] Mr. Chairman, I move the county executive's recommendation. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that along with Supervisor Lusk. Discussion on the motion. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Herity. Yes, first of all, I want to thank the county executive for doing the pay down.

[02:45:38] That I think is an outstanding, fiscally responsible idea. The question for staff, and it can come back later, are we taking a look at the potential for using these CBDG funds, especially the ones that have been freed up at renovating our rec centers?

[02:45:57] I know we've got a big backlog there, and I know that's one of the things you can use CDBG funds for. I'd just like to see if that's in consideration. I can come back in a budget question as an answer to a budget question. Let me ask if we have anyone from staff that wants to answer that now.

[02:46:15] If not, we can do it in writing. Mr. Chairman, Tom Fleetwood with the Department of Housing and Community Development. We certainly can come back in a Q&A with a more fulsome answer. As the board is aware, there is a significant process in terms of determining priorities, et cetera, for the expenditure of our federal funds and heretofore for the renovation of a rec center.

[02:46:44] We've not, that choice has not been made. As the board is aware, we have, however, used CDBG funds for the renovation of some of our community centers, including most recently and notably the High Blue Valley Community Center. so we can certainly respond in a more fulsome manner in the Q&A process.

[02:47:03] Thank you, Mr. Fleetwood. Any other questions or discussion on Action Item 2? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action Item Number 3 is acceptance of the 2025 countywide site-specific amendment nomination.

[02:47:21] Supervisor Smith. I have a few comments to make, then I have a motion and a follow-on motion. Mr. Chairman, the site-specific plan amendment nomination period took place recently from January 13 through February 13, and we received 53 nominations, as shown in Attachment 1 of the board item. Since that time, two nominations have been withdrawn, resulting in 51 active nominations. Staff have reviewed the nominations for eligibility and to ensure all the required submission items have been provided to facilitate the review during the ssipa screening process of

[02:48:00] the 51 nominations four were deemed ineligible these nominations either have an ongoing planning study associated with the subject property or were the subject of a plan amendment adopted after february 13 2023 and per the 2025 ssipa nominator guide are ineligible today's action by the board is to accept or reject the nominations that will proceed into screening following this action staff will review the nominations and conduct community engagement and with the planning commission will recommend which nominations should be advanced to the comprehensive plan amendment work program

[02:48:38] as formal plan amendments based on discussions with each board member staff has compiled a list of nominations that board members have expressed interest in accepting this list entitled the march 4-2025 proposed list of nominations has been circulated to each board member and to the clerk of the board. This list includes one ineligible nomination, CPN-2025-Roman numeral 1-MA-023 in the Mason District, which was subject to an adopted plan amendment on November 21, 2023. Acceptance

[02:49:18] this nomination is being considered to evaluate the need for additional flexibility in the plan options with that said i will put forward a motion to accept the march 4 2025 proposed list of nominations therefore mr chairman i move to the board of supervisors accept the nomination shown on the march 4 2025 proposed list of nominations into the 2025 ssipa screening process second that along with Supervisor Palchek, Supervisor Alcorn.

[02:49:50] Discussion on the motion, a lot of discussion on the motion. Let me start with Supervisor Herity. No, I just want to thank Supervisor Smith for taking my call late yesterday afternoon on the way back from my aunt's funeral and including the second motion on the Springfield District.

[02:50:07] That's an important, and I'm sorry it came together late, but I appreciate you getting it in here. Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, I also want to thank Supervisor Smith for pulling this all together and I also just want to reiterate this is the beginning of the process there in the hunter mill district there there's some nominations you know they kind of run the gamut one to one one idea I think multiple boards of supervisors have rejected over the years but this is the beginning of the process and so we'll next head into screening and I look

[02:50:43] forward to community engagement and hearing feedback on those. Thank you. Supervisor Palachuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also want to second my thanks both to Vice Chair Smith and to the staff who worked on this for this very quick turnaround of the nominated applications. I will also reiterate that this is just the beginning. What gets into screening doesn't necessarily mean it will make it out of screening, but it's the first phase. I also want to mentioned that the two in Providence that were pulled at the moment one of

[02:51:18] them being the Vine Church they heard from the community and even though this is the main SSP process realized that it would be very helpful for us to have some additional meetings for them to meet with a community and I hope that they will also accept some support from our housing office as there are a lot of questions often when our faith communities are bringing forward housing nominations, which we, via policy, support, but may require some additional help from some of our agencies in those communications with the community.

