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[00:00:03] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of June 24th, 2025, and we're going to begin our meeting, as we always do, with keeping folks in our thoughts and prayers to be followed by a moment of silence and to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:00:20] And before we do that, I'm just going to make an announcement and then mention a few folks to keep in our thoughts and prayers, and then I'll recognize my colleagues. First, given, and many people have probably already seen this, but I just want to reiterate this. Given Fairfax County's proximity to our nation's capital, the Fairfax County Police Department is in regular communication with our surrounding law enforcement agencies to include federal law enforcement, and these lines of communication are meant to ensure our region and our resident safety. With recent U.S. military strikes in the Middle East, the Fairfax County

[00:00:55] Police Department will increase police presence at certain locations to include religious institutions and known public gatherings. This is being done out of an abundance of caution as there are no known threats to Fairfax County at this time.

[00:01:12] But I do want to thank our chief and our leadership and the police department for their proactive approach to this and making sure that people understand that our public safety is number one,

especially in these challenging times, and nobody does that better than the Fairfax County Police Department.

[00:01:30] So I want to thank them for that. Secondly, we all know that a week and a half ago, we were shocked by the news and the assassination and attempted assassination of two Minnesota state legislators and their spouses.

[00:01:47] State Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette Hoffman suffered multiple gunshot wounds and after undergoing surgery are currently recovering. Unfortunately, Speaker of the Minnesota House Delegate Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark Hortman did not survive this attack.

[00:02:05] And these hit close, certainly to us as elected officials, but they are appalling and unacceptable in a nation where our political differences do not make us enemies, but participants in our efforts to form a more perfect union.

[00:02:21] And I just want to pass along my condolences on behalf of the board to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hortman and our prayers to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman as they make a full recovery. There's many sacrifices people make to serve the public, and certainly elected officials make those sacrifices every day.

[00:02:42] But our safety, the safety of our families, should never be at risk. And I do also want to thank, again, our police department for some of the reach out that they did to our state legislative lawmakers who live in Fairfax County and many of us elected officials just for the reassurance of what we can do to protect our own safety.

[00:03:03] And then finally, and sadly, on June 9th, Mr. Conrad Egan, former Fairfax County Redevelopment Housing Authority chair, passed away peacefully at his home in Oakton. Mr. Egan was a close friend of mine, I think a close friend to a lot of people in this auditorium, but he was a giant in the affordable housing industry, having served for decades in leadership positions at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Millennial Housing Commission, and the National Housing Conference.

[00:03:34] He also held leadership roles with the Community Preservation and Development Corporation, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, A-Home Housing Virginia, and Fairfax County's initiative to prevent and end homelessness. As an FCRHA chair from 2000 to 2008, Mr. Egan oversaw a period of renewed commitment to housing affordability in our community, including the implementation of the Penny for Affordable Housing Fund, as well as the county's affordable housing preservation initiative. Both during and after his time as FCRHA chair, Mr. Egan served as the

[00:04:11] long-time co-chair of the Fairfax County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, and he was a presence in just about every conversation during his time in the RHA, I can remember, when the subject of affordable housing came up, and he was able to put it in a perspective that could gain tremendous community support and, candidly, was a champion of affordable housing before it became the crisis that it is in our nation today.

[00:04:40] And so I would ask that we keep Conrad and the Egan family in our thoughts and prayers, as well as all the folks who professionally work on affordable housing and had an opportunity to intersect with him and especially our housing staff here in Fairfax County, so many of which personally knew Conrad and knew him well.

[00:05:01] And certainly Tom Fleetwood and the leadership team at housing had great things to say about him as well. And so if we could keep him in our thoughts and prayers, I would appreciate it. And with that, I'm going to recognize any of my other colleagues, and I'm going to start this way and work my way over.

[00:05:17] Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll join in with regard to Conrad Egan. I had the opportunity to work with him when I was on the Planning Commission and also when I was on the Committee to Prevent End Homelessness, just an amazingly dedicated person to working through these issues around affordability and affordable housing. And when I think about what he did for the penny for housing, so thank you for mentioning that, but he was also so instrumental in the workforce housing program here in Fairfax County. He led on that effort as well. I just see his fingerprints on so many affordable housing

[00:05:54] projects throughout the county, and it's a legacy that his family, his friends, and his colleagues can be certainly proud of. So with that, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and Supervisor Lusk.

[00:06:10] I also just wanted to add a few words about Conrad Egan, who passed away peacefully at his home in Oakton on June 9. Before becoming chairman of the Housing Authority, he was the Providence District appointee.

[00:06:26] And he truly was a giant. I think we've heard quite a bit about him today. but his personality of building consensus and being a leader in promoting affordable housing programs and innovative housing solutions. I know many of us here are able to benefit in our community from his life's work and his leadership, and there's some big shoes to fill there.

[00:06:50] And in addition to the community efforts, the Housing Authority did rename their awards program to recognize their employees after Conrad Egan. And so I know Tom Fleetwood and his entire team in the Housing Authority and who run our programs, our multitude of programs in Fairfax housing, appreciate his leadership and his legacy here in Fairfax County.

[00:07:16] So our thoughts and prayers to him, to his widow, and his family. Thank you, Supervisor Palachuk. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you. Just to join in a little bit about Conrad. I had the opportunity to serve with him on the A-Home Board, and also he was, as has been mentioned a couple of times, instrumental on a number of areas, including our workforce dwelling unit program.

[00:07:41] I also worked with him on that, and thank you, Supervisor Palchuk, for mentioning the consensus. He was incredibly dedicated, but he also stayed positive. I know he continued to really bring people together and move the ball forward, and we owe a great debt to him.

[00:08:00] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. And seeing and hearing no others at this time, if all who were able could rise for a moment of silence, to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Please face the flag.

[00:08:36] 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 we're going to start this morning's presentation with a really exciting one, and that is a resolution to honor Rose Chu for her exceptional service to Fairfax County.

[00:09:17] And Rose is so familiar with being here, she knows exactly what to do. she's on her way down already and this was requested by myself and Supervisor Jimenez and at this time I'd recognize Supervisor Jimenez for a motion. Thank you Mr. Chairman and great seeing you Rose. Whereas Rose Chu has faithfully served Fairfax County as the Mason District represented on the Health Care Advisory Board since 1987 demonstrating a steadfast commitment to advancing public health policy and promoting inclusive community initiatives, and whereas Ms. Chu recently

[00:09:55] retired from federal service working for the Department of Health and Human Services, where she shaped national health policy and contributed to evaluations of the Children's Health Insurance Program CHIP and analysis of health coverage under the Affordable Care Act, and whereas she served as chair of the Community Advisory Committee to the Community Health Care Network from the programs beginning in 1990 to 2019, helping ensure affordable, high-quality care for the county's most vulnerable residents. And whereas, as a dedicated volunteer, Ms. Chu has been supporting

[00:10:31] community organizations in promoting cultural identities and working with the election department to translate voting material into the county's most common languages, enhancing access to democracy for diverse communities. And whereas, in recognition of her outstanding community service and unwavering support for the Fairfax County Health Department's mission to protect and promote public health. Ms. Chu was honored with the citation of merit by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association. Now, therefore, be it result that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all county residents hereby recognize Rose Chu for her extraordinary dedication,

[00:11:11] compassionate leadership, and lasting contributions to public health and civic engagement. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Beerman. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I'm sure as many of you know, we all know Rose.

[00:11:26] She's a real staple in Fairfax County and in Mason District. You know, there is no event, no cultural event, no event around health that you won't find Rose in, and I think she's been not only an inspiration to the residents of Mason District, but to the residents and to us who sit on the board and others who sit in elected positions, her dedication, her years of dedication, we just mentioned, we're talking about 1987 here.

[00:11:51] This is a long time where she has put forward her volunteerism. She has looked after her community. She's worked for the residents. She's been a mentor to so many. And again, just like we mentioned so many times, Mr. Chairman, The contributions that Ms. Chu has made aren't all seen.

[00:12:12] They will continue to be seen moving forward and through generations come because of her willingness to give her time, to give her expertise and her knowledge to the community. So I wanted to say thank you, Ms. Chu. Thank you, Rose, for being not only such an amazing resident of Mason District, but being such an integral part of Fairfax County.

[00:12:33] So thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Menez. And let me just add, you know, there's folks who step up and volunteer in our community, and then there's folks like Rose, too. As you mentioned, since 1987, just, you know, putting that in perspective, when Rose joined the Health Care Advisory Board, I was 13.

[00:13:00] Now I'm eligible for the 50-plus committee. But I think, you know, I do want to say that and let that sink in because there are folks who volunteer and there are folks who make civic engagement a real

part of their life. And Rose did that.

[00:13:17] And as you said, Andres, I mean, she's everywhere and has really paved the way for a lot of folks to take on leadership roles in other ways in the county. And, Rose, the timing of this is so important because we also honor you for your federal service.

[00:13:34] And in particular now, our federal service is so important and needs our support. And the quality of people who work in our federal government are folks like Rose who make their community their love and the people in this community their love.

[00:13:51] And so, Rose, we honor you, and I think it's highly appropriate we do it now and also highly appropriate that so many of your friends and supporters are here, People who have known you for a really long time and salute you and look at you as the model of civic engagement, of justice, of engaging people of all different backgrounds and beliefs, religions, and languages to be involved in their community.

[00:14:20] And no one has done that as well as you have. So congratulations on this recognition and all that you've done to help our community. With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[00:14:36] Any abstentions? That motion carries. And at this time, I would recognize you, Rose, to share a few words with us. So Tom Davis first appointed me. Then I was appointed by Tina Trapnell and then Penny Gross. It's been a real honor and privilege for me to be on the Health Care Advisory Board, led by the great Marlene Blum, who's been on even longer than me.

[00:15:02] to work with the health department and all the other health-related offices in county government. The Health Care Advisory Board is a great example of citizen participation in local government. I tell you that the hospitals and assisted living facilities and other organizations that come to make presentations before the Health Care Advisory Board, they have to be prepared, because the Health Care Advisory Board really grills people.

[00:15:36] And if they don't answer correctly, they make them come back or answer by written comments. So it's a force to be reckoned with. As noted, I have retired from the federal government, And the federal cutbacks are in such a contrast with the county budget organization.

[00:16:04] The cuts in the county budgets were planned for months by people who knew the program, who understood the program. And they were subject to public scrutiny and testimony. And I know next year is going to be even more challenging with the budget.

[00:16:20] but I am assured that this body will make the right decision. So thank you for this presentation. I really appreciate it. Thank you very much, Rose. And I know there's a lot of folks here to support you, and I would welcome.

[00:16:37] I see Delegate Kathy Tran and some of her kiddos with her and a lot of other folks and colleagues of yours, county staff, supporters, anyone who would like to come down for the photo, you are welcome and encouraged to do that. And Supervisor Jimenez and I will join you, and the rest of the board could rise.

[00:16:54] And our next proclamation is to recognize June 19th, 2025, as Juneteenth in Fairfax County.

[00:19:04] And this was requested by myself. I'm going to turn the gavel over to Vice Chair Smith so that I can read the following proclamation. Whereas the Emancipation Proclamation signed by President

Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, declared persons held as slaves in Confederate territory free and led to the ratification of the 13th Amendment on December 6, 1865, which abolished slavery in the United States.

[00:19:32] And whereas word of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation did not reach authorities and African Americans in the South and southwestern United States for nearly two and a half more years until June 19, 1865.

[00:19:50] And whereas June 19th, Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Liberation Day, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of enslavement in the United States and has been celebrated by African American communities for over 150 years.

[00:20:08] And whereas we celebrate Juneteenth as a day to reaffirm our commitment to the essential and ongoing work of eradicating systemic racism that results in exclusion, discriminatory treatment, inequitable policies, and disadvantages for black Americans and other people of color.

[00:20:27] And whereas through one Fairfax, our county and our community are committed to promoting fairness and justice in the formation of public policy that results in equity for all residents, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim June 19th, 2025 as Juneteenth and urges all residents to celebrate this day to honor the tremendous contributions African Americans have made for our country and to reflect on equity and lifting up our entire community. I'll second that

[00:21:04] motion along with Supervisors Les Palachuk and many others. A discussion on the motion? Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. It is not June 19th, it is June 24th, and so this is late, but important that we make this proclamation every year. And I know many of us had an opportunity to be out celebrating Juneteenth events all over the community, and to see our community come together and recognize what this day means is so important. And I'm saddened in some ways that

[00:21:39] It took so long for the community to recognize this day, but I am happy that this board was the first board in Virginia to declare Juneteenth a holiday and a holiday for our county staff as well.

[00:21:55] And I think that's really important, not just to get a day off, but to have a day where we can realize our history more better and to double down on our efforts to constantly improve. and to recognize that inequities still exist throughout our community.

[00:22:15] And, you know, I've said this too often lately, but it's a really important time to recognize this as well, because obviously many of the equity programs that are foundational to Fairfax County seem to be under attack outside of our borders.

[00:22:32] And I want to reassure folks what I've reassured people for the better part of the last six months, which is that our One Fairfax policy, Stand Strong, is a national model. Jurisdictions across the country have inquired about our policy and how they can create a similar policy in their jurisdictions.

[00:22:52] And most importantly, DEI is a part of our DNA in Fairfax County. And we are a successful community by every measure because of our diversity and because of our tireless efforts to look at our history completely and reckon with the fact that it is all of our responsibilities not only to not forget that history, but to do better, to learn from it, and to do better always.

[00:23:18] And that's my commitment. I know the commitment of this board. And so this is an important proclamation, albeit a couple days late, but an important one to make sure we do annually here in Fairfax County. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. I've got a few comments I've prepared.

[00:23:37] For me personally, when I think about Juneteenth, I think about perseverance, about the perseverance of our ancestors and their steadfast persistence against any and all obstacles. For a moment, imagine that you've spent years, perhaps even your entire life, in the unending nightmare of slavery.

[00:23:58] Now imagine that you've learned that nightmare has come to an end, that you have been emancipated, that you can now be free and unshackled, and that you can dream of a different future, a real future for yourself, your children, and for the generations that will follow you.

[00:24:16] Imagine the hope, relief, and aspirations that would sing out in your heart. And now imagine all of that being ripped away. That was a reality for too many of our ancestors in Texas and other parts of the South for over two years after slavery was stricken from our law, but not from our land.

[00:24:40] Imagine having to persevere for those two years, seeing the dawn at the end of the long nightmare you've been living, and having to remain just out of reach. Imagine the profound perseverance that would require.

[00:24:59] Today, as we celebrate the liberation of our ancestors who endured those long two years, I'm reminded that the perseverance we celebrate on Juneteenth, that didn't end with them. Much like those who were left behind after emancipation, our history is punctuated with moments of tremendous achievement, preceded by a fresh injustice or reimagined form of oppression.

[00:25:27] For those freed on Juneteenth, they faced the challenges of failed promises of Reconstruction. For the generation that persevered through Reconstruction, who won labor equity, property rights, and the vote, who built communities like West Fords, Gum Springs, and Carrolltown, my district of Franconia, They would then go on to face segregation and the ever-present spectacle of violence, murders, and unyielding white supremacy.

[00:26:02] For the generation that persevered and marched to win civil rights and shift the consciousness of our nation and some who call this very community home, You persevered only to learn through tragedy after tragedy in recent years that the institutional rot left behind by segregation and white supremacy remains deep in the foundation of our democracy and institutions.

[00:26:31] So today, on our national Juneteenth holiday, we each have a responsibility to honor and emulate those ancestors who persevered so bravely. For me personally, when I think about the perseverance and honoring those legacies, I think about the legacy of my own grandparents.

[00:26:52] I realize that I stand, or in this case sit, before you today as the only African-American on our board of supervisors. I stand before you as the first African-American male ever elected to this board.

[00:27:08] And I also stand before you as one of the only African-Americans that have ever been elected to represent and lead our county in any capacity. But in truth, but in truth, I only stand before you today because of my grandparents and their grandparents and their own perseverance and legacy, which is an extension of the perseverance and legacy of all of our ancestors that we celebrate today.

[00:27:42] My grandparents were the embodiment of everything that makes Juneteenth worth celebrating. They instilled in me three important values. If you say you're going to do something, if you

make a commitment, then you have to do it.

[00:27:59] If you live in a community, you have a responsibility to be of service to that community. And finally, if you see someone in need, if you see someone suffering, then you have a responsibility to help.

[00:28:15] As we all work together to serve this community, I believe that if we collectively bring these three values to everything we do, that we will honor the legacies of all of our ancestors and persevere together so that the next time that we must overcome, it can be the last time that we do so.

[00:28:40] That's what Juneteenth means to me. It means honoring the legacy of those who refuse to be left behind and persevering in honor of their lives. I'm here to make this commitment that in my role in this community, I want to help each of you persevere and achieve your dreams. We owe that to each other. We owe that to the legacy of our ancestors. And together, I know that we can all persevere. Happy Juneteenth. Thank you so very much, Madam Vice Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor

[00:29:14] Lusk. Before I call on Supervisor Palchek, I would like Ms. Alma Amaker, I hope I said that right, to come down. She'll be the one accepting the proclamation. Supervisor Palchek? Thank you, Madam Vice Chair, and deep gratitude and thank you to my colleague, Supervisor Lusk,

[00:29:49] for his courage and sharing his story and the work that he does on our board and has done for so many years in the county. I just wanted to share that this weekend there will be a couple of events. For me there's nothing more important about learning from our past than being aware and having that education. Whether we do that in our schools, in our libraries, our library director here, through our historical markers. I first learned about the Pines community and thanks to the historical marker placed there as I lived across the street for many, many years.

[00:30:26] And it got me thinking and wondering about the things I had not learned in school and the history of our county and why, growing up in the Mantua and Merrifield area, there were not more African-American families.

[00:30:43] And so much of that work and now hopefully being done more in our community, but a lot of that being done here is happening and making us all more aware. So as I continue to learn and work with our communities, with our pastors, with our historians, with our churches, I also want to thank the Historical Society of Fairfax County and just wanted to share a couple of events that are coming up.

[00:31:09] For those of you who would like to join us in learning more about our history and how we got to where we are today in Fairfax County and how to make it a better community. This coming Sunday, June 29th, there will be a book reading about the lost black communities of Merrifield, the Pines, and Williamstown.

[00:31:29] For many of us who live here in the center of the county, a critical book, and if you're not able to join today, this Sunday, that will be at the First Baptist Church of Merrifield, whose pastor is the grandson of a Luther Jackson High School graduate.

[00:31:47] And then again, I believe on September 27th, the Fairfax Regional Library will be hosting an event on policing of black bodies and anti-bail in Fairfax County. To me, it's often easier to point to other communities and other periods, but it was not that long ago that segregation was alive here in Fairfax County.

[00:32:09] And I just wanted to share that I learned recently that the mother of someone I grew up with, had started Horizon Stay Camps with Lillian Blackwell. And I learned about this after talking about the Lillian Blackwell historical marker. And she said, yeah, I was one of the first campers. And we would go and we would organize the camps. And they were trying to find a pool. And every single pool said no. The pool where I learned to swim said, no, you cannot rent a zap. No way. And so her family brought kids to her private at home to be able to have a pool to swim in the summers.

[00:32:48] And I said, it wasn't that long ago. You were a kid. She said, well, I'm pretty old. I don't think she is. But it was not that long ago that this legacy still lives here. And so to me, as we continue to learn more and want to have a better community and want Fairfax, I just think there's one Maya Angelou Coate that, to me, really speaks to it.

[00:33:11] That history, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived. but if faced with courage, need not be lived again. So let's not live it again. And thank you to everyone who works to help make Fairfax County a more equitable community. Thank you, Supervisor Palchik.

[00:33:28] Supervisor, oh, I'm sorry, you still have the floor. You still have the floor. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. And I wanted to particularly thank Supervisor Lust for his personal, but also I think leadership kinds of statements about how we get here and how history does repeat itself unless we make a difference.

[00:33:51] And his leadership, but also the leadership of so many others, his grandparents and so many other forbearers for all of us, are hugely part of why we are where we are. And I always have to recognize the Gump Springs community in particular because it is the historical connection that they've had and, frankly, the ability for that community to be strong and really in the face of so many other challenges and to emerge as a community that's still working together, still looking for a way to find how it protects and preserves its future.

