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[00:00:07] All right. Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of July 15th, 2025. And we're going to begin our meeting as we always do, which is for those who are able to rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. But before we do that, I am going to recognize some of my colleagues this morning, if they have anyone that they would like to have us keep in our thoughts and prayers.

[00:00:29] And let me just mention, as folks probably are well aware of the flooding that took place in Texas, we now know that that's taken the lives of over 100 people, many of them children, and there's still 150 people missing.

[00:00:47] And this disaster, while it may be in Texas, I know anyone who was out in the storms yesterday in our area is thinking about how quick something like that could happen. And it can happen in any community. And so we're certainly praying for all those who were affected in Texas, the victims of that horrendous event.

[00:01:08] And we are doing our part here in Fairfax County. Our Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department under Virginia Task Force 1 has been deployed to assist in the recovery of those lost in Texas. And we're always so proud of our Virginia Task Force 1, not only the men and women of that team, but also the specialized canines.

[00:01:29] that have been deployed to Texas, and so if we could keep those folks on our task force and our thoughts and prayers, as well as their families, and all the fire and rescue personnel who are backfilling stations to make sure that we are still well prepared, as we always are here in Fairfax County, but we keep the folks in Texas, as well as our fire and rescue department, and our thoughts and prayers, that would be appreciated, and at this time, I'd recognize anyone else who would like to be recognized, Supervisor Palchuk.

[00:02:00] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I really just wanted to add to that. I know many of us have just been heartbroken. It's been wrenching. My husband actually went to sleepaway camp in Mississippi, so he has been really, really heartbroken to see what's been happening in Texas and so many young girls impacted.

[00:02:19] And I just want to add to your remarks for our team, our public safety team that's down there and supporting, as well as everyone that's down there, and especially just to those of our Dems, our emergency management, and everyone here in Fairfax who it's not sexy to think about what are the worst possible scenarios and what impact could be caused by flooding and why it's so important to do everything we can to mitigate and to be prepared.

[00:02:50] But I think it's a very stark reminder of just how critical it is at any moment, especially with the incredible changes we are seeing in weather and the environment and the climate changes and the impact that we could face here, just how important it is to always be prepared.

[00:03:09] So I know our thoughts and prayers are with the families down in Texas, as well as with all the men and women and dogs that we've deployed to help support the efforts. down in Texas. Supervisor Behrman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to share condolences on the passing of Mark Queso, a distinguished resident of the Drainsville District and a resident of Great Falls. Great Falls has lost their Revolutionary War soldier. Mr. Queso would always be there at the Fourth of July parade dressed as a Revolutionary War soldier. He was

[00:03:49] an accomplished attorney, the president of the Construction Industry Roundtable in McLean, and a respected industry advocate. But you can tell just by the fact that he was, as I said, always out there dressed in revolutionary garb on the 4th, that he was deeply devoted to his community, and that he lived an interesting life. He was also a longtime supporter of lift-me-up therapeutic horseback riding. And he was a cherished artist at the Arts of Great Falls.

[00:04:20] It was kind of fun reading some of the memoriams of him. And somebody wrote in the comments that they just liked painting with him. I hadn't thought of that one. But, you know, he prioritized family above all else. He was a devoted husband to Julie Queso, father to Nia and Nick, and proud grandfather to Asher. He was described as gentle, witty, selfless, and steadfast, a quiet force who brought light to many. So Fairfax County can offer our heartfelt sympathies to Julie and the

[00:04:54] Queso family. His impact will continue to be felt. And there will be a memorial open house for Mark on Sunday, July 20th at the Great Falls Grange between 1 and 4. Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Bearman Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Last Thursday, I attended the celebration of life of Millicent Millie Sawyer, a 30-year employee of Fairfax County. Ms. Sawyer passed away at the age of 85 on May 20, 2025. She survived by her husband of over 60 years, doctor and colonel

[00:05:31] retired Frederick Harold Doc Sawyer. Her daughter, Kimberly Maxine Sawyer, accompanied her husband to various military bases, Millie was employed as a social worker in North Carolina, New

Jersey, and Massachusetts before settling in here in Fairfax County. She worked in Fairfax County for over 30 years, becoming a supervisor in the Department of Social Services before retiring in 2020. And after retiring, she was a substitute teacher in the Fairfax County public school system.

[00:06:04] The thing I remember most about Millie is just her compassion and commitment to service. And I had the opportunity to work with her in my early career in human services. And I learned a lot from her just in terms of how she approached people and her commitment to service.

[00:06:25] So to her family, our friends, our coworkers, and others, we are thinking about her and thinking about you at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm sad to report the passing of Roberta Sherman, who died on July 8th at the age of 78. She was born in Brooklyn, and she was a longtime Reston resident who moved here in the 1970s with her husband, Cy. Many knew Roberta from her distinguished career as an educator in FCPS.

[00:06:59] She served as a teacher at the Great Falls Elementary School and an assistant principal at Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston for eight years. Her passionate dedication to her students and community left an indelible mark on those who were fortunate enough to have learned or worked with her.

[00:07:16] In retirement, she continued to serve others. She's an active member of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, the Dulles Airport Traveler's Aid, and the American Association of University Women. She served on a number of positions with the AAUW's Reston Herndon Area Branch, including as vice president.

[00:07:34] She loved to explore new places. She visited every continent except Antarctica. She played mahjong and Mexican train, and she spent time with those that she loved. And she was a proud grandmother to Sarah, Amanda, Abby, and David. So we offer condolences to our husband, Cy, daughter, Wendy, and son, Eric, and Roberta will be deeply missed.

[00:07:56] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, and seeing no one else to be recognized, if all who were able could please rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Please face the flag.

[00:08:31] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. And this morning we have five presentations, and I will announce the proclamation or presentation and invite the speaker down to the podium, which is right here in front of me.

[00:09:05] We'll read the proclamation, and after the speaker's remarks, we will pose for a picture from the dais. And I'm going to begin today with our first resolution, and that is to honor Stella Cook. for her outstanding service on the Environmental Quality Advisory Council. And I am going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Smith.

[00:09:23] And if Stella, if you could come on down, and anyone who's here with you is welcome to join you. I'm going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Smith so that I can read the following resolution. Whereas Stella Cook has faithfully served for over 20 years as a member and longtime chair of the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council, EQUAC, demonstrating steadfast dedication to environmental protection, public engagement, and responsible policymaking.

[00:09:51] And whereas her leadership has been instrumental in shaping Fairfax County's environmental agenda, including authoring the water chapter of EQAC's annual report on the environment and contributing to landmark initiatives such as the countywide Energy and Climate Action Plan, CCAP, and whereas Ms. Cook's longtime passion for water protection from local streams and creeks to the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay has inspired her work in elevated watershed conservation as a top priority for the county. And whereas she also represented Nature Forward on numerous environmental boards and coalitions, including the Potomac Riverkeeper Network and the Virginia League of Conservation

[00:10:30] Voters, thereby strengthening the region's environmental advocacy through collaboration and civic leadership. And whereas Fairfax County has greatly benefited from Stella's scientific expertise, her collaborative attitude, and her unwavering dedication to sustainability and natural resource conservation, making Fairfax County a healthier, more resilient, and more sustainable community. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all county residents, does hereby recognize Stella Cook for her

[00:11:04] extraordinary dedication, compassionate leadership, and exceptional service on the Environmental Quality Advisory Council, and her enduring contributions to environmental quality in the county and beyond. I'll second that motion, along with Supervisor Alcorn.

[00:11:21] Discussion on the motion? Yes, thank you, Madam Vice Chair. First, Stella, it is great to see you in the board auditorium, where you've been many, many times over the years before, but we did want to take an opportunity to honor all of your work, and when you think about the environment in Fairfax County, I know a lot of us when we think about the environment think about what Stella would say and what her opinion is about something. But your over 20 years of service on Equac is amazing. And I know I've talked to a lot of county staff people over the years that have just valued your approach to these

[00:11:58] issues, your collaborative spirit, your prodding in a polite way, us in the community to always do the right thing. And as this proclamation indicates, you've made a real difference in the lives of people of Fairfax County and certainly in all environmental aspects. And so we thank you for all of your years of work at Equac. We know you'll continue to be engaged and involved, but this is a huge milestone, an extraordinary contribution to the community in a volunteer capacity, not just with Equac, but as this indicates, so many other groups that you've

[00:12:36] been involved in, really just making sure, at the end of the day, we make the right decisions with regard to the planet that we have inherited and the planet for future generations. So, Stella, can't thank you enough. Hope you continue to stay very actively engaged and still answer our calls when we call and need environmental advice from you.

[00:12:56] Congratulations. Thank you very much. You know, it's almost like I don't have to say anything. I'm going to have a couple other people probably say that. Oh, I'm so sorry. And then we're going to take a vote, and then we'll turn to you. Okay. Okay. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair.

[00:13:12] Yeah, that's actually pretty good. Stella, you're never going to be quiet whenever. That's okay. That's all right. Yeah, you know, Chairman McKay said a number of the things in the resolution also, cites and other things.

[00:13:27] But what I'm not sure everybody realizes is how much more and on how many more issues you've been involved over the years, you know, your ability to work constructively, behind the scenes, but

also be persistent. And, you know, I'm thinking data centers, you know, and the stuff that we've been working on. You've been out there, you know, basically pointing out some things for a number of years that have really helped us, I think, move forward in our data center regulation and I big huge thing I know you worked on Tyson's and Tyson's

[00:14:04] replanning and basically Scott's run and all the things that you did and these are just a couple things that again I know you've done over the years so thank you I know I know you're not going to be quiet and I really appreciate that so but thank you for your service for all those years on EQAC. You're welcome. Thank Thank you. Supervisor Lusk and then Walkinshaw.

[00:14:29] Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. I'll say thank you as well to Stella for her commitment and exceptional, exceptional service to Fairfax County. When I think of you, I think of a tireless advocate. And when I think of you, I think of also the work I did many years ago with Jerry Conley when I was his land use aide.

[00:14:50] And you were there to help us make the right decisions. and you really were the expert on all things water, so storm water, drinking water. All of these things are so important. So I want to lift you up here and thank you for your outstanding contributions and your outstanding service to the residents here in Fairfax County.

[00:15:13] Thank you. I'll just add to what's been said, Stella, thank you. If you think back to when you started your advocacy here in Fairfax County and how far we have come in terms of our commitment to environmental issues and the progress we have made.

[00:15:29] I know if Supervisor Gross were here, I know if Jerry Connolly were here to say it, they would both say that you have been one of the key architects of our progress, and so much of it wouldn't have happened without your work, so thank you.

[00:15:46] Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Waukesha really took a couple of pieces I was going to say because I really wanted to emphasize how much Supervisor Gross and her focus on water quality, and I know your focus, but also the broader issues of where we were 30 years ago as a county and where we are today, it's truly night and day.

[00:16:08] And there is absolutely no doubt, no doubt by any of us that without EQAC, without your leadership, and without its persistent and consistent drive to make a difference and change what we knew the county could become.

[00:16:26] We're not there. We all know that. But we've put the groundwork in place, if you will. The operational energy strategy and all the work that goes with that, the whole CCAP process and the commitment the community has made, those are all key parts of what EQAC and what all of us, I know, have worked towards.

[00:16:45] But clearly, your leadership was a huge part of that. So, again, my personal thanks and my thanks on behalf of the community as well. 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, Vice Chairman Smith, and thank my colleagues for their comments, and at this time, we would welcome comments from Stella.

[00:17:07] I know she hasn't prepared speech, but for those who didn't know, one thing that wasn't mentioned, and I think it's important to mention about Stella, she was once a high school biology teacher. And so I think that explains a lot of things that happened after that in life.

[00:17:26] But Stella, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. And everybody says when I talk I sound like a teacher, so you know why. So I really appreciate the opportunity. I'm actually overwhelmed, so thank you, to serve on EQAC. It was almost 30 years.

[00:17:42] And to be involved in shaping this environmental thing. So I want to thank specific people because I want to thank four chairs. Kate Hanley, who passed me on to Jerry, who passed me on to Sharon, who passed me on to Jeff. So thank you for all appointing me. And I also want to say thank you to some spectacular heads of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Jimmy Jenkins, James Patterson, Randy Bartlett, and the present director.

[00:18:07] They've all been great to work with, and their expertise is extraordinary. We've done a great job of having them here. And kudos to their highly qualified staff. It's an amazing staff that we have in this county. And I also want to note that I've had the pleasure of working with some amazing people on EQAC, so thank you all for some great appointments to EQAC, because it's made a huge difference.

[00:18:30] I have only one thing I want to say about in terms of that, in terms of stewardship. We have, over the past five decades, built an exceptional, carefully defined, and rigorous pattern of stewardship of our county's environmental resources.

[00:18:46] And I agree with everything you all said. From a robust environmental vision document to a highly evolved stream stewardship program to highly sophisticated wastewater treatment, we have seen this growth. We have often used state and federal requirements to reach those goals.

[00:19:04] But, and this is the understatement of the year, we live in interesting times. And so we are perhaps in a unique position to continue our work solely based on what's best serving this county and the citizens and the environment.

[00:19:20] And so I look forward to supporting your goals and our continuing efforts. And thank you for letting me survive. Thank you so much, Stella. We're grateful to you for all those years and your continued contributions. And with that, I think we're ready for a photo.

[00:19:36] And if you could come on forward, if there's others who are here, they're welcome to join you for the photo as well.

[00:21:10] And next, we have a resolution to recognize George W. Lamb for his exceptional service as well on the Environmental Quality Advisory Council and other things. And our speaker is George, who is on his way down. I am going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Smith so that I can read the following motion.

[00:21:27] Whereas a native of New York, George W. Lamb moved to Fairfax County in 1993 and has since been an active civic leader and champion for supporting the county's environmental vision and preserving natural resources. And whereas Mr. Lamb was a co-founder of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters and served on the Tyson's Corner Land Use Task Force, helping to shape policies that balance development with sustainability.

[00:21:52] And whereas he has served as an at-large member of the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council, offering valuable insight and guidance on issues vital to the environmental health and

sustainability of the county through his dedication of time and expertise.

[00:22:08] And whereas Mr. Lamb played a vital role in reviewing and advising on environmental policies, including land use, climate resilience, energy efficiency, and sustainable transportation, helping to guide Fairfax County towards a greener future. And whereas he has been a tireless advocate for environmental transparency, civic engagement, and interagency collaboration, ensuring that community members remain informed and that their voices are reflected in county planning.

[00:22:35] And whereas George W. Lamb's leadership, dedication, and vision have had a lasting impact on environmental policy in Fairfax County, earning him the admiration of his peers and the appreciation of a grateful community, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby commend and express its deepest gratitude to George Lamb for his many years of exceptional public service and steadfast commitment to environmental stewardship.

[00:23:04] Second. I'll second that along with Supervisor Pouchek, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. This is almost like a repeat of the presentation we just had, but two huge environmental leaders in our community with Stella and with George. And, George, we thank you for all the things that you've done in Fairfax County and all the contributions that you've made.

[00:23:26] It was funny when I first saw the resolution that mentioned that you had moved here since 1993. That didn't feel like that long ago, considering how much you've done and the difference that you've made in Fairfax County. And we certainly appreciate all of that work and all of your dedication and the time away from family that you've committed to building a greener Fairfax County.

[00:23:51] And so I know you won't be a stranger, but we did want to take this opportunity to recognize all of your years of service and make sure that you know you have made a lasting and positive difference in the lives of so many people in Fairfax County, George. And, you know, we've relied on you for a lot of judgment.

[00:24:09] As we said with Stella, your patience, your intelligence, your passion on these issues have been helpful to all of us as we've tried to make sure that we're positioned moving forward to have the greenest policies we can and protect our planet, and you've played a vital role in that.

[00:24:26] So thank you, and congratulations. Supervisor Pelchuk. George, I was trying to remember when I first met you, and I think it's been at least 10 years since I first ran for office, and you were about to or were serving on the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

[00:24:42] I used to take your kids around everywhere. Nice to see them growing up. It's been 10 years. But I really just want to thank you, you know, especially your time on both of those boards, the Soil and Water Board and EQUAC. and as a fellow not far neighbor inside the Beltway and helping ensure that we continue to focus on equity and justice and environmental work and what are the things that we can do to help improve our streams, to help improve the environment here in our community, but most importantly, to ensure that we are educating and ensuring that the next generation has that with them.

[00:25:20] So I know you've been a steadfast leader, as was mentioned, but also just a great mentor and member, sometimes behind the scenes, of the incredible work that we're able to do here in Fairfax County. So thank you so much, George, and I really hope you won't be a stranger.

[00:25:39] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, George. Supervisor Palczyk's comments reminded me, I think we've known each other almost 20 years. Somehow you look exactly the same as you did 20 years ago. I don't know how that is, right? I don't. I can promise you. But thank you for your service.

[00:25:55] I mean, you know, I just want to specifically call out the Soil and Water Conservation District and your work there. I mean, talk about unsung heroes. I mean, every day in the Braddock District, and I'm sure everywhere, the folks there are helping people deal with some challenging and complicated issues.