[02:51:52] So I appreciate that. I appreciate that the church has listened to the community and will continue to work with them and look forward to seeing how these applications make it through the screening process. Thank you, Supervisor Pouchek.

[02:52:08] Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of Action 3, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And Supervisor Smith has another motion. Additionally, nomination CPN-2025-3-SP-026 in the Springfield District was submitted for SSPA, but is not eligible because the site is within the broader Fair Lake study area, which is already on the Comprehensive Plan work program.

[02:52:41] Given the nominator's redevelopment interest in this site, as well as interest from other owners in Fair Lakes, it is preferable to amend the Fair Lakes study authorization to acknowledge these sites rather than to move them forward to screening. Therefore, I move that we amend the authorization for the Fair Lakes study, SSPA 2023-Roman numeral 3-1FC, as follows.

[02:53:07] Consideration of a plan amendment for subunit E-1 of the Fairfax Center Suburban Center. Phase 2 will consist of visioning and evaluation of a revised comprehensive plan for Fair Lakes, including but limited to specific consideration of land use and density-slash-intensity changes for tax map parcel 55-2, double circle 1, 9A, 52, I'm sorry, 55-2, double circle 1, 19, 20, and 55-2, double circle 22, B.C.,

[02:53:43] and 55-2, double circle 1, 11C1. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Herity. Discussion on the motion? Mr. Chairman? Yes. Could I just make one clarifying edit? Please. I think Supervisor Smith may have caught it in all the rush to get this out last night.

[02:54:01] For the motion, it should read Phase 2 will consist of visioning and evaluation of a revised comprehensive plan for Fair Lakes, including but not limited to. That's what I thought. I just want to clarify that if something else comes in, that we should be able to add that to this study as well.

[02:54:18] Thank you. Thank you. And that's what you seconded? Yes, that's what I seconded. And I thank Supervisor Smith. neglected to thank staff but thank you again for for working with my messed up schedule yesterday thank you and mr. chairman I need to I need to add one other thing that was on the back of my paper here the these motions should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on these nominations by the board and does not relieve the nominators from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances regulations or adopted standards this action in no way prejudices this substantive review of the nominations

[02:54:57] second that part you seconded also okay any further discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of that follow-on motion additional motion for action item three please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions supervisor Smith was that all that's all I'd just like to make a comment I want to thank staff for all their work and all their outreach to the board members so we could have one motion to bring forward.

[02:55:24] I think that was much better. And I know, especially in my community, I got a lot of emails about one of the nominations. As my colleagues have said, and I know staff has information on the website as we move forward, there is much time for community input through this process.

[02:55:40] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, and we thank you as well, Supervisor Smith, for all of your diligent work on this. It is much appreciated. And with that, we're going to move on to action item number four, which is a grant agreement between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Fairfax County for the Crook Branch at Mantua Elementary School Stream Restoration Project in the Providence and Mason District.

[02:56:06] Supervisor Jimenez, you have the motion, I think. I do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to the county's executive's recommendation. It's been moved and seconded by myself, Supervisor Palachuk, and Supervisor Bierman. 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 9-0. Supervisor Herity being out of the room.

[02:56:35] Action number 5 is a grant agreement between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Fairfax County for the Pike Branch Tributary at Ridgeview Park Stream Restoration Project in the Franconia District. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the county executive or his designee to sign grant agreement with the Department of Environmental Quality to receive stormwater local assistance funds, grant for Pike Branch Tributary at Ridgeview Park Stream Restoration Project.

[02:57:07] So moved. Madam Chair, we'll second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action 6 is a grant agreement between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Fairfax County for the Rabbit Branch Tributary at Collingham Drive Stream Restoration Project in the Braddock District, Supervisor Walkinshaw.