[00:34:25] And that process is still ongoing all throughout Fairfax County, but particularly in, I know, the Gump Springs community. I was just there on Saturday, and they have a celebration, but it's also a recognition that we only get better as we work harder and get stronger.

[00:34:41] And they've made that difference, particularly for all of Fairfax County, but I think in general for the individuals and members of the Fairfax County community and the Mount Vernon District in particular. So I wanted to thank you all, and particularly, again, thanks to Professor Lutz for his very personal and, I think, professorial words to help us understand that.

[00:35:00] Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, do you have comments? Yeah, I just wanted to add, and Supervisor Palczyk was a leader on this as well, But since our speaker is a retired FCPS teacher, a career teacher, I wanted to add that the partnership we have with our schools with the Historic Marker Program for African Americans is powerful stuff.

[00:35:28] Getting our kids to nominate and do the research, the history research, to put these markers in place. I know we've all been to a number of them, but the one that happened last weekend, coincidentally, which was scheduled before we knew it at the same time as other Juneteenth events in our county, was particularly powerful because it was at Colin Powell Elementary School.

[00:35:50] And when we go back and celebrate a lot of African-American history, some kids took advantage of an opportunity to celebrate a more contemporary person in our community who made a

huge difference in breaking through a lot of barriers in Colin Powell.

[00:36:10] And naming that elementary school for Cole and Powell was one thing, but for all the young kids, going to that elementary school, walking past the marker every day and reading it, and understanding the real person behind the name of their school is such an important part of our education.

[00:36:30] And so naming things is one thing. Explaining them, especially to our young people, is so important. And I just wanted to acknowledge the partnership we have with our schools in doing that. And Colin Powell's daughter and family and a lot of his work associates were there.

[00:36:48] And one of the most powerful things she said was there are a number of schools across the country named after her dad, the late Colin Powell. But this one's the most important one because this is where he lived so much of his life, right here in Fairfax County.

[00:37:05] And so we look at our history through a deep lens, but also through a contemporary lens of the people today who are breaking down barriers in really important ways who live right here or whose roots, in some cases, were right here in Fairfax County.

[00:37:23] And so I did want to acknowledge that partnership with our schools. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate you bringing that up. I was on the school board representing Sully District in that area when we named the school, and it was a little bit of a controversial process, but I was really happy that the board supported me and the community in naming it after Colin Powell, and I was fortunate enough to meet him at the school when he came to the dedication of the school.

[00:37:48] So, we've got a lot of strong history here that we need to continue to recognize. With that, I'm going to call for the vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Vice Chairman Smith.

[00:38:05] And as you mentioned, we have Alma Amaker, a lifelong educator and retired FCPS teacher with over 50 years of experience. Welcome. The floor is yours. Well, thank you so much. Thank you. What a fitting day for me to be here to honor the teachers of Fairfax County who made what we called the big change.

[00:38:30] The big change came in 1965 when Fairfax County totally integrated their schools. Now, it was a long time coming, and it was one that was filled.

[00:38:46] The idea of it had some teachers upset, fearful, not knowing just what was going to happen. Prior to the school's opening in September, all of the black Fairfax County teachers were required to attend meetings to acclimate or get ready for this big change.

[00:39:11] Me, with my big mouth, as I have been said about many, many times, in the first meeting, I was astounded to see just all black teachers. And my question was, why black teachers?

[00:39:30] Why not white teachers? The black teachers had always lived in two worlds. We knew how to regulate and get around. Why not the white teachers? I was told by the chairman of that group that I was out of order I was young and a lot of the teachers in there were old And he said you're out of order young lady So I sat the rest of the time with my mouth closed I was very proud of myself But it was a big change But before I go into that I want to tell you a story about my first year teaching

[00:40:08] I always share this with people because it's so meaningful to me and to other teachers. I had first grade in Gums Springs, Drew Smith Elementary School, and two of my little guys got in a fight.

[00:40:26] And I couldn't understand, what is this? What are you fighting for? What's wrong? And they got up huffing and puffing from the fight. And Jerry Sellers, whose name I have never forgotten, said, He said, you teach us because you get money.

[00:40:46] And I say, you teach us because you love us. That was so important to me. And after 50 years of teaching, I realized how right he was. There was so much love in my teaching and so much love in the other people who made the big change.

[00:41:09] Now, there were 200-plus black teachers. And all of a sudden, we will move to these schools. However, in meeting together many times to share our stories and concerns and problems, because there were some problems, all the teachers realized, hey, we're teaching children.

[00:41:32] It's all about children. And these children don't care about our color. If we could go and share the world through the eyes of children, we would be so much better off. And I thank you today for this proclamation on Juneteenth.

[00:41:52] And I want you to know that I accepted on behalf of those teachers that made this big change. Now, there are not many of us left. I tried to contact many who are maybe about five or seven who are in the area.

[00:42:08] And I guess I know how blessed I am because they were all suffering from some type of health problems. But with the help of Ramona Carroll, we are going to get their stories. We're going to sit down and let them tell their stories and make that a part of the record of Fairfax County.

[00:42:31] So thank you for your proclamation today on behalf of these teachers who gave their all. Thank you. I'd like to just add one other quick little thing, that I was in the first class that opened the James Lee Elementary School, which is now the James Lee Community Center.

[00:43:11] And believe it or not, after all of these years, I am still there with the James Lee Community Center. And what a wonderful, wonderful situation we had. So thank you again. Thank you, Alma. Thank you, Alma.

[00:43:31] And we're counting on you and Ramona. With you two in charge, we know we'll get all those stories. We will get them all. But it is really important to capture that because, as you said, we do lose people. And with them, we don't want to lose the stories that our young people in particular need to hear.

[00:43:49] So looking forward to supporting and helping on that. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if those who are here for this could come on down for the photo, we would welcome that. And Supervisor Lusk, if you want to join me.

[00:44:09] Next up, we have another important proclamation, and that is to designate June 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Month.

[00:46:09] And this was requested by myself. Our speaker is Jim Andraconis, local community engagement lead at Burke Fairfax Moms Demand Action. And I see with him a lot of folks in orange, which is wonderful. If you all could come on down.

[00:46:25] And I am going to turn the gavel over to Supervisor Smith so that I can read the following proclamation. Whereas every year, on average, more than 1,100 people in Virginia and nearly 50,000 people nationwide die from gun-related injuries, including homicides, suicides, and unintentional shootings.

[00:46:48] and whereas Americans are 26 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries, and firearms remain the leading cause of death for American children and teenagers, and whereas as of May 2025, there have been more than 200 mass shootings across the United States, underscoring the urgent need for prevention measures, and whereas support for Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens is fully compatible, fully compatible with common-sense efforts to keep guns out of the hands of children and individuals with

[00:47:26] dangerous histories, and whereas we must remain committed to reducing gun violence and pledge to do all we can to promote safe and responsible gun ownership and ensure firearms are kept out of the wrong hands, and whereas on National Gun Violence Awareness Day, observed annually on the first Friday of June, people across the country wear orange to honor the lives of those lost to gun violence and to show solidarity with the survivors and their families. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax

[00:48:02] County residents, does hereby proclaim June 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Month in Fairfax County and urges all residents to take action to help end gun violence and to honor and value human life. I'll second that along with many of my colleagues.

[00:48:20] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Smith. I hate reading this every year. I really do. And I hate hearing it. I hate hearing it for our country. But most importantly, I hate hearing it for our young people.

[00:48:36] And we've seen too many situations where the outcome is different when the availability of a very dangerous weapon that has no place in our streets is available to people.

[00:48:51] And there is no worse call than to be on the receiving end of a call from our public safety officials involving a suicide in particular, because clearly the suicide was successful in most cases because of the availability of a firearm in a household that is not properly cared for, lockdown, or out of the hands of people who shouldn't have it.

[00:49:21] I do, however, see glimmers of hope, and I think it's important for us to maintain hope that, you know, these statistics are people and that people's humanity will overcome bad policy and greed in a lot of cases.

[00:49:38] But what I'm hopeful for is what we're doing here locally, and I thank our partners with Moms Demand Action in particular for being on the front lines in Richmond, fighting with us to get reasonable gun violence measures put in place to protect our neighbors and our kids.

[00:49:57] And what I'm hopeful about is things like the red flag law, which no county and no community in Virginia has more aggressively pursued and implemented than Fairfax. And the numbers speak volumes for the number of firearms that through the cooperation of law enforcement and our court system have been taken out of the hands of people who have violent histories, mental health histories, and that number is staggering. And, you know, pulled the statistics the other day, and, you know, the number of firearm seizures this year to date is 90, but last year

[00:50:34] was 244. In 2023, it was 223. 2022, 134. 2021, 58. And in 2020, 86. That's hundreds of guns that have been seized under our implementation of this law that people like Moms Demand helped fight, get in place in Richmond. How will we ever know how many of those guns would have murdered somebody that wouldn't be here in our community today. Even if it's one,

[00:51:10] it was worth doing. But that's hundreds of guns that have been taken out of the hands of dangerous people who live right here in our community. And so while I hate to read the statistics in this, I am hopeful that sensible things like what we're doing here can in fact happen across the country and across Virginia in particular, so that we can save lives and not become an international embarrassment.

[00:51:38] And that's what this is. When you look at what this proclamation says and when we compare ourselves nationally, internationally, nationally we are an embarrassment. In the United States, there's something different here than in most civilized countries.

[00:51:53] And the difference is the loose availability and lack of laws supporting reasonable gun restrictions. There's no other explanation for it. And we as a country need to do better, even if we have to do it at the very local grassroots level like we're doing here.

[00:52:08] And so I thank you all for all of your support over all these years because it's easy sometimes to get upset. But I think it's harder for us, but important for us, to celebrate the victories that we have and to build off of those moving forward.

[00:52:26] Supervisor, welcome to. Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you all for being here. And I echo everything that Chairman McKay said. We're very proud of the work that we have done here in Fairfax County in partnership with many of you.

[00:52:42] But honestly, I'm most proud of all of the activists and advocates in our community who have made that progress possible. I think a lot about my constituent, Peter Reed, whose daughter, Mary, lost her life in the Virginia Tech shooting almost, we're approaching 20 years ago.

[00:53:04] And a couple years ago, we rededicated a memorial to her in Canterbury Woods Park that I drive past every single day. And it's a constant reminder of just one of the many, many lives that have been cut short due to gun violence.

[00:53:21] And not a day passes that I am not amazed by the courage of the family members and loved ones of gun violence victims who have dedicated themselves to this cause. And I know that the progress feels slow and halting, and sometimes it's one step forward and two steps back.

[00:53:46] But we are making progress, and we will continue to make progress. We have to for Mary Reed and so many, many others. So thank you all for your advocacy, and thank you for being here today. Thank you. Supervisor Palchuk. I just want to add briefly, thank you to all of you, including the best middle school teacher in the world.

[00:54:07] now retired, but more seriously, you know, I think no matter how you feel specifically about guns, to me the fact that there is such an overlap with our, with suicides, with domestic violence, that we have over 30, we like to be first, but I don't like that we are first in gun ownership and total number of guns in our country.

[00:54:33] It is a public health crisis, epidemic, and in the midst of isolation, and mental health epidemics, we have to address the guns in those lives and in our lives. And it's unconscionable to me that we're not farther than we are.

[00:54:55] And so to my colleagues, it can feel hopeless sometimes how little we've done, but I want to share, Supervisor Luss, Walkinshaw, and my colleagues in thanking you and everyone who's out there every single day.

[00:55:11] reminding us and making sure that we do better, because we have to do better. So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Madam Chair. The problem is, and the chairman made note of this, is that as a society, we've become quite numb to this, to gun violence.

[00:55:33] We see it on TV, and so many of us just say, oh, another one. Let's flip the channel. And that's it's awful it's awful to be in that position of being numb and so what you all standing in front of us do and so many so many different groups is to awaken us and take us out of that numbness to say don't just stay numb but actually be proactive get get up get into action go to your state house go to the halls of congress be a voice because every single voice that comes in to end gun

[00:56:07] violence is a new voice that can help move this issue, because as the chairman said, we need to move this issue, both statewide, both nationally. We need to make sure that we are not a society that stays numb to this issue. And so I want to say thank you to those in front of us. Thank you to so many more volunteers that aren't here today, because the work you do is going to change lives.

[00:56:30] Thank you very much. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. All right. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Vice Chairman Smith. And while we're thanking our Moms Demand Action, I think it's also important to note that there are presence in this board auditorium every time we meet, and we really appreciate that. To what Supervisor Jimenez said, you know, part of this battle is showing up and constantly being in the face of your legislators and making sure they're doing the right thing. And no organization I can think of does that better than you do. So I really

[00:57:08] appreciate that. And with that, our speaker this morning is Jim Andraconis, who is the local community engagement lead at Burke Fairfax Moms Demand Action. Welcome. The floor is yours. All right. Thank you, Mr. Jimenez, for paraphrasing Teddy Roosevelt, get action.

[00:57:25] And that's what we do. Half the battle is showing up and getting action. I appreciate folks behind me. Thanks to Ms. Palachuk as well for blowing my cover because I was going to say that we went through Frost Middle School together, but that's pretty much water under the bridge at this point. And I was going to tell Ms. Amaker that a friend of mine, teacher, used to pass me every day in school and go another day, another dime, and so here we are.

[00:57:55] But I want to thank you once again for the opportunity to be here, the honor to be here today as we stand between Memorial Day and Fourth of July as patriots, as Fairfax County patriots, as American patriots who seek a more perfect union. We wrap ourselves in our history, but we also know that we have a long way to go. I am Jimander Conus. I taught for 30 years at Frost Middle School. I student taught there, and then we bought a house there, raised a family there. In fact, my three children came through my classroom in seventh and eighth grade. They

[00:58:32] didn't fail the class, but it was a seventh and eighth grade elective, so there was that. So when my oldest daughter, she left the carriage, as it were, of elementary school and came to Frost, and she went past Frost into Woodson High School as a freshman, that was the year of the Northern Virginia Sniper. So many after-school activities were canceled, and we were all living in fear and hiding away from ourselves for that, and then she, by the way, Kate was born May 16th, which is 516, 516 is the room I taught in for all those 30 years too, so there

[00:59:11] was that link as well, but she left Woodson and then went on to Virginia Tech, where I met my wife as well, and you send your oldest child away once again, and it's a fearful thing to send that person out of the nest and she was a freshman there during the Virginia Tech massacre. So tough times and that's obviously what brings me to moms as well. So she goes on to practice. Kate does emergency medicine. She lives in Cary, North Carolina and she works in the emergency rooms down there. As I mentioned, all three kids came through my classroom but

[00:59:48] as I got toward the end of those 30 years, I noticed that things were changing in the frequently, who would eat lunch in my room instead of going to the cafeteria. They just needed time to kind of calm down and sort of get rid of some of the anxiety that would occur. My classroom was more or less like a clubhouse with all kinds of teaching materials around. And it was one of the poet schools. They all had the upstairs stage. So during the active shooter drills, we would go up on the stage, pull that curtain shut, and sort of sit elbow to elbow together there.

[01:00:28] But again, the anxiety was rising. And so as I graduated after 30 years in middle school, I began to think of those times huddled behind the curtain on the room's 516 stage. And lots of times, for me anyway, when conversational words don't work to discuss the impact of a situation on me, my turn to poetry instead. And so that's where the poem New Testament 516 comes from. For 30 years, room 516 was a chamber of magic where teachers, chumps, and champs could

[01:01:05] cast a wide spell so wide that everyone got his shot to be part of the trick. Old black curtains hung like security blankets, wrapping each and every Linus in the art of the possible. Yes, and we all rifled through endless scenes, improvisational, imaginational, faulty, funny, forgettable, fantastic, finally becoming part of the blocks that identified each soul from there to eternity.

[01:01:39] But lately I awaken at night, the haven I recall now draped with a blood-red shroud, saintly faces from the past, heads popped off center, shooting a questioning glance my way, lips pursed in a perpetual plea. It's a theater of the absurd that triggers a guilt I cannot place, a spell all but broken, a silence I cannot help but hear. Thank you all.

[01:02:14] Thank you very much, Jim Powerful. We appreciate you sharing that with us, and I think at this time we're ready for a photo and so if you all could come forward and face the audience and the board

[01:02:31] could rise. And next we have a proclamation to designate June 2025 as Fatherhood Awareness Month

[01:03:55] and this was requested by Supervisor Palchek and the entire Board of Supervisors and our speaker is Darrell Corsi, Dad's Parenting Group graduate. If you could come on down and anyone who's here with you, of course, is welcome to join you as well. And I'm going to turn to Supervisor Palchuk for the proclamation. Thank you. Before I read this and before he leaves, fathers and father figures, even in Moms Demand action, are incredible. And so we want to thank

[01:04:25] you. Help me write my first campaign speech. Whereas Father's Day, observed this year on Sunday, June 15th, serves as a national celebration of fatherhood and paternal bonds, yet often passes without fully recognizing the vital and lifelong impact of biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers, and father figures in shaping the well-being and success of children. And whereas engaged fathers contribute significantly to a child's emotional, social, and academic development.

[01:05:06] And studies show that children with involved fathers are more likely to thrive in every aspect life. And whereas Fairfax County recognizes the need to promote positive father involvement and celebrate the supportive roles fathers play in their families and communities. And whereas local, public, and private organizations are collaborating to uplift and support fatherhood through programs such as Healthy Families Fairfax, the Head Start Policy Council, and the Department of Family Services Father Engagement and Family Engagement Program. In partnership with Neighborhood and community services and other county human service and community-based agencies. And whereas these

[01:05:46] initiatives equip fathers with the parenting tools, emotional support, and economic self-sufficiency skills they need to strengthen family relationships and build healthier communities. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby proclaim June 2025 as Fatherhood Awareness Month in Fairfax County and encourages all residents to recognize and support the vital role of fathers in our families and society.

[01:06:18] I'm happy to second that motion. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Palchik. Well, I want to let some of these incredible fathers at the dais speak, but I just want to thank you, thank our family engagement team, DFS, everyone who's involved in supporting our families through fatherhood.

[01:06:42] As my daughter turns three and a half, and it's, I married daddy today morning very often. And as someone who, though I did not get to grow up with grandparents, very much always appreciated that through the difficult, challenging times of immigration and poverty, having a strong family and a father who loved and protected us and fought very, very hard to make it in this community. I know what a huge challenge it is. And as a mother, how important it is to have those

[01:07:18] fathers or father figures in our lives, whether they be teachers, counselors, uncles, tios, as we call them, or coaches. And just want to thank you for the education and the support that we provide our communities, and anything we can do to help expand access and knowledge of the programs that the county and our partners offer, which are all just incredible, incredible programs that help us all be better parents and caregivers.

[01:07:44] So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Palczyk. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to highlight the exceptional work that's being done by the Alexandria Fairfax alumni chapter of Kap Alpha Psi fraternity to support fathers in the community that I serve.

[01:08:04] The Fathers Initiative provides safe spaces for fathers and father figures to talk about their shared experiences and to provide mutual support. And some of the topics that they navigate to the program include divorce and parenting children with disabilities. It's been so instrumental and impactful in my community. And I just appreciate that dedicated community partner in the Frank County District. And just will acknowledge here too, all fathers are not males.

[01:08:40] And I mentioned earlier my grandparents and the person that if I give credit for my center of character and constitution, I would give that to my grandmother. And she really helped me me the person that I am today and to be committed in service.

[01:09:02] So I just appreciate what this proclamation does here today and the work that's being done in the community to support our fathers. So thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Luss. Supervisor Stork.

[01:09:20] I would echo the comments that have been made so far, and I guess I would add to it In the sense of I personally have experienced fatherhood as a journey, not only as a youth who mentored others

when I was younger, but I was a little bit older so I could make a difference in their lives, as well as then as a father, biological father, and as an adoptee father, as well as now as a grandfather.

[01:09:51] And then I think I can add to that the role that we all play in our community of mentoring and supporting and the leadership that we provide as fathers to others in our community. So I think the role is a very broad one, very critical one, and one that you don't have to have had children to be a father.

[01:10:13] And that's why I particularly love how we've presented the recognition this month as fatherhood awareness. So I thank my colleagues and all of us for hopefully continuing to add to people's awareness and understanding of fatherhood, not only as a journey, but as a belief and as a way of approaching the world and supporting others.