[00:26:13] And I know that the board members are critical to ensuring that work is successful. And your service there was really valuable as well as EQAC. So thank you for your service, George. thank you seeing no further discussion all those in favor of the motion please say aye hi anyone opposed any abstention that motion carries mr chairman thank you vice chairman smith and with that george welcome the floor is yours uh thank you jeff um this is going to be the same speech that seller gave we did a podcast the other day um with the county it was very very very nice um and i forgot to mention that linda smith's supervisor from providence also appointed

[00:26:51] me. So I welcomed the chance to correct the record from that podcast. I wanted to thank Chairman Connolly. Actually, Supervisor Connolly was the first person that appointed me. He's no longer with us, but he was my best friend back then. He was an incredible mentor. And then from Supervisor Connolly, Supervisor Smith appointed me. And then we moved to Mason District, and both of them worked together, and they appointed me as an Outlarge member. And then I followed Stellar's Path with Sharon Bulova, and then Jeff, you did my last appointment, so I was grateful for that, and the way that you guys pick who you get on these boards is so important. I also want to

[00:27:28] thank the environmental leaders that I've seen. Penny Gross, when I moved to Mason District, she didn't get a chance to appoint me, but she was a great friend, and she helped me all through the Conservation District, and then my true, my sort of North Star was Jean Packard, Chairman Jean Packer of the board. She got me involved in this. She's the one that said I had to go to the conservation district. It wasn't really a request. It was a command. I know the board knows how to do that. When you guys ask people, it's not really an ask. And I hope everyone that gets that request really gets to follow through on it. I want to thank the leaders that have been in EQAC. Bob McLaren was the first chair. EQAC doesn't

[00:28:07] have very many chairs. We're a very long, stellar organization. Stella, an amazing, amazing leader of EQAC. He very recognized her. And then Larry Zaragoza is here, so the third chair of EQAC. The only thing I would ask is that Larry keep the meeting short.

[00:28:23] They tend to get long. I was going to thank all my fellow members of EQAC. I did the math, and if you do 23 years, 11 meetings a year, four-hour meetings sometimes, you get to over 1,000 hours. Those hours were the best hours that I had.

[00:28:41] The commitment of the people, the focus, and the intellect. You have the smartest people on the board, so you guys have great advisors. Picking them and then letting them listen to them is really just, it's kind of an honor to be on the board. And the last group I want to thank, everyone at Equac is a citizen.

[00:28:59] We're working, we have other jobs, but we get advice from the staff. And the staff are the biologists, the engineers, the experts, land use planners. The way they work with EQUAC, I don't know if

you know this, but they suggest topics that we should look into. Almost always those are topics that they think you should look into.

[00:29:17] So we get the first call at those. We get to look into them, make resolutions. They suggest who we should talk to. So a lot of the times we don't know and we find out these incredibly interesting people. So I want to thank staff, the incredible talent they have, and the way that they nurture the boards. I think that's really important.

[00:29:34] And just like Stella, I haven't asked the past four years, I think, and I've talked to James about this several times. If you look at the land use planning, if you look at how LDS operates, the bare minimum is compliance with the zoning ordinance.

[00:29:51] Minimum compliance is the bare minimum. And when I first heard that, it kind of shocked me. I don't think that really serves the public good. I've been advocating the concept of net benefit or environmental net benefit, which is how we protect the RPAs. The RPAs are so protected that in order to encroach on the RPA, you need to make a significant net environmental benefit gain elsewhere.

[00:30:13] And I think that's how we have to treat the public space. Anything that encroaches, Fairfax is so valuable. Any development really should be in the public interest, not just in the minimum compliance of the voting ordinance. The holistic approach, the very contemplative approach we've had over the past years, I think that really needs the basis.

[00:30:33] So my ask is to protect the environment using that contemplative, holistic approach we've always had and think about the net environmental benefit of everything that we do. With that, thank you very much. Thank you very much, George. And again, I'm glad you did the math. That's a lot of hours of dedication, and we are grateful for you and your family, time away from them to devote to Fairfax County. It's made a difference, so thank you.

[00:31:01] With that, I think we're ready for a photo, and if you can come forward, and if others who are here with you, we'd welcome them to come down as well.

[00:31:07] And next, we have a resolution to honor Robert W. Lazaro for his remarkable service as Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

[00:32:29] This was requested by myself, and I see Bob is on his way down. I'm going to hand the gavel one last time this morning to Supervisor Smith so that I can read the following resolution. Whereas Robert W. Lazaro Jr. has dedicated decades to public service and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, NVRC, where he has advanced regional collaboration, innovation, and sustainability.

[00:32:57] And whereas Mr. Lazaro previously served as NVRC's Director of Regional Sustainability and Energy Policy, playing a key role in making Northern Virginia a leader in energy efficiency and environmental resilience. And whereas Mr. Lazaro served as a town council member and four-term mayor of Purcellville, Virginia, where his leadership earned the town numerous awards, including the Governor's Gold Medal for Environmental Excellence and the Siemens National Sustainable Communities Award.

[00:33:25] And whereas under his leadership, Purcellville preserved more land than any other Virginia town, made major infrastructure improvements, and became the smallest town in Virginia to achieve a AAA bond rating, reflecting sound governance and fiscal responsibility.

[00:33:40] And whereas Mr. Lazaro has shaped policy across Virginia through his leadership roles with the Virginia Municipal League and continues to serve on regional and state boards, including the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Visit Loudon, and the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby recognize and honor Robert Lazaro Jr.

[00:34:08] for his exemplary service, environmental leadership, and lasting contributions to Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth. I will second that, along with Supervisor Palchuk. Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. This one is a little bit bittersweet because many of us have had an opportunity to serve on NVRC in many different capacities and be first, you know, close to the work that Bob does.

[00:34:32] But then secondly, you know, having someone at NVRC that also served as an elected official has been tremendously helpful. And what was said here about what Bob was able to do in Purcellville, it's fair to say the wheels fell off after he left the leadership position.

[00:34:52] But things were great when Bob was in charge, both at Purcellville and at NVRC. And I will say from a serious note, chairing this board through the peak of COVID will be something I will never forget.

[00:35:09] And a part of that will be the hundreds of hours that Bob spent convening the mayors and chairs around the DMV region. We would talk several times a week at times down to towards the end of COVID, maybe as infrequently as once a week.

[00:35:29] But the way that NVRC took the reins of bringing all of our jurisdictions together was remarkable. And most people, when they think of NVRC, of course, they think about the environmental and the health-related issues that NVRC is involved in.

[00:35:47] But the two things that will stick in my mind forever with Bob is his leadership at helping us through some of the most challenging times during COVID and watching this region be successful in almost every measure compared to national benchmarks because of that regional collaboration.

[00:36:06] And then there's three things that will stick in my mind. The second thing is the work that Bob has done with Solarize Nova. You know, there wasn't anyone who was taking ownership of pushing people to evaluate solar panels and without the work that Bob did and the passion he had and NVRC and the international relationships that were built at NVRC to help get solar into northern Virginia in a much more aggressive way is remarkable.

[00:36:37] And then lastly, from the humanitarian side, when there were disasters that occurred across the country, whether in Syria or Turkey. Bob was quick to jump at the opportunity to help people in our region who are a very empathetic population make contributions through the coat and blanket drives and the fundraising drives that we put in to help not only Syrian refugees, but Ukrainians, Turkish individuals who were dealing with natural disasters. It was Bob's leadership at NVRC that

[00:37:12] said, hey, we can do this too, like so many other things that we do as a region, and we've said this many times from this dais, I still am a true believer in regionalism and the importance of it and the relationships that we have with the other jurisdictions across our region. When it comes to affordable housing, environmental protection, and public health, and transportation, you can't do those four things unless you're thinking about them regionally, and our residents don't care what jurisdiction they're in, they want that stuff to work. And that is fundamental to the work of NVRC.

[00:37:47] And Bob, I served on NVRC with multiple executive directors, and what I watched you do, taking that organization to the next level, was remarkable, and we will forever be grateful to you for that. So thank you, Bob. Thank you. Supervisor Alcorn, then Palachuk.

[00:38:06] Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. Just to pile on a little more, The chairman jokingly mentioned the wheels coming off after you left a position. But I just want to remind everybody, I know everybody that's at least served on NVRC understands this, but when you took this job, you really put the wheels on.

[00:38:28] There were some issues in the organization, and you did an excellent job. And, again, not flashy, but, you know, sometimes I think we take for granted that our regional organizations are healthy and are sustainable. That's not the case unless we have leaders that basically make sure that they are.

[00:38:48] So thank you for that as well. And everything you've done for the community, it's a long list. So thank you, Bob. Supervisor Palczyk, then Lusk. Bob, I will never forget my first meeting of MVRC, which was bringing together all of the housing authorities and the housing directors from every single one of our jurisdictions.

[00:39:11] And to me, that really cemented the importance of that regional work. I'm sorry I couldn't continue to serve. Mommy duties were really asking me to step back some of the night meetings. But I know the work that you did through COVID, the videos, the outreach that we were able to help support to really show that we're a region.

[00:39:32] I think as the chairman noted, we have people who live in one jurisdiction and work in another or go to school in another and are going across Northern Virginia and aren't really thinking about when they're crossing city lines, county lines, jurisdictional lines. And I was not involved with MVRC before your time, but all I know is that the work you brought in, the demographic data, the collaboration, and really bringing together.

[00:39:59] I taught middle school, I don't know how you heard at 20-plus elected officials to move forward, to really focus on the priorities and to help us do an even better job working and collaborating together. So I know that you've left some incredible shoes to fill, but at the same time, you've also created the structure and the focus that we need here to continue to excel in Northern Virginia.

[00:40:26] So I just wanted to really personally thank you for all you've done and your education and mentorship, especially to all of the new local elected officials as they come into office. Thank you, Bob. Thank you. Supervisor Lusk, then Walkinshaw. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chairman.

[00:40:42] And I'll just start by saying thank you, Bob, for your exceptional service as well. It's been a pleasure getting to work with you over the last now five and a half years. I'll say the work on the total military partnership, just having the opportunity to support with Go Virginia.

[00:41:01] And I'll acknowledge one thing that you do so exceptionally well, if someone brings an issue or a question to you, you will give them a response. And what I've realized, too, is that you are able to deploy people when necessary as well.

[00:41:21] So I remember having a conversation with you about Go Virginia, and before I knew it, I was on the Go Virginia board representing NVRC. So I really, really appreciate your approach to public service, your dedication, and the inspiration that you have provided many of us.

[00:41:42] So thank you for your dedicated years of service. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Bob. I have really enjoyed working with you and was very sad to learn the news about your moving on from NVRC.

[00:41:58] But, you know, one of the things that's so special about Bob is one of those rare people who combines competence and extreme professionalism with creativity and an entrepreneurial mindset. And I think that has really taken NVRC to the next level.

[00:42:16] Bob is always thinking about ways that NVRC can help and plug in to solve problems around the region. And that has just made, you know, what is a relatively small organization have an outsized impact.

[00:42:32] And it has really been your approach to it, Bob, that has made that happen. So thank you for your service and your friendship. I've really enjoyed working with you. Okay, I guess it's my turn. So Bob took over NVRC at a time when we needed a strong leader, and really, we've just taken off.

[00:42:52] And it's an important organization because we have cities, towns, and counties together. And so we learn about each other's problems, and we solve them. And my colleagues mentioned a number of issues, but I remember when Sharon Boulevard was chair here, and we wanted Dominion to start putting in LED lights, and we weren't getting anywhere.

[00:43:11] So it's like, go to Bob, let's work as a group, and accomplish that. The demographer was mentioned. Sometimes people talk about issues, and it's not factual. So that's important information as we move forward. The affordable housing grant you went after to help put in more affordable housing.

[00:43:29] You know, it's about relationships in this work and working with people, and you are going to be sorely missed. I hope someday that one of our counties or groups will be able to tell you They accomplished district heat. But thank you.

[00:43:47] Thank you very much, Bob, for everything. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Vice Chair Smith. And Bob, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[00:44:02] Thank you all for your kind words. I will miss it. And I wrote it down, so I'll say within the three minutes I was told. Chairman McKay, members of the board, County Executive Hill, distinguished staff, I'm deeply honored by this recognition today.

[00:44:23] Your acknowledgement of my work at NVRC means more than words can express. While I stand here as a recipient of this recognition, I must emphasize that none of this would have been possible without the exceptional team at NVRC and the collaborative partnerships we have built with your staff, board members, and those of our member local governments. Throughout my career, which has been devoted primarily to local government service, I have witnessed firsthand the truth in that familiar saying, local government is where

[00:44:59] the rubber meets the road. In communities like Fairfax County, where policy transforms into tangible improvements in people's lives, your collective leadership has achieved something extraordinary. Together, you have built one of the most economically vibrant counties and regions in the nation. Consider this remarkable fact. Northern Virginia represents just 3% of the Commonwealth's landmass, yet generates 42% of our GDP, more than \$302 billion. And if a country

[00:45:34] would be the 48th largest economy in the world, and Fairfax County generates more than 50% of that GDP in our region. This extraordinary success did not happen by chance. It's the direct result of intentional collaboration and shared commitment. Whether working to maintain a functioning metro and transportation system, celebrating and leveraging the strength found in our region's diversity, protecting our precious environmental resources, or supporting one another through the unprecedented challenges of COVID-19, our collective efforts have consistently

[00:46:14] made a difference. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that we face significant challenges ahead in an era where partnership with higher levels of government has become increasingly elusive. We find ourselves more reliant than ever on our own resources and ingenuity. Yet I remain optimistic because I've witnessed your unwavering commitment to collaboration and your willingness to tackle the most difficult challenges head-on.

[00:46:47] And NVRC has been proud to play a piece of that role. In this spirit of partnership and determination, it is the spirit of partnership and determination that will continue to drive our region forward, ensuring that Northern Virginia remains not just economically strong, but a place where all residents can thrive.

[00:47:09] The work you do today, together today, will determine the legacy we leave for future generations. Thank you again for this tremendous honor, and thank you for your continued dedication to our shared vision across the region in building stronger and more resilient communities.

[00:47:30] And I would be remiss if I did not end with a Solar Ice commercial that's been extended to August 15th. So time to sign up, but thank you very much. I'm touched, and I would be remiss. I just want to thank County Executive Hill. I told the CAOs at our last meeting.

[00:47:46] It was like a master class in public administration. And working with you all as well. So thank you very much. I'm honored. Thank you, Bob. We are honored to have you here and to honor all your work. And with that, I think we're ready for a photo.

[00:48:02] I'm going to ask the county executive, and I'll ask any of our current NVRC commissioners. I know that's half the board, but our current NVRC commissioners to also join me for the photo and if the rest of the board could scrunch.

[00:49:58] All right. Next, we have a resolution to recognize ANOVA for its outstanding achievement as the 2025 Healthcare Experience Health System of the Year. And this was requested by myself and Supervisor Palczyk.

[00:50:15] Our speaker today is Dr. Stephen Jones, President and CEO of ANOVA Health System. If you could come on down. And while you are doing that, I'm going to recognize Supervisor Palczyk for a resolution. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. So good to see Dr. Jones, and he's got quite a few team members here.

[00:50:34] Let me start with the resolution. Whereas each February, healthcare professionals from across the nation gather at the Human Experience Awards hosted by Prescani, a national leader in healthcare analytics, to recognize individuals and organizations that have made a lasting impact on the quality and accessibility of care.

[00:50:54] And whereas Inova Health System in Fairfax County was named 2025 Health System of the year for excellence in innovation, leadership, and community well-being, while also demonstrating a strong public health commitment through charitable programs and partnerships with Fairfax County agencies, nonprofits, and regional health networks.

[00:51:17] And whereas, Inova operates numerous hospitals, clinics, and care facilities across Fairfax County and Northern Virginia, delivering compassionate, patient-centered care to more than 2 million residents each year, not only reflecting its clinical excellence, but also highlighting the positive experiences of many patients, parents, children, and loved ones who turn to Inova in times of need.

[00:51:44] And whereas Inova's nonprofit mission and success are driven by the dedication of its healthcare workforce, nurses, physicians, administrators, technicians, and support staff who provide world-class care every time, every touch to each person in every community they serve.

[00:52:03] And whereas Fairfax County is proud to be the home of a nationally recognized health care leader like Inova, which is not only our largest provider of health care, but also our largest private sector employer committed to innovation, inclusion, and excellence that benefits residents and strengthens our community.

[00:52:22] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby congratulate Inova Health Systems for being named the Press Ganey 2025 Health Care Health System of the Year and extends its sincere appreciation to Inova for being the county's trusted health care partner and for its outstanding service, vision, and dedication to improving health outcomes for all.

[00:52:52] I'd like to second that motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A few words. First of all, seeing Dr. Jones here, and it's for the entire system, but leadership starts at the top. And I know I and so many in our community have been incredibly impressed by the compassionate and dedicated work, so much so that I have to share this little anecdote of when we were opening the redone, renovated Children's Pediatric ER not long

[00:53:26] ago, and as Dr. Jones walked up to speak at the stage, I saw his name tag, and it said Stephen, and to me, it really just symbolized that he really is about being a person and a physician, and making sure that he and everyone on his team cares, number one, about their patients, about the community, and about ensuring both a dedicated team, but also a compassionate team in the community.

[00:53:57] A couple of additional little accolades, I might be stealing some of his notes, but based on the data of over 41,000 communities, facilities, not only does it speak to the leadership, but especially what we all know INOVA as, through all these difficult times, is its community service, but also its level one trauma care, being the only center in Northern Virginia, as we speak about Northern Virginia here, I believe top, maybe third ER in the nation, busiest ER. And for those of us who walked in

[00:54:36] there in those busy times, whether it's visiting for the community or for our members, you can drop a pin in that ER. And it is so well run that there is not a single sound that takes away from the many, many patients that are being well served, perhaps in a room or perhaps as they are expanding in the hallway, and it does not take away from that. And then finally, what really stood out to me as we reopened the pediatric ER, which is just incredible if you haven't been in, but also the

[00:55:11] new created empath unit. This unit has responded to the 30% surge in ER behavioral health visits, and it provides specialized trauma-informed care. And I believe they have seen an 80% reduction in hospitalization, and cut ER room weighting by 90% to shorten patient stays by one-third. As we know that we are not alone in this region for dealing with our mental health

[00:55:44] and substance use concerns right now, and really pandemic, past the pandemic, the work that Inova has done to be proactive, to think about their patients from every single detail of how that empath unit was created to how it's going to be staffed and operated really, really shows that there is that level of care, again, from the top, but also really listening to the people who are on the ground serving their patients.