[02:57:33] Move approval of the county executive's recommendation on Action Item 6. Chair, we'll second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of Action Item 6, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:57:48] that motion carries action item number seven is a grant agreement between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Fairfax County for the Scott's run at Old Meadow Road Park stream restoration project in the Providence District Supervisor Palchuk thank you mr. chairman I move approval of the county executives recommendation chair will second that motion is there any discussion on the motion thank the staff I want to thank our departments public works and those involved in this these are difficult projects they involved a lot of not just engineering but outreach and communication with the

[02:58:26] community and many many years of coordination so I appreciate their work and I appreciate that we've applied for these SLAF grants to help fund the projects Thank You Supervisor Pouchek and we'll apply your comments to all of these action items if there's no further discussion all those in favor of action item number seven please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries action item number eight is grant agreement between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in Fairfax County for the Akatink tributary at Danbury Furish stream restoration project in the Braddock District Supervisor Walkinshaw move approval of the county executives

[02:59:03] recommendation on action item eight and chair will second that discussion on the motion any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action item 8 please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries action item number 9 is grant agreement between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Fairfax County for the Lee Meadow and Tolstin basin and stream restoration project in the drainsville district supervisor Beerman I move approval of action item 9 consistent with county executives recommendation and the chair will second that motion is there any

[02:59:39] discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action nine please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and that brings us to the end of action items and we do not and told by the county attorney and not heard anything to the contrary that we do not need closed session today and so in light of that I am going to turn to supervisor Smith for a motion to oh we don't need a motion to go into closed session but I'm still going to turn to supervisor Smith because she has a strong opinion about lunch preferences but I'm not going to ask

[03:00:14] her to publicly say but we will we will recess we do have a couple only a few public hearings this afternoon there is a 3 30 item and there is actually I was going to turn to supervisor Smith because I think you want to announce a deferral this afternoon and then I'm going to recognize Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to defer the 3.30 public hearing for Korean Central Presbyterian Church to a date certain of April 22nd at 2.30 p.m. And that we can't do it now. So at the time at 3.30, you will you're intending you're

[03:00:51] intending to defer this to you said April 22nd at 2.30. Okay. Supervisor Stork. Mr. Chairman, i'm i'm intending to bring forward a motion to defer the public hearing for plan amendment 2024 triple i dash 1p to a date certain may 13 2025. okay uh thank you for that and so that's another intention to defer so we will only have two public hearings supervisor lusk yes mr chairman i mentioned earlier during the board matters on the announcement but i will also be moving to cancel this afternoon's 4 p.m public hearing for the acquisition of certain land rights necessary for

[03:01:28] the construction of cinder bed roads bikeway so in light of that we will now have one public hearing that will begin at 3:30 and so the board will recess we'll report back here at 3:30 for our public hearing and the public hearing that we do have that will be heard is on SCA 85P-054-002 Beltway Petro Mart Inc in the Providence District and that will be our only public hearing now

[03:01:57] this afternoon and with that the board is in recess okay the board is back after a short recess we

[03:11:10] now are going to move on to our afternoon public hearings to which we only have one but as a reminder individuals wishing to provide testimony have a number of options they can testify here in person or they can provide testimony by phone or by YouTube video. At the designated point in the public

hearing, I'll call for any speakers from the speakers list and they will either come forward or their video will be shown or they will be connected by telephone. There will then be an opportunity for anyone else who would like to speak to the matter to come down to the podium or to call in at 703-324-1020. Speakers testifying by video must have signed up and submitted their

[03:11:46] video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the public hearing. For public testimony, you're given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you're given five minutes. And with that, I'm going to call our first and only case today, although we do have some deferrals to make, and that is a public hearing on SCA 85-P-054-002, Beltway Petro Mart, Inc.

[03:12:12] in the Providence District, and could the applicant please reaffirm the affidavit? Yes, good afternoon. So reaffirmed the affidavit? Yes, I do that.

[03:12:28] You reaffirmed the affidavit, and do you have a date on that? It was May 31st, 2024. May 31st, 2024, and you reaffirmed the affidavit of that date. Okay, thank you very much. Thank you. Are there any disclosures?

[03:12:44] Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I'm Karen Yee with the Department of Planning and Development. Also, Happy Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday.

[03:13:01] The subject property is located at 7301 US 29 in Falls Church on a 17,298 square foot lot at the corner of Lee Graham Shopping Center. The property is on C6 and located in a highway corridor overlay district.

[03:13:16] The site is presently developed with a vehicle fueling station and a quick service food store. The SEA request is to amend the previously approved development conditions associated with SE85P054. Specifically, the applicant is requesting the removal of Development Condition No. 11, which places limitations on the sale of certain prepackaged goods and prohibits the sale of alcohol.