[01:10:35] So thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm excited about this proclamation. And one of the things about fatherhood is it keeps you humble. My son is four and a half years old, and last week he said to me we were in the car.

[01:10:55] He said, Dad, when are you going to get a real job? And I said, well, I do. You know, I'm the Braddock District Supervisor. And he said, no, no, a real job, like a race car driver or a construction worker. And I said, I'm working on it. But this is a really important, I think, topic for us to talk about.

[01:11:14] And one thing I just want to make a plug for, one of the many great programs we have in the county is the Befriend a Child Mentoring Program. And I had the opportunity to participate, yeah, thank you, in that program before I was elected to the board.

[01:11:33] And I know they're always very excited to have men step up and agree to serve as mentors. So I promote that everywhere I can. Men, we got to step up and do our part, and that program is a great way to do that because there's so many young people out there who are really looking for that male figure, that father figure, to help guide them through the challenging times that we're in. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[01:11:59] Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw, and let me also thank the gentleman before us, but all those who are here to support them as well. As several others have noted, we have a lot of groups and organizations across the county who do great work in this space, and including some in our own county staff with the groups that were mentioned in the proclamation.

[01:12:23] And I want to thank them because you never know how this work is going to change the trajectory of someone's life. You certainly don't always know it while it's happening. Sometimes it resonates much later in life. And as Supervisor Walkinshaw said, you know, being a father is a humbling experience.

[01:12:45] I think each of us can, you know, tell our own stories about, you know, raising our own kids. But the important thing is, is the role that fathers play far beyond just our biological kids. You know, I think back even to small things like, you know, early on in my kid's life, being able to coach teams.

[01:13:03] And the role that you play as a coach for some of these kids whose fathers are not present in their life is a form of fatherhood. You know, I grew up in a community, Fort Belvoir, that had a lot of folks deployed and a lot of missing dads.

[01:13:19] And so it's the responsibility of the larger community to step in and help in those situations. And I was sharing with these gentlemen earlier this morning that when my brother-in-law suddenly

passed away last June, I overnight felt like I went from being a biological father of two kids to four because he left behind two teenagers that, you know, suddenly lost their dad.

[01:13:44] And, you know, their mom is amazing. But there's just some things that you feel like you need to step in and do, especially with a teenage boy. And so you never know what life is going to throw your way. But what we do know is that children who have nurturing adults in their lives do better in life.

[01:14:07] They do better in school. They do better on the field. They do better in life. And you build more compassionate people. And so I do want to thank all the organizations that do this good work. We make this proclamation on an annual basis in part to call on more people in our community to step in and play these roles, but also to recognize, support, and thank the father figures in our community who are doing all that they can to make sure our young people are better prepared for the future and whatever that means.

[01:14:39] And I think the importance of this proclamation of not defining that is so important, and you heard that conversation here, that anyone can play a fatherly figure with anybody if you just give our young people some time.

[01:14:55] And I think that's the important message for all of us. So with that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And, gentlemen, the floor is yours.

[01:15:10] Thank you. Good morning, esteemed members of Fairfax County, Board of Supervisors, and everyone gathered here today. It is with great pleasure that I stand before you to accept this proclamation, recognizing June Fatherhood Awareness Month.

[01:15:26] I would like to briefly share an experience with the Department of Family Services, Dad's Parenting Group, and how this profoundly benefited me. My name is Darrell Corsi. I'm an extremely proud father of a four-year-old son, Malachi.

[01:15:43] From the moment I learned that I was going to be a father, I was inspired to be the best dad I could possibly be. However, as we all know, this often is easier said than done. My own parents divorced, and my father did not play a significant role in my upbringing.

[01:16:02] Unlike my childhood, I did not want my child's early years to be defined as an absent father. I first heard about the dad's parenting group through an excellent program operated by Fairfax County. It was called the Parenting Arc Reflection Class.

[01:16:20] Attending the dad's parenting group offered me a new and healthy perspective. The facilitators, Ms. Mercedes and Ms. Lisa, provided invaluable insight into what it means to be a good father, drawn from both personal and professional experiences.

[01:16:54] They consistently challenged us to discuss difficult yet important issues that arises in fatherhood. Reoccurring themes throughout sessions was you only have one chance at being a good father. Another crucial point of importance was ensuring children knew that they were loved, not only through the actions, but also verbalizing our love consistently.

[01:17:19] Additionally, I gained a fresh perspective by listening and conversing with other fathers in the group. We all had different reasons of attending, yet I felt rejuvenated in the Enlightenment by hearing

their stories. The meetings provided a support platform where I could discuss my situations and learn the different experiences from other parents.

[01:17:42] Parenting is not always straightforward at the group and other spaces seek advice as needed. The most important lessons I took away was not to never give up and to be the best father I could be. Another important discussion point at the start of our meeting was about how we as fathers nurture ourselves once a week.

[01:18:13] The first time that I heard this question, I realized that I hadn't been taking enough time to self-care. Sometimes things got tough, but we must all persevere. I'm sorry. I apologize. I overstepped. Give me one moment.

[01:18:53] By the end of our weekly meeting, I came to several realizations. The most critical takeaways about being a parent is never giving up. Times may get tough, but we must persevere and continue to move pushed forward. I'd like to thank the Board of Supervisors for allowing me to speak today, and I'd also like to express my gratitude for recognizing the vital role of fathers in their lives of their children.

[01:19:17] Fathers must play an intricate role in raising their children. Thank you. Thank you very much, Darrell. Thank you, Darrell, and I know sharing personal stories is not always easy, but it's so admired, and we appreciate you doing that this morning.

[01:19:43] Makes a difference. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. If you gentlemen could come forward, Supervisor Palchuk will join me. And anyone else who is here for this proclamation, please come on down for the photo.

[01:21:19] Finally, we have a proclamation to designate July 3rd, 2025 as Greatest American Cleanup Kickoff Day, and this was requested by myself and Supervisor Herity. Our speaker is Jennifer Lawson, President and CEO of Keep America Beautiful. If you could come on down, and at this time, I'd recognize Supervisor Herity.

[01:21:38] Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have a proclamation to move. Whereas Keep America Beautiful, a national nonprofit founded in 1953, has inspired generations of Americans to take action and take pride in their communities through volunteerism, beautification, and litter prevention.

[01:21:56] And whereas in anticipation of our nation's 250th anniversary, Keep America Beautiful has launched the Greatest America Cleanup, the largest coordinated cleanup in U.S. history with the goal of removing 25 billion pieces of litter and improving 25,000 communities.

[01:22:15] And whereas studies show that nearly 90% of Americans believe there is too much litter in their communities, the Greatest American Cleanup offers a timely and concrete opportunity for residents, businesses, and civic organizations to unite in a shared purpose and enhance the places they call home.

[01:22:33] And whereas leading national partners such as Hilton, Northrop Grumman, Coca-Cola, AT&T, and Disney National Geographic are collaborating with local communities support this important initiative. And whereas Fairfax County residents and businesses have a strong commitment to environmental stewardship through local cleanup efforts, this campaign offers a unique opportunity to engage more volunteers in removing litter from neighborhoods, parks, shopping centers, and railways.

[01:23:03] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby proclaim July 3rd, 2025, as Greatest American Cleanup Kickoff Day

in Fairfax County, and encourages all residents, businesses, and community organizations to participate in this historic year-long effort to beautify and strengthen our community in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

[01:23:30] So moved. Second that motion. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Herity. Yes. First, Jenny, thank you for being here today and for Keep America Beautiful, for being here and including Fairfax County in the Greatest American Cleanup Effort. As we all know, tackling litter in Fairfax County means engaging our whole community as we've got many programs ongoing that do that from residents to businesses and shopping centers to HOAs to VDOT, who maintains our roads, more or less.

[01:24:05] The Greatest American Cleanup is a great way to get our entire community engaged in this effort to help our environment and allow our residents to have pride in Fairfax County, which is really what keeping things clean is all about, taking pride.

[01:24:27] This is just the beginning of a year-long effort to bring partners together to address litter. So I want to thank you again for leading this effort, for including Fairfax County, and look forward to working with you over the next year to do even more to keep Fairfax County clean and litter-free.

[01:24:50] Thank you, Supervisor Herity. Supervisor Stork. I just want to echo the comments and just as importantly say that we all can make a difference in preventing the waste to begin with is an important part of how we reduce the amount of waste that's out there that we have to clean up.

[01:25:09] And I know this board particularly has stepped up and looked for ways to reduce plastic bags, and I think we made one step. There's a recent study out that showed that the benefits of that have been positive, but it's more in terms of reducing the increase in waste and litter than it is reducing the overall number.

[01:25:31] And that communities who have gone beyond just having a bag tax have even more of a difference. And so I think, I know for all of us here environmentally, that's an important way of reducing that. But then once it does get into our society and into our communities, we have some amazing groups that work very hard to remove it.

[01:25:51] And I think of the Friends of Dyke Marsh and Friends of Akatine Creek. There are many community groups. I know Mason Neck State Park and a lot of our regional parks and our park authority are all key parts of that. I know Operation Stream Shield has been a huge part of that, particularly for those areas that are maybe county property that need a little bit more attention.

[01:26:15] So there's lots of ways to do it, and I think we work hard at removing that literature, that literature, maybe that litter. But more importantly, we can do more, and stopping it before it becomes litter is a great way of doing that. So I'm looking for ongoing work, particularly in this semi-quintennial year, to see if we can, maybe this board, our communities can step up and do even more to prevent it.

[01:26:39] But thank you very much for being part of this. Thank you, Supervisor Stork, and you stole my thunder. I was going to, you know, I think it's important also, you know, thank a lot of our corporate partners here in Fairfax County who work with Jennifer and others to help, you know, do their part, and, you know, I will tell you that, you know, our environmental strategies in the county have been widely embraced by our industry partners who want to do the right thing to protect our environment, instinctively want to, and there are times where, you know, our role is to do more, and certainly implementing the VAG tax

[01:27:16] has been huge in reducing litter in Fairfax County statistically, but don't look at the statistics, just drive around and take a look around. And I know every year when the leaves fall from the trees is when you can really see the amount of litter in our community, and mostly a lot of plastic bags. And last year, we saw a marked reduction in that because of the plastic bag tax, which has been successful in every measure. And so it does take everyone's effort to reduce the number of things that are out there in our environment that are creating litter,

[01:27:52] to change attitudes about the materials that are being used. Because as we know, some materials can last in our environment for many, many decades before they break down. And also to our corporate partners who instinctively surprise us always in wanting to do the right thing environmentally.

[01:28:12] And so certainly I'm glad we're doing this proclamation, glad that we're tying it to our 250th anniversary and making sure that our community looks better than ever on its 250th birthday. But I want to thank you, Jennifer, and your group and the folks who are here with you today for doing your part to help keep Fairfax County a beautiful community.

[01:28:37] With that, I think we're ready to vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion is approved. And with that, as we mentioned, we have Jennifer Lawson, President and CEO of Keep America Beautiful.

[01:28:52] Welcome. Thank you, Chairman McKay and Supervisor Herity. It's my absolute pleasure to be here. I left Northern Virginia three years ago to move to Connecticut to take this job at Keep America Beautiful. So it's delightful to be home and especially for such a terrific opportunity as recognition and declaration of July 3rd its kickoff for the Greatest American Cleanup Day. Our vision was that this was a terrific opportunity to bring the nation together to do something that each community has within its

[01:29:29] power, which is to do a little more to make it clean, green, and beautiful on the event of our country's 250th birthday. This movement has taken off with more than 250 mayors and county boards taking this pledge across the country, and we're delighted to have you join us in this effort.

[01:29:50] So for more than 70 years, Keep America Beautiful has been at the forefront of creating cleaner, greener, and more beautiful communities. And here in Fairfax County, you all have been a leader in this initiative. As you mentioned, with the Operation Stream Shield, these models of blending the power of economics with the need the community has for waste removal and management is a terrific model that I know other communities are replicating around the country. The opportunity for tying these things together remains an important strategy for dealing with litter and

[01:30:27] cleaner communities and addressing environmental restoration and social impact all at the same time. So we've been doing some research in preparation for the Greatest American Cleanup with our partners at Harris Polls. And it tells us about this moment. The first slide they showed me after the research was coming back was a slide of nine jagged lines. And they said, you know, all of us in this moment are living in a stacked crisis. There are many crises surrounding. We've heard some of the challenges we're facing as communities here today. And what came further

[01:31:04] in that research was a statement that's really stuck with me, which is, I believe that if I could work together in my community to make things a little cleaner and more beautiful, maybe plant some flowers, that that's a pause that would be refreshing in these challenging times. How easy is that to

accomplish? And so congratulations to you all for imagining this moment as an opportunity to lead people to the pause that refreshes.

[01:31:36] Yeah, Coca-Cola is the sponsor, but that was not intended. It actually came verbatim from one of the respondents. And it is in these moments that we can come together as communities, especially when we feel oftentimes divided.

[01:31:54] Clean, green, and beautiful spaces bring people together and give us something to pass down to future generations. We hope you'll help us spread the word about the greatest American cleanup across the country, across your county, encouraging citizens, local civics group, and many companies based here to get involved. Together, we can deliver a greener and cleaner Fairfax County, along with our partners that keep Virginia beautiful, in time for America's birthday. Thank you again for your leadership, your partnership, and your shared belief in the power of community to create lasting

[01:32:29] change. Now let's go do beautiful things together. Thank you. Thank you very much, Jennifer. I appreciate that. And with that, I think we're ready for a photo. So if you can come forward, if anyone else is here with you, they're welcome to come down. Supervisor Herity and I will join

[01:32:49] you. The board will rise. Next, we have our annual presentation of the A. Heath On Thank Awards,

[01:33:56] where we recognize accomplishments of our outstanding county staff. And with us today is Commissioner John Towns of the Fairfax County Civil Service Commission who has some remarks and if you could come on down, there you are, if you could come on over to the podium and welcome to the board auditorium. Chairman McKay, it's one of my favorite times of the year. Welcome to the 58th presentation of the A. Heath Unthanked Memorial Award for Merit, the highest award granted to

[01:34:31] County employees. The award was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1966 to honor the memory of Colonel A. Heath Onthank, the first chairman of the Fairfax County Civil Service Commission and the creator of the country's merit system under which these employees serve today.

[01:34:53] The purpose of the Onthank Award is to grant recognition for accomplishments of, quote, outstanding worth in advancing and improving public service in Fairfax County government and school system. These three employees join the ranks of 357 prior recipients of the award.

[01:35:16] They represent the best of the county and school system and I am proud to honor them today. I will now introduce Mr. Paul Davis Jr., chairman of the OnThink Selection Committee, who will introduce his fellow committee members. Thank you. Good morning. It's a pleasure to be with you this morning and assist in the presentation of the A. Heath OnThink Award.

[01:35:45] My name is Paul Davis, and I'm the chairman of the OnThink Award Selection Committee. I will take this opportunity right now to introduce my fellow committee members. If any are present, please stand. Michael Coyle, Jane Gwynn, Rinko Hardison, Ernestine Hestey, Suzanne Holland, Philip Rosenthal, Wesley Spear.

[01:36:09] Thank you. to all the people that read off their phones earlier. I am not, my eyes are not that good.

[01:36:32] Good morning, Chairman, Madam Vice Chair, and Board of Supervisors. My name is Shelley Sciana, Human Resources Deputy Director. Thank you, OnThink Committee members, for your work

selecting the winners. I'm pleased to honor these deserving employees, recipients. Please come forward and stand with the presenters when I call your name. Audience, please hold your applause until the end. First up, Jennifer Dixon from the library. In 2022, Jennifer transformed an unused conference room into the POHIC DIY room, or the POD, a creative makerspace where community members

[01:37:11] could learn, teach, and connect. What began with a few tables and basic equipment has grown into a thriving hub. In 2024, the pod hosted 521 free programs, welcomed 3,400 visitors, and was powered by 24 volunteers, contributing over 2,250 hours. Programs range from sewing and crafting to 3D printing and tech help, supported entirely by donations and limited branch resources.

[01:37:44] More than just a program, the pod became a source of connection and healing. Attendees have described it as life-changing and deeply meaningful. Jennifer shared the pod's impact at the 2024 Virginia Library Association Conference, positioning it as a powerful response to the growing epidemic of loneliness. Now, Jennifer continues to guide the pod's growth, all without a dedicated budget, building a space where creativity and community thrive in Burke.

[01:38:15] Congratulations.

[01:38:18] Next, we have Megan D'Otelevi, Sheriff's Office.

[01:39:14] Lieutenant D'Otelevi played a key role in guiding the Sheriff's Office through a critical staffing shortage of over 25%.

[01:39:32] She led a successful restructuring of the booking unit, maintaining operations and even boosting morale and productivity under pressure. What truly distinguishes her is her innovation. Identifying flaws in the manual booking process, she developed and implemented Intagr, a real-time electronic check-in system.

[01:39:53] The solution streamlined officer processing, reduced wait times, and greatly improved operational efficiency. To ensure smooth adoption, she created her own training videos, learning new software in the process, and helped staff quickly adapt.

[01:40:10] In her new role with the Human Resources and Recruiting Division, she led the launch of an AI chatbot to improve applicant engagement, helping modernize recruitment efforts during a crucial time. Congratulations.

[01:40:34] Our last recipient is a Fairfax County Public Schools employee, Kara Payne from Katherine Johnson Middle School.

[01:41:10] Kara, the office assistant at KGMS, is an outstanding and indispensable member of the school community. She excels in her role through exceptional professionalism, strong communication skills, including fluency in Spanish, and a deep commitment to supporting students, staff, and families.

[01:41:32] Her long-standing presence at the school has helped her build lasting relationships and a strong understanding of school operations. Kara plays a key role in daily administrative functions such as attendance, student check-in and out, and providing backup for multiple office positions.

[01:41:52] She actively contributes to student support as a valued member of the MTSS team and meets regularly with leadership to address attendance concerns to develop action plans. Beyond her core duties, Kara enhances the school environment with creative decorations, staff appreciation events, and community service initiatives.

[01:42:14] She personally etched over 150 staff tumblers, managed donation drives, and organized a full slate of winter activities. Congratulations.

[01:42:26] Thank you again to John Towns and to Paul Davis for your work and making sure that our A. Heath OnThink Awards are special for all the recipients.

[01:44:30] And again, congratulations to all of our award winners this morning. Very proud of you. And with that, we are going to move on to our next agenda item, which is appointments to boards, authorities, commissions, and advisory groups. And at this time, I am going to turn to Supervisor Smith for a motion.

[01:44:49] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of appointments to the citizen boards, authorities, commissions, and advisory groups from the document dated June 24, 2025. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Palczyk. Are there any that board members would like to have voted on separately?

[01:45:05] Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Supervisor Palczyk. I don't know if they are heading out, but I just want to recognize Joe Heasty, who is retiring after 20 years of serving on the Commission on Aging.

[01:45:30] So I know you're here this morning and just want to thank you for your years of service. Thank you, Supervisor Palczyk, and I know we're going to have an opportunity later to invite him to come back to the board to be formally recognized, but thank you for mentioning that. It's no longer a surprise.

[01:45:47] But we appreciate all your years of service and of Ernestine's as well, so thank you. With that, we are going to move on to board matters, and these have been combined, have been circulated digitally, and we will go alphabetically by district, following myself and Vice Chairman Smith.

[01:46:07] I'm going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Smith. I have a couple of board matters. First, I move to approve without objection. The proclamation requests listed in this document, which is a proclamation to recognize Black Business Month in August, National Night Out on August 5th, and a proclamation and recognition of Hunger Action Month in September.

[01:46:28] Without objection, just so ordered. Thank you, Vice Chairman Smith. In my next board matter, and we're doing this, we're trying to do this a little bit different to be helpful to all of my colleagues on the board. As you all know, we have a lot of FCPS state championship teams and individuals to recognize, and I have gotten an official list from OPA so that we all don't have to do individual board matters.

[01:46:54] We will automatically, as a board, recognize all of our sports champions at FCPS both in the fall and spring seasons, and so you will see in this board matter a listing of all of our FCPS spring sports championships.

[01:47:11] And, of course, we're proud to be home of some of the most talented and hardworking student-athletes in the Commonwealth. And each season, our students consistently display exceptional commitment, sportsmanship, and excellence across a wide range of athletic competitions.