[00:56:14] So I will pause there. Just want to thank you, Dr. Jones, your entire team, your entire staff, for helping ensure that we keep our community healthy and safe and protected, and that every single patient who walks into a clinic, the ER, or one of your offices, is healthier and well-respected in the community.

[00:56:36] So thank you for all of your work, and congratulations. I think Supervisor Palczyk has taken your speech, Dr. Jones, and maybe some others. But I know there's a few others that want to weigh in. If we could quickly do that, Supervisor Beerman, who serves ANOVA in another capacity as well.

[00:56:54] Thank you, Dr. Jones. Just very briefly, I serve on the Quality and Reliability Committee along with Chairman McKay, and I know James was on that last term. And a comment that I made at a clinic opening for Inova Cares up in Herndon just a few weeks ago was that what's amazing is that when you get to serve on one of those committees, you see that everything that Inova says when the cameras are on in front of the room out to the public is actually what they're saying behind the scenes as well, talking about quality,

[00:57:29] talking about making sure that every patient who comes in the door is treated with the utmost care. Also talking about equity, talking about the social drivers of health, talking about trying to make sure, again, that we have a concept here in Fairfax County, One Fairfax, we are one Fairfax.

[00:57:51] Every single patient is treated with a one Fairfax approach, and that's something that I really appreciate about the work that you do. So thank you very much, and this is a great honor, so glad to celebrate it. Supervisor Lusk.

[00:58:07] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to also acknowledge ANOVA for this well-deserved recognition recognition, and really the focus on patient outcomes and health care accessibility. It's so important for our area. And additionally, I want to publicly thank you for the work you're doing in my district, specifically with the Franconia-Springfield facility, and just excited to see the progress.

[00:58:34] It's amazing how quickly it's come along. And then acknowledging that this is a much-needed service offering for the South County area, and it's going to make a difference for the residents who live in this part of Fairfax. So thank you again for that.

[00:58:50] And then additionally, I just want to acknowledge some of the work you're also doing to support our Workforce Innovation Skills Hub, hiring individuals from that program to come into the hospital and learn about patient care, and then also to get other training opportunities that can help them ladder up.

[00:59:11] It's making a difference for those residents, and I want to congratulate you on that as well. And then I'll conclude by saying I'm really looking forward to the opening of the new hospital. I know it's 2028. You can't come any sooner, but thank you again for your work, and Fairfax is definitely lucky to have ANOVA as a partner.

[00:59:35] Thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I particularly think and focus on the award's name, which is Healthcare Experiences, and I know that that's one of the key things that you brought from Cleveland Clinic in that whole concept of patient-focused care and not building necessarily more facilities, but making sure that the facilities that you have and the people that are there are making a difference for the individuals who are coming in and need that help and support.

[01:00:05] I also want to mention one other thing that I think is a huge part of making a difference, particularly in those zip codes that have, if you will, higher mortality rates, is getting out in the community and having the community fairs that you support.

[01:00:22] Obviously, not only blood donors, but also emergency care, behavioral health, additional beds. Those are huge parts of the system that need more attention. I know you've focused more attention on that. I know we have more to do, and you and I have talked a lot about how we will continue to do more, but I wanted to just share my deepest appreciation for your focus, not only on patient experiences but in ensuring that that is a broad-based kind of work that ANOVA is doing.

[01:00:51] So, again, my deep thanks and appreciation. Supervisor Herity. Yeah, as somebody who's done a lot of personal research to make sure this award is well-deserved, I will tell you, it's, I mean, first, personally, thank you for saving the system for saving my life three times so far this year.

[01:01:13] So, you know, from the ER doctors to the surgeons to the docs to, most importantly and often forgotten, the nurses and how important they are, it was a quality health care experience despite all the complications and everything else.

[01:01:30] But as a supervisor, I want to thank you for everything you do for our community. It's to have that level of care in both heart, cancer, and all the other things that you do for our community, but the outreach and the life with cancer, the supporting families that are going through very difficult times, just absolutely incredible.

[01:01:52] And we are truly blessed to have high-quality health care right in our backyard. And, again, I appreciate everything you do, both personally and as a supervisor. Thank you, Supervisor Herity. And let me close by thanking you, Dr. Jones, your team, because I think folks don't realize the size and magnitude of the ANOVA workforce and the contributions they make to our entire region, even well beyond Fairfax County.

[01:02:21] But as others have said, and Supervisor Bierman and I have an opportunity to serve ANOVA on boards, and what he said is so true. I mean, the message to the board and the message to the community is the same, and that is a forward, thoughtful approach to health care that's holistic. And there's a lot of folks who run hospitals in this country. But what ANOVA runs is a health network. It's different. They have the most sophisticated and best hospital you could possibly imagine, but it is the network that they provide. And you see their signage all over the county, all over the region, as they have focused

[01:02:59] on making sure that we're focused on health and wellness as much as an emergency call or situation. And Fairfax County and Inova are tied together, literally, legally in a lot of ways, but certainly

philosophically in our approach to health care.

[01:03:16] And in doing that, I always mention the extraordinary amount of charity care that Inova provides to our community. And a lot of folks don't realize that, but not only are they providing hundreds of millions of dollars of charity care, unreimbursed Medicaid patients, health equity grants, supports to our nonprofits throughout Fairfax County, specific levels of care that don't necessarily turn a profit but are important to our community.

[01:03:46] And that's part of that whole network that I mentioned before. Addressing food insecurity, even approaches to affordable housing in the past, certainly behavioral health, our LGBTQ community-specific care, ANOVA is very forward-thinking.

[01:04:04] And so it wasn't a surprise to me to have ANOVA named Health System of the Year because those of us familiar with the system know it is absolutely deserving of that recognition and how grateful we are as a community to have such a strong partner in our region.

[01:04:21] And not many people can say they literally save lives almost every minute of every day. ANOVA can say that, and certainly the workforce at ANOVA deserves the credit for making sure that happens. And so, Dr. Jones, we congratulate you, the entire ANOVA family, on this well-deserved award and look forward to many, many years of providing exceptional health care to the residents of Fairfax County.

[01:04:49] And I will say this personal relationship that we have is going to be more important in the years ahead than it ever has been before. And it was mentioned by somebody earlier that, I think it was Bob Bozzaro, who mentioned, you know, when you can't always count on the federal government for the types of things that we rely on, That puts more emphasis, more weight, more responsibility on state and local governments and partnerships like we have with ANOVA to make sure that the most vulnerable residents of our community still get the service that they deserve and need to live healthy lifestyles.

[01:05:26] So thank you, ANOVA, and congratulations. And with that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Dr. Jones, welcome. the floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I think I can just go ahead and tear up because many of the things that I would have actually said or have been said, but I would like to share a few thoughts. You know, I actually hear on behalf of 26,000 team members across our area, our chief people officer and other members of our team there, we could have absolutely filled up this like a stadium. Have we brought all those because we are the largest private employer and we

[01:06:05] take a great pride in our role in our community. We take a great pride in the special relationships that we do have with Fairfax County. As you said, it's both legal, deep, meaningful, a true relationship. And so I want to thank, I could thank all of you individually. I won't because of time, but I would like to specify, you know, Chairman McKay, you sit on our board, make a difference in those decisions, those hard decisions and the things that we face.

[01:06:29] You know, Supervisor Buretman right now serving in that. Supervisor Walkinshaw having recently done that. That real work there is part of why some of the things that you've heard talked about here. And of course, Supervisor Palachuk, we're right there in your backyard. You're part of our home and part of our family. But thank you all for that special relationship that we have with Fairfax County. And Executive Hill, I know I had to step out, but has been truly a partner in so much that we've done. And I do want to recognize him. When we started this journey, I made a commitment to the board, our board. I

made a commitment to our community that the one thing that you would not need for health care if you live in our community, this very special community,

[01:07:09] The one thing you wouldn't need is a bridge or an airport that you would not need to go away for care. And as we receive this award, it ties, I think, very deeply to our values that we've created. Patient always, from those moments that some of you just have described.

[01:07:26] Our people and the work that we've done on workforce, led by Terry Feely up there, but really hundreds of people involved in that. It is truly about our people committing to one team. You referred to it, Mr. Chairman, excellence and integrity. Those values are actually not words that I know.

[01:07:42] They're actually truly who we are to describe the work. Because when I was standing about to go up on the stage to receive this award, I spoke with Pat Ryan, the CEO of Brescini, who has the most data on the real outcomes, not on reputations and all this stuff, the actual data on what happens to people in those precious moments.

[01:08:00] I said, you work with all the best health systems in the country. Name one. You'll have a name in your head. You work with all of them. why'd you name little old ANOVA as the health system of the year? And he said there are two things that clearly stand out. One is that you truly do it as a system.

[01:08:15] And, Mr. Chairman, you expressed it most clearly. You do it as a system. You really are truly one team. Number two, you focus every single day on getting better. Some of you have set at the table in those times where we aren't right every single day, but we are absolutely committed to getting it right every single day.

[01:08:31] He said that's why you're recognized among all the health systems in the country as the health system of a year. It's important for us to remember we're a not-for-profit organization, and so we have a responsibility for everyone in our community. That's why you see the things that we've done.

[01:08:48] We want to be the most inclusive organization because our community deserves that workforce that is the most inclusive, not only of our workforce, but of those that we serve. You know, yes, we broke ground on the same day in two new hospitals, including your district supervisor, Lusk.

[01:09:05] We broke ground in two hospitals on the same day. We're not aware that that's ever happened anywhere on the planet before, and we don't plan on doing it again, to be fair. But we've also opened 20 Inova Cares clinics. Supervisor Menez was recently with one of those. Twenty of those around the community because we have, as a not-for-profit, a responsibility to everyone in our community.

[01:09:26] The number actually this year was \$434 million in community impact, charity care, undercompensated, under Medicaid care. We're proud to have done that. Part of that was giving over a million dollars to community organizations because we don't want to solve every single problem. We know we can't. But we believe by supporting those who have the expertise, some of you I think were there, Supervisor Paul, I know you were there, recently when we handed out checks to those organizations that make miraculous work in our community because supporting them is part of our work as well.

[01:09:55] And it goes back, our charity care policy, we're proud to say, is second to none anywhere in the country. If there's a better one, we're not aware of it. 400% of the federal poverty level, and that's not that you get a reduction. At 400% of the federal poverty level, you get your care for free at ANOVA if you don't have insurance to cover that.

[01:10:12] So that's what explained the work that we've done, become the health system of the year. We like to say, in conclusion, that we have the brightest minds and the biggest hearts at ANOVA. And I think what you saw represented there in your comments and the team that will come up here and join us soon for a photo is, That's what we aspire to, and we're glad that you and Prescani have recognized us for it.

[01:10:32] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. Jones, thank you for your comments. Thank you for your leadership. It has made a real difference in ANOVA, and we're grateful to you and your team. And so with that, I think we're ready for a photo. I'm going to ask our county executive and Supervisor Bierman to join me and Supervisor Palchek for the photo, and anyone else who's here is welcome to come down.

[01:10:55] Thank you very much.

[01:12:20] And finally, this morning, we have a proclamation to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. And this was requested by myself and Supervisor Bierman.

[01:12:39] Our speaker is Jamie Gibbs, vice chair of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. If you could come on down. And while you are doing that, I am going to recognize Supervisor Bierman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[01:12:50] Whereas on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the ADA, was signed into law marking a pivotal civil rights law that created a nationwide mandate to eliminate discrimination against people with disabilities, and whereas the ADA guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in areas including employment, state and local government services, transportation, and public accommodations, laying the foundation for a more equitable and accessible society,

[01:13:19] And whereas the 35th anniversary of the ADA offers an opportunity to reflect on the progress made toward full inclusion and to reaffirm Fairfax County's commitment to supporting the rights and dignity of people with disabilities. And whereas on the ADA anniversary, July 26th, everyone is encouraged to help shape a more inclusive future by recognizing the importance of disability inclusion and celebrating progress made under the ADA in workplaces, schools, and communities.

[01:13:46] And whereas Fairfax County celebrates the diverse identities, cultures, and contributions of people with disabilities, recognizing their role in strengthening and enriching the community, while also promoting accessibility, equity, and inclusion through policies, programs, and partnerships that support full participation.

[01:14:03] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, hereby celebrates the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and recognizes its ongoing impact on promoting civil rights, inclusion, and community for all residents with disabilities.

[01:14:21] Motion along with Supervisor Palczyk. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Bierman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, it's hard to actually come up with what to say about such an absolutely landmark, important piece of legislation. It wouldn't surprise you that the people sitting up on this dais, I'm sure we're all a little bit political junkies. And if you go into politics, you want to write something like the Americans with Disabilities Act. You want to

[01:14:56] work on something that expands opportunity for everyone in your community. You want to work on something that empowers people. But what's really, really important to also understand about things like the Americans with Disabilities Act, things like being in government is that you never do it

alone. Supervisor Walkinshaw, I'm going to steal this from him. This is a spark thing that says nothing about us without us. And I see so many of my friends with Spark here today. Nothing about us

[01:15:31] without us. And the story of the Americans with Disabilities Act is actually a story about, yes, some politicians in a room getting together and writing a piece of legislation, but doing it with activists, doing it with people who refused to see disability as a problem, who refused to see that as a challenge that could not be overcome who wanted to make sure that they were full participants in everything in society and who demanded that right and for 35 years the Americans with

[01:16:07] disabilities act has protected that right and in fact it's also such a great uh piece of you know last year I talked about how it was Tom Harkin Democrat progressive Democrat from Iowa working with George H.W. Bush to get signed into law. What I didn't talk about was in 2008. That was Jim Sensenbrenner, conservative Republican from Wisconsin, working with Steny Hoyer, progressive Democrat from Maryland, to get a reauthorization signed into law by George W. Bush, Republican

[01:16:43] president. So the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act is a history of, frankly, what's right with America and what the power of government should be. And that's why I think it's wonderful that we are celebrating it here today. I'm grateful for the work of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. I'm grateful for the work of county staff in our human services to work on making sure that the ADA is fully realized here in Fairfax County. Thank you.

[01:17:16] Thank you, Supervisor Bierman, and let me add that this is a celebration of 35 years of progress, but also an acknowledgment that there's still a ways to go. And, you know, I want to thank all of our networks of nonprofits who work in this space, the Disability Services Board and other groups that you mentioned, Supervisor Bierman, because they are essential in keeping us steered towards the continual progress that is necessary to be able to be accommodating to all people in Fairfax County.

[01:17:49] And that's not only our one Fairfax mission, but it is the law. And there are different interpretations and different energy levels put into that across the country. We want to make sure we're the leader in accelerating that and building accessibility into everything that we do.

[01:18:06] And I'm going to steal a line from former Chairman Bolovo because she used to always say when we would have this proclamation that we're blessed to live in an area with good health outcomes, with longevity, where just about everybody in this auditorium will at some point in time in their life be dealing with a disability.

[01:18:28] So, sure, this is bipartisan, but the reason it's bipartisan is because everybody will deal with a disability at some point in time in their life. And when you do that, you look at things through a different lens. And this is why the work we do on accessibility is so important.

[01:18:45] And so while we're celebrating 35 years, we're doubling down with our partners to make sure that we continue to make that progress. And I thank those who are here today to recognize this and to make sure that this board continues to make the progress that not only you would expect, but that each and every one of you deserves living in a community as vibrant as Fairfax County.

[01:19:09] And so with that, I think we're ready to vote. Supervisor Palcic. I just wanted to add very briefly, because I know we've had a long morning. And for many of us, for myself, my entire time in Fairfax County has been under the ADA.

[01:19:27] And we take so much of that for granted. And as was said earlier today, my true hope is that we don't have to do things that are no longer done and respected and continued at the federal and state levels, but I know that everyone at this dais is prepared to do that.

[01:19:48] And to me, what's so critical is we've had some national leaders like Trudy Heumann, who we lost recently, and we have many of those local ones here. Many of you are here in this room today. And to remind us that without the ADA, we wouldn't have accessible bathrooms, ability to cross the street, curb cuts, which we love, getting on buses, getting on trains, going to school, everything that we've taken for granted, honestly, at this point of what is normal, what we do in our community, in our society, to be inclusive and those similar things

[01:20:27] that we heard through the civil rights era and have heard through the ADA civil rights era. And I appreciate that you remind us every single year and every single day that while we have a lot of work to do, we, at minimum, have to protect as far as we've gotten and the inclusion and the awareness and the advocacy that we have for our entire community.

[01:20:52] Because as the chairman said, all of us will be impacted if we haven't been already. And all of us see the improvements to our lives by making it a safer and more inclusive place to live, to raise a family, and to retire, and to grow old.

[01:21:07] And so thank you for being here every single year. Thank you for your continued work, whether it's through SPARC, which has done incredible work, or many of our advocates. We're going to have to keep this fight together. So thank you.

[01:21:23] Thank you, Supervisor Palczyk. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carried, and thankfully, I heard an excited person. We got, I think, an 11-0 vote, which is wonderful.

[01:21:38] With that, we have with us Jamie Gibbs, who I mentioned earlier. Welcome. The floor is yours. My name is Jamie Gibbs. I am a representative at large as well as vice chair of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board.

[01:21:59] I am also a lifelong resident of Fairfax County. Thank you for inviting me to speak and celebrate with you today. Today is a day of celebration. Celebrating the fact that the one in four individuals that live with disabilities are a step further towards inclusion in everyday life.

[01:22:23] It's a celebration of both the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act and the 2008 Amendment protecting people with disabilities of all walks of life, from those who have lived their entire lives with disabilities to those who have acquired disabilities.