[03:13:40] The applicant is not proposing any site changes or any changes that would impact vehicular or pedestrian pathways. The request is only to modify the development conditions to permit the sale of alcohol, is consistent with current county policies which allow quick service food stores to sell alcoholic beverages. This concludes staff presentation. Thank you.

[03:13:59] Thank you very much for that. If the applicant would like to make a presentation, you can. You don't have to. Are you okay without making a presentation? That's up to you. Okay, thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff seeing and hearing none? This is a public hearing and I have no one who signed up in advance to testify on this matter, but this is a public hearing. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. The applicant waives

[03:14:34] rebuttal, closing comments, and a recommendation from staff. On January 29, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application and the requested waiver and modification. Staff concurs with the recommendation of approval. Thank you very much. Last check questions. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palchuk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you so much to Karen and to staff and to the applicants. I

have three motions moving forward. Mr. Chairman, I request that the applicant confirm for the record their agreement to the development conditions dated February

[03:15:13] 13th, 2025. If you could just come to the microphone and just say yes if you agree to that. Yes, I do. Yes. Excellent. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I further move that the Board of Supervisors approve SCA-85-P-054-002, subject to the development conditions dated February 13th, 2025. And I also move that the Board of Supervisors approve the requested waiver and modification as contained in the handout dated January 24, 2025. And the chair will second that motion, along with Supervisor Herity. Discussion on the motion. Just very briefly,

[03:15:52] I saw that the letter, the SC, I believe, was in 1992, signed by Liz Strobel, we all know, and appreciate, I believe you're a newer owner, asking what is similarly allowed, and we did, my office did do some outreach to surrounding communities, and we received no feedback, so appreciate your work and staff's work, and hope to have my board support for this motion.

[03:16:19] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Pacek. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And that's the end of your motions, right? Okay, perfect. Very good. Thank you very much.

[03:16:38] Next up is a case that's being deferred. We have a public hearing on SEA 2005-SU-007-04, Korean Central Presbyterian Church in the Sully District. Supervisor Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:16:56] I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for SEA-2005-SU-007-04 to a date certain of April 22, 2025 at 2.30 p.m. And I will second that motion along with Supervisor Palchuk any discussion on the motion Discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor. Please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries Next up. We have a case that's scheduled for four o'clock, but it's just a cancellation of a public hearing

[03:17:31] So I'm looking to the county attorney to make sure can we move forward with that or would you prefer we we? I'm also happy to wait if we need to, if that is the recommendation. Mr. Chairman, I would prefer that you wait. Okay. So the board will take a 19-minute break, and we will come back to cancel the next public hearing and then defer the final meeting, which have both been advertised for 4 p.m. cases.

[03:36:16] All right.

[03:37:29] The board is back after a short recess due to the timing of our public hearings, And we have two more items to dispatch with. Our first one is a 4 o'clock item, which is a public hearing on the acquisition of certain land rights necessary for the construction of Cinderbed Road bikeway from Newington Road to Barry Road in the Franconia District.

[03:37:50] Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move the Board of Supervisors cancel this afternoon's 4 p.m. public hearing on the acquisition of certain land rights necessary for the construction of Cinderbed Road bikeway and remove the matter from the public hearing agenda as all the land rights involved have now been acquired by the Land Acquisition Division.

[03:38:10] You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and our final public hearing is a public hearing on proposed plan

amendment PA - 2 0 2 4 - 3 - 1 P ox Road whose Road east side of ox Road route 123 south of whose Road and west of old ox Road in the Mount Vernon district supervisor stork I think you mr. chairman given the weather last month the Planning Commission had to cancel their meeting where they were scheduled to make a recommendation on

[03:38:49] this plan amendment and their decision is now scheduled for March 12th. Given this, we need to defer the board's public hearing in order to provide sufficient time for the planning commission to make its decision. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the board of supervisors defer the public hearing for plan amendment 2024 triple I one P to a date certain of May 13th, 2025. You've heard the motion. The chair will second that. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And if there's no further discussion, that brings us to the end of

[03:39:26] our board meeting of March 4th, 2025. And with that, the board is adjourned.



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