[01:47:27] And this past spring was no exception. Several teams and individual athletes from Fairfax County Public Schools earned Virginia State titles in their respective sports, officially earning the title of state champions. This spring season concluded just two weekends ago, and you can see here a long list of award winners, both in lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track and field, and individual state champions that are listed in this document.

[01:47:54] And I therefore move that the Office of Public Affairs, one, invite the outstanding student athletes and teams listed above to the July 15th Board of Supervisors meeting for formal recognition and celebration of their accomplishments. and two, prepare resolutions and certificates of recognition to be signed by the chairman and the respective member of the Board of Supervisors representing the district in which each school is located.

[01:48:17] I'll second that motion. All those in favor of the motion say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. My next joint is a joint board matter with Supervisors Stork and Jimenez to recognize Workforce Development Month. This year, the importance of workforce development is more urgent than ever.

[01:48:36] As we face the potential consequences of proposed budget cuts and workforce reductions at the federal level, particularly under the current administration, we must reaffirm our commitment to supporting the thousands of workers and families who already are being impacted and may additionally be impacted.

[01:48:54] The National Association of Workforce Development Professionals has long championed policies and practices to build resilient, future-ready communities. Locally, our workforce development partners are helping residents reskill, upskill, and pivot into in-demand sectors, whether they're recent graduates, career changers, or long-serving public employees who now may face the uncertainty due to federal restructuring and downsizing.

[01:49:22] These services are a critical safety net and launch pad. As federal workforce stability becomes less certain, our local and regional programs will be the first line of support, providing career coaching, training opportunities, and job placement resources that can help our constituents navigate a rapidly shifting employment landscape.

[01:49:41] Therefore, I move that we proclaim September 2025 as Workforce Development Month in Fairfax County, that we direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation recognizing the vital work of our workforce development professionals and the organizations that support career advancement and economic resilience, and direct the Department of Family Services Division of Employment and Training to invite all the Board of Supervisors for a site visit in the fall to provide regular updates on services and ongoing support in our changing economy.

[01:50:14] And as this board matter mentions, this is more timely than ever. And I can tell you the work of the organizations that are making sure that workforce development is on the front lines in Fairfax County is not just vital, it's been impressive. When you look at the number of events that we've held both in Fairfax County and around Fairfax County on workforce development.

[01:50:38] There are thousands of people coming to these hiring events looking for new opportunities, and so their work has never been more important now, and this proclamation of Workforce Development Month is never more important than now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll second that motion. Discussion on the motion.

[01:50:55] Supervisor Stork? I just want to highlight really the work particularly the EDA has done as well and the fact that the Fort Belvoir, the spouses as well as veterans employment events that we've held. I know Supervisor Luska has been part of those as well. And then we now have high school kids coming to them, which is further adds to that.

[01:51:14] So I just wanted to highlight that as part of this whole presentation. Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm proud to lead as chair of the Workforce Readiness Work Group of Fairfax County.

[01:51:31] As chair, I've seen firsthand how investing in our residents through targeted training, labor opportunities, business school partnerships, and support program open doors to opportunity and strengthen our local economy. So let's make sure to celebrate and build on our efforts to ensure every resident has the tools and pathways to succeed.

[01:51:49] Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. Okay. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. My next board matter is a joint board matter with Supervisor Stork, and Supervisor Stork and I have talked about this for quite a while, but Fairfax County has long been a major economic engine, the major economic engine for the Commonwealth of Virginia, consistently contributing a substantial share of state revenues through income taxes, sales taxes, and other sources.

[01:52:26] However, previous balance of payments analyses have revealed a persistent and significant disparity between the county's contributions to the state and the level of funding and resources it receives in return. This imbalance raises important questions about fiscal equity and the allocation of state resources to localities. As we continue to navigate an uncertain economic climate with evolving revenue trends, inflationary pressures, and growing demands for essential services, it is more important than ever that our fiscal policy decisions be grounded in accurate, up-to-date data. A refreshed and comprehensive revenue and return analysis will help ensure

[01:53:05] transparency and fairness, support effective advocacy for Fairfax County's needs, and inform future budget planning at both the state and local levels. The most recent study conducted in partnership with JLARC dates back to 2001. Given the circumstance, it is both timely and necessary to revisit this issue using current fiscal data and a thorough methodology that accounts for both direct and indirect state support. This will position the county to engage constructively with state partners and better serve our residents, as well as inform future

[01:53:40] budgeting efforts and legislative priorities to be included in the legislative package annually. Therefore, I move that the county executive collaborate with economic experts to produce an updated revenue and return analysis. The results should be presented to the Board of supervisors at a budget committee meeting in the fall of this year of 2025. This analysis should include a detailed revenue breakdown for Fairfax County, as well as comparisons with neighboring jurisdictions. And the timeline that is on here is strategic and deliberate so that this can not

[01:54:14] only inform our legislative package next year, this year, we can work on it this year for next year, but also inform next year's budget. And I know there's been a lot of debate here about Whether we get 19 cents back on the dollar, 25 cents or 30 cents or whether we get half, what we know is we don't get near enough.

[01:54:35] And we need to refine that number and have it backed with the type of economic analysis that's professionally done so that we're all recognizing the facts. And not only has this not been done with JLARC since 2001, but we have seen what's happened with the JLARC analysis on education, is there were a lot of folks who were, hey, those are the county's numbers, those are someone else's numbers, and getting away

with dramatically underfunding the state, getting away with dramatically underfunding public education for decades.

[01:55:09] We finally said, look, don't believe our numbers, don't believe Baco's numbers, don't believe, you know, superintendent's numbers. Let's have the state do their own thorough analysis of where we stand. And the results have shown that in public education, we are so far behind our neighboring states as the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[01:55:28] And that study has made a difference because it was professionally and independently done. And that's what we're asking to have done here specifically with what is the return Fairfax County gets on the investments that our residents make to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[01:55:45] And if it ends up at 19, 25, 30, or 50 cents, wherever it ends up, that will inform future legislative packages, conversations with our legislators, and hopefully advocacy at the state level to do better. I will second that motion.

[01:56:02] Supervisor Stork. I just want to echo the chairman's points, and I think the criticality of doing this, especially now, to give all of us really the data that we know is lacking. We have some, but then I hear something from the local senators and representatives who believe it's something else.

[01:56:25] And I just want something that we all can point to and say, here's what we know are the facts. And if somebody wants to differ with that or disagree with that, then show me your facts, right? It's that simple. It's not about a belief system. It's about what are the numbers really showing and what does that mean not only for our community but other communities around the state.

[01:56:47] And we know that we truly are the drivers of the economy in Virginia. We know that it's critical that we not be shortchanged in terms of the support that we get and that in turn that our residents aren't having to really incur some much more financial consequences and costs for something that keeps us from maybe realizing our full potential because those costs are much higher than they should be.

[01:57:16] So I appreciate the chairman's advocacy as well as support about how best to do this. I'm looking forward to doing this. I'm looking forward to having this as part of our discussion this fall. So thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Herity. Yeah, I'm going to be supporting the motion. I think it's important that we know what that balance is, and we've heard the numbers all over the place.

[01:57:36] I just wanted to take the opportunity. We're spending a lot of time looking at the revenue number. There's two parts of the budget. I want to reiterate my plea that we spend as much time looking at the expense side and what's driving our cost increases as what is happening on our revenue side.

[01:57:54] But I'll be supporting the motion. Thank you. Thank you. 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 that is the end of my board matters. Next up is Vice Chairman Smith.

[01:58:10] Thank you. I have one board matter about the Zoning Ordinance Work Program. Mr. Chairman, at the Board's June 17, 2025 Land Use Policy Committee meeting, Leslie Johnson, the Zoning Administrator, presented the proposed FY2026-2027 Zoning Ordinance Work Program, which represents an updated two-year work program cycle.

[01:58:31] The proposed FY2026 to 2027 work program has 14 topics with 25 individual items, including both new and carryover items. It is anticipated that many of the items currently under review will be completed over the next year.

[01:58:48] Some of the new items include a review of the standards for home daycare facilities, the definition of building height, permissions for accessory structures, and a review of permissions and use standards for certain commercial and industrial uses. Ms. Johnson highlighted the accomplishments in FY 2025.

[01:59:06] She noted that 55% of the 20 items of the work program were completed with either the adoption of an amendment, publication of a report, or moved to Priority II as a placeholder for future topics. Completion of major topic areas included new rates for accessible parking, expanded permissions and standards for contractors' offices and shops, updates to the PDH and PDC district use standards for secondary uses and other changes, which the Board will hear about this afternoon, and a more streamlined process for permitting special events.

[01:59:38] Reports to the Board relating to electronic display signs and murals were also completed. Ms. Johnson also highlighted the significant progress that has been made on substations, battery, energy, storage, manufactured housing, and PRC plan exemptions, and that the Board should see authorizations for these amendments later this year.

[01:59:57] The work program also includes a Priority II list that is focused on updates to the Zoning Ordinance that will continue to reflect current and future trends and priorities of the Board and community. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors endorse the FY2026-2027 Zoning Ordinance Work Program as presented in the memorandum to the board dated June 9, 2025.

[02:00:21] It is my understanding that the FY2026-2027 work program will be posted on the Department of Planning and Development's web page and circulated by GovDelivery announcement. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Alcorn and Paucek.

[02:00:37] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries Supervisor Herity being away from the dais. Supervisor Smith. That's it. Thank you, Supervisor Smith.

[02:00:53] Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No board matters, but I do just have two announcements to share. First, at our last meeting, I introduced one of our two Braddock District summer interns. And we're honored to have our other Braddock District summer intern with us today, Soren Tremble.

[02:01:11] Stand up, Soren. Soren lives in Springfield in the Braddock District and studies environmental science and policy at the University of Maryland in College Park. Her studies focus on the relationship between people and the environment, and she intends to pursue a career in public policy to develop sustainable solutions to public issues.

[02:01:32] Soren also enjoys history, literature, and creative writing. In her free time, she likes to hike, bike, and explore nature in Fairfax County and beyond, and she's very excited to serve her community for the summer of 2025 as part of the Braddock District Office team. So join me in welcoming Soren.

[02:01:49] She's doing a great job already. And second, I just wanted to share and give some appreciation. Last night we learned that three buildings at a large apartment complex in the Braddock District in Annandale were without air conditioning.

[02:02:11] And I want to thank Jacqueline Lake, who's the Braddock Elementary Community Liaison, Alejandra from my office. Frank didn't put his name on here, but Frank Anderson as well. And Daniel Diaz and Sade Monroe from NCS.

[02:02:29] They all worked together very quickly to open up the Annandale Community Center on the backside of Heritage Mall. And I think we had, at one point, up to 25 people there who were safely in the air conditioning.

[02:02:45] And this is a community where a lot of folks don't have the resources to go out and get themselves a hotel room. So I just want to thank all of the county staff from my office, Braddock Elementary, NCS, who pulled together very quickly so those folks had a safe place to stay last night.

[02:03:03] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A great effort. Thank you for recognizing that. Next up is Supervisor Behrman. No board matters, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Behrman. Next is Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first item is an update on an announcement that I made at the Board of Supervisors meeting back on May 13, 2025.

[02:03:27] We, at that point, had a motion requesting that the Office of Public Affairs advertise the kids' contract on the green series at the Springfield Overlook, atop the Springfield CBC parking garage. I'm pleased to announce the two performances.

[02:03:42] The first held on June 14th and the second on June 21st were attended by over 300 children and their families. And on June 14th, the first concert was with Munit and the Zee Love Bugs. And kids got the opportunity to roam around at the top of the parking area.

[02:04:02] I think there's photos, if you haven't seen those, that shows the area which we're trying to promote. And then the second concert, which was held on June 21st, the Ragnoceros brought the audience to their feet. And pretty hot day, but the kids had a great, great time, which was nice to see and the witness.

[02:04:22] So I'm appreciative, first, to the Fairfax County Park Authority for their partnership, also appreciative to the Office of Public Affairs for their help in advertising these events. And again, the concert series demonstrated one potential use for the Springfield Overlook space which can be rented so those who are listening you can rent this space through the Park Authority for meetings events and celebrations and I look forward to seeing what creative ways this space will be used in the future and again acknowledge the chairman for the

[02:04:54] work in creating the space as a part of the CBC garage so thank you the second is in regard to our 13th student-built home in the Spring Village estate. So Supervisor Palchuk and I were able to witness up close and personal the work that's been done. Excited to announce this student-built home. It's a five-bedroom, four-bath, 5,000 square foot home at 7430 Foundation Way in

[02:05:32] Springfield, and it was built in partnership with the Foundation of Applied Technical Education, which is FATE, and then the Fairfax County Public Schools and local contractors. This property, again, is located in the Springfield area of Franconia District, and what is just amazing is that the

construction technologies that are taught through this program are available through the Edison Academy for up to 20 students. FATE and FCPS are providing a unique opportunity for students to apply classroom building trades and instruction through their actual construction of the actual

[02:06:11] new single-family home. Students develop skills in concrete installation, framing, tile, electrical plumbing, HVAC, and other areas of home building. Participants also earn industry credentials that they can use after graduation. And a point that was pretty telling to me is the price of the home.

[02:06:35] So this home is being listed for \$1.35 million. I am also told that it will probably sell for more than that. So again, I encourage my colleagues to visit this exceptional home and see the very impressive work that's been done by students in our Fairfax County public school system. So thank you, Mr. Sherman. And then last, I would like to introduce one of my interns for this summer, who's one of our college interns, and if she'd like to stand, Zumi Cortez Cardenas. She is a

[02:07:10] Promise Scholar at Richard Bland College of William & Mary, where she will graduate this December with her associate's degree. After earning her degree, she will pursue a BA in public policy at William & Mary on the pre-law track with a concentration in technology and data science. She's also a Franconia district resident and a graduate of John Lewis High School. Zouimi is especially passionate about developing AI-driven public policy frameworks and community-focused research proposals, particularly in the areas of health care equity,

[02:07:48] criminal justice reform, and climate tech. So she is in many different areas, a different set of degree options than Supervisor Alcorn and I had when we were in college, but these are pretty impressive. She's also deeply interested in local government and in continuing to gain experience as an intern in my office. Her goal is to begin her career in local government, then transition to state level policy or legal work in Richmond.

[02:08:20] So we're really excited to have Zouimi this summer in our office and thank her for the work that she's already done and look forward to having her at a number of other meetings here as well. So thank you, Mr. Sherman.

[02:08:40] Thank you very much, Supervisor Lusk, and your board matter on the FATE program. Yes, sir. I remember being out there when we broke ground on the first house, which I believe was at least 15, close to 15 years ago.

[02:08:55] That's right. And this site was originally planned for in our CIP and approved for an elementary school. And so it was not without a lot of controversy back in those days. So I would encourage people to go out and see it because it is a rare opportunity that FCPS got working with the county to have on-the-ground skills.

[02:09:15] And I want to mention, I appreciate the press coverage of this too because there's been some great stories about this. and hearing some of the students talk about how this translates into real employable skills that you can't learn in the classroom is impressive.

[02:09:33] So I would encourage my colleagues not only to go visit this site, but think about sites in your own district where this could be replicated, because that has been a challenge of this program for a long time, is finding the sites to be able to accomplish this program in more places in the county.

[02:09:50] And this one we got lucky on. It was not easy, but these are hard to do. And so if you and your own districts can think of some opportunities for FCPS to pursue, I know they're always open for more chances to do this in more places. And, Mr. Chairman, if I could add, it looks like they'll be constructing now for about six to seven years at the most.

[02:10:10] So after they've completed here, they'll need another site, to your point. So thank you. Yes, absolutely. and it's never too early to start because these sites can be active, you know, for many, many, many years. And, you know, before we turn the page on this, you know, the price point on that is very high, but I think it's also appropriate for us to publicly thank the other people who live in this community because living in a community that's an active construction site for 15 years is disclosed to them, but not the easiest thing in the world.

[02:10:44] And so I definitely appreciate their patience while FCPS and the county works through this. So thank you for the recognition of that. Next up is Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No board matters, but I do have an announcement. As the board's aware, I serve on a state subcommittee on public transit funding called SJ28, or best known as SJ28.

[02:11:11] And we did meet yesterday. That group continues to explore how the state and possibly local governments, how we can all fund public transit going forward. This is really a Virginia-specific element of the larger DMV Moves effort that I know you, Mr. Chairman, and our county executive are extremely involved with.

[02:11:38] So we did get an update yesterday on the DMV Moves activity. continuing to look to see what sources of revenue might be options and we had a good presentation on where WMATA is in terms of their long-term funding needs particularly on capital funding and their efforts to modernize particularly the metro rail system so that work continues

[02:12:09] we do expect to have a better uh sense of what the the true annual need is going to be because it's not just wimata we also have our local bus systems we have uh the virginia railway express uh and so nvt c staff is working uh with the transit operators to pull that information together so that's that's a tbd probably looking in september for voting getting more information on that. But I see Noel Dominguez is up there. She was in attendance yesterday. So I've asked Noel

[02:12:47] if she could, or I ask that she share the handouts and the information provided to the rest of the board from yesterday's meeting. So that's it. And then I have, oh, go ahead. Just important to note on that, because some have asked questions about what's going on. These meetings are wide open to the public, including to every member of this board, wants to attend a DMV moves meeting, meeting in Richmond, you know, on the discussion of the joint resolution, study resolution. These are open to the public. I know Supervisor Alcorn was present at our last DMV moves meeting. And so

[02:13:24] no excuse to not know what's going on. If you want to know, you just have to pay attention, come to some of the meetings, listen to what is said at the meetings, and then review the documents that you've requested to be circulated. So thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And then just one thing that I just saw came through the email. The American Public Transit Association has done their 2025 Public Transportation Awards, and it looks like WMATA has won the Outstanding Partnership in Public Transportation, Project Kimley Horn, Foursquare Integrated

[02:14:00] Transportation Planning and WMATA. And also, WMATA was named the Outstanding Large Public Transportation System in the United States for 2025. So congrats there. So thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Alcorn. And next up is Supervisor Jimenez.

[02:14:22] I have no board matters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And this first item is a joint board matter. And I know that we've all been very involved in trying to work through the details of this, but with yourself as well as Supervisor Rodney Lusk.

[02:14:42] And it has to do with the I-495 Southside Express Lanes study. In early 2022, VDOT initiated the I-495 Southside Express Lanes, or SEL, study to evaluate the remaining segments of I-495 in Virginia without express lanes and to identify alternatives for improving traffic operations and model-modal connectivity between Springfield Interchange and the Maryland 210 Interchange in Prince George's County, Maryland.

[02:15:11] VDOT has developed and analyzed a range of alternatives and identified a preferred alternative in the most recent reports. VDOT has held four public information meetings this past April and four public hearings in June to present the preferred alternative and gather public feedback. VDOT has set a deadline of June 26, 2025 for comments on the preferred alternative.

[02:15:34] We appreciate VDOT's efforts to select a preferred alternative to improve system continuity and travel reliability along this critical segment of the Capitol Beltway. It remains a top priority of the county that any proposed alternative provides multimodal travel choices for local and regional commuters while minimizing adverse impacts to surrounding communities.

[02:15:53] However, based on the analyses we have seen to date, we believe that further analysis of traffic and environmental impacts associated with the preferred alternative is essential to more fully understand its implications. Our key concerns include traffic congestion at major interchanges, potential impacts to the local transportation network, integration of transit options, continuity and safety of bicycle and pedestrian trail connections, and potential environmental impacts.

[02:16:20] These issues have significant implications for both the local community and the broader region. Therefore, we move without objection that the Board of Supervisors authorize the chairman to sign and transmit the attached letter to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Shepard Miller III, which outlines the county's comments on the I-495 cell studies preferred alternative.

[02:16:42] And I'm happy to second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Mr. Chairman, there's a very detailed letter attached, as well as kind of a spreadsheet of the different kinds of questions and comments and concerns that we have. I'll let that speak for itself, but I know we have spent a significant amount of time not only putting this letter together to properly reflect the community's, I think, differences of view about whether or not this is a positive or negative.

[02:17:12] And I think the most important thing we all recognize is that we have transit issues, particularly in this part of the county, that are mostly the result of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and its being backed up. And whatever we do on the Virginia side of that, if we can't only fix the Maryland side of that and the bridge backs up, we're going to continue to have major challenges with our, frankly, ease of getting around.