[01:22:43] Today is also a day of remembrance of those who dedicated and are dedicating their life's work to making society more inclusive and equitable. We remember the faces of the disability civil rights movement, such as Judy Heumann, Ed Roberts, former Disability Services Board Chair Martha Glennon, among many others.

[01:23:12] Today is a day of remembrance of their hard work and of encouragement for us to continue making progress towards a fully equitable and inclusive society. Today is a day of remembrance and optimism that progress is possible in both times when it seems fairly easy and times when there seems to be a few additional challenges.

[01:23:37] I'd like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to Chairman McKay and the Board of Supervisors for this proclamation celebrating the Americans with Disabilities Act. It means a lot to us and to me personally to have our rights recognized.

[01:23:57] Thank you. I'd also like to thank my colleagues on the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board, and especially our Chair David Simon, for all our continued hard work to advocate for inclusivity and equity.

[01:24:15] We are very fortunate to live in a community where there are many activists who work to make sure individuals with disability are included and treated equitably. Let's celebrate today and all the progress already made with encouragement to continue making progress. Thank you all. Thank you very much, Jamie, and thank you for all your work on Disability Services Board. We appreciate it, we recognize it, and I know it takes a lot. But you and your colleagues make a big difference in Fairfax County.

[01:24:54] So thank you for being here and representing the community. And with that, I also want to thank former Supervisor Faust, who's here, and his role in working very closely with SPARC. It was mentioned before, one of our many great nonprofits that do work in this space.

[01:25:11] We wouldn't be here and have the success we have without that network. And so with that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if you all could come on forward, anyone that's here for this is welcome to join us.

[01:29:25] Next up, we have appointments to citizen boards, authorities, and commissions and advisory groups. And everyone should have a copy, a revised copy of the document dated July 15th, 2025, which lists those being proposed for appointment or reappointment.

[01:29:44] And with that, I am going to turn to Supervisor Vice Chairman Smith for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of the appointments to the boards, authorities, and commissions in the document dated July 15, 2025. And the chair will second that. Are there any appointments that board members would like to discuss separately or voted on separately?

[01:30:05] Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And we now are going to move on to board matters. And as we always do, these have been collected digitally by the clerk's office and distributed to the board yesterday.

[01:30:23] We'll go alphabetically by district, following myself and Vice Chairman Smith. And at this time, we'll turn the gavel over to Supervisor Smith so that I can present my one board matter, which is to move without objection the proclamations listed in this document to be presented inside or outside of the boardroom.

[01:30:42] There's a long list of them, including a number of joint proclamations with my colleagues. I won't read all of them, but you have the list in front of you. Without objection, it is so ordered. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Next up is you, Vice Chairman Smith. Thank you.

[01:30:57] I have a board matter about the Suicide Awareness Month, which usually my colleague does, but it includes Supervisor Wilkinshaw and you, Chairman McKay. Suicide is a significant public health issue that has long-lasting harmful effects on individuals, families, and communities.

[01:31:13] With numerous factors contributing to suicide rates, effective suicide prevention can decrease risk factors and increase resilience among our county's residents. Effective suicide prevention is

comprehensive, requiring a combination of efforts that work together to address different aspects of the problem.

[01:31:31] Organizations like PRS Crisis Link, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and our own Fairfax Falls Church Community Services Board are at the forefront of efforts to shift the focus from suicide to suicide prevention. They offer support, encouragement, and resources to promote healing and provide hope.

[01:31:49] In fact, AFSP will be holding their annual Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk on October 4, 2025, in Mosaic District, which is a different location. I encourage our residents and neighbors to join Team Fairfax BOS to walk with us in support of raising awareness to suicide.

[01:32:09] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection that the Board proclaim September is Suicide Awareness Month in Fairfax County and invite PRS Crisis Link, AFSP, and the CSB and other partners in suicide prevention to come before the board on September 9 to accept this proclamation.

[01:32:25] Furthermore, I ask that the Office of Public Affairs help publicize both September as Suicide Awareness Month and AFSP's Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk occurring on October 4, 2025 in the Mosaic District. And without objection, that is so ordered, and Supervisor Smith will be in charge of weather on October 4th.

[01:32:48] This is always a challenge with this in years past. Yes, it is. Supervisor Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is a motion for expedited and concurrent processing. Timber Ridge Management, LLC, the applicant, has filed a Proffered Condition Amendment, PCA, Conceptual Development Plan Amendment, CDPA, and filed Development Plan Amendment, FDPA, on property identified among the Fairfax County tax map records as 44-1, double circle 1, 6H4, and known as Commonwealth Center Land Bay D2.

[01:33:22] The applicant is currently processing applications identified as PCA 2006-SU-025-06, CDPA 2006-SU-025-04, and FDPA 2006-SU-025-06, the applications that seek to permit the development of the property with a single-family attached residential development that includes an approximately 10,000 square foot community arts building that will be dedicated to and operated by Fairfax County. The proposed development will complement the residential character of the surrounding area

[01:34:01] and will introduce a long-desired community arts use to Westfields. The pending applications are scheduled for a Planning Commission public hearing on December 3, 2024. I don't know why I keep doing that. 2025. In order to be heard prior to the end of the year, the applicant is asking for expedited processing so that a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors may be scheduled.

[01:34:24] Additionally, the applicant is interested in concurrently processing the required site plan so that it may proceed as expeditiously as possible with the proposed development. Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Planning and Development to schedule PCA 2006-SU-025-06 and CDPA 2006-SU-025-04 for a public hearing before the Board on December 9, 2025.

[01:34:54] I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Land Development Services to accept for concurrent and simultaneous processing any and all plans filed by Timber Ridge Management, LLC, during the pendency of the applications. This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on the application by the Board and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards.

[01:35:20] This in no way prejudices the substantive review of the application. And the chair will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[01:35:35] Supervisor Smith. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Supervisor Walkinshaw. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just one board matter. It's a joint board matter with you and Supervisor Palchuk to declare September 8th through 12th, 2025, as Disability Voting Rights Week. Rev Up Virginia is a nonpartisan education and engagement initiative to increase the influence and participation of people with disabilities at the ballot box. It's coordinated by the American Association of People with Disabilities.

[01:36:06] Rev Up Virginia, or Register, Educate, Vote, Use Your Power, seeks to help effectuate meaningful change in the lives of Virginians with disabilities and their families. Their statewide coalition was launched in April of 2021. In Virginia, 1.9 million adults have a disability, about 29% of the population, and the estimated number of Virginians with disabilities who are eligible to vote in November 2020 was 939,000, almost 15% of the total registered voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It's important to recognize the need for accessible and inclusive

[01:36:46] voting processes and to ensure that all Virginians can exercise their right to vote without facing unnecessary barriers. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection that the board proclaim September 8th through 12th Disability Voting Rights Week in Fairfax County. I further move that the board recognize Helena Berger and Susan Lydick, who are the co-chairs of Rev Up Virginia, by inviting them to appear for a presentation and recognition at a location outside the boardroom.

[01:37:15] And without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Walkinshaw. That's all I have. Thank you. Thank you very much. Supervisor Bierman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Three board matters, and I'll start with the expedited board date and concurrent processing for Woodland Point, PCA 2003-HM-0460-04, and CDPA 2003-HM-0460-002.

[01:37:45] Union Investment Real Estate GmbH Corporation, the applicant, has filed a proffered condition amendment, conceptual development plan amendment, and a final development plan amendment on property identified along the Fairfax County tax map records as 16-4, double circle 144, located at 2200 Woodland Point Avenue.

[01:38:07] The applicant proposes the removal of an existing above-grade parking garage from the property in construction of an approximately 89,000-square-foot office building in its place. Upon its completion, the proposed office building and the existing office building on the property will be occupied by Paraton, a Fairfax County-based national security and technology company, and will provide office space for between 550 and 600 employees, ensuring that these jobs remain in Fairfax County.

[01:38:36] The pending applications are scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on October 22, 2025. In order to proceed with construction as expeditiously as possible, the applicant is requesting expedited processing so that a public hearing before the Board of Supervisors may be scheduled.

[01:38:52] Additionally, the applicant is interested in concurrently processing the required site plan. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Planning and Development to schedule PCA 2003-HM-046-04 and CDPA 2003-HM-046-002 for a public hearing before the board on October 28, 2025.

[01:39:14] I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of Land Development Services to accept concurrent and simultaneous processing any and all plans filed by Union Investment Real Estate GMBH Corporation during the pendency of the applications. The scheduling of board date and the authorization of concurrent processing in no way relieves the applicant from the requirement to comply with applicable standards of the zoning ordinance.

[01:39:36] In addition, the authorization should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on the application by the board nor does it prejudice staff's review. The chair will second that motion. Is there any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[01:39:52] That motion carries. Supervisor Beerman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My second board matter is consent to include county right of way in APB Woodland Park, LLC, rezoning and proffered condition amendment application. APB Woodland Park, LLC, the applicant, is prepared to file a rezoning and proffered condition amendment application for approximately 34.41 acres of property located at 2121 Cooperative Way, 2291 Wood Oak Drive, and 2251 Corporate Park Drive.

[01:40:22] The forthcoming application prop proposes the inclusion of approximately 35,284 square feet of right-of-way, a portion of existing Wood Oak Drive. This segment is currently in use as a public roadway. However, modifications to the roadway network with this proposal may cause these segments to become superfluous and permit in the vacation and abandonment of a portion of the roadway.

[01:40:46] As the applicant proposes to incorporate this area into the application and the Board owns the right-of-way associated with Wood Oak Drive, the Board must concur with the filing of this application. The applicant has been in discussions with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation regarding the feasibility of a request to vacate and abandon those portions of the right-of-way that will no longer be required for public roadway purposes in conjunction with this proposal.

[01:41:08] FCDOT recommends that such a request be processed concurrently with the rezoning application. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors consent to the inclusion of approximately 35,284 square feet of right-of-way adjacent to 2,121 Cooperative Way, 2,291 Wood Oak Drive, and 2,251 Corporate Park Drive to be included in a rezoning application submitted by APB Woodland Park, LLC.

[01:41:32] This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on the application by the board and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards. This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the application.

[01:41:48] 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? That motion carries. Supervisor Beerman. That was difficult. I have no future as an auctioneer. You did well.

[01:42:04] You did well. Now to the important one. I would like to introduce a board matter recognizing the Drainsville District as the music capital of Fairfax County. Fairfax County is home to nine magisterial districts, each unique and special in their own ways.

[01:42:22] When it comes to music, though, I realized the other day, among other things, one district sets itself apart. With the 2025 summer in full swing, it is time to acknowledge that the Drainsville District's

musical offerings reign supreme. In the Draytonsville District, one can catch outdoor live music, or free, five nights a week.

[01:42:40] On Tuesday, the town of Herndon's town square comes alive with live music from local artists, long games, and laid-back vibes. On Thursdays, the McLean Community Center Summer Concert Series is ringing in its inaugural season at the new McLean Central Park Amphitheater. On Fridays, Friday Night Live on the Herndon Town Green has been going strong for more than 30 years with the sounds of summer.

[01:43:01] On Saturdays, the Fairfax County Park Authority puts on a variety of terrific acts at Arrowbrook Park in the McNair area. And on Sundays, folks can catch a smooth set as a part of the Concerts on the Green series at the Village Center. Of course, who could forget that the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts is located in the Drainsville District as well?

[01:43:21] Well, half of it. Half of it's in Hunter Mill. But the half with the Fire Leads Center with capacity of nearly 7,000 sits in the Drainsville District. You can have the Barnes. Just this week, amazing acts like Barenaked Ladies, that's a Canadian rock band, by the way, Sugar Ray, and Weird Alka Inkevik are set to appear.

[01:43:40] And we haven't even gotten to the frequent live acts at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon or the Old Brogue in Great Falls. In light of these facts, it's obvious that when it comes to the music, the Drainsville District is beyond compare. Therefore, I move, subject to what I suspect will be a vigorous and over-the-top debate, As intended, that the Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the Drainsville District as the music capital of Fairfax County.

[01:44:06] And as I make the motion, let me note that the chairman also represents all members of the Drainsville District, so I'd appreciate his second. Mr. Chairman. I am, well, it looks like we have somebody eager, a lot of eager people here.

[01:44:22] I was going to, in light of the fact that I represent the Dainesville District and every other great district on this board, I was going to make a substitute motion to head off a public display of fun and to instead move that the Board of Supervisors hereby designate Fairfax County as the music capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia and invites the Park Authority and all the other partners who work on all of our free music events throughout the summer to come before the board to be recognized at the end of this season, sometime this fall,

[01:44:57] to recognize, because I think I love this motion, Supervisor Behrman, because I love Drainsville, but I will also say that I think we don't, and I know OPA does an amazing job, the Park Authority does an amazing job getting the word out about this, but honestly, I don't think your average Fairfax County resident understands how many opportunities that there are to attend these. And I will frequently see people in districts that they don't live in at these concerts. And so they are widely attended, heavily appreciated, but sometimes

[01:45:33] even underrepresented in terms of the draw that we could potentially get. And I think it's fair to say, and I can't imagine anyone on this board would vote against, a motion that declares Fairfax County the music capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia. And so I will make that substitute motion.

[01:45:47] Second, the substitute motion.

[01:46:20] I'm in charge of this. I'm in charge. All right, we're going to start with Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair and Supervisor Beerman. Jerry Hyland trained me very, very well in the fine art of dad jokes.

[01:46:38] So get ready to face the music. Sure, Dranesville claims to be the Fairfax County's music capital. It's quite a grand overture. But let's not keep score. While you note that Wolf Trap is in your district, it's a national park, so you don't exactly have the solo rights, even if the sound travels.

[01:46:59] Over here in the Mount Vernon District, we are in tune with our audience. We don't just bring the noise on Friday and Saturday nights with our Mount Vernon Nights Summer and Concert Series. We harmonize year-round with award-winning shows at the Workhouse Arts Center.

[01:47:15] And while you're at the workhouse every Friday night, Bunnyman Brewery keeps the vibe hopping with the live local bands. And Sundays, we march to the beat of the Fort Hunt Park's free summer concert series.

[01:47:33] But hey, if we're throwing out national parks, should this not count as well? Asking for a friend in C major? Let's not rest there. Once a year, River Farm hits all the right notes with a concert on the Potomac River that will have you dancing like no one's listening.

[01:47:58] And don't forget our free office jams. This year's Summer Palooza even featured Riptide, a local fan favorite band. And so while Dranesville strikes a chord with a title like Music Capital of Fairfax County, I hate to say it, but you might just fall a little flat.

[01:48:17] Music is Mount Vernon's forte, too. We got the range and the rhythm and even the dad jokes to back it up. Supervisional check.

[01:48:32] You may follow that. It's going to be tough. We've got the rhythm, but I do want to share that, number one, And I am happy to support the chairman's, I guess, friendly amendment at this point.

[01:48:54] Fairfax is the capital of music. And to our historic musical performances in Providence, we add the present and the future through the incredible Capital One Hall public-private partnership, showcasing local and national and international talent.

[01:49:16] We have music at the borough, and not only do we host performances, but we are home to Crescendo Studios in the Merrifield District, which also provides sound and musical events through things like the yearly Phil Fest with over 8,000 participants to be able to bring not just the music, but the international multicultural focus.

[01:49:47] of Fairfax County to the heart of Fairfax in the Mosaic District, as well as to bring and showcase our incredible talent and our continued Knot-A-Way Nights, long-time summer entertainment series, but we are all only better at music together, so I will go ahead.

[01:50:14] That's a reference to those of us who have five and under kids who go to music together classes. But as we know, every age from our little babies all the way to our seniors love music, and music brings us together. So I want to thank Supervisor Bierman for bringing this forward so that we can acknowledge the work. And I will argue with Vice Chair Smith that I believe Bunny Man Brewing has now joined forces with Mustang Sally.

[01:50:49] So you are now also home to one of our wonderful brewery venues that brings music and arts and community across the county. So as we come together, I hope we will acknowledge both our official

music venues but our unofficial ones, and to that I will say, long last, JV's, which used to be Providence District and is now Mason, has been serving music since 1947.

[01:51:20] So, very excited about this, and rock on, Fairfax. Supervisor Herity. I could talk all day, but I'm not going to, so I was going to, about music and live music, and as many of you know, live music, it's like Supervisor Menezes and a cold beer, two of my favorite things to do.

[01:51:42] When you can do them together, it's even better. But I do have to brag, Springfield Nights is clearly the largest free concert in the park series, as we call it. The park authorities started calling that now. The Springfield Nights is the largest. But when I was thinking about my response to your board matter, since we're having fun, I was going to go before the chairman went there with one Fairfax and claim all your stuff as mine, because I attend a lot of your stuff.

[01:52:08] So anyway, I'm going to be supporting the motion made by the chairman. You're welcome to do so. Okay. Seeing no further discussion, I am going to call for the vote on the substitute motion. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[01:52:24] Mr. Chairman. Thank you. And I will say for the record, Supervisor Beerman's original motion, having the pleasure of representing Drainsville District, would have failed by a two to eight vote, but I would have voted for it. But the substitute motion still captures the spirit.

[01:52:42] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No further board matters from me, but thank you to my colleagues for letting us have a little bit of fun before the summer recess. And enjoy those concerts out there. Thank you, Supervisor Behrman. And we will work with OPA on bringing some representatives who have worked hard to make these happen come to the board sometime this fall to recognize them They'll give us another chance to showcase the vast and growing annual list of those opportunities.

[01:53:12] With that, next up is Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two board matters, and I'll do two quick introductions after that. On Saturday, August 30th at 10 a.m., members of the Franconia-Springville community will once again march over Veterans Bridge located in the heart of Central Springfield's commercial business area.