[02:17:42] And that has a major impact then on roads that feed into, in this case, Route 1 or Telegraph Road or really many of our other intersections. And what can we do to try to, I guess, minimize those impacts, but more importantly, improve the backups that we're currently seeing?

[02:18:00] They're severe. They're significant. They're not going away. How can we improve upon that? And we've tried to identify some of those issues in here. And for me personally, it's hard to imagine supporting this I-495 Express Lane addition unless VDOT truly addresses the community connections that go with this.

[02:18:22] And I'm confident they can if they're willing to step up and truly make that difference and make those investments, which the county just does not have the resources on our own to do. So thank you. Yeah, I appreciate that, Supervisor Stork. And I echo that. I will say what's unacceptable is the status quo, and we know what is happening at the American Legion Bridge.

[02:18:45] We see it every day. We know that this is already starting to affect the approaches at this bridge, and something must be done. And I really appreciate the tenor of this in supporting continuing to work with VDOT, because as I said before, this isn't in the letter, but I've said it publicly.

[02:19:03] I'll continue to say it publicly, that this is an equity issue, is that the Virginia Department of Transportation and our legislators decided a long time ago that this one section of the Beltway wasn't going to get the same improvements that the rest of the Beltway got.

[02:19:21] And they made that decision based on what they considered to be a lack of revenue-generating toll users in this segment of the Beltway. It's an outrageous decision that they made, and we have to fix it. The idea that a certain part of this county, in this case the people who live east of 495, like Supervisor Stork, Supervisor Lusk and I, don't have access to public transit benefits that the rest of the people who live along the Beltway have is atrocious.

[02:19:54] And it's been lost in this conversation. I get the concerns that people have, but if you look at the projections of delay travel time without providing real choices for people in this segment of the Beltway, we are heading directly towards exactly what the situation is at the American Legion Bridge now.

[02:20:11] And the time to act on that is now, because left with no other alternatives, we will be stuck in endless gridlock in this section of the Beltway in perpetuity. People who want to use transit will get no transit benefit to use the express lanes that everybody else in the county gets.

[02:20:29] Carpoolers will not be encouraged because they won't get free use of the lanes to be able to get in and around. And in terms of the impacts to neighboring roads, I mean, that's something we're always very concerned about. But their number one driver of gridlock in the parallel roads that run in and around the area of the beltway is when something on the beltway happens.

[02:20:52] And I've said this before. If you want to know if there's an incident on the beltway, an accident or a closure or a backup, one need only look at Telegraph Road, look at Huntington Avenue, look at, in some cases, Van Dorn Street.

[02:21:12] And you know when there's an incident on the Beltway because all the neighborhood streets are flooded. If we do nothing here, that's exactly the situation we will have every single day because the Beltway will be flooded. And talk to the people in the Drainsville District about what happens when the

Beltway is stopped because of a lack of access at the American Legion Bridge and people aren't given travel alternatives.

[02:21:36] What do they do? They cut through all of our neighborhoods. So actually, doing nothing here would be the number one thing we could do to support more traffic in the neighborhoods around this area. That would be the number one thing because that would guarantee every single day perpetual backups all the way west of the Springfield interchange.

[02:21:57] And so it is really important that we keep these conversations going. We address these impacts, but that we don't settle for doing nothing here because doing nothing opens up no transit benefits. It does nothing to encourage carpools, and it will do nothing to head off the numbers that VDOT has presented, which are the delay times in the no-build alternative.

[02:22:19] And those are real. And we have seen an experiment of what happens. This is not a hypothetical for me. It's actually building every day out there towards looking more and more like the challenge we're facing right now on a daily basis at the American Legion Bridge. And so this is a really important letter.

[02:22:36] It's really important to outline these things, but I am going to remain steadfast in requiring VDOT do something in this segment of the Beltway because they should have done it a long time ago, and the people who live in this part of the county should not have to withstand a lack of infrastructure that everybody else in the county has.

[02:22:58] And that's just the reality, and that was a deliberate decision that VDOT made that needs to be rectified. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I'll just sort of dovetail on the comments you made and say, first, in the public meetings that were held on this topic, there were a number of issues that came out.

[02:23:18] And I appreciate that the letter that we have put together here addresses those specific issues and concerns. I'm very curious, though, to see what the response is back on the impacts of the neighborhood streets, because I think that that's a very critical question that we're hearing over and over again from the community.

[02:23:38] So we've got to have an answer. I also appreciate that we're looking at the pedestrian and bike and other connectivity issues, because I think those are really important, particularly South Van Dorn. There's some improvements that certainly need to be addressed.

[02:23:54] But the elephant in the room, and I'm going to say this out loud and probably shouldn't, is, you know, what's Maryland doing on their side? So here we are talking about the I-495 project on the north end, which is Drainsville's, sorry, albatross at this point.

[02:24:12] And then on the south end, this is ours, we here. So we have the same problem. Maryland is not willing to step up when the benefits are directly going to be improving access for their residents to get into our county and other places south and then for them to get back home.

[02:24:36] So we've got to really figure out what is this kind of communication with Maryland's DOT and trying to figure out how we can come to some agreement, I guess is the best way to say that. So I hope that that will continue, obviously, the negotiation on that point, because it does not make sense, theory or practice.

[02:25:00] We're talking about making changes, and the other side, which is the beneficiary, is like, well, we're not going to do it on our side. We're not going to touch it. So we do need some additional work on those discussions and those deliberations. So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:25:17] Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the letter, I appreciate the comments made today, and I sincerely hope VDOT will address it because some of us are being asked to vote on this project on regional boards.

[02:25:33] So I look forward to VDOT being responsive. Thank you. It's a good point, and, you know, they, frankly, got to do a lot better. Supervisor Herdy. Yeah, I was just going to say, first of all, I appreciate your comments, Mr. Chairman, on the importance of the project and doing nothing is not an option.

[02:25:51] My only concern is the letter doesn't reflect that spirit quite enough. But I'm glad it was said, and that's kind of right where I am. So we need to get it done. Okay. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none.

[02:26:07] All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next item is one that is also being done jointly with yourself and Supervisor Pat Harity. And this is about an amazing individual in our community and one especially proud that I can be to read this.

[02:26:31] In 1938, just 10 days before Kristallnacht, also known as the Night of Broken Glass, Colonel Frank Cohn and his family escaped Nazi persecution. The arrival in New York, followed by an executive order from President Roosevelt, protecting in-country refugees saved their lives and marked the beginning of an extraordinary American story.

[02:26:52] Colonel Frank Cohn, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on August 2, 2025, is a Holocaust survivor, World War II veteran, and longtime community leader. Drafted into the U.S. Army at age 18, Frank became a U.S. citizen during basic training and was soon deployed to Europe, where he served as an intelligence agent during the Battle of the Balge and throughout the European campaign, participating in the liberation of six key German cities.

[02:27:18] After active duty, Frank remained in the military, ultimately serving for 35 years and retiring as a colonel. While in retirement, Frank worked for the University of Maryland for 14 years and served in several civic positions such as co-chair of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association and his transportation commissioner for the Mount Vernon District.

[02:27:37] Today, he continues to share his powerful story as a member of the Speaker's Bureau for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, talking about his escape, his service in World War II, and how he keeps faith with the motto, Never Again. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask without objection that the Board recognize August 2nd, 2025 as Colonel Frank Cohn Day in Fairfax County and direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a resolution to be presented outside the Boardroom on August 2nd in recognition of Colonel Frank Cohn's century of life, service, and unwavering dedication to our country and community.

[02:28:14] And without objection, that is so ordered. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Thank you. The next item is the recognition of reopening the Mount Vernon Rec Center. I just wanted to take a minute. We talk a lot about before things open up, and I really wanted to take a minute after something opened, particularly something this consequential and really this amazing, to be honest.

[02:28:36] Mr. Chairman, on June 9, 2025, Team MVD and I were thrilled to welcome the community back to the Mount Vernon Rec Center. From kids playing and squealing with delight, absolutely that occurred. Exercisers, working out and sweating and figure skating, gliding on the ice. it was a joy to behold. I'd like to take a moment to recognize and thank the Fairfax County Park Authority for their extraordinary efforts in the redevelopment and phased reopening in the Mount Vernon Rec Center. After more than four decades of service to the community, this facility had been under major reconstruction for the past two years. It has now reopened as a modern, state-of-the-art wellness hub featuring expanded amenities which will include two NHL-sized ice

[02:29:13] rinks, a two-story fitness center, dedicated group fitness studios, model purpose spaces, a renovated pool and indoor track in Fairfax County's first ever indoor climbing wall. This new prominent landmark with a dramatically enhanced entrance, exterior facade, and lighting, health, fitness, and fun is unparalleled in the county. The vision execution behind this \$74 million investment reflects FCPA's commitment to delivering high quality recreational opportunities for all residents. While the reopening has followed a phased timeline and certain amenities such as pool will reopen later this summer, it's important to emphasize that these adjustments

[02:29:50] are not due to any shortcomings of the Park Authority. Rather, they reflect the complexities and scale of transforming a beloved community center into a best-in-class facility. The Park Authority's steadfast leadership, coordination, and community-centered approach throughout this process deserves our sincere appreciation. I would especially like to thank Mountain Vernon Park Authority Board Representative Linward Gorham, J. Cole, Sarah Baldwin, Amy Vosper, Brendan Hannafin, Andrew Miller, and Sam Smith, who's the manager for all their efforts on this.

[02:30:24] I'd also like to thank the Department of Public Works, Capital Projects, and Construction Team for their planning and development work throughout the project. In particular, I want to thank Tia Rahu, Maurice Averin, David Franklin, and Wynton Lamb.

[02:30:43] We look forward to the rest of the amenities opening through the summer and Community Grand Opening Celebration in August, which, Mr. Chairman, I know you'll be there, and I invite many others to come as part of that. I ask my colleagues to join me in committing the Park Authority and all partners involved with this remarkable project.

[02:31:00] Thank you, Supervisor Stork, and I appreciate you doing this because I know the Park Authority could have decided to wait to open this until everything was complete, and you know people are chomping at the bit to get in there and deciding to open it before everything is absolutely 100% complete is the right decision to make because people have waited a long time for this.

[02:31:21] And so waiting for those final pieces and looking forward to being out there in August to celebrate the final product, but they absolutely made the right decision to go ahead and open this up soft and let the public start using it. So thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:31:37] Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do that. The next item is approval of the performance audit to the board's FY2026 study plan. At the June 17, 2025, well, this is done jointly with my colleagues on the audit board, Supervisor Beerman, Supervisor Jimenez, as well as Supervisor Herity.

[02:32:00] The June 17, 2025 audit committee meeting, the audit committee reviewed the performance audit to the board's FY2026 study plan. The committee reviewed and recommends moving forward with

the following studies. In first quarter, funding reimbursement study series, NVTa.

[02:32:17] It will commence in the fourth quarter of FY 2025, which is now, and it will be completed in the first quarter of FY 2026. A recovery costs follow-up study at the Department of Family Services, so they're going back and reviewing previous studies. The second quarter is contributories fund study.

[02:32:34] The third quarter is Fairfax Active Transportation Project Study, and the fourth quarter, Evaluating the Timeliness and Efficiency of the Restaurant Permitting Process, which we all know is a major issue that we hear about often. And I appreciate really the staff's work in putting together the booklet.

[02:32:53] Now we're going to see how well are we performing in some of those ways to implement and expedite those kinds of developments. And then the last item in the fourth quarter is the FY2027 study plan presentation. The other to the board also recommended four alternative studies, which could be done if time and resources allow or if a planned study is not possible.

[02:33:14] These include a study of the CSP phone line and its role and effectiveness in serving Fairfax County residents, Fairfax County short-term lodging compliance study, surveying the survey tools, and assessment of how survey data is collected and used and evaluating the timeliness and efficiency of the residential permitting process.

[02:33:34] The FY2026 study plan can be found at the committee meetings link below and have been distributed to board members electronically. Therefore, we move that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached performance outage of the board FY2026 study plan. Second.

[02:33:50] That's seconded by Supervisor Bierman and Palczyk. Any discussion on the motion? Oh, Supervisor Jimenez? I'll be super quick. And thank you, Supervisor Stork. I just want to take a moment to recognize and sincerely thank our auditors of the board, Jennifer Gerard, along with Deputy Auditor Carol O'Connor, Ryan Huang, and their intern, Apollo Alicia Cura, for their outstanding work.

[02:34:15] They've really put a lot of time, dedication to the work. I will say every single meeting they come prepared, they come ready, and it makes our jobs a little bit easier when they're so willing to really go that extra mile and do some great work for the county.

[02:34:30] So, I just want to acknowledge their hard work. Thank you. Seeing no other discussion, all those in favor of the motion say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Anything else, Supervisor Scott? Just a couple of minor things. Well, not minor. I just want to remind folks that we have the Fairfax County Pulse Insights.

[02:34:48] You all get this. It's a great newsletter about what's happening in the county, where we are economically, whether it's housing prices or number of sales or it's information about employment. It's just a great source of information about what's going on in the county. So please take a look and feel free to utilize it.

[02:35:06] The second item is Rebecca Modry, our Director of Department of Economic Initiatives, has put together a business data overview, which she sends out and references some of this. It goes out to all board members. The last one went out June 6th, and I just wanted to kind of highlight it to folks here.

[02:35:22] And then the final item I had was something that I really thought was important to share, and you should have seen it. It looks like this. It's an 11 by 17 sheet. It's folded, and it's about the Virginia

Railway Express. And Supervisor Wackenshaw and I serve on that currently, But I know others of you have served before on that, as well as served with the NVTC, which the VRE Operations Board, which we're on, probably reports to.

[02:35:50] This is, frankly, the plan, if you will, for VRE over the next couple decades. And so the shorter term, it's today to 2030, about transforming rail and the first stop in 2030. It also has in here information about our 2050 plans, which really are, we know it's kind of out there, but we also recognize if you don't identify where you're going, it's kind of hard to get there.

[02:36:16] And so you identify not only the tools and the funding and the systems for doing that, but there's really some major transitions that are occurring with VRE. Not only do we have, we're in the process of hiring a new chief legal officer, but as of this past meeting, our chief, our CEO, executive director, has identified to us that he will be retiring in October.

[02:36:43] So we have a couple major issues and elements that are part of this process, and VRE is a core part of this. I know former Chairman Sharon Boulevard was a key part of making this a reality for us, as well as I know that Suvaraza Wackenshaw has served as past chair and has also been deeply involved with making sure that we keep VRE as not only a commuter rail but also go it into a regional rail that we know that the opportunities are there for that.

[02:37:12] I just want to make sure we all have it. Thank you. Thank you very much, Supervisor Stork. And next up is Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Before I read my written board matters, I want to introduce first of several interns we'll be having this summer.

[02:37:29] Behind me is Olivia Buo, who is a visiting intern from Lille de France. She's currently pursuing a degree in political science at Sciences Po Lyon, one of France's leading institutions for social sciences and public affairs. As part of her academic and professional development, she's undertaking this internship with the county in our office and to gain a comprehensive understanding of the structure and operations of local government in the United States.

[02:37:56] She's deeply committed to public service and is eager to contribute meaningfully to the county's work and putting her skills, dedication, and learning to our residents. So thank you. Bienvenue, Olivia. My first written board matter is to authorize the concurrent processing for Flint Hill 3.

[02:38:23] Members of the board, Flint Hill Propco LLC has filed a rezoning application for tax map parcel 047-201-0046D. This application, RZ-FDP-2024-PR-00008 and PCA-78-P-137-06, also known as Flint Hill 3, is currently being reviewed by staff and the community, and all significant issues have been largely resolved.

[02:38:57] In addition, this is a third of three separate but adjacent rezonings that will transform the aging Flint Hill office complex. The previous two, RZ2023-PR-00010 Redwood and RZ2020-PR-00015 Flint Hill A&A, were approved by the Board of Supervisors earlier this year on February 18, 2025.

[02:39:23] These requests for a concurrent process and expedited board date will better align all these rezonings into a single coordinated vision for the community. The applicant is requesting the board to both expedite the scheduling of the board public hearing for the rezoning and to permit concurrent review of the site plan at their own risk during the review of the rezoning to allow the project to move forward to align with the other rezonings in the land unit.

[02:39:48] Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to expedite the scheduling of the Board of Public Hearing for rezoning application RZ-2024-PR-00008, final development plan application FDP-2024-PR-00008, and proper condition amendment application PCA-78-P-137-06 to the earliest possible date.

[02:40:18] and to direct staff to concurrently and simultaneously process any associated site plans. And I will second that motion. Let me just finish this motion. Is that okay? This motion should not be construed as a favorable – sorry, thank you – recommendation by the Board on the pending application and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of all applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards.

[02:40:42] And that I will second. Discussion on the motion. Mr. Chairman, if I can just say that we have been in communication with staff, and I believe that they are supportive of this motion. Okay, excellent. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[02:40:58] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next is a joint board matter with yourself, Vice Chair Smith and Supervisor Lusk. But I know we are all supportive of this issue, recognizing NAMI Northern Virginia's 2025 National Award.

[02:41:17] Members of the board is with great pride and enthusiasm that recognized NAMI Northern Virginia for being named the 2025 Outstanding Affiliate of the Year by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI, at their annual national convention. This prestigious distinction is the highest honor a local affiliate can receive and was awarded from among over 700 affiliates across the country.

[02:41:39] For over 47 years, NAMI Northern Virginia has provided free education, peer support groups, and outreach services for individuals and families affected by mental illness. This national recognition highlights their unwavering commitment to serving our region's diverse communities and ensuring equitable access to culturally responsive mental health support.

[02:41:57] It also reflects the dedication of staff volunteers, community partners, who work collaboratively to strengthen our local mental health system. Therefore, I move without objection that a proclamation be prepared and presented to NAMI Northern Virginia in or outside the boardroom to recognize his outstanding achievement.

[02:42:15] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next one is coming a little bit late. I apologize to OPA, but it was outreach from WMATA earlier recently about promoting the WMATA Better Bus Network launch event, which we're very excited about personally and especially in our office.

[02:42:40] I'm members of the board. I'm excited to share that the Providence District will help host a community event in celebration of the WMATA Better Bus Network launch on Monday, June 30th. The launch is on Sunday, but WMATA will be joining us nice and early, and you're all invited from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Vienna Fairfax GMU Metro Station, walking distance from our office if you'd like to park there.

[02:43:04] This new network we design is the first major overhaul of Metro Bus Service in over 50 years and presents a unique opportunity to improve service, expand access, and better connect our communities. This event will help raise awareness about the new routes coming to the region and offer resources to help residents navigate these challenges.

[02:43:23] We will be joined by WMATA staff to answer questions and distribute printed route maps. Our team will also provide a step-by-step guide for downloading and using the mobile Smart Trip app to make the transition as smooth as possible. We'll have music, giveaways, snacks, hopefully coffee, and more to celebrate and encourage folks to get out of their cars and onto the bus.

[02:43:43] I hope you'll join us and learn more about the Better Bus Network and how it will benefit our travel needs. Therefore, I move without objection that the Office of Public Affairs promote this event through the county's communication channels. I also invite my colleagues to join us in welcoming this new chapter in transit for Fairfax County.

[02:44:07] Without objection, right? Okay, without objection, it is so ordered. I thought it was just an announcement. Without objection, it is so ordered. Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next one, I know he was not able to sit through our many, many board matters, which is why I recognized Joseph Heastie earlier this morning.

[02:44:25] But for members of the board, after 20 years of dedicated service on the Commission on Aging, first appointed by the late Congressman Connolly in February 2005, Joseph Heastie will be retiring. As the longest-serving commissioner, Joe's steadfast commitment has left a lasting mark on the lives of older adults in our community.

[02:44:44] We are deeply grateful for his thoughtful advocacy and unwavering dedication throughout the years. I asked some colleagues who had the pleasure of working with Joe on this commission to share some thoughts. And Kathy Cole from the current chair of the Commission on Aging shared the following.

[02:45:00] What I have learned is that he came to the area in 1974 to begin work with the Army doing newly evolving computer encoding type work. He was and is a very enlightened man and quickly recognized that women were not being hired to do this kind of work.

[02:45:17] If you all recall, women were considered suitable only for clerical work, certainly not work that was as complicated as computers. The Equal Rights Amendment had been recently passed by Congress in 1972, and the ERA was out to the states for ratification in 1974.

[02:45:35] Joe was active in encouraging women to apply for this work and help them reword their resumes to show their qualifications. Though he learned quite a bit of that from Ernestine. Much more recently, Joe was honored with a Mason Medal in 2009.

[02:45:51] At the time, it was noted that very few had served in as many roles at the university, a student member of the Board of Visitors, an alumni association board presiding leading GMU efforts related to diversity and access.

[02:46:07] Tara Turner, director of Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, also shared her gratitude for his many years of unwavering dedication to serving the older adults in our community. His work on the Commission on Aging and the guardianship panel has profoundly impacted countless lives, ensuring that our most vulnerable are protected and cared for.

[02:46:26] Throughout his time on the Commission on Aging, his advocacy and genuine compassion have made a real difference here in Fairfax County. Though he may seem quiet at times, he is mighty. He adds value every time he speaks up with his quiet, gentle, but powerful reminders. He's provided not just support and protection, but also hope and dignity to those who need it most.

[02:46:46] As Joe retires from the Commission, we express our heartfelt thanks for his incredible service, But we're also fortunate that he will continue to serve Favrex County through his work on the Industrial Development Authority. Therefore, without objection, I move that a proclamation be prepared and presented to Joseph Heesey in or outside the boardroom in recognition of his decades of service and advocacy for our community.

[02:47:10] And hopefully, if we can find a time this fall in the boardroom, it would be much appreciated. Thank you. We'll work with you, Supervisor Palchuk, to make that happen. And without objection, that is so ordered. And is that all, Supervisor Palchuk? That is all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:47:25] Okay, thank you. Supervisor Harrity. Yes, I've got no written board matters, but I now have three items to talk about. I just want to echo what you said about Joe. He was key to sections of the award-winning 50-plus community action program.

[02:47:41] He was a quiet, gentle, but powerful is a great descriptor of him. So I want to echo that from my time as chair, and I'm sure Supervisor Alcorn would echo that as well. But what's going to be my first matter of business is I'm excited to introduce Springfield office summer intern Christopher Roberts.

[02:48:02] Christopher grew up in Fairfax County and attended Georgetown Prep School. He's a senior at Boston College, where he's pursuing a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in German studies. He is conversational in both German and Chinese and English.

[02:48:18] He is a senior at Boston College. Oh, wait a minute. Boston College, he's a member of the International Studies Student Association, Boston College Model UN, John Quinch the Adams Society, the American Constitutional Society, and the Boston College Young Americans for Liberty.

[02:48:37] Last summer he interned in my office, and we're really excited to have him back this year as one of our interns. Please join me in welcoming Christopher. My second is really just a quick update, and thanks to my fellow board members, fellow task force member, Kathy Smith, for attending the sports tourism task force meeting we had yesterday.

[02:49:04] I think it was a very informative session. We had two great speakers, a guy who's kind of leading the effort on sports tourism in Virginia, Dennis Bickmeyer from Enrico. And also we had somebody who knows the sports tourism industry, both nationally and internationally, Taylor McCullough of Perfect Game, about the benefits.

[02:49:28] We approved a recommendation on our Sports Tourism Authority and lots more to come, but I wanted to thank my colleagues for attending and or sending staff and look forward to some exciting things there. And that's it, Mr. Chairman.

[02:49:44] Thank you very much, Supervisor Herity. And with that, we're going to move on to administrative items. There are only five of these. Let me ask Supervisor Smith if she has a motion on admin items 1 through 5. I move approval of admin items 1 through 5. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Are there any items that board members would like pulled for a separate discussion or vote?

[02:50:04] Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of Admin Items 1 through 5, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? I'm sorry. Seconded by Supervisor Palchek. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and that brings us to action items, and there are only four of these.

[02:50:24] Action item one is adoption of a resolution for the Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, Fire and Rescue Equipment Financing in the Mason District. And at this time, we'll turn to Supervisor Jimenez for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:50:41] And I am getting to that motion. Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. And I'm happy to second that. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of action item one, please say aye.

[02:50:57] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number two is approval of the one-year action plan for use of community development block grant, CDBG, Home Investment Partnerships Program, Home and Emergency Solutions Grant, ESG funds, and FY2026.

[02:51:16] And at this time, I would recognize Supervisor Palczyk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. And I will second that motion. are there any questions any discussion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of action two please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries uh supervisor jimenez being out at the moment uh action item number three is authorization of fall 2025 school bond referendum and i'm going to turn the gavel over to uh vice chair smith uh madam chairman i move

[02:51:53] the board adopt the enclosed resolution in attachment two, directing the county attorney to petition the circuit court to order a school bond referendum on November 4, 2025, as attached in the item in today's package. I'll second that motion along with Supervisor Palachuk. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries with Supervisor Jimenez away from the table. Thank Thank you very much, and thank you to our staff for preparing that.

[02:52:24] Action item number four is annual adoption of the board's policy governing remote participation of board members in public meetings. And I, again, will turn the gavel over to Supervisor Smith. Madam Chair, I move approval of the policy governing remote participation of board members in public meetings as proposed in the county executive's action item number four.

[02:52:45] I'll second that along with Supervisor Pelchuk. Any discussion? Just very briefly, I just want to make it clear to everyone that there are no changes to this, and there were no changes at the General Assembly, so we're re-adopting the policy that we already had in place as we are required to do annually.

[02:53:02] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Vice Chairman Smith. And that brings us to consideration items, of which there are two. Consideration item number one is Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel, amended bylaws.

[02:53:21] And I will turn to Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. These bylaw revisions are changing a couple of things, specifically accommodating the new title and responsibilities of the panel liaison.

[02:53:37] There's also an extension in the number of days that the Fairfax County Police Department can complete their investigations to up to 90 days. And there's some other administrative clarifications that are included as well. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed amendments to the Police Civilian Review Panel bylaws.

[02:53:56] I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Palczyk. Discussion on the motion? Any further discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of consideration, item 1, please say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Herity abstains. Herity abstains.

[02:54:13] And so that motion carries 9 to 0 to 1. And our next consideration item is consideration of item number 2, approval of revisions to the bylaws of the Reston Transportation Service District Advisory Board in the Drainsville and Hunter Mill districts.

[02:54:30] And at this time, we'll turn to the chair of our transportation committee, Supervisor Beerman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of consideration item number 2. Second. I've heard the motion. It's been seconded by the chair and by Supervisor Alcorn. Any discussion on the motion?

[02:54:48] Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of consideration, item two, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And that brings us to our one information item, and we do not vote on this, but this is presented as information to the board for any questions and comments, and that is an update to Tyson's public facilities, cash contribution amount in the Providence and 100-mil districts.

[02:55:15] Are there any questions or comments from board members? Supervisor Herity. Just a quick comment, and I'll go to the equity assessment, and this is going to tie back to something I said earlier. While it is possible that increase suggests that developer contribution rates may result in some costs passed on via increased rent and land prices, The 2025 suggested public facility rate adjustment lacks sufficient data to determine any inverse equity impact.

[02:55:48] If those costs aren't passed on in terms of rents and increased sales prices, who would pay them? Chairman? Yes, Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, you know, this is so far at the margin of anything that moves the needle in terms of doing a project or not.

[02:56:08] I don't know. Well, I'm going to support the item. It just, they do get passed on, and I think my issue is there seems to be this thing that these things don't get passed on in terms of pricing and rents, and I think that's a perception I'm just trying to change, unless somebody can convince me otherwise.

[02:56:29] So, it was more a comment on the language than the increase, and I'm going to support the item. So, it wasn't the item, it was the language in the equity impact statement. Thank you. And I think, I mean, ultimately there's a cost. How that cost plays out is up to the private sector partners.

[02:56:47] I mean, we don't make determinations. We don't require them to pass that on. Logic might say they might. In some cases they might not. But ultimately it's not our staff's job to determine that. And I think that's what the equity statement is indicating, that there is a cost to doing this.

[02:57:04] How those costs are borne by the larger community, whether that's our private sector partner or residence, is up to the structure within that private sector entity. We do not dictate that. Are there any other questions or comments on our information item?

[02:57:22] Okay, seeing and hearing none, that brings us to a closed session. Before we do closed session, I do want to remind folks that the next to last public hearing, which is a public hearing under Virginia Code Section 15.2-934 to seek comment on the advisability of county providing garbage, trash, or refuse collection service, and to consider displacement of private waste companies to enable formation of a unified sanitary district is being deferred.

[02:57:53] And just want to make sure that I know that's been well circulated, which is why I made that announcement at the last meeting, that folks are aware that that is being deferred this afternoon. Are there any other deferral announcements, Supervisor Smith? I intend to defer at 3.30.

[02:58:09] There's a public hearing on proposed plan amendment, SSPA 2023-Renwood numeral 3-2BR, and I'm also going to defer the public hearing at 3.30 on RZ2020-SU-005.

[02:58:26] So in light of that, our public hearings will actually begin at 4 o'clock, Since those are the two 3.30 items, they're the first two ones. So we, you know, as long as we make the motions to defer those after 3.30, we'll be okay.

[02:58:41] But we can't hold our first public hearing that's being held today until 4 o'clock. We do have two public hearings at 3.30 on the page prior. Ah, ah, never mind then. Never mind what I just said.

[02:58:56] Our public hearings will start at 3.30. So, we likely won't have extra time on our hands. So, that's fine. We'll begin at 3.30 with those two. If we do have a couple minutes, we'll kill a couple minutes. As you can tell, there's a lot of 4 o'clock items on here and a lot of public hearings.

[02:59:14] So, we're going to try to be as efficient as we possibly can be this afternoon. And so, let me ask the county attorney how long we need for closed session. Mr. Chairman, I estimate 90 minutes. So that puts us back here at 2 o'clock for closed session and then 3.30 to begin our public hearings.

[02:59:35] And so if Supervisor Smith's motion passes in a moment, the board will recess until 2 p.m., Supervisor Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors recess and go into closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 and listed in the attached agenda for this meeting.

[02:59:55] And in addition, number one is permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A, 7, and 8, John P. Sopko v. Fairfax County et al., Fairfax County Circuit Court Case Number CL-2024-6480.

[03:00:13] Number two, legal analysis regarding federal funding matters in the House Bill 2330 from the 2025 General Assembly Session. All is permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A8. Number three is permitted by Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711A1 and 8, Personnel and Legal Discussion Regarding Constitutional Officer Salaries.

[03:00:39] And four is permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1, Annual Evaluation of the County Attorney. You've heard the motion. the chair will second that any discussion on the motion seeing and hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and with that the board will be in recess until two o'clock report back um exactly at two o'clock in closed

[03:01:07] session okay the board is uh coming out of closed session at this time i'm going to turn to vice

[03:07:01] chair smith for a motion mr chairman i move that the board of supervisors certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements by virtue of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened, were heard discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors during the closed session. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Palczyk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in support of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That

[03:07:38] motion carries. Supervisor Smith. I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize settlement of case number CL-2024-6380 John P. Sopko v. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors et al. as outlined by the county attorney in closed session. Heard the motion. The chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:08:05] That motion carries. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As required by Virginia Code section 15.2-1609.2F. I move that the Board of Supervisors increase the Fairfax County's Sheriff's annual salary by \$5,183.12, effective July 12, 2025.

[03:08:29] Second. You've heard the motion and a second by Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Jimenez. Mr. Chairman, as required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1627.1B, I move that the Board of Supervisors increase the Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney's annual salary by \$4,085.58, effective July 12, 2025.

[03:09:01] Second. You've heard the motion and the second by Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Parity abstain. And that motion carries 9 to 0 to 1.

[03:09:20] Supervisor Jimenez. Mr. Chairman, as required by Virginia Code Section 17.1-287, I move that the Board of Supervisors increase the Fairfax County Clerk of the Court's annual salary by \$5,524, effective July 12, 2025.

[03:09:37] Second. further motion and a second by Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? I will just point out what the motion says on all three of these, which are these are motions that are required by law. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And that is all of our motions coming out of closed session. We are now going to turn to our afternoon public hearings, and there's a lot of them. But let me just remind folks before we do that, that there are a number of ways to provide testimony. You can testify here in person, or you can testify by phone or by YouTube video.

[03:10:16] 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 in front of me or to call in at 703-324-1020.

[03:10:36] Speakers testifying via video must have signed up and submitted their video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the hearing. And for public testimony, you're given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you are given five minutes. With that being said, I'm going to call our first public hearing of the afternoon, which is a public hearing on PCA 2006-LE-010 Ramada Family LLC in the Franconia District.

[03:11:04] And could the applicant please reaffirm the affidavit? Yes, good afternoon. My name is Zach Williams. I'm a landage attorney with Venable representing the applicant, and we reaffirm the affidavit. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members?

[03:11:20] Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Kevin McMahon with the Department of

Planning and Development. The applicant is requesting a proffer condition amendment to permit a 10,400-square-foot child care center with a maximum daily enrollment of 160 children.

[03:11:44] The existing proffers and generalized development plan associated with the original rezoning currently permit a two-story, 8,900-square-foot office building. The 43,554-square-foot property is zoned C2 and located within the Highway Corridor Overlay District.

[03:12:05] The property is located at 6320 Grovedale Drive in Alexandria, south of Franconia Road and north of Beulah Street on the southwest side of Grovedale Drive. The property is currently developed with a one-story single-family detached dwelling, which has been vacant since 2010.

[03:12:23] The proposed child care center will consist of a two-story building with a maximum height of 40 feet. And as part of Proffer 6, the applicant is prohibiting construction of a blank wall facing towards Grovedale Drive. The proposed building, it's highlighted in blue, will be located in the northwest portion of the subject property.

[03:12:46] And the vehicular access will be from Grovedale Drive. The surface parking, loading, and refuse collection are situated in the rear of the property. and the outdoor play area that's highlighted in green will be located along the rear of the building and enclosed by a six-foot-tall fence. A second building entrance along the rear of the building will allow secure access to the play area. A landscape buffer space is provided between the parking lot and the residences to the west. That concludes my presentation. Thank you very

[03:13:20] much. At this time, we'd welcome a presentation from the applicant. Thank you. The applicant is going to stand on staff's presentation today. I do want to take an opportunity just to thank staff for the collaboration and hard work on this project.

[03:13:36] It's been a long road to get here today, starting with an SSPA years ago and getting to the hearing today. We're excited for the opportunity to move forward, and we thank you. We're available for any questions as well, as is our civil engineer. Thank you. Thank you very much.

[03:13:52] Any questions of staff or the applicant? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no one signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one, let me verify there are no callers.

[03:14:08] There are no callers. No callers. The applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On April 9, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the special exception application subject to the proffers dated March 25, 2025, and staff concurs with this recommendation.

[03:14:28] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Final check. Questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. This is a very straightforward request. I will start by saying the need for office today is certainly not as clear as it was when this series of applications were originally approved.

[03:14:55] And so we've had a number of opportunities for the land use committee to interact with the applicant. So I want to thank the applicant for working very closely with a number of issues that they've raised. I want to specifically acknowledge the work that was done in the storm room management

component because there were a number of site-related standing water issues in the rear of the property, which have now obviously been addressed through the changes proposed with this PCA.

[03:15:26] And I also want to acknowledge the architectural design. One thing that I appreciate about it is that it's going to be consistent with the development that's going to be built in the area as a part of a series of applications that we've had recently come before this board.

[03:15:44] And then the need for child care is clear. We don't have enough here in the county, and there's a need in the Franconia District, so I think this is an appropriate and necessary use here in this area.

[03:15:59] So with that, Mr. Chairman, I'll note that the Land Use Committee, the Planning Commission are supportive, And I would like to now move, Mr. Chairman, that the Board of Supervisors approve PCA 2006-LE-010 subject to the execution of proffers consistent with those dated March 25th, 2025.

[03:16:25] Heard the motion and the second from Supervisor Palchek. Any further discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries Supervisor Stork, where you and I vote on that, and Supervisor Herity being absent at the time.

[03:16:47] All right. With that, we're going to move on to our next public hearing, which is a public hearing on SC 2024-FR-00026, Hannup, JV, Springfield, Virginia, LLC, in the Franconia District.

[03:17:04] And could we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit? Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Board, my name is Bernie Suchicito. I'm a planner with Walsh Colucci. And on behalf of the applicant, I reaffirmed the affidavit dated April 23, 2025. Thank you. Thank you very much.

[03:17:20] Are there any disclosures from Board members? Any disclosures from Board members? Seeing and hearing none, I would now recognize County staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm St. Clair Williams of the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant proposes a special exception to allow additional signers to establish a coordinated sign program for a multifamily residential building and publicly accessible park space currently under construction within the Springfield Town Center. The subject site is zoned PDC and located in the

[03:17:57] southeastern section of the Springfield Town Center near the Spring Mall Road and Lowestale Road intersection. It is a seven-story, 475,000 square foot multifamily building and associated park space are both currently under construction at this site. The special exception application proposes a total of 19 permanent signs and two temporary banners. The permanent signs include primary ID building signs and five garage parking loading signs. The special exception also proposes to provide park-related signs, five park-related signs, five freestanding monument signs, and one

[03:18:36] leasing window sign. The total amount of signed air proposed is 916.7 square feet, with the permanent signage being a total of 457.5 square feet and the temporary signage being 459.2 square feet.

[03:18:52] This concludes my presentation. Thank you very much. We'd welcome, if the applicant would like to provide a presentation, not required. Again, thank you, Mr. Chairman. St. Clair did a wonderful job with the presentation summary. I have nothing else to add other than this is a rather straightforward application, and we're very excited to further progress in the first vertical construction of the Springfield Town Center property.

[03:19:18] So we're very excited about that, and we're hoping to have other buildings get underway with other applications very soon. And I'm available for any remarks, questions you may have. Thank you. Excellent. Thank you very much. Any questions of staff or the applicant?

[03:19:34] Okay. Seeing and hearing none. This is a public hearing. I have no speakers who signed up in advance to testify. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to speak? and hearing no one. Let me verify there are no callers. No callers. No need for rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On June 4, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request of special exception application subject to the development conditions dated May 21, 2025. Staff concurs with that recommendation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Last check. Questions from board members. Seeing and hearing

[03:20:14] none. I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. Can I have the applicant come up and just request that he confirm as a representative for the record their agreement to the development conditions dated May 21st, 2025? Yes, Supervisor Lusk. On behalf of the applicant, we agree to the development conditions dated May 21st, 2025. That's perfect. Thank you very much. So, mr. chairman this one's pretty straightforward as well I'll just make the point that we agree we're both excited to see the verticality in this area we've

[03:20:52] been waiting I think it goes back to about 2006 mr. chairman when we talked about the original rezoning to add additional uses to the town center property and that we've always envisioned hotel and office and residential and this is the first portion of that non retail component that's being built so we're excited about that and the request makes sense to have signage to you know demarc where the building is building mounted signage monument signage and then also signage to direct people to other places

[03:21:27] connected to the site including the park so with that mr. Sherman we have the support of the Planning Commission we have the support of the Land Use Committee for Franconia as it relates to this request so I will make a motion I move the Board of Supervisors approve SC-2024-FR-00026 subject to the development conditions dated May 21st 2025. Heard that motion I'm happy to second that motion along with Supervisor Palczyk discussion on the motion let me

[03:22:04] just thank the applicant. It's been a long journey. I could remember that in 2006, like it was yesterday. And so it's good to see this progress being made and that area is on a roll. So well done. Thank you. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Our next two cases, 330 cases, I understand are going to be deferred, but let me call them anyway. The first is a public hearing on proposed plan amendment SSPA 2023-3-2BR, ANA Contracting, Inc. in the Sully District,

[03:22:44] Supervisor Smith. I have one motion for both deferrals. Ah, you do? Yes. Okay, so then we're also on public hearing on RZ2020-SU-005, ANA Contracting, Inc. in the Sully District, Supervisor Smith.

[03:23:01] Thank you. For this, there was one staff report with both issues in it. I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for plan amendment SSPA 2023, Roman numeral 3-2BR, and RZ2020-SU-005 to a date certain of September 9, 2025, at 3.30 p.m., with the record remaining open for public comments.