[01:53:33] Following the march, a community celebration will take place at the American Legion Post 176. The celebration will feature entertainment, refreshments, participation from community groups and local businesses, and much, much more. Since 2009, this event has brought together residences, businesses, elected officials, and the Fort Belvoir garrison to commemorate the renewal of the United States Army's Community Covenant.

[01:53:59] Covenant is an affirmation of support by state and local communities comprised of active guard and reservist service members and their families. Veterans Bridge, also known as the Amherst Avenue Bridge, is a gateway to Central Springfield, crossing over Old Keen Mill Road and linking both sides of Springfield's commercial revitalization district.

[01:54:21] The Bridge Walk was established to celebrate the installation of new lights on the bridge and has evolved into a beloved annual tradition. The event also gives the public an opportunity to fully utilize the Springfield Commuter Garage and to promote the community use opportunities now available at Springfield Overlook, located at the top level of the garage.

[01:54:42] We invite you to visit this garage on the top level to see the beautiful floral mural that has recently been completed. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I invite my colleagues to join me on August 30th to experience the celebration of community in the Franconia District, and without objection, I move the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to promote community awareness of this event, to post the event on the county's public calendar, and to actively advertise the event on all social media platforms.

[01:55:13] Without objection, it is so ordered. Thank you, Madam Chairman. Second, Madam Vice Chairman, I am pleased to announce that in the Franconia District we are partnering with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Office of the Commonwealth Attorney to host an expungement clinic on Saturday, September 13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hypo Valley Community Center.

[01:55:37] This event will provide residents with the opportunity to have eligible cases reviewed for expungement. This event will require pre-registration and will be limited to the first 100 registrants. For those that may not know, expungement is an action used to remove from public access police and court files pertaining to criminal case when any of the following has occurred.

[01:56:00] Acquittal, no pros, dismissal, absolute pardon, or an individual's name has been used in error. It is important to note that when a record is expunged, the record is not destroyed but is removed from public access and sealed with access only granted through a court order.

[01:56:21] Inaccuracies on one's criminal records can create significant barriers to obtain employment, housing, and other benefits. This clinic will require pre-registration, as I mentioned before, and will include volunteer defense attorneys on site to meet with residents to assess whether their case is eligible for expungement.

[01:56:41] We anticipate having a flyer ready for distribution toward the end of the month and look forward to sharing this resource with the community. Therefore, Madam Vice Chairman, I move the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to work with my office to publicize this event.

[01:56:57] I'll second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? That motion carries. Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. I have two quick announcements. First, I'd like to make an introduction of my first intern, Mezgan Rahan, so if she would like to stand.

[01:57:18] Mezgen is an interning in my office this summer through the Fairfax Youth Leadership Program. She is a rising senior at Thomas Edison High School and has a strong interest in how local government operates, particularly in the areas of land use and public case management.

[01:57:35] In just a short time, she's already begun observing how public officials address community needs, promote equity, and navigate complex decisions with transparency and integrity. She is gaining valuable exposure to professional writing, local public policy processes, and the inner workings of county government.

[01:57:56] While her long-term goal is to study engineering at a Virginia university, ideally Virginia Tech or the University of Virginia, Mezgon is excited to use this experience to explore different career paths and broaden our understanding of public service.

[01:58:16] She's also committed to staying connected with the board in Fairfax County as she continues her academic journey. So, Mazagan, so happy to have you, and thank you for being here. Second, I'd like to introduce Adriana Albritton, if she could stand.

[01:58:39] She is a second-year student at the University of Virginia, who currently has gotten accepted into the McIntyre School of Commerce, where she intends to major in finance. She has always been involved in the Fairfax County community, from serving on the superintendent's advisory council here in Fairfax County, pushing for every Fairfax County school to become a purple star school, which is a great thing to do, tutoring students in the Young Scholars Program, playing four years of varsity basketball while being the captain for three, contributing to honor societies and speaking at Hayfield's graduation and the class of 2024 as its vice president,

[01:59:19] all while maintaining a 4.5 GPA. She continues to advocate for others as she serves in UVA's student council, is an executive member of the Afro-Latinx student organization on grounds, volunteers for the American Red Cross at Fort Belvoir, and now has the pleasure of working and enjoying having her as an intern in my office.

[01:59:43] Her future aspirations are becoming a consultant or a financial advisor to cater to those whose voices have been silenced. Ultimately, her academic and professional aspirations are not only about excelling in the business world, but also using her platforms as a catalyst for change.

[02:00:01] And again, welcome, Adriana, in our office as well. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. Supervisor Alcorn? Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. I've got two board matters and one announcement. First of all, Crow Holdings LP through its affiliate Maple Multifamily Land East Coast LP, seeks approval of a PCA, CDPA, and FDPA to develop the last block of the Woodland Park East development with a multifamily residential and self-storage mixed-use building.

[02:00:35] The property is currently vacant and located just south of the Dulles Toll Road in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Monroe Street and Woodland View Drive. The approximately 3.3-acre parcel is presently approved for two eight-story office buildings and associated parking. The proposed applications will facilitate an important opportunity for additional housing in this area while maintaining a meaningful commercial component to complete the build-out of Woodland Park East. The applicant has worked closely with county staff, my office, and the 100 Mill Land Use Committee, and after receiving a recommendation of approval from the

[02:01:11] 100 Mill Land Use Committee on May 20th, it's scheduled for a Planning Commission public hearing on September 10. The applicant has requested concurrent processing of the site plan associated with the applications and an expedited public hearing date before the Board of Supervisors. Based on my discussions with the applicant and county staff, I'm satisfied that establishing a public hearing date for the Board of Supervisors and concurrent processing of the site plan is appropriate. Therefore, Madam Vice Chair, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize

[02:01:42] expedited processing of PCA FDPA 2000-HM-044-04 and CDPA 2000-HM-044-03 and schedule the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors for October 14, 2025.

[02:02:03] I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff from the Office of Land Development Services to concurrently process the site plan associated with PCA FDPA 2000-HM-044-04 and CDPA 2000-HM-044-03 under the county's concurrent processing regulations.

[02:02:26] This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board on the proposed applications and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of the applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards in any way, and I would so move. I'll second that along with Supervisor Palchuk and Lusk.

[02:02:44] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? That motion carries. Supervisor Alcorn? There was a tongue twister or two in there for me. I don't know. So my next board matter is similar.

[02:03:04] It's actually for a music venue in the Hunter Mill District. The Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts-- the applicant-- is the owner of approximately 17.2 acres, generally located between the Dulles Toll Road to the east and Trap Road to the west.

[02:03:19] The applicant operates a performing arts center known as the Barnes at Wolf Trap, constructed in 1981 under an approved special exception. The applicant seeks approval of a special exception Amendment to permit the construction of an addition to the barns that will improve the dining spaces and lobby area of the performance venue, as well as other amenities for patrons.

[02:03:43] The applicant is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, and its cultural and educational programs actively serve and support the performing arts community of Fairfax County, including the Drainsville District and the broader region. The Special Exception Amendment application is scheduled for hearings before the Planning Commission on November 19, 2025, and the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2025.

[02:04:07] To enable the performance venue to continue operating efficiently and successfully, the applicant has asked for consideration of concurrent processing of the associated site plan. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board directs staff to authorize concurrent and simultaneous processing of a site plan, architectural drawings, and any other drawings as may be necessary in conjunction with SCA 82-C-027-002.

[02:04:35] And this motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board on the proposed application and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards, but I would so move. And the Chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion.

[02:04:53] Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you. And just one announcement. I want to introduce my office's new summer intern. All right, good. She's standing.

[02:05:08] This is Akshara Sagar. She's a Herndon resident, Greater Herndon, a graduate of Westfield High School who will be attending Indiana University's Kelley School of Business this fall, where she plans to major in finance with a minor in public policy. So she has a passion for public policy, business, and public speaking.

[02:05:27] In high school, she was an honor roll student throughout her four years and was a member of her school's speech and debate club, serving as a mentor. She also competed in the Metro Finals for speech and debate against other teams from Virginia and D.C.

[02:05:43] In addition to helping tutor Spanish-speaking elementary school students in math, reading, and writing, she also helped to raise \$50,000 for the American Indian Foundation to provide STEM education to girls in more than 25 cities and states in India. So Akshara previously interned with the Department of Community and Neighborhood Services through the county's youth leadership program where I first met her.

[02:06:06] And as a result of her work at an NCS senior center, Akshara created a blog to help older adults with family or other social supports connect with each other. So welcome, Akshara. Welcome. And that is all, Mr. Chairman.

[02:06:27] Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Jimenez. Mr. Chairman, I do not have any board matters, but I do have some introductions of our new interns. So if, Ivania, you'd like to stand for first. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:06:43] I'd like to take a moment to introduce and warmly welcome two exceptional young women who are joining the Mason District Office as summer interns. First, we have Ivania Alvarez-Bronzonon, a rising senior at Annandale High School. Ivania is originally from Spain and has a passion about politics and government since early elementary school.

[02:07:02] at Annandale. She serves as a leader in tutoring programs for new English speakers and is an ambassador for the school. She also plays both lacrosse and soccer. Vanya plans to attend a four-year college in 2026, majoring in either economics or public policy. She joined our office to explore how local government functions and to determine whether public service is a path she'd like to pursue in the future. We are thrilled to have her energy and curiosity on team this summer, so if we can all welcome Ivania. Chloe, do you want to stand? Hi. Our second intern is Chloe

[02:07:41] Bronosconi, a rising senior and an international bachelorette diploma candidate at Justice High School. Chloe was born in Washington, D.C. and lives in Mason District since the age of three. She speaks Spanish and French at home with her family and is deeply engaged in both academics and extracurricular activities. Chloe is the captain of the Justice Rowan team.

[02:08:04] recognized by this very board back in May for her achievements at the state and national levels. She is also a stage manager and lighting technician for her school's theater program. This summer, Chloe attended the Virginia Governor's School for Humanities at Radford University, where she studied leadership, civic engagement, and public service.

[02:08:24] She brings to our office a strong interest in urban planning and infrastructure and hopes to study both economic and urban planning in college. In her free time, she enjoys walking her dog, caring for her plants, and reading. We're incredibly fortunate to have both Evania and Chloe interning with us this summer.

[02:08:41] Their passion for public service and community impact is already shining through, and I look forward to all that they will contribute during their time with our office, so please welcome and join Chloe as well. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, that is all I have.

[02:08:58] Thank you very much. Next up is Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The Fairfax 250th Signature Experience, or the Semi-Quincentennial Signature Experience. This is joining with yourself. As part of the nationwide commemoration of America's 250th anniversary, Fairfax County's 250th

Commission has partnered with Celebrate Fairfax to lead the development, management, and delivery of Fairfax County's America's 250th Signature Experience.

[02:09:27] This countywide initiative will engage residents and visitors through immersive activations, exhibits, and public programs that explore Fairfax County's rich history, dynamic present, and bold vision for the future. Celebrate Fairfax with its proven expertise in countywide community engagement and event production will serve as the organizing body for this effort, managing all logistics, programming, and operations of the traveling experience.

[02:09:53] In addition, Celebrate Fairfax plans to collaborate with a wide range of community partners, including county agencies, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, educational institutions, and civic and cultural groups to create an inclusive, community-driven experience that reflects the diverse stories and contributions of Fairfax County.

[02:10:12] The experience will visit locations throughout the county between 2025 and 2026, providing accessible, educational, and interactive opportunities for the public to commemorate and celebrate this milestone in our county, state, and nation's history. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we request that Celebrate Fairfax lead the 250th signature experience throughout the county for the duration of the county's 250th celebration.

[02:10:38] And I'm happy to second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, just very quickly, I know the celebrations have started in the Mobile Museum. It was recently, I believe, in Mount Vernon and then came to the Hunter Mill District just recently.

[02:10:57] That's something that the state has put together. So, anyway, there's some good things out there and more coming, I think. So, thank you. Very much. The state and then the county will also have something later this fall that it will be traveling similar to what the state has done.

[02:11:14] Any further discussions? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Is that motion carried? Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. the department of economic initiatives on behalf of the fairfax county board of supervisors as property owner is requesting the board's consent to the filing of a proper condition amendment on county-owned property located within the workhouse arts campus the application pertains to tax map reference 106-4 double circle 1 58 zone pdc in the mount vernon district the subject

[02:11:48] property is governed by pca 20 2003 mv-033 and associated with proffers dated july 29 2009 the proposed amendment seeks to revise proffer 6d 6 rom numeral 6 to provide increased flexibility in the operating hours of restaurants on campus including buddy man brewing and a future tenant anticipated at Building W15, changing the proffered morning hours to begin at 7 a.m. rather than 11 a.m.

[02:12:23] The amendment is intended to accommodate a growing interest in breakfast and early morning beverage service from campus visitors, staff, artists, and cycling and trail users. This operational adjustment is minor in nature and reflects the evolving community patterns and tenant needs.

[02:12:40] No changes are proposed to the permitted uses, the development intensity, or physical configuration of the site. Because the county owns the subject property, concurrence from the Board of Supervisors is required. Additionally, it is requested that the county executive be authorized to act as the applicant for this application and that the associated filing fee be waived since this is a county-initiated amendment intended to enhance community-serving use of a county cultural facility.

[02:13:07] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board, as owner and fee simple of tax map reference 106-4-158, authorize consent to the filing of this BCA application to revise the hours of operation for restaurants on the Workhouse Arts Campus.

[02:13:24] This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the Board on the proposed applications and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards. And the Chair will second that, along with Supervisor Herity.

[02:13:40] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is also with yourself. In 2024, the United Nations designated 2025 as the International Year of Quantum, launching a global effort to raise awareness of quantum science and its potential to address some of humanity's most pressing challenges, from developing life-saving medicines to advancing climate solutions.

[02:14:11] In alignment with this global movement, Fairfax County will once again host the Quantum World Congress, QWC, from September 16th to 18th, 2025, at Capital One Hall in Tyson's. This year's event includes networking and exhibit hall, an international forum, boot camps, and workshops led by global experts in a pitch competition.

[02:14:33] This marks the third consecutive year Fairfax County has served as the host for this global conference, further establishing our community as a center for quantum innovation, research, and leadership. QWC 2024 attracted over 1,000 attendees from 29 countries, with more than 200 speakers and 100 sessions.

[02:14:55] The event brought together a diverse cross-sector audience, researchers, students, policy makers, industry leaders, and investors who explored breakthroughs in medicine, weather forecasting, logistics, and more. Fairfax County selection reflects our unique assets, a strong pipeline of tech talent, proximity to federal agencies, and leading research institutions, and a commitment to driving innovation in the public interest.

[02:15:23] Therefore, we move the Board of Direct County Staff to prepare a proclamation to be presented outside the boardroom at the Quantum World Congress. Additionally, we direct the Office of Public Affairs and Economic Initiatives to work with Fairfax County Economic Development. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Lusk.

[02:15:45] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This last formal board item is also with yourself.

[02:16:01] Mr. Chairman, I am extremely honored to announce an extraordinary milestone happening in our community, the 100th Quandter Family Reunion, taking place August 7th through 10th, 2025. For those of you who may not know, the Quandter Family is one of the oldest documented black families in the United States, with roots in the Mount Vernon and Northern Virginia region dating back to the mid to late 1600s.

[02:16:24] For centuries, generations of the Quandter family have made lasting contributions to the growth, culture, and resilience of our region and continue to enrich our community today. The Quandter

family has been featured three times in the Smithsonian Museum, and their family history has been highlighted in national and international exhibits, videos, audio recordings, and print media throughout the United States, Europe, Ghana, and elsewhere over the past several decades.

[02:16:51] This year's centennial celebration will bring together more than 300 Quandre descendants for a meaningful week of festivities. Events will include a tour, historical symposia at Howard University, family gatherings, memorial tribute, worship service, and a community cookout at Fort Hunt Park.

[02:17:09] This remarkable occasion honors the longstanding legacy and endurance of the Quandre family and celebrates the power of heritage, community, and connection. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, we ask without objection that we recognize the Quandter family for their 100th family reunion and we direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a resolution to present outside the boardroom to the family at one of their celebratory events in August.

[02:17:37] And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And the last time is a verbal item. I wanted to introduce Haruka Philizer. Haruka, you okay? Excellent. Thank you. Haruka is our summer intern through the Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program.

[02:17:56] She is a rising senior at West Potomac High School, where she is a third-year leadership student. At West Potomac, she participates on the distance track team and serves as president of both the Spanish Honor Society and Cultures of West Po clubs.

[02:18:12] Haruka plans to attend a four-year university to study political science with the goal of pursuing a career in law or government. She is passionate about civic engagement and is excited to deepen her understanding of local and county government through her internship experience. Welcome, Karika.

[02:18:28] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Pouchik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We too are having a summer of interns here in Providence District, so I will go ahead and start with them.

[02:18:46] We have both high school and college-level interns, so let me go ahead and start with Juliana Kuyi, who's here behind me. Juliana is also participating in the Fairfax Youth Leadership Program. She is a rising senior at Madison High School in Vienna, originally from Southern California and moved to NOVA three years ago.

[02:19:06] Juliana is interested in both environmental and human issues, which led her to engage in research with the Virginia Department of Forestry when she was a sophomore and then with St. Louis University as a junior. We are delighted to have Juliana in our office, And she has kicked off with incredible work to support the Providence community.

[02:19:27] So welcome, Juliana. Next up, we have Lourdes Naharos-Beta. Lourdes is a rising third-year student studying political science at Virginia Commonwealth University. But this is her third summer supporting and interning with my office in the Providence district.

[02:19:49] Lourdes has worked on projects that involve community outreach, map planning, and research to determine the best way to serve the residents of the Providence District, where she has been a longtime resident, but also gave incredible support to our office and into the community during the pandemic.

[02:20:06] And we are so delighted to welcome Lourdes back to our office this summer. And then last but certainly not least, we have Lou Bedlam joining us here in the Providence District, originally from northern France.

[02:20:22] Lou has studied political science and is currently in her third year of law studies at the Université Catholique de Lille. Her work is driven by her passion for public policy and international relations. We are delighted to have Lou here learning how local government works in Fairfax County in Virginia.

[02:20:43] And I believe tomorrow is her birthday. So an early happy birthday to Lou. Bienvenue. Welcome to our office. All right, Mr. Chairman, now for the less exciting board matter, and that is authorizing the concurrent processing for BMW of Fairfax.

[02:21:05] Members of the board, BMW of Fairfax automobile dealership is located at 8415 Route 29 in Merrifield. The property owner, Sonic Development LLC, the applicant, recently submitted a special exception amendment application, which has been accepted for processing and is identified as application number SEA 2006-PR-008.

[02:21:29] The application seeks to allow renovations and improvements to the existing vehicle sales facility on the property, including the construction of an approximately 8,660-square-foot addition to the building located at the intersection of Route 29 and Prosperity Avenue.

[02:21:47] The proposed improvements will allow the dealership to modernize and expand its existing facilities for the benefit of its customers and employees. The applicant is interested in proceeding as expeditiously as possible with the construction of the proposed improvements and has gone through pre-application with no major concerns brought up.

[02:22:06] According, the applicant has requested the ability to process the required site plan concurrently with the pending special exception amendment application. Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to accept for concurrent and simultaneous processing of any and all plans filed by Sonic Development LLC during the pendency of SEA 2006-PR-008.

[02:22:30] This motion should not be construed as a favorable 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. And the chair will second that motion.

[02:22:46] Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Palczyk. That is all. Just wishing all and our board a happy and joyous and musical summer. I know there are performances across the county.

[02:23:04] We are so excited about Mosaic Live having this year the 6 p.m. kids shows, except for the Saturday, 7.30 for the whole community, as well as not-away nights. Though, please call the number. We unfortunately had a lot of storms this summer.

[02:23:20] But just want to thank my colleagues and our staff for all of their work and hope everyone gets a little reprieve and a little rest until August. Thank you. Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I've got two written board matters. The first is to recognize Burke Community Church on their 50th anniversary.

[02:23:39] Burke Community Church was founded in 1975, started as a smaller congregation using folding chairs to gather. And for about 12 to 8 months, they relied on church elders to run everything before securing a pastor. Since their founding, the church has grown significantly as they continue to work tirelessly on their community impact.

[02:23:57] More recently, BCC has tripled in size since 2008 and has been working to expand its campus and ministries over the last two decades. York Community Church actively serves the local community through various ministries, including counseling, where they offer affordable counseling services for individuals, couples, and families addressing emotional, mental, and spiritual health needs.

[02:24:19] They work on Disaster Relief Unit, which consists of a team to respond to disaster areas, offering help in various ways. And their program is supporting families with special needs, providing resources and support to children with special needs, including one-on-one buddies and respite nights.

[02:24:37] The church also engages in local and global outreach, focusing on needs such as food insecurity and providing support for those experiencing homelessness. Additionally, it has annual events to foster community, including the Fall Festival, Youth and Children special events, and several life groups.

[02:24:53] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection that a resolution be prepared for Burke Community recognizing its 50th anniversary and decades of service to our community the resolution will be presented outside of the boardroom in late September at one of their anniversary events and without objection that is so ordered Supervisor Harity yes the next one is one I know we all we all struggle with a little bit especially those that represent a lot of the older communities and in Fairfax County and that is kind of a request to look at the coordination to enhance the

[02:25:27] voluntary database of homeowners associations and civic associations. OPA maintains a voluntary database of homeowners associations and civic associations, often in collaboration with the Board of Supervisors district offices and other agencies as they monitor changes in community contacts. This database is an invaluable tool for the Fairfax County government as we share information and solicit input from the community. We use this database to disseminate information about public hearing notices, solicit feedback on community development preferences, and issue

[02:26:04] notices. In addition to helping Fairfax County government agencies to communicate with the public, the database also helps connect our community members to one another. Organizations and individuals often reach out to my office looking for contact information for a homeowners association in order to coordinate community events, resolve minor issues, and or prepare for emergencies.

[02:26:28] The challenges with maintaining this voluntary database include reaching associations to participate, cleaning of the data of defunct organizations, and updating contact information for associations over time.

[02:26:44] While it is completely voluntary for homeowners associations to submit contact information, We can enhance the database through outreach. Additionally, organizations other than OPA may have data sources that the county can use to improve the scope and accuracy of the list.

[02:27:01] I know many of our board offices, in addition to mine, use summer interns in an attempt to update these over the summer. Something you all get to do on a regular basis. But, Mr. Chairman, given the value of this database provides for the public and our government agencies, I move we direct the county executive to work with staff to develop a strategy to update and manage this resource.

[02:27:27] The plan could include public outreach for new submissions, periodic outreach to update previous submissions, removal of outdated contacts and defunct associations. Finally, I ask staff to evaluate if there are agencies other than OPA that maintain association contacts.

[02:27:46] And I'll say we found the state has some of the better records because there are mandatory filings with the states that can be checked. But anyway, that's my motion. You've heard the motion. I'll second it for discussion. Supervisor Smith.

[02:28:03] This is a hard one for me. I understand that the information is valuable and hard to get, and, you know, my husband was a former HOA president, and I know, you know, switching that information, but I also look at it as a time where, you know, we've limited staffing, we're trying to save money where we can, and I just don't know the impact of this.

[02:28:32] I don't know what's happening with staff right now, to add another task onto staff. I mean, part of me maybe would better understand what gets done now. I know that we just found out the GIS has a map and they can put HOAs on the map.

[02:28:49] I don't know where the right place is for the work, but I know our staff is working hard in the tasks that they have. So I'm just a little concerned about this, if it's just add-on work and what we get with it. So I just wanted to share those concerns. Supervisor Palchik.

[02:29:06] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank Supervisor Herdy for the thought on this, but I share very similar concerns from, I guess, day one, January 1, 2020, maybe after March. My office has been working very diligently with the GIS mapping tool, with making connections with our community, with putting our resources.

[02:29:28] To me, that is why a big reason of why we have our supervisory offices really is to have that constant contact with our community, our associations, to be trying to update that, and it is quite the task.

[02:29:44] Every single year I have it, it's beyond the interns. It really is something that a lot of my team is dedicated to doing, to improving, and when we do that, not only does it take quite a bit of time, but it allows us to build those relationships. And I would say to your point during our budget and to Vice Chair Smith's point, it really is a concern that we would be a doubling efforts and three adding things to a staff where we already have cut what they are able to do through cuts to their offices.

[02:30:20] So while I appreciate the thought, I really would encourage you and all of our offices to look at the work and to do the training with GIS, if you haven't already, to do that update. I inherited, I think, a map from 1979 that we've been updating the contacts from there.

[02:30:40] And so I just don't think that's the right place to do this. I really do think if there's one role that our offices have that is not duplicative of what the county agencies are doing, it is that contact information and that community outreach and engagement with those offices.

[02:30:58] So if there's anything, I think there's an opportunity for us to maybe think about how each of our offices is doing it and to improve the way we update those contacts and the outreach. Because it is, they're volunteers and the offices, and it's frustrating and often changes.

[02:31:13] We have to call and track down. But I think that really, this really is the number one thing that our offices, our supervisor offices, and our staff are here to do. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, I agree. I think there's a difference in the data versus some of the technical tools.

[02:31:33] And I was just going to note many years ago when I was an intern in a district supervisor's office. You'll have that map, I think. I worked on that map. I worked on that map. And frankly, it's a great opportunity for folks in our office, interns and others, to really get to know the district.

[02:31:55] And I think the data management does belong in the district supervisor's offices. but i i i am interested supervisor smith brought up what are we doing now you know what what support is being provided so i i would be open to having some information provided to all of us on on what's happening so thank you and i you know i think there's general agreement on that um and i think what we need to know is you know what you said which is what is happening i think every one of our offices probably over time has handled this a little bit differently but what is clear is we spend a lot of time on this. And I would argue that the district offices have already the best

[02:32:34] data that exists because of that outreach. And I know when I was in Franconia, we would do mailings constantly to the contact asking them to update their information. We had someone who maintained that. And we had pretty good contacts for most of those homeowner and civic associations.

[02:32:52] And so, you know, I think there's probably some electronic tools maybe we could get help with, you know, announcing to the community that if you haven't updated that to do it, making sure that we're taking advantage of the state database. And so I'm going to look to Supervisor Herity, but I would suggest we just do a friendly amendment here asking for a memo to come from the county executive about what currently goes on with these and including any recommendations to district offices of ways that we can work with OPA and others to improve the data and the list.

[02:33:26] And that then, therefore, is not assigning a tall task, but just what do we do now and what can we do better? Supervisor Eddie. And I agree a lot. And we do the GIS. And one of the things we've discovered is the state often has better information because of some of the new requirements.

[02:33:42] And I'm not sure that all the board offices are looking to the state for some of that information. So if I could friendly amendment your friendly amendment and suggest that the board offices, that the OPA coordinate a best practices meeting with the board offices so that we can share what all of us-- we've stumbled on some things that really work.

[02:34:04] And other people probably have things that work better than what we're doing. But to me, this was more of a sharing of experiences and looking throughout the county and the tax maps and all that kind of stuff to come up with the best way get the job done because we all have to do it and some of us have better ways to do it than others but we all get better if we share and and that results in better communication with their citizens which was the goal of this so I'm open to the friendly amendment but I'd include having board staff get together and share best practices as a part of that and and our staffs do already meet

[02:34:43] regularly on things so we would ask them to encourage them to include this as an agenda item. If there's no further discussion, so we're... Supervisor Pouchek. Yeah, I just want to add, OPA does lead those regular communications meetings, so it seems to me a good place to do that. The other thing I want to be really cautious is, and those of us with a wide array of associations and community associations, I want to be cautious about relying too heavily on the State, number one, many of them are smaller civic associations.

[02:35:19] The addresses don't always match up with where they are located. And number three, because there are so many different regulations and some dating back to the earlier, probably 1900s, I want to make sure that we are not leaving out that critical information.

[02:35:35] And so it really is, I think, OPA supporting, but the onus, I would say, really is more on our staff and our chiefs to lead that work. And the biggest challenge for us is, if I can, has really been the ones that just don't meet anymore and they're defunct and they exist legally as entities, but they've got no president.

[02:35:56] They've got no contacts anyway. There are a lot of challenges. And nobody knows they exist legally except us. Yeah. So we'll make it a little bit less formal, ask that that be discussed with the board offices. and maybe we can get some information from the county executive and OPA about what currently goes on and making sure we're using the best technology to reach out to as many folks as possible.

[02:36:22] And so I don't think we need to vote on that. That's the general sense of the board and direction. And with that, we're going to move on to administrative items. And I know that administrative item three, which is authorization to advertise public hearings on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding electrical substation.

[02:36:42] I'm going to pull that out for a separate vote and discussion. And so I'm going to turn to Supervisor Smith to see if she has a motion on admin items 1 through 2 and 4 through 8. Supervisor Smith.

[02:36:58] Mr. Chairman, I move approval of admin items 1 and 2 and 4 through 8. You've heard the motion. The chair will second that. Is there any discussion on those admin items? Again, we've pulled Admin 3 for a separate comment. Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye.

[02:37:14] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Admin 3, again, is authorization to advertise public hearings on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding electrical substation, and I know Supervisor Smith has an alternative motion, and this is largely to respond to some concerns that we have heard in making sure that we have the right amount of time dedicated to this conversation.

[02:37:41] I know myself and Supervisor Smith were concerned about the aggressive dates that were in here, especially in light of the summer break. And so I'm going to turn first to Supervisor Smith for an alternative motion, and then if we need to have any discussion, we will. Supervisor Smith. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I move that the board authorize the advertisement of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment for electrical substations as outlined in administrative item number three with the public hearing dates changed to provide for a Planning Commission hearing on October 16, 2025, and a Board of Supervisors hearing on December 9, 2025, at 4 p.m.

[02:38:17] And I will second that motion. And again, this pushes back the dates that were proposed to us, which originally were Planning Commission September 10th, Board of October 14th. This pushes the Planning Commission date back and the Board date back to October 16th and December 9th.

[02:38:35] which will give us and the community, including the Planning Commission, more time to make sure this issue is socialized in the community and with industry before coming back to us. If there's further questions or conversation, first let me, Supervisor Herity.

[02:38:51] Yes, I knew as advertised, this would require a special exception for electrical substations in I-3 through 5. Is there the flexibility to drop the special exception requirement as advertised?

[02:39:07] Always to do less. I thought. I just want to confirm that. We can get staff to confirm that. But we always advertise the maximum extent, and anything less than that is permissible. But let me ask the county attorney to weigh in on that. Laura Gorey from the Office of the County Attorney. Yes, that's correct.

[02:39:23] And in this case, the ads haven't run yet, so we can also address that. Okay. Thank you. But we can do less, yes. Less than what is advertised, not more. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you. Yeah, I'm totally fine with giving us some more time on this, but I would just remind everyone out there, this has been a long time coming, so this is not a new discussion, so certainly I'm open to hearing concerns from industry and others, but yeah, this is in some variation or another, I think, is coming, so thank you.

[02:39:59] Yeah, I agree, Supervisor Alcorn. I think the dates here, I think the major concern was the break. And obviously, with these new dates, there is a large space between the Planning Commission and board date. So that if other things happen or the Planning Commission needs to defer, there's plenty of space to be able to do that.

[02:40:18] For any further discussions, seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of Administrative Item 3, as introduced by Supervisor Smith, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you all very much. And with that, we're going to move to action items. Action item number one is approval of Board of Supervisors draft regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2026. I will turn the gavel over to Supervisor Smith and move that we approve the county executive's recommendation. Second. That motion

[02:40:53] is seconded by Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor say Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Action item number two is resolution to support the abandonment of Clifton School Roads Route 9523 and 9792 in the Springfield District.

[02:41:14] Do you have a motion? Supervisor Herity. I move that the board adopt the resolution in attachment one supporting the abandonment of Clifton School Roads Routes 9523 and 9792.

[02:41:32] That's been seconded by Supervisor Palchuk. Any discussion on the motion? Just want to make sure we did clarify that the town's use of that location for parking won't be impacted by that. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye.

[02:41:48] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number three is approval of changes to the Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution. I'm going to turn the gavel over to Supervisor Smith, and this is a routine housekeeping item. I move the county executive's recommendation.

[02:42:05] I'll second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. And that last motion carried 9-1, Supervisor Lust being out of the room at the moment.

[02:42:21] Action item number four is approval of a plain language explanation for the 2025 bond referendum for improvements to public schools. And I will again turn the gavel to Supervisor Smith. And I move the county executive's recommendation. I'll second that with Supervisor Palchuk.

[02:42:36] Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstention? That motion carries. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. Action 5 is authorization to execute a transfer agreement for the transfer of the cable franchise held by Comcast of Virginia, LLC, in the Hunter Mill District and Sully District.

[02:42:57] In this action item, I'm going to ask for a deferral in a moment to be deferred to this afternoon following a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to amend appendix H of the Fairfax County Code to approve the transfer of cable franchise held by Comcast of Virginia, LLC, and the Hunter Mill and Sully districts.

[02:43:15] And let me ask Vice Chair Smith if you have a motion. I move that the Board of Supervisors defer action on the authorization to execute a transfer agreement by the county executive or designee until after the public hearing scheduled for July 15, 2025, at 4 p.m. on the proposed transfer has been held.

[02:43:35] Second. And that motion has been seconded by Supervisor Alcorn. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number six is approval of the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee recommendations for the FY 2027 and FY 2028 funding categories for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool.

[02:43:59] And at this time, I recognize Supervisor Palchuk for a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. And the chair will second that, along with Supervisor Luss. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Palchuk.

[02:44:15] I was just hoping, because staff are here, if you could give us a very, very brief summary of what those changes are, the major changes. Sure. Chad Presti, Deputy Director NCS. So, as stated in the board item, most of the changes are very minimal in nature.

[02:44:34] It's kind of clarified, adding some additional example language. There's nothing substantial changed to the categories themselves. During the public comment process, during the CCFAQ discussion, it was determined that the categories that existed from last cycle were pretty comprehensive, so no substantial changes were necessary.

[02:44:51] Thank you very much. Any questions of board members? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of Action 6, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries, and that brings us to the end of the county executive's items.

[02:45:10] We now are going to have a motion to go into closed session. Before we do that, let me do two things. First, let me ask the county attorney how long we need for closed session. Mr. Chairman, I estimate approximately 90 minutes. 90 minutes.

[02:45:25] That would mean we're going to go into closed session at 2 p.m., promptly at 2 p.m. so that we can begin public hearings at 3.30. And before I turn to Supervisor Smith, let me ask if there are any afternoon deferrals that board members would like to announce. Any afternoon public hearing deferrals?

[02:45:43] Okay, not seeing and hearing any. 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.

[02:45:59] And in addition, one is permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A8, legal analysis regarding House Bill 2330 from the 2025 General Assembly session. Two, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A29, potential award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds for the Beacon Landing Permanent Supportive Housing Project, where discussion in open session would adversely affect bargaining position or negotiating strategy.

[02:46:32] And three is permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-373711A1, Annual Evaluation of the County Attorney. You've heard the motion. The chair seconds that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye.

[02:46:49] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Okay, we are going to report back to closed session promptly at 2 p.m., which gives us time to grab lunch, and we begin that at 2 so that we can begin our public hearings promptly at 3.30. And with that, the board is in a short recess.