[03:23:26] We've heard the motion. The chair will 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. And our next case is not until 4 o'clock, so we are going to take a 10-minute, very brief 10-minute recess.

[03:23:44] Do not go far.

[03:35:53] All right. We are back. We are going to move to our next public hearing, which is a 4 o'clock public hearing. And that is to a public hearing to convey certain land rights and board-owned property to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Vienna Metro Station Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project in the Providence District.

[03:36:18] And at this time, we would welcome a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Mike Lambert. I am the property manager of real estate services for the Facilities Management Department. The Board of Supervisors is the owner of North Commuter Parking Lot for the Vienna-Fairfax GMU Metro Station, identified as Tax Maps Partial Number 0482-01002.

[03:36:40] VDOT is in the process of acquiring land for the Vienna Metro Station Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project. This project entails the construction of a 10-foot-wide paved shared-use path along Blake Lane and Sutton Road, as well as the creation of a 5,000-foot-long two-way cycle track and an adjacent sidewalk along County Creek Road and Virginia Center Boulevard.

[03:37:01] To enhance the access from the parking lot to this new cycle track, VDOT requires the county to convey approximately 2,000 square feet of land and fee simple, dedicate a permanent drainage easement of about 1,400 square feet, and a temporary construction easement of about 3,600 square feet.

[03:37:16] The construction schedule for the shared use path and the cycle track will be phased to ensure that the metro parking lot remains open for the duration of the project. Given the significant financial commitment of local funds to this pedestrian-friendly initiative, the county supports donating the needed property rights to VDOT in lieu of requiring minor compensation.

[03:37:35] This concludes the staff report. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this subject?

[03:37:52] This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to speak? Seeing and hearing no one, presume we have no calls. No calls. No calls. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff. Staff recommends that the board authorize staff to execute the documents to convey the fee simple and easement rights necessary to complete the Vienna Metro Station Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

[03:38:14] Thank you very much. Last check, questions from board members. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palczyk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the board authorize county staff to prepare and execute all documentation necessary to convey the fee simple and easement rights in county-owned property identified by tax map parcel number 048201002 to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Vienna Metro Station Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project.

[03:38:48] Per the motion, the chair will second that. Discussion on the motion? Yes, Supervisor Palcic. just want to thank mr. Lambert and all the staff who worked on this and we're very excited the temporary improvements have been a great improvement and looking forward to the permanent improvement especially connecting Metro our trails and our schools in the community thank you all right with that all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions And that motion carries Supervisor Walkinshaw and Stork being absent.

[03:39:27] With that, we're going to move on to our next public hearing, which is a public hearing to grant and terminate easements on county-owned property at 8914 Little River Turnpike to Global Signal Acquisitions 4, LLC, in the Mason District. And as soon as they are ready, we would recognize county staff for a staff presentation.

[03:39:47] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Mike Lambert. I am the Property Manager of Real Estate Services for the Facilities Management Department. The Annandale Volunteer Fire Department operates the West Annandale Fire Station located at 8914 Little River Turnpike on property identified as tax map number 0584010062.

[03:40:07] Because the current station building was constructed in 1970, the volunteers and the Board of Supervisors determined that the facility had exceeded its useful life cycle and that the construction of the new fire station was necessary. When replacement facilities are being considered for fire stations still owned by the volunteer fire department the typical practice is for the county and volunteers to enter into an agreement pursuant to which the volunteers transfer their fire station property to the board in exchange of a commitment from the board to build the new station.

[03:40:34] With this West Annandale station, however, the county and the volunteers had to first modify a telecommunications easement agreement with Global Signal Acquisitions 4, LLC, doing business as Crown Castle for a flag monopole that Crown Castle operates in front of the building.

[03:40:50] To allow for the expansion of the building, the existing easement with Crown Castle had to be revised to relocate the telecom equipment compound to the back of the property and to redefine areas encompassed by the utility and access easements to the compound. The monopole itself could remain in place.

[03:41:07] In 2020, Crown Castle, the volunteers, and the board entered into an amendment to the easement to establish the framework for the reconfiguration of the easements on the site. The draft agreement attached to this item carries out the property transfers proposed in the amendment to the easement. Crown Castle has two years in which to move its equipment cabinets to the back of the site.

[03:41:26] In exchange, the board reimbursed Crown Castle for up to \$500,000 of its costs for the relocation, with the funding for this reimbursement to come from the Public Safety Construction Fund for the station project. Although Crown Castle has up to two years to reposition the equipment cabinets, staff anticipates that this relocation will be completed in a much shorter time frame, since Crown Castle will have access to the site during the construction of the new fire station.

[03:41:50] This concludes the staff report. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject?

[03:42:06] This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one. Let me verify there are no callers. There are no callers. No callers. Closing comments and recommendation from staff. Staff recommends that the board authorize staff to execute the telecommunications site relocation agreement and related easement documents with Crown Castle.

[03:42:25] Okay. Last check. Questions from board members. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Jimenez for a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that the board-authorized county staff to prepare and execute the telecommunications site relocation agreement with Global Signal Acquisitions, IVLC, DBA, Crown Castle, which grants and terminates telecommunications-related easements at the county-owned West Annandale Volunteer Fire Station located at 8914 Little River Turnpike and identified as tax map parcel number tax map number 0584.

[03:43:04] 1-0-0-6-2. Second. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk, Supervisor was it Palchek that I heard? Palchek. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[03:43:22] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Our next public hearing is public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding secondary uses and planned development housing and planned development commercial districts and submission requirements for public development plans.

[03:43:42] And at this time, I would recognize county staff for a staff presentation as soon as they are ready. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:44:03] My name is Leslie Johnson. I'm the zoning administrator. I'm here for Bill Mayland. This amendment to the zoning ordinance includes changes to the additional standards for secondary uses in the PDH district and the PDC districts and proposes an increase in the open space requirement in the PDC district when residential development, including independent living and a continuing care facility, is proposed.

[03:44:28] The amendment also proposes to add a submission requirement for a legal description for final development plan applications. This topic of use standards for the PDH and PDC has been on the Priority 2 work program for a number of years and was brought forward to the priority one with the 2025-2026 work program.

[03:44:51] As part of this amendment, we've worked with staff in the Zoning Evaluation Division as well as industry stakeholders to review the current standards to best determine what revisions were appropriate to recommend. We did conduct outreach meetings with the public earlier this year.

[03:45:07] The PDH district permits commercial uses but limits the amount of commercial use based on the land area of these uses, based on the number of residential dwellings, as you can see in the slide. These restrictions have been in place since 1969, and we did look at them very carefully, and we believed that we reviewed over 240 PDH development applications over the past 20 years and found that 20 developments had commercial uses, and in staff's opinion,

[03:45:46] the current provisions provide a reasonable opportunity to have commercial uses and adequately minimizes those potential impacts. So we focused on other provisions of the PDH district to deal with organizational changes and other minor changes, including removing the 10% limitation on office use.

[03:46:10] We didn't feel that that was, it's no longer necessary. I mean, we have seen a change in the PDH districts over time. We're not seeing the large PDH with a lot of commercial like Franklin Farm. So we're trying to look at that. We also wanted to ensure that the commercial recreation uses, which are allowed and are not limited by that number of dwelling units, be shown on a development plan so that the board can look at that aspect of it as part of the review of the application.

[03:46:46] And as always, there is additional flexibility for the board to modify these limitations on secondary commercial uses when they're in accordance with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. With regard to the PDC district, we're proposing a few more significant changes.

[03:47:04] As you know, principal uses in the PDC districts can include offices, hotels, restaurants, general retail sales, conference centers, with secondary uses, including residential, community-serving uses, like private schools, child care, religious assembly, and commercial recreation uses, to name a few.

[03:47:24] The current standards restrict residential uses to 50% of the floor area of the principal uses that are proposed, and then all other secondary uses are limited to 25% of the principal uses.

[03:47:40] And to be honest, math is not always easy for a lot of people, and we wanted to simplify that. We also took a look at, over the last 10 years, the rezonings that went to the PDC district, and we found that over 60% of those did have a modification of either the residential limitation of 50% or the overall limitation of both the secondary and the residential.

[03:48:13] And I think we're seeing that in the newer PDC. We also, over time, have had added new districts like the PRM district, the PTC district, and so we don't see as many of the newer PDCs. But in any event, staff, as you see on this slide, staff has presented two options.

[03:48:35] One is the current option of where we are today. Based on a million square feet, you can see what the floor area relates to. Staff is proposing that we just allow up to 75% of the total development area, not a percent of the principal use.

[03:48:55] We think this is easier, more straightforward, and represents more of what the board is seeing in the applications that come before them and gives you plenty of flexibility to even modify that standard. And we've had standards modified up to close to 100% for residential.

[03:49:13] So we think that's the option that we're proposing. We also have an option for 49%. We also are proposing as part of that, we also looked at the open space, and that was actually a comment made by one of the planning commissioners. When you're adding residential to a PDC district, why shouldn't there be more open space, more in alignment with the PRM district, which is 20%, versus the PDC, which is 15%.

[03:49:45] So we did make that change. We think it's a good change, but it will only be applicable, as we saw in our recommendations going forward. So that would only be applicable to new PDC applications that have residential, independent living or continuing care, or an existing PDC application that may want to add more residential.

[03:50:08] If they're just rearranging it, that wouldn't be applicable. We're trying to, as you know, keep original applications whole to the extent we can. And then finally, the last major change is that we are adding a new submission requirement for a meets and bounds description and a legal description for final development plan applications.

[03:50:38] Acceptance staff typically asks for that because we want to make sure we're advertising and we know what area of an existing development is being changed. Typically, there's no problem when we ask for that. On occasion, there's pushback.

[03:50:54] So we believe that putting it in the ordinance as a submission requirement is the best way to go on that. And I'll be happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much for that presentation. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing.

[03:51:12] I have no one signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this specific subject? Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me verify we have no callers. There are no callers. No callers. Any closing comments and a recommendation from staff?

[03:51:29] On May 7th, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the staff options as set forth in the staff report April 11th, 2025. Thank you very much. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, we'll now close the public hearing and recognize Vice Chairman Smith for a motion.

[03:51:48] Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for secondary uses in planned development housing and planned development commercial districts and submission requirements for final development plans as set forth in the staff report dated April 11, 2025, with the staff recommended options.

[03:52:09] In addition, I move the following be added to Appendix 1, provisions relating to previous approvals. Applications for an amendment to a PDC district and associated development plans are subject to a minimum 15% open space requirement if the PDC district was approved before June 25, 2025, except that any amendment that proposes adding new residential development and an independent living facility or a continuing care facility must meet the open space requirement of 20 percent on the area of the amended application. Finally, I move that the amendment

[03:52:48] become effective at 12.01 a.m. on June 25, 2025. And the chair will second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Just thanking staff for all their work. Excellent. And thank you, Leslie, for standing in for Bill, and we hope he fully recovers and is well soon. With that, all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries next we have a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend and readopt fairfax county code section 7-2-9

[03:53:25] and 7-2-13 to divide and create a precinct in mount vernon district relocate a polling place in the franconia district rename a polling place in franconia district and adjust two precinct boundaries in Providence District. And this, of course, involves Franconia, Mount Vernon, and Providence Districts. And at this time, I would recognize staff for a staff presentation.

[03:53:51] Welcome, staff. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I'm Kate Hanley, Chairman of the Electoral Board. I think you outlined in the reading, in the titling of the item, what we're here to do today you may I do want to note for the record that in your board package you noticed that this is not the presentation that was advertised on May 13th 2025 because in the interim because of the death of

[03:54:27] Congressman Connolly the governor has called a special election for September 5th. 9th. Don't go on the 5th piece, people. 9th. Everything's on September 5th. No, the 9th. And because of that, that doesn't give us enough time to address the arrangements and the splits of those precincts that were

advertised additionally in that advertisement because of time constraints and getting them approved and also the confusion that the voters will feel

[03:55:02] having that so recently after the primary we just had this week. I'm open to questions if you have any. The only one in the 11th, of course, is the Greenspring name change. And because that's just a name change of the location, it doesn't really change much but the name.

[03:55:21] I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much. Ms. Hanley, are there any questions? Any questions? Supervisor Beerman. Just one question, which is, when do you expect to make the changes that you were going to make before the special election?

[03:55:42] What cycle do you expect to make those kinds of changes? I expect that we'll return sometime after the first of the year. As you know, it takes some time, and we may have additional things to add to that at that time, as well as bringing those back.

[03:55:58] We'll know more, of course, after the November election, which will inform us better on some of the things we need to do. Okay. Thank you. All right. This is a public hearing, and I have nobody signed up in advance to testify on this matter.

[03:56:13] Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject? Anyone who would like to testify on this matter? This is a public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. There are no callers. Obviously, staff recommends this.

[03:56:30] No additional closing comments, questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn the gavel over. I'm sorry. Yes, I will turn the gavel over to Vice Chair Smith. And, Madam Chair, I move the county executive's recommendation for adoption of the proposed ordinance dated June 11, 2025, and attached to the item in today's package.

[03:56:53] I'll second that motion along with Supervisor Lusk. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion passes. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Thank you. And our next public hearing is a public hearing to consider an ordinance establishing the Edison Residential Permit Parking District, District 50 in the Franconia District.

[03:57:20] And I'm going to give staff a moment, but when they are ready, we would recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Chairman McKay, members of the board.

[03:57:45] I'm Neil Freshman with the Department of Transportation, and I'm here in place of Henry Stein McCartney. This is a public hearing to consider establishment of the Edison Residential Permit Parking District, RPPD District 50, to include the west side of Edison Drive from the northern property boundary of 6204 Edison Drive to the southern property boundary of 6228 Edison Drive, and the east side of Edison Drive, from the northern property boundary of 6205 Edison Drive to Woodway Drive, as shown on attachment 2.

[03:58:23] Residents along Edison Drive have requested establishment of RPPD due to unreasonable burdens to access their property caused by parking of non-resident vehicles during school hours. The petitioning block meets the code requirements for RPPD based on its walking distance proximity to Edison High School.

[03:58:45] The proposed amendment to Appendix G, as submitted, states the parking restriction would be in effect Monday through Friday. However, staff recommends that the restriction be in effect only on Fairfax County public school days to be consistent with other high school RPPD districts in the county.

[03:59:09] Thank you very much for that presentation. are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none. This is a public hearing. I do have two speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. And speaker number one is Joseph Stansby. Is he on the line? Yes, sir. Okay. We can hear you fine. Mr. Stansby, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Good afternoon, Chair McKay and fellow supervisors.

[03:59:39] I want to speak briefly in favor of the proposed parking permit program on Edison Drive. I strongly encourage you to support the creation of this permit program to help mitigate what has become a bit of a problem on Edison Drive. I've lived on Edison Drive for 14 years, and the high school parking overflow was not really an issue until the last three or four years when the school added modular classrooms that removed a significant number of student parking spaces.

[04:00:07] This has caused significant overflow parking onto Edison Drive every day during school time, blocking driveways, fire hydrants, people's yards, and making driving up and down the street dangerous for students and residents alike. The school has, in full disclosure, tried to get people to park on Castle Welland Drive, which is a much broader street and more suitable for that type of parking.

[04:00:29] But the students have not been amenable to that, it would seem. We would ask that you guys support this, and it could bring some overdue relief to our neighborhood and safer navigation for the streets for everyone, from parents, delivery drivers, emergency services, and, of course, residents.

[04:00:44] Thank you very much. And I have speaker number two, Martin O'Rourke. Is Mr. O'Rourke here? Okay. If you could come on down to the podium. You are speaker number two. And after Mr. O'Rourke, is there anyone else here who would like to testify on this specific matter?

[04:01:03] This is a public hearing. Anyone else who would like to testify? Okay. Mr. O'Rourke, I'm sorry. Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and board. Joseph said it so well. I was just going to add a couple more things. I think it is not only best for the residents, but also the students at Edison High School.

[04:01:19] I love students, and I'm not trying to be nitpicky, but they have to jump over an eight-foot gate to get to their cars. They're parking all along the streets, and they're doing things outside of the security guard's purview, which means they're doing things that they wouldn't do in front of them. But they are doing it in front of my family, which most of the students there have great hearts.

[04:01:38] They're not there to do anything bad, but it's just unsafe for them. Like Joseph was saying, it does just cause traffic and inconvenience for us, which I don't think should be our problem because the school decided to cancel or move some parking spots. So thank you so much for your time. I appreciate you.

[04:01:54] Thank you for your testimony. And let me verify again, there's no one else here to testify on this matter. This is a public hearing. Let me ask if there are any additional callers. There are none. There are none. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Based on the fulfillment of all requirements set forth in Fairfax County Code, staff recommends approval of the Edison RPPD establishment.

[04:02:18] Thank you very much. Any final questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. In accordance with the testimony that we just received from the two residents in the Frank County District and in accord with the recommendation from the staff, I move that the Edison Residential Permit Parking District, District No. 50, be approved as proposed by staff with the following amendments to be proposed to the proposed code amendment to Appendix G of the Fairfax County Code.

[04:02:55] Number one, that paragraph C to be amended from parking is prohibited Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Two, parking is prohibited on Fairfax County public school days, 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

[04:03:18] Number two, that paragraph D will also be amended so that the no parking signs for the district state that such parking restriction will only be in effect on Fairfax County public school days. And the chair will second that motion.

[04:03:35] Is there any additional discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you all. Thank you all for coming out to support that.

[04:03:55] Our next public hearing is a public hearing to consider an ordinance expanding the Colmar Residential Permit Parking District, District 9, in the Mason District. And as soon as they are ready, we will recognize county staff for a staff presentation.

[04:04:12] Thank you, Chairman McKay and members of the board. I'm Neil Freshman with the Department of Transportation. This is a public hearing to consider expanding District 9, the Colmore Residential Permit Parking District, to include the east side of Beachway Drive from Blair Road to the westernmost property boundary of 6110 Beachway Drive, as shown on attachment 2.

[04:04:36] Residents along Beachway Drive requested expansion of the Colmore RPPD to protect residents from unreasonable burdens to access their property caused by parking of non-resident vehicles. FCDOT performed a parking study during hours of peak demand and found at least 75% of the total number of on-street parking spaces were occupied, and at least 50% of all parked vehicles were not registered to residents of the petitioning block.

[04:05:06] Thank you very much for that presentation. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Not seeing any. This is a public hearing. I do have two individuals who have signed up to speak in advance.

[04:05:21] One's a caller and one's a video. Let me ask first if we have Speaker No. 1, Ken Trotter, on the line. We were not able to reach Mr. Trotter. I am in person. Ah, okay. Mr. Trotter is here in person. We'll continue to be Speaker No. 1. Welcome. The floor is yours. Is this the spot for me right here?

[04:05:39] Yep, that's perfect. Thank you. Good afternoon. My name is Ken Trotter. I reside at 6126 Beachway Drive. I'm here to speak in strong support of including the even-numbered houses from 6126 to 6110 Beach Way Drive in Permit Parking District 9. This request is not arbitrary. It follows the county's formal process, including a county-conducted parking study, which determined that our block experiences significant non-resident parking and qualifies for inclusion, and a petition signed by eight out of nine of the impacted homes, an overwhelming majority of the impacted residents.

[04:06:16] Permit parking is not about excluding anyone. It's about ensuring that residents and their guests have reasonable access to curbside parking near our homes. Today, that access is routinely compromised by overflow from non-resident parkers with out-of-state tax.

[04:06:33] Additionally, many streets nearby, including Pine Tree Terrace, have already been included in District 9. I brought a map showing those areas, which I'm sure the Board has access to. We're simply asking that we also be included and treated in the same manner. This is ultimately about safety and parking accessibility.

[04:06:51] The process has been followed. The data supports our inclusion, and the impacted community overwhelmingly supports this request. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Trowder. And speaker number two is Stanley Finley, who has submitted a video. Good afternoon.

[04:07:08] My name is Stanley Finley. This video is for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The public hearing on June 24, 2025, relating to the petition for parking restrictions along two block faces of Beachway Drive and Falls Church. It's the Lake Barcroft area.

[04:07:24] I would be there with you in person, but I'm traveling at the time of the hearing. Again, my name is Stanley Finley. Last name is spelled F-E-N-D-L-E-Y. My house is one of those within the two block faces which are eligible for parking restrictions according to the parking survey of a couple months ago.