[02:47:07] Okay, the board is back just having completed closed session,

[02:56:38] and to bring us out of closed session, I'll recognize Vice Chairman Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors certify that to the best of each member's knowledge. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements by virtue of Virginia Code section 2.2-3711 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board of Supervisors during the closed session.

[02:57:04] The chair will second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Motion is coming out of closed session. Supervisor Smith. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize settlement of Fairfax County Circuit Court Case Number CL-2024-6380, John P. Sopko v. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors et al.

[02:57:31] on the terms and conditions outlined by the county attorney in closed session. Chair, we'll second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? As that motion carries, Supervisor Walkinshaw.

[02:57:47] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the county attorney to participate as an amicus on behalf of the Board of Supervisors in the county and Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board et al. versus Association of Energy Conservation Professionals et al., Virginia Court of Appeals, record number 0234-25-3.

[02:58:12] Second. Heard the motion and the second by Supervisor Lust. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Heard and nay. Any abstentions? And that motion carries 9 to 1. And with that, I believe that's all the motions from closed session.

[02:58:29] Just verifying not seeing any others. We will now move on to our afternoon public hearings. And just as a reminder to folks who are here, individuals wishing to provide testimony have a number of options. They can testify here in person or they can provide testimony by phone or by YouTube video.

[02:58:45] At the designated point in the public hearing, I'll call for any speakers from the speakers list and they will come forward or their video will be shown or they will be connected by telephone. There will

then be an opportunity for anyone else present who would like to speak on the matter to come down to the podium or to call in at 703-324-1020.

[02:59:06] Speakers testifying by video must have signed up and submitted their video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the hearing. For public hearing testimony, you're given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you are given five minutes. And with that, I am going to call our first 3.30 public hearing, which is a public hearing on SE 2024-MV-00036, Verenia Vergara Miranda and NEMA Home Daycare LLC in the Mount Vernon District.

[02:59:39] And once they come on down, if we could please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit for us. Welcome. Good afternoon. The date was 12-11-2024.

[03:00:01] You are reaffirming the affidavit of 12-11-2024, December 11, 2024. Yes. All right, I'm getting affirmative from staff. Okay, thank you very much. You can have a seat if you'd like. But at this time, I'd recognize county staff for, or let me ask first if there are any disclosures from board members.

[03:00:19] I didn't see any. Seeing and hearing none, I would now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Mr. Chairman, Kathy Lewis, Department of Planning and Development. I would like to welcome Savannah Murray. This is her first board hearing, and she is the entire agenda, if maybe you've noticed.

[03:00:36] So you'll see her for all the hearings today. But she joins us from Charleston, South Carolina, via Los Angeles. Thank you. Outstanding. Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:00:55] I'm Savannah Murray with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant, Verena Vergara Miranda, seeks a special exception to increase the enrollment at her existing home daycare facility from 7 to 12 children at 8080 Paper Birch Drive.

[03:01:11] The existing home daycare, which is permitted by right, is located in a single-family detached dwelling in the Laurel Hill neighborhood of the Mount Vernon District. In the PDH District, home daycare facilities between 8 and 12 children are permitted with approval of a special exception.

[03:01:29] The applicant has a current license with the state, which expires in December 2026. The daycare is located in the walkout basement of the dwelling. The location of the door is indicated by the blue arrow.

[03:01:45] The dwelling includes a two-car garage and a driveway that can accommodate two cars without overhanging the sidewalk. The applicant will leave the driveway open during operating hours of the home daycare. On-street parking exists on either side of Paper Birch, which is a public road.

[03:02:04] This concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, you're not required to, but if there's anything the applicant would like to share with us, you don't have to. Are you good? Yeah, I'm good. Okay. Thank you very much.

[03:02:21] Any questions of staff or the applicant from my colleagues? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I do have a number of folks signed up, both in person and by telephone. I have five speakers who have signed up.

[03:02:37] Our first speaker is Sumya Panda. Are you here? If you could come on down. How about Misty Hack? Is Misty here? Speaker number four. Speaker number five, Sandeep Bajwa. Okay. And we have two callers in between. This is speaker number one. Mr. Panda, welcome. Thank you. Can you start? Yes,

please. Welcome. Thank you. May I please support? Thank you for your time. My name is Son Panda. I am one of the 90, one of over 90% of Paper Birch

[03:03:12] drive owners who signed the petition opposing this daycare. First, I want to make clear that I'm not anti-daycare. I lived in a daycare myself. My mom operated one for 20 years. Even many of the kids who I saw as newborns are now old enough to have their own children, but they still feel like my own kids. I know firsthand the lifelong bonds that you can make in in-home daycares and the good that in-home daycares can do. But if my mom lived next door of me and wanted to expand the daycare, I would tell her, sorry, you can't do that here, because this is not the neighborhood to expand the daycare. Paperbridge Drive has the narrowest streets out of

[03:03:50] all the streets in Laurel Hill community. Look, I don't know who designed these streets, but they're too small for an expanded daycare of this size. You may be asking them, why did you choose to live here? Because years ago, it was not like this. But after COVID, more and more people are living in their homes, generating more traffic on the streets, and the design of this street simply cannot handle a daycare of this expanded size. And this one house has more vehicles than any other house on Paper Birch Drive. Unfortunately, I have to say the affidavit she affirmed to

[03:04:25] is inaccurate. This is a multi-tenant home. It's not a single-family home. They rent out their homes, their rooms, to other tenants. So they have at least six vehicles on the road, and now if you expand this, potentially they can have 12 vehicles at the same time, and there's nobody going to be there to watch them. The HOA said that they are not going to follow the parameters of the affidavit. So potentially you can have 17 to 20 vehicles at the same time on this daycare.

[03:04:57] And I've got to ask you, how can Fairfax County allow this to happen? How many single-family homes in Fairfax County operate as both a multi-tenant rental and as a daycare? If my mom lived next door to me, I would tell her, I'm sorry, this is not the place to open a daycare.

[03:05:19] There are over 723 homes in Laurel Hill, and not even 1% of the homes use daycare. 0% of Paperbridge Drive use daycare. This is not the street to open a daycare. There are over 45,000 school bus stops in Fairfax County, and not a single one of them serves our street.

[03:05:41] Are any of you going to call Michelle Reed and say, hey, this street has more daycares per capita than any other street in Fairfax County, and you should help them out? There are other streets in Fairfax County that are more suitable to have an expanded daycare.

[03:06:00] They have wider streets, the homes are more separated, and they have less daycares per capita. It is time for you to ask the other, even if there's a burden for daycares in Fairfax County, it is your job to spread it around to everyone else in Fairfax County.

[03:06:17] Thank you for your time. Thank you. And speaker number two is Ben Nguyen. Are you on the line? Yes, sir, I am. Welcome. The floor is yours. Good afternoon. My name is Vinh Nguyen. I have been living there since 2005, and it has been a neighborhood.

[03:06:41] We don't have any problems, but recently I have seen an increase of traffic, congestion on our paper bus drive, and the people are speeding. They do not respect the speed limit at 25.

[03:06:58] They rush in, drop off their children, and rush out to leave. It is horrendous. I don't know. This is a residential area. I want it to keep as a residential area, not a place where you have expanded daycare.

[03:07:15] There are other options. They can choose to do that. But I think I want to live in a residential area, not in a commercial area. So I think expansion of daycare will have a really big impact on paper bush and the surrounding area as well.

[03:07:36] I object to the expansion, and I hope that this will take my concern as consideration. Thank you very much, and thank you for your time, sir. Thank you very much for calling in.

[03:07:53] And our next speaker is Hilary Colano. Can you hear me okay? Yes, sir. Can you hear me? We can. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. When my husband and I first moved to this area, we were lucky to have sat on a wait list for only eight weeks for our oldest child to attend daycare on Fort Belvoir.

[03:08:12] Eight weeks. We were lucky. Within that first year, my child suffered seizures twice while at school, something called fibrial seizures, which doctors will quickly state is an extremely common and undamaging condition, but they are unpreventable. No matter what, there is nothing I could do to prevent my child from having seizures.

[03:08:31] She could only be treated after it hit. After the second seizure in nine months, I questioned the school on her status and was informed that she still approved to remain at that school, but if it becomes too much, the staff would drop her from the program because of her condition. I was told they had done this with other students in the past.

[03:08:48] Imagine having a child rejected because of a health condition that you have no control over, a condition you never wanted in the first place. Our most vulnerable children of all come with the most limitations, more than we know.

[03:09:04] My situation is very minor, but it is all too common for countless parents out there. We all know at least one child that requires special care. I could easily name 10 right now, but legally I know I'm not allowed to. But how many of us have ever asked their parents the struggle they went to to find quality care?

[03:09:22] How many of those parents did find quality care within a reasonable time? Care for special needs children is vastly limited, and that's just for the basic care needs. NEMA Home Day Care is certified to provide care for those that need special care, those precious children that come with conditions that their parents never wanted and never asked for.

[03:09:43] And her care is superior than what can be found in other places. It's quality, safe, loving care for children of our community, a vital asset that is in short supply. I myself live across the street from a home daycare. To be honest, I was excited when we moved in and I first learned of the daycare.

[03:10:02] However, she didn't have space in the facility for my child, and then she didn't have space for my second child because she didn't accept children under the age of two. I understand how neighbors could feel a burden due to the increase of traffic. It had crossed my mind at the beginning, but I calculated it.

[03:10:21] It takes less than five minutes to do a quick drop-off, less than 10 minutes to pick up. That's a grand total of 15 minutes in a day, which is less than 1% of a day. A home daycare by me has a full amount of 12 children there, and even if I had to bump into every single parent or even all at once while I drive in and out of my driveway, it would impact me less than one minute.

[03:10:45] One minute. There are 1,440 minutes every single day. One minute is how much a home daycare across the street impacts me at most. I'm more inconvenienced by a school bus that delays me picking up and dropping off children.

[03:11:03] In fact, if I don't leave from dropping off my child at daycare, I am delayed by 10 minutes after getting behind two different school buses. But I'm not going to complain about a school bus, a community asset that has a far greater impact in my day than a daycare that's across the street.

[03:11:20] I understand there is a committee that was created for the sole purpose of preventing the small business from growing, and they are going to fight, and I wonder, are they going to fight against the other community assets, such as the school buses, the animal shelters, or even the expansion of a hospital?

[03:11:36] Thank you. Thank you, Hillary. Your time expired a bit ago, but thank you for your testimony. Our next speaker is Misty Hack. Is Misty here? Ms. Hakey is actually on the phone. Ms. Hakey is on the phone. Okay. Can you hear me okay?

[03:11:53] Yes, sir. Can you hear me? We can. Welcome. The floor is yours. Okay. Thank you for the time. So I also wanted to provide some testimony and some perspective. As a Laurel Hill resident since 2014, we actually moved from a different subdivision in the area because we had a child care, home child care business in front of our house on a pipe stem.

[03:12:20] And I can say from personal experience how many times that I have been impacted by pick up and drop off that are not just five or ten minutes, but many times, you know, 15, 20 or 30 minutes. So that's my first point of order is that we moved to this neighborhood in this specific house because at that time there weren't daycares in the area.

[03:12:43] We're not here proposing to attack the character of the daycare provider. We think she probably provides a fantastic service, and we're not even proposing to take that away. For those that already have care with her and they're happy with the care, we're happy about that.

[03:13:00] We're just worried about the additional load on our traffic, on our neighborhood, on our neighbors because of the increase in vehicle traffic and patronage in a residential area that is not otherwise zoned as commercial.

[03:13:19] So we truly believe she's providing a great service. We're not seeking to take that away. We're just trying to prevent that from being expanded. And then what is the threshold? What is the limit on how many daycares could be on any given street or any other home businesses that could also add to the additional traffic that we're witnessing and experiencing?

[03:13:44] So those are, you know, my main talking points in that we believe she's providing a great service, but we also believe that, you know, there should be a limit to it because, you know, the rest of us are also trying to live in concert with, you know, the blended environment. Okay, thank you very much. Speaker number five is Sandeep Bajla.

[03:14:07] Is there anyone else here present who wishes to speak on this matter? Okay, if you can please come down and sign in with the clerk here to my far right. Anyone else who is here wishing to testify on this matter, please come down and sign up with the clerk here to my far right. This is speaker number five. Welcome. Thank you. So as Fairfax County permits home, daycares up to seven children, by right. No

special exception is needed. This limit exists to support families while preserving the character and safety of residential neighborhoods. Expanding beyond that requires

[03:14:47] a special exception. That's why we are here. This and only when it brings no additional burden to the neighborhoods. This street is already narrow, especially in that portion of the street, and it's very congested and most of the time there are cars parked both of the sides. There's another daycare nearby which is down the street and even with just seven children daily drop-offs and staff vehicles and tenant cars create a backup and expanding to 12 will lead to more of those

[03:15:24] trips, curbside activity and also more risks for pedestrians and neighbors. The home is also rented to multiple tenants which already adds extra vehicles and foot traffic. Adding more children and staff turns the property into high traffic quasi-commercial site which is incompatible with our residential zoning and especially unfair to the surrounding homeowners. Approving this

[03:15:57] request would overwhelm already stressed street currently seven child limit is reasonable and we are adapting to it means we never proposed to that opposed to that so there was no complaints we were trying to adjust to it being next door neighbors we were trying to do whatever we can do from our side now if they expand to 12 and as our neighborhood is closed to very convenient to 95. What is stopping? No one is stopping

[03:16:33] another daycare coming there. We already have two. So at least what we can do is think of neighbors and at least extension is within your rights, which you can help the neighborhood with. That's only what we are asking for. Thank you. Thank you very much.

[03:16:53] We have, I understand it, several speakers who have signed up. So if our first one will be speaker number six, if you could just state your name and address for the record. Welcome. Good afternoon. My name is Madeline Alvarez and I live towards the end of the street on 8057 Paper Birch Drive.

[03:17:15] Like it has been pointed out several times, this is a very narrow street. Additionally, just in general, there are always vehicles parked on both sides of the street, including on the areas on the street where it curves. This results in reducing street space.

[03:17:34] Many times only one vehicle can pass and we have to pull over and wait. Unfortunately, I have personally witnessed people dropping off or picking up their kids and they don't use the driveway in this home. They leave their car in the middle of the road.

[03:17:51] Sometimes they even leave the door open as they're rushing to take their kids or putting them in or whatever it is. I have also seen cars that they struggle to turn on the pipe stem. that's a little bit further down instead of driving down to the cul-de-sac to turn around.

[03:18:07] This also slows down traffic, and this is just with the existing daycare, let alone expanding it and bringing in more vehicles. Simply, there's just not enough space to park all these vehicles or to even increase the traffic flow in this area.

[03:18:27] On any day, there's always regular traffic on the street, whether it's landscaping services or Amazon or whatever. And it's always a tight space on this road. So allowing this daycare is going to mean allowing strangers that are potentially going to pose a significant safety threat on our street because they may be in a hurry, and this is going to impact over 50 kids that actually do live on the street.

[03:18:53] This is their home where their parents purposely chose for them to live in the residential area. Finally, a big yellow sign was put on their lawn so that fellow neighbors can oppose or have a say in this. And I can tell you that 36 out of the 43 homeowners are saying no.

[03:19:13] So thank you for your time. Thank you. And speaker number seven is Carly Croft to be followed by speaker number eight, Eric Cespedes. If I called your name, please be ready to testify. Welcome, Ms. Croft.

[03:19:32] Good afternoon. My name is Carla Kloff, and I am the mother of two children with special needs. One is autistic nonverbal with a development of delay in the ADHD, and my second one has dyslexia and ADHD.

[03:19:50] Since 2022, my children have been under the care of Ms. Barina Brigada and Nina Home Day Care, and I can say without hesitation that she has been an amazing, tremendous caregiver. At Nina's Child Home Day Care, they provide home-cooked meal, nutrition, and snacks, daily motor skills, developmental.

[03:20:12] They're bilingual, and also a beginning American Sign Language instruction. My nonverbal son started with her with an AAC device. Today, he's able to say, cat, dog, milk, let's go.

[03:20:28] And this is due to the hard work and dedication of Ms. Vergara and her amazing team. My daughter, Amina, who has dyslexia and has panic attacks every time it comes down to writing and reading. Today, thanks to the amazing work and dedication, she enjoys reading and writing, and she will be joined in first grade.

[03:20:49] Thank you so very much, and please consider into this amazing daycare who is truly making a difference in children's lives. Thank you. Thank you very much. Speaker number eight is Eric Cespedes.

[03:21:05] He is on the telephone. Oh, he's on the telephone. okay uh can you hear me okay eric can you hear me uh eric if you can hear me eric the time is yours welcome hello yes hello can you hear me we can hear you hello yes if you can begin your

[03:21:28] testimony please hello um eric if you can hear us please begin your testimony i'm not sure what's happening here. Hello? Eric, if that's you on the line, it is your time to testify. Welcome.

[03:21:58] Okay. I am the son of Varengia Vergara, and I'm currently a college student at Novit. I'm a staff member at NEMA Home Day Care and a proud brother of a child with special needs. I've witnessed firsthand the dedication and hard work my mother has poured into building NEMA Home Day Care or journey from a small license in a townhome in a townhouse to a fully licensed custom renovated daycare is nothing short of inspiring. Not only to me, but from families and children throughout

[03:22:33] our community and Newmont. Children are taught to teach, to treat each other with kindness and respect, no matter their thoughts, language, background, or ability. It's a place of inclusion and growth, and I've seen that anti-person. Watching my younger brother from genuine friendships with the other children has brought joy to our family for him and for other kids like him. Thank you for understanding. And if there was really a problem with the parking, I feel like

[03:23:08] everybody should come to us and speak to it. Thank you. Thank you very much. And that is the end of the speakers I have signed up. Is there anyone else wishing to testify? Okay. If you can Come

forward, state your name and address, and I will say again, if you're here to testify, please come down and sign in with the clerk.