[04:07:43] I am strongly in favor of the parking restrictions, The reason is that this is a significant safety issue. Currently, people can park on both sides of the street along Beachway Drive in this area, but parking on both sides creates a safety issue, and I want to discuss three points with you in that regard.

[04:08:04] First of all, Beachway Drive is a narrow street, and when cars park on both sides of the street, it creates a narrow path for traffic to move down the center of the street, and sometimes the narrow passage is extremely narrow. When two large vehicles park across the street from each other, it can be almost too narrow for a third car to go between them.

[04:08:27] And when there are two cars approaching them from different directions, it just creates confusion and kind of a dangerous free-for-all. There have been times, by the way, when that path down in the middle is so narrow that there's no way an emergency vehicle like a fire engine would make it through.

[04:08:44] So that's the first point. The second point is you should know there are no sidewalks on this stretch of Beachway Drive. So pedestrians walk in the street. It's a very popular place to walk. People walk down to Beach Forge, walk around the block.

[04:08:59] There are a lot of dog walkers, parents pushing strollers, runners, bikers, etc. So pedestrian traffic complicates things even more because you have both cars and pedestrians trying to get in that narrow path through the middle of the parked cars.

[04:09:16] The third thing is that restricting parking on one side of the street will not deprive anybody of having a parking space in this area because people can park just a few feet further down Beachway Drive, just beyond the circle. I think it's called Joe Allen Court.

[04:09:32] Nobody ever parks there on either side of the street. Everybody tries to cram their cars into this area from Joe Allen Court over to Blair Drive. And that's only about three football fields long, two football fields long, actually, which gets really crowded.

[04:09:52] So for that reason, I want to urge the board to approve the petition to restrict parking along this area. Thank you for allowing me to testify on this issue. Very good. This is a public hearing. Is there anyone else present who would like to testify on this matter?

[04:10:10] Anyone else who would like to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one, let me check and make sure we have no additional callers. No callers. No additional callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Based on the results of the parking demand study and fulfillment of all other requirements set forth in Fairfax County Code, staff recommends approval of the Colmore RPPD expansion as proposed.

[04:10:36] Thank you. Last check, questions from board members. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Jimenez for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board adopt an amendment to Appendix G of Fairfax County Code to expand the Colmore Residential Permit Parking District, District 9, to include the east side of Beachway Drive from Blair Road to the westmost property boundary of 6110 Beachway Drive.

[04:11:02] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk and the Chairman. Discussion on the motion. Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you all. Yep.

[04:11:19] Next, we have a public hearing on a proposal to vacate and abandon portions of Hillview Court in the Franconia District. And as soon as they are ready, we would recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board.

[04:11:46] My name is Jeff Edmondson with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, and I'm here to present a proposal to vacate and abandon a portion of Hillview Court in the Franconia District. The applicant, Walsh, Colucci, Lublin & Walsh, on behalf of their client, Beezer Holmes, requests that a portion of Hillview Court be vacated under 15.2.2272 and abandoned under 33.2.909 of the Virginia Code.

[04:12:12] The applicant is seeking this request following the extension of the existing Hillview Court to support their subdivision. The subject portion of Hillview Court is in the VDOT Secondary System of Highways. As part of the extension, Hillview Court was built beyond the existing cul-de-sac.

[04:12:29] Therefore, the ears of the cul-de-sac are no longer needed for transportation purposes and would be best served by vacating and abandoning the portions highlighted. The subject portion of Hillview Court has been raised and re-seated, and that concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much.

[04:12:45] Are there any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify in this matter. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this subject? Anyone present who would like to testify? This is a public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one.

[04:13:01] Let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Staff recommends the board adopt the attached order and ordinance of the subject portion of right away. Thank you very much. Any questions from board members?

[04:13:18] Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move the Board of Supervisors adopt Attachment 3, the order of

abandonment, and Attachment 4, the vacation ordinance of the subject right-of-way.

[04:13:34] I'm happy to second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Next, we have a public hearing on amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic.

[04:13:58] and let me, as soon as staff gets situated, we would appreciate a staff presentation.

[04:14:16] Good afternoon, Chairman McKay, members of the Board of Supervisors. I am Lieutenant David Duffett, and I'm assigned to the Planning and Research Bureau of the Fairfax County Police Department.

[04:14:35] This public hearing is a housekeeping measure to update the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, to reflect changes made to the Code of Virginia by the 2025 General Assembly. Portions of Section 82-1-6 dealing with the adoption of state law have been amended to reflect these changes.

[04:14:53] Additional housekeeping changes to Chapter 82 have been amended to reflect changes to Section 82-3-17, Driving Without an Operator's License Permit, Section 82-3-24, Driving While Operator's License Suspended or Revoked, and Section 82-9-2, Right-of-Way of Pedestrians.

[04:15:13] These proposed amendments are housekeeping changes to conform the language of the ordinance with the newly enacted state code. And this concludes our staff presentation. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff?

[04:15:29] Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any questions.

[04:15:45] callers? There are no callers. No callers. Any additional closing comments and a recommendation from county staff? The staff recommends the approval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 82. Excellent. Thank you. At this time, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Sherman. I move the Board of Supervisors accept the proposed amendments, the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles

[04:16:13] and traffic sections 82-1-6, 82-3-17, 82-3-24, and 82-9-2. So moved. You've heard the motion. The chair will second that.

[04:16:29] 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. Next, we have a public hearing to consider amendments to the Code of the County of Fairfax, Chapter 5 relating to possession of alcoholic beverages, and at this time I would recognize county staff for a staff presentation.

[04:16:52] Good afternoon, Chairman McKay and members of the Board of Supervisors. I am Lieutenant David Duffett, and I'm assigned to the Planning and Research Bureau of the Fairfax County Police Department. This public hearing is a housekeeping measure to conform the Code of the County of Fairfax Chapter 5, Alcohol Offenses Against Public Peace and Safety, to recent revisions of the Code of Virginia that staff made aware of after review.

[04:17:16] Proposed amendments to Section 5-1-25, 5-1-26, and the repeal of Section 5-1-27 all relate to drinking, possession, or tendering to another alcoholic beverages in public places. These proposed

amendments in readoption will allow the enforcement of the alcohol-related offenses of possession of open alcoholic beverage containers, drinking alcoholic beverages, or tendering to another in a public place, and drinking or possession of alcoholic beverage in or on public school grounds, while bringing the county code in line with the Virginia Code for exceptions to the alcohol-related prohibitions.

[04:17:56] And this concludes the staff's presentation. Thank you for that. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify on this matter?

[04:18:16] Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Any closing comments or final recommendation from county staff? The staff recommends the approval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 5. Last check, question from board members. Any questions?

[04:18:32] Ah, we have one. Supervisor Palchuk. Just to clarify, because I think there might be some confusion out there, could you confirm for us, and I believe it's the same for the last one, We're just coming into compliance with the new state codes, correct? That is correct. Okay, thank you. If there are no additional questions, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk for a motion.

[04:18:54] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to accept the proposed amendments to Sections 5-1-25, 5-1-26, and the repeal of Sections 5-1-27 of the Code of the County of Fairfax.

[04:19:10] Heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Next, we have a public hearing on Chapter 62 of the Code of the County of Fairfax, proposed amendments. And we will give a moment here for staff change.

[04:19:47] And as soon as they are ready, we would welcome a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Chairman.

[04:20:10] My name is Deputy Chief William Vinoy, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, and I oversee the Office of the Fire Chief. Thank you for allowing me to present to you guys our proposed updates to Chapter 62 and Appendix Q. The Fire Prevention Code is often looked at as an ecosystem with many parts that comprise it.

[04:20:29] It includes an informed and educated public, a prepared and trained first responder, and the use of current codes and standards, which brings us to our conversation today of updating our local codes. Every three years, the state updates their code, and they take that from the model code.

[04:20:50] In January of 2024, the state adopted the 2021 statewide fire prevention code. That adoption leads the fire code and leads us to the framework that guides the state in their fire prevention efforts.

[04:21:08] Localities then have the ability to modify that local code, which is Chapter 62 in the county, to better address risks and hazards specific to Fairfax County. The statewide fire prevention code, as I mentioned, was adopted in January of 2024. With its adoption, it adopted a code that reduced redundant language in the building code.

[04:21:25] It also updated the fee table and incorporated the latest model code information, which prepares us for future technology advances and risks that are encountered. Some of the FHIR code, as they removed some of the redundant language, is already included in the building code.

[04:21:48] They also started to address energy systems, both battery energy storage systems, and they also consolidated information for emergency power, standby power, and stationary battery. Other requirements have been added for other methods of energy generation and storage.

[04:22:05] They also started to address some of the permissible fireworks and updated the current list for permissible fireworks, which leads us to our updates for Chapter 62 and then Appendix Q.

[04:22:23] Our proposed updates for Chapter 62 include allowing the police department to have enforcement powers for fireworks under the statewide fire prevention code provisions. Fairfax County police officers have the ability to enforce provisions under the code regarding fireworks under code 104.1.1, which is allowed by the state fire code for law enforcement officers.

[04:22:52] In accordance with 27-100.1 of the code in Virginia, law enforcements who are otherwise authorized to enforce certain provisions of this code shall not be subject to some of the certification requirements for technical assistance. This code has to be hazy and somewhat inconclusive for law enforcement to be able to enforce that. So we have added language that provided them a clearer path.

[04:23:16] So in the local code, we're adding 5601.1.3 fireworks within the boundaries of county and all county-owned properties located outside territorial limits of the fairway to provide a clearer code path. We assist it will be empowered to enforce the following endorsements for fireworks.

[04:23:38] We also look to add language for powered micromobility devices. The fire code considers any motorized bicycles, motorized scooters, motorized wheelchairs, and any of the personal motor mobility devices that is powered by a lithium-ion or ion battery as a micromobility device. This term would not apply to any motor vehicles that are authorized through the Department of Motor Vehicles in the state or the jurisdiction.

[04:24:04] The reasons we're looking to make this particular amendment in Chapter 62 is that there's been a significant increase in use of micromobility devices in the past few years, and the improper charging and use of these devices can lead to thermal runaway and other significant fire incidents. Some of these fires have led to multiple fire alarms in New York City and other areas of the country.

[04:24:25] The statewide fire prevention code in 2021 doesn't particularly address this issue. So we look to the 2024 International Fire Code to gather some language. And with that language, we establish a reasonable safety requirement for the indoor charging of these devices.

[04:24:41] We also place a clear prohibition on the utilizing of a residential occupancy for the operating of a rental sales or service business for these devices. And this would not apply to the charging of personal devices or for personal use. And it also starts to address commercial rental sales and service businesses, where we're looking to establish basic safety guidelines for their operations with this amendment.

[04:25:07] And I'll pause there for the Chapter 62. Okay. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Okay. Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I have nobody who signed up in advance to testify on this matter.

[04:25:30] is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject this is a public hearing anyone who would like to testify seeing and hearing no one let me ask if we have anyone who was called in there are no colors no callers any additional closing comments and a recommendation from county staff no comment okay but you support this we support okay thank you it was implied but I wanted to make

sure it was official alright any questions from board members. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk

[04:26:08] for a motion. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I'll say with regard to the fireworks, I want to personally thank Chief Butler and the Fire and Rescue Department, as well as Chief Davis and the Police Department for their collaboration and work on the proposed police and fireworks enforcement amendment. This change stems from a 2023 board matter that I presented because of concerns from residents in my district who saw lots of illegal fireworks being used in their neighborhood. Currently, as we heard, when an officer responds to a call for service for illegal

[04:26:44] fireworks, they have no jurisdiction per the county code to cite those responsible with this illegal fireworks situation and violation. This ordinance change will give police the authority they need to enforce the fireworks calls for service they're currently being called on today.

[04:27:05] This ordinance is timely as we approach the 4th of July holiday where illegal fireworks have caused injuries and fires across the county, and I hope this will be a positive step forward in preventing the use of these disruptive illegal fireworks in our neighborhoods.

[04:27:22] So with that said, Mr. Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter 62, Fire Protection of the Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia Code, as set forth in the Staff Report and Attachment 1, dated May 30, 2025, but not those bracketed sections marked for reference only, to take effect on July 1, 2025, at 12.01 a.m., and

[04:27:52] And I further move that Section 104.1.2 be amended such that the reference to, in parens, Section 5061.1.1.3, in parens, is changed to read, again, in parens, Section 5061.1.3, in parens, period.

[04:28:19] And you've heard the motion. The Chair will second that motion. 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. Thank you.

[04:28:36] Our next public hearing is a public hearing on Appendix Q of the Code of the County of Fairfax, proposed amendments, and once again, I would welcome a staff presentation. Thank you, Chairman. Again, my name is Bill Vannoy. I oversee the Office of the Fire Marshal.

[04:28:56] With this proposal, we are looking to amend a previous error. In the last code update, there was an amendment for the updating of Appendix Q. There was a clerical error. In the package that was presented to the board, subsection D of section H was admitted from the document.

[04:29:11] It wasn't intended to be deleted as it was not struck through. It simply wasn't present as if it was cut off at the bottom of the page. We're looking to reinstate that subsection back into Appendix Q. The role of the subsection is to allow the Office of the Fire Marshal to charge for overtime rate for plan review or fire protection systems assessment inspections that are performed outside of normal business hours.

[04:29:33] The intent of this function is to serve as a relief valve in case there's a backlog in plan review or systems inspections. The use of this would be solely at the discretion of the fire official. This was last used in the 2015-2016 time period when there was a significant backlog, and it provided a more cost-efficient method as opposed to increasing the number of position numbers to maintain acceptable time frames for plan review and systems inspections.

[04:29:58] I'll pause there for comment. Thank you very much. Are there any questions? Any questions of staff seeing and hearing none? This is a public hearing, and I have no one who has signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject?

[04:30:14] This is a public hearing. anyone who would like to testify. Seeing and hearing no one. At this time, let me ask if there are any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Recommend the approval of this endorsement and reinstating Section D in Appendix Q.

[04:30:32] Excellent. Thank you very much. Any questions or board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and again turn to Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. I move the Board of Supervisors adopt the proposed amendments to Appendix Q, paren land development services fee schedule in paren of the code of the county of Fairfax, Virginia, paren code in paren code, comma, as set forth in the staff report

[04:31:05] and attachment one dated May 30th, 2025, but not those bracketed sections marked paren for reference only in parens to take effect on July 1st, 2025, at 12.01 a.m.

[04:31:22] You've heard the motion. The chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. We next have a public hearing that is being deferred, And that is deferral of public hearing under Virginia Code Section 15.2-934 to seek comment on the advisability of the county providing garbage, trash, or refuse collection service, and to consider displacement of private waste companies to enable formation of a unified sanitary district.

[04:32:01] And as I announced at the June 10th Board of Supervisors meeting and earlier today, the public hearing is being deferred. So I will now turn the gavel over to Vice Chairman Smith so that I can make a motion. I move to defer the public hearing scheduled for today, June 24, 2025, concerning the displacement of private waste companies for the purpose of establishing unified sanitation districts in Fairfax County.

[04:32:25] This deferment is necessary to allow more time to effectively inform the public about the displacement process, address any misinformation, and communicate the potential benefits and disadvantages of the proposed changes. It's crucial to ensure that everyone fully understands the objectives and implications of the state-mandated five-year displacement process, the public hearing, and the proposed unified sanitation districts.

[04:32:51] I propose that the public hearing for displacement of private waste companies for the purpose of establishing unified sanitation districts be rescheduled to a future date no sooner than October 14, 2025, to allow sufficient time for these critical activities to take place.

[04:33:08] i'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 anyone opposed any abstentions that motion carries mr chairman thank you very much uh vice chairman smith and this brings us to our last item on the agenda today which is public comment and let me reiterate a few guidelines for public comment which is our speakers, all of our speakers who have signed up in advance to testify will be heard today.

[04:33:40] The board will hear public comment on any issue except issues under litigation, issues that have been scheduled for public hearings before the board, and personnel matters and or comments

regarding specific individuals. Speakers must have registered in advance, and each speaker is given three minutes for their remarks.

[04:33:57] A maximum of 10 speakers may address the board during any public comment period, and speakers may address the board once during a six-month period. With that, I have two speakers who have signed up to testify today, one in person and one by phone. And our first speaker is Alexander Burke, who is here.

[04:34:16] If you could come on down to the podium, Mr. Burke, and he will be followed by speaker number two, Robert Whitfield, who will be joining us by phone.

[04:34:37] And welcome, Mr. Burke. The floor is yours. Start now. Yes, please. Okay. My name is Alexander Burke. I live at 910 George Place apartment 304 at the Hernan Harbor House here in the town of Hernan or two.

[04:35:01] Well, tonight I'd like to say very much a good afternoon to all of you, Supervisor, and tonight all of you deserve a great deal of over three years ago, we heard about \$3.2 million for the purpose of housing.

[04:35:22] All of you supervisors deserve a very high praise. The money was spent wise. The west part of Fairfax County, two new housing projects pop up, which is super good.

[04:35:39] And we all know the west part of Fairfax County does need help, without a doubt. Oh, I would like to say this is something we in the field of housing is screaming very important for Fairfax County, George Mason University to have housing in here.

[04:36:02] This is a great reward for the whole state of Virginia. Advocation is very important for everybody. We all benefit from it. And that's something we must pay close attention in the future.

[04:36:19] In this correction, they're tall. Okay, part two. Okay, I live at the Hearnham Harbor House for a good six years. They're tall. We have, you know, like the people with the, you know, you have subcontracts out to fix things.

[04:36:44] towel which ever plays his face with this in here. Well, there is a very much a major problem here. Like example, I'm just going to use this example. One of the ladies I know at the Harbor House, it took this winner three months to get her heating unit fixed. Three months. We are seniors.

[04:37:09] I'm a senior. I'm 73 years old. This is not accessible at all. This is not right. It's not right. My next-door neighbor I know, his air condition has been out for three weeks.

[04:37:25] Oh, today, we definitely hit 100 degrees today. I tell you, that's a little bit hot under the collar here. That is not accessible at all. It is wrong. Okay. One all apart, I would very much like to mention here.

[04:37:44] I've been living at the Harbor House for six years. The chairman, I believe, is a five-year contract with the Harbor House with a partner of housing that, you know, the people will come in and, you know, run the place.

[04:37:59] You know, it gives, you know, the people a house and they got work to do and he lets them to run the place. Well, I put it like this in here. In the past five years, we started off with Edgewood. Well, Mr. Chairman, the only thing what Edgewood did, it took you for a ride.

[04:38:22] It cheated all you people here. Things didn't get done. We went through a couple months with one maintenance person of 120 units. This cannot be run.

[04:38:38] Nothing gets done. And one person cannot run 120 units. It's completely ridiculous. Heywood is the key mate and person at the hardware, and he does a damn good job. He works hard.

[04:38:56] He's a good man we have at the hardware, but he needs help, and it's very important. Well, there's one old, okay, moved on the line here. Fairfax County, generally speaking, is a five-year contract that the Department of Housing has out for people to come in.

[04:39:18] We, the people of the Harbor House, a senior living place of people, to have to make sure in that contract, to have two maintenance people all the time, 40-hour work week, Monday through Friday, and the same thing will go to the office, too.

[04:39:39] still we must have that in the contract i feel this is very reasonable i feel things should be definitely would be fixed in a reasonable time be fair affair with fairfax county a reasonable time thank you this couple months stuff is for plea for the birds thank thank you very much mr burke okay thank you for your time ran out a while ago uh if there's something you can quickly tell us Go ahead, but I want to be fair on the time.

[04:40:13] Could I just ask for five seconds? Oh, the people here at the Harbor House, we do anticipate giving their signing for a police night out. All of you have the sheet of paper in here. And thank you, Mr. Chairman, to give me extra time. Thank you. Thank you very much.

[04:40:30] Thank you very much for your testimony. With that, our second speaker is Robert Whitfield. Is he on the phone? We've not been able to reach him. We've not been able to reach Mr. Whitfield. He was to be here in person, but due to the heat, requested a phone call.

[04:40:46] But if we're not able to reach him, we will certainly talk to him soon, I'm sure. Exactly. And so that brings us to the end of our public comment and also brings us to the end of our board meeting of June 24, 2025.

[04:41:02] And with that, the board is adjourned.



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