[03:23:34] This is speaker number eight. If you could just state your name and address, please. Hey, my name is Eric Cispedes. I live on 8080 Paper Bridge Drive. I'm a guardian's husband. We try to help more kids in the daycare because we need more time.

[03:24:02] We need more specific, try to help the children to learn. Can I talk to somebody she's translated for me, please?

[03:24:20] I'd be happy to translate on behalf of the children, if that's possible. Thank you so much. Queremos ayudar a más niños con necesidades. They have to hope they're being able to help more children with special needs. Y si el problema es el parqueo.

[03:24:38] If the parking seems to be the situation in here as an issue, podemos hablar con los vecinos y tratar de buscar una solución juntos. We'd be happy to jointly find a solution and accomplish or do what needs to be done to resolve the parking.

[03:24:57] Para que entre todos podamos ayudar más a los niños. So therefore, all together, united, we can help the community. Thank you. Thank you very much. Okay, thank you very much. Gracias. Let me ask again if there's anyone else who wishes to testify who is present.

[03:25:16] Let me ask the clerk if we have any callers. No more callers. There are no callers. We'll ask the applicant if there's anything you would like to say in response to what we've heard. You're welcome to do that. I respectfully request your support in approving NEMA Home Day Care for a licensed capacity of 12 children.

[03:25:41] I began this journey in a townhouse for around two miles from my current residence, operating under a license for five children. Through years of hard work and perseverance, I was able to purchase my home at 8080 Paper Bridge Drive, where I fully remodeled and customized the basement for child care.

[03:26:07] I also constructed a playground with padded surface to meet safety standards for infants and toddlers to provide the highest quality care. I have purchased, I have pursued certification alongside my staff, including CPR, first aid, applied behavior analysis, ABA, and bilingual communication in Spanish and English.

[03:26:33] Also, I'm a beginner of American Sign Language with over 13 years of experience working with children with special needs. I proudly support military families, single parents, and families navigating disabilities.

[03:26:50] We are an active participant in Fairfax Child Care Subsidy Program and remain fully compliant with the licensing regulation. Every child who has transitioned from NEMA home daycare has successfully adapted to the kindergarten, first grade, and Fairfax County public schools.

[03:27:11] I'm honored to have maintained 100% parenting satisfactions. Our daycare emphasized creative learning through play and movement while fostering a sensory inclusive environment that teaches respect, kindness, and core values, which is very important in the first year.

[03:27:33] It's crucial in the first year of our children's lives. I understand that concerns were raised during the June 25th. I didn't even know what happened with the neighborhood here regarding the traffic,

but I already amended.

[03:27:50] I don't park any cars in the business hours in my parking lot. They was worried about my garage if it was storage. It's no more storage. It's my car one there. And I'm not 100% that I'm not the only one that has many cars.

[03:28:06] I have three cars, and also, I don't want to disturb anybody in my neighborhood. My first concern is the kids.

[03:28:22] I have a kid with special needs, and I know how hard it is to find out a child care that they can refuse to take a kid with special needs. That's why it's my decision to open a daycare. I used to work in an office for more than 13 years.

[03:28:38] And since I saw abuse for one of the nurses that was taking care of my son, I decided to work from my house. I know the neighborhoods, they work from my house, but they didn't even know that I have a daycare. And I'm 100% I have an inclusive daycare, and I help the families.

[03:29:00] And I have a lot of letters of support of my parents and the people that I help. And I do help to the community and in the social media as well, giving them advices to treat those kind of children.

[03:29:15] Thank you. Thank you very much. And before I open it up for additional questions, let me ask for closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On June 25, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of SE 2024 MV 00036, subject to the development conditions dated June 11, 2025, and staff concurs with this recommendation.

[03:29:44] Thank you very much, and I'm going to open it up to questions. I do want to just make one statement and ask a question first. One is it's obvious you have a passion for your business and are providing an amazing service to our community, and we are grateful for that.

[03:30:01] I do want to make sure we stay focused on the land use components of this, though, because we're not judging the daycare facility itself, but judging the land use components of it. And so related to that, I just want to ask staff, you mentioned the development conditions.

[03:30:16] Can you outline for us the conditions relative to parking and drop-off? Because we did hear that, and I have the benefit of looking, thanks to technology at the road, and can see the large cul-de-sac at the end of the road. I do see a number of cars parked on the street, but not near this residence.

[03:30:34] So I'm wondering if you can help us understand the conditions for where staff park, where people coming to the daycare park, and the analysis that you've done on that. So as far as staff parking, when we went through the application, the staff member originally traveled via the public transportation, but is currently pregnant.

[03:30:58] And when she spoke at the planning commission, said that that is the reason why she's driving currently. Outside of that, development condition number eight states that the driveway must be left open for drop-off and pickup during the hours of operation for the home daycare.

[03:31:16] And the arrival and departure times for the children must be staggered. So that's the condition for parking. Okay, very helpful. I just wanted to make sure we got that part on the record. Other questions? Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:31:32] And thank you. I have a similar question. So currently, I believe there are five children, and I do see seven. Seven, sorry, seven. You're wanting to add five children. I'm seeing two of the conditions about the arrival and departure schedule, creating that staggered arrival time.

[03:31:52] It looks like seven would arrive between 6 and 7.30, and the rest between 7.30 and 9. and in the afternoon, again, staggered between 2.45 and 4.15 for half of the children and 4.30 to 6 p.m. for the other half.

[03:32:10] My question would be right now for the seven children in the daycare, are there requirements on their arrival and departure times? Is there staggering currently? Supervisor Project Kathy Lewis, Department of Planning and Development.

[03:32:28] It's by right, so there are no conditions, and I would note that our conditions don't state when the children should arrive and leave. That was in the applicant's statement of justification, just what the schedule is working out to be these days.

[03:32:47] So it would be a new schedule. Right. And currently, it sounds like there is a driveway, but again, because it's by right, can you confirm with us whether there's a requirement at this point with the seven children, whether there are requirements of where and how drop-offs should happen and what the use of the driveway should be?

[03:33:08] Yes. No, there's not any conditions on that. So these are all new conditions that would be implemented should this be approved. Okay. Thank you. And I appreciate that. I know there are many challenges to balance, but getting that information is helpful. Okay. Other questions? Supervisor Alcorn.

[03:33:26] Thank you. Yeah. Just to follow up a little more, there's one of the standards that have to be met for this use relate to home daycare facilities, standard number nine. And I think it's the relevant one that the development conditions are focused on. That's the top of page six in the staff report.

[03:33:42] But it talks about the responsibility, our responsibility to review access to the site and all existing proposed parking, including the availability of on-street parking and any alternative drop-off and pickup areas located in proximity to the use.

[03:33:59] So based on the information, I guess, that staff collected, so it sounds like there is some on-street parking, at least some of the time, it's a narrow street. Can you talk to that a little bit? We heard some of that testimony. Sure.

[03:34:14] I will show the image, hopefully on screen, that shows the parking that's available on Paper Birch Drive. When the site visit was conducted, the driveway was open and available.

[03:34:30] The daycare was also open at the time. There were other cars parked on the street. We were able to park in the driveway. At the time of the site visit, we were able to navigate the street with cars there, fine, relatively.

[03:34:49] So based on at least the site visit, you didn't see any problem getting around any cars parked on the street, is that correct? No. I mean, of course, since the road is narrow, if there were cars on both sides, two cars wouldn't be able to pass at one time, but that does help with speeding.

[03:35:09] and we were able to navigate just fine. Okay. All right. Okay, thank you. Okay. Any additional questions? Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you all for your testimony and discussions from my colleagues today.

[03:35:28] The process that's used by the county staff to assess a daycare center like this, the expansion, what do you include in terms of the house itself, the child care center itself? What do you look at and what do you not?

[03:35:43] And then what do you look at in relation to the need for parking of the residents of the house itself? When it comes to the evaluation of the center in general, we look at whether there's safe access, whether or not there needs to be an egress in the baby room for a window or some kind if there's an emergency, that there's adequate space and separation between the play area versus sleeping.

[03:36:23] We just kind of take a look at some of the general things as well as making sure that there is adequate parking in the front. That is something that we take a look at, whether or not people would be able to park in front of the home or in the driveway if that's available. We look at some of the other uses in the area just as a general zoning overview.

[03:36:47] When it comes to the homeowner's parking, I would say the main thing is making sure that there's somewhere for them to park. So with the driveway being left open for the parents, there are really no requirements, I would say, for their vehicles.

[03:37:08] She stated that her vehicle would be not in the street, not in the driveway, in the garage. So that would leave that open for, you know, the parents and those to do drop-off. I would say kind of those are the big things we look at when we go out to the site to take a look.

[03:37:25] And then the rest of it is just kind of looking at whether they meet the state standards and they meet with ours. And thank you very much. That's very helpful. But whether there were six cars that are utilized by that household or not, You wouldn't necessarily assess that as part of the overall parking that would be necessary for not only the residents, but also the employees that would be operating the daycare.

[03:37:54] Supervisor Short, Kathy Lewis, I believe that generally during the operating hours of a daycare, a lot of the presumption is if there are other cars by other residents of the house, that they may be at work.

[03:38:13] So we're not requiring where they're going to park, but making sure that they leave the driveway open so that parents can park to pick up the kids safely and drop them off safely. So that's your core standard is one of the testimonies was there were six cars and there were other people in the household, but your focus would have been on whether or not the driveway was available and could support the child care operation that would be there.

[03:38:43] Is that correct? Yes. Have there been any complaints about rentals or otherwise the use of the house? No. There's no zoning violations. So we're not aware of any residential use, whether it's, okay.

[03:39:01] And then in general, I know that's not been true up until now because it's been by right, but the enforcement part of this, the conditions that would be part of this approval, how are they enforced? How is this managed or monitored?

[03:39:17] So the goal would be compliance with the development conditions as well as what was ordered. If there are issues, DCC staff would go out and do a site visit to try and ascertain if there is a violation.

[03:39:38] So they would conduct background research based on the approval as well as going out to the site and conduct the inspections. If they do find that they are not following the development conditions, the first goal would be to educate and work with the property owner to bring them into compliance.

[03:39:57] If there are continued violations, they would continue to document it and make the applicant aware of those issues. They initially would seek voluntary compliance, and it would just kind of, if there are continued reports, then additional actions would be taken, which could lead to court cases or bringing them back here to have the permit revoked.

[03:40:25] But it would come back to the board. Generally, it's a complaint-based system. If somebody says something, then you all would follow up and review it or look into it further and then respond either to the operator or to the complaint itself to let them know what the outcome was of that?

[03:40:45] Yes. Yes. In talking to DCC, what they will do is they will try to ascertain the facts and find out if somebody saw a violation, when did it occur, what time to ascertain, okay, is this in fact happening?

[03:41:02] That's the first goal. And then the second goal is, if they witness it occurring, then working with the homeowner to get them into compliance. Thank you. Okay. Any additional questions? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Stork for a motion.

[03:41:24] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to speak to this for a few minutes, and then I'll offer up a motion. This is actually a more difficult one because there's already several child care centers in the neighborhood which you can make a point about there's already some in the neighborhood.

[03:41:41] Why do you need another one? But the flip side of it is there's already several in the neighborhood, and why shouldn't they be able to have a child care facility in the neighborhood? The streets are, I know this community well. I've been there many, many times. The streets are an error. They clearly are like a lot of the newer communities.

[03:42:00] They provide it, you know, it is a way of slowing down traffic because you're passing cars that are nearby. And we've heard from community members, and I would say reasonably mixed views, although in general the folks who live on the street are clearly not generally supportive.

[03:42:19] I realize there are some that may be supportive, but in general they're not. The staff recommendation was positive. The planning commission recommendation was positive. Our county policy is to approve operations like this in general. We're talking about additional five children.

[03:42:37] In this case, in particular, the ability to support special needs kids is a huge part of the challenge that we have as a county to be able to support parents who have those needs. I am concerned about the reducing and looking for ways to keep the traffic more manageable.

[03:42:58] And that's really, frankly, the number one issue that I was debating whether or not I would be able to support this because the traffic in the nearness of the road. But, again, I've looked at this in a broader way, which is one thing that none of us control is how many Ubers and how many food deliveries and prime deliveries and UPS deliveries.

[03:43:24] I mean, there's so many activities that are affecting that use and that traffic that, yes, this is one more, and this is potential several more cars a day that would use it. But I'm inclined, based upon the county's policy and the need in general for provide child care and support our parents who have those challenges.

[03:43:48] And we know that, if anything, we want more of those parents who have those challenges. It helps to make sure that we have a thriving, active community. And I obviously support that very strongly. So as a result, I'm going to move the following motion. Mr. Chairman, I request that the applicant confirm

for the record their agreement to the proposed development conditions consistent with those dated June 11, 2025.

[03:44:16] If you could come up to here and just confirm up there, yeah, just to formally do that. Yes. You can, you're, all right, thank you. Thank you. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve SE 2024 MV00036 subject to development conditions dated June 11, 2025.

[03:44:38] Second. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Lusk and Supervisor Alcorn. Discussion on the motion? Any further discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:44:55] And that motion carries. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the county staff, and I want to thank the folks who attend today. I know it's not easy, and I'm sure it's frustrating for them, but also I appreciate the applicant and the time you've taken to put this together. And I just would urge you to ensure that you are complying with the conditions and that you do everything you can to be a good neighbor.

[03:45:18] Thank you. Thank you so much. All right. Our next public hearing is a public hearing on SE 2024-DR-00029, Scott C. Harrison and Helen F. Harrison trustees in the Drainsville District.

[03:45:36] And if we do we have the applicant here for this, if you can please come on down and reaffirm the affidavit. Good afternoon. Check-ins on behalf of the applicant.

[03:45:51] We affirm the affidavit submitted June 26th. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Savannah Murray with the Department of Planning and Development.

[03:46:10] The applicants, Scott C. and Helen F. Harrison, seek a special exception for a lot with waiver at 415 Walker Road in Great Falls. The 5.78-acre property is zoned residential estate or RE and located on Walker Road near Forest Lake Drive and abuts the River Bend Golf and Country Club.

[03:46:33] The site is developed with a principal dwelling and a detached accessory living unit, which were approved by a special permit in 1999. Both homes share a driveway access to Walker Road. Under the proposal, the existing lot would be subdivided into two separate lots.

[03:46:52] In the RE district, the minimum lot width is 200 feet. The property highlighted in green would have a lot width of 213 feet, while the property highlighted in orange would have a lot width of 40 feet. The applicants may construct additions to the site in the future.

[03:47:09] The location of the additions would be limited to the area depicted in gray. The applicants also propose a limitation on the overall imperviousness which could occur on the site. Thank you. That concludes my presentation. Thank you very much. At this time, we welcome the applicant's presentation.

[03:47:33] This is Jack Hanson with Moyes Hanson-Overson for the applicants, Scott and Helen Harrison. I'll be brief. I thank the staff and the Planning Commission for their recommendations on this. Just a way of little local color for the board.

[03:47:50] This property has been in my client's family since 1953. It's the overall goal of this is that my client would gift the one house that's been in there historically at the front to his son and then gift the remaining portion to his other family members later on.

[03:48:10] And so this is kind of an organic thing that's grown out. There will be no change from the existing use. The driveway exists, the access exists, so nothing new is being proposed to be built, although there's some rights, but we've constricted that more than what would otherwise be the case.

[03:48:26] So we request, and I appreciate Supervisor Beerman's input onto this to help us make a good application. We've had no negative feedback. Hopefully we have none here today. I can't guarantee that, but we hope that's the case, and we would ask approval. Thank you very much.

[03:48:42] Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant? 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 here present who would like to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify?

[03:48:58] Seeing and hearing none, let me ask if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On June 4, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of SE 2024 DR 00029.

[03:49:17] Subject to the development conditions dated May 21st, 2025. Staff concurs with that recommendation. Thank you very much. Last check. Questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn to Supervisor Beerman for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[03:49:34] I request that the applicant confirm for the record their agreement to the development conditions dated May 21st, 2025. Yes, the applicant has agreed to them. Wonderful. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve SE-2024-DR-00029 subject to development conditions dated May 21st, 2025.

[03:50:02] You've heard the motion. I will second that. Motion. Discussion on the motion? Seems pretty straightforward. Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Thank you to the county staff for your work on this.

[03:50:19] Thank you very much. That was pretty straightforward, Jimmy. That brings us to our next public hearing, which is a public hearing to convey Crescent Apartments located at 1513 and 1531 Cameron Crescent Drive to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority in the Hunter Mill District.

[03:50:38] And could we please have the applicant reaffirm the... Actually, I skipped one. I skipped one. Sorry. I'm getting ahead of myself. Stand by. We have one in between, which is a public hearing on SE 2024-MV-00040 Eastman Minerals, Inc. in the Mount Vernon District.

[03:50:57] And could we please have the applicant reaffirm that affidavit? Almost felt unloved. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. My name is Bernie Cicicero.

[03:51:13] I'm a land use planner with the firm Wash Colucci. And on behalf of the applicant, I reaffirm the affidavit dated May 9, 2025. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I would now recognize staff for a staff presentation.

[03:51:31] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Savannah Murray again with the Department of Planning and Development. Eastman Minerals seeks approval of a special exception for heavy production or processing in order to establish a metal refining operation within the Newington Business Center.

[03:51:46] The metal refining operation, also referred to as smelting, would process imported pre-processed gold concentrates to produce gold bullion. This afternoon, I will be presenting a special exception request by Eastman Minerals at 8534 Terminal Road.

[03:52:05] The subject site is located on Terminal Road in the Newington Business Center, which is outlined in blue in zoned I-6. The special exception site is highlighted with the green pin and contains a 3,000 square foot portion in the business center.

[03:52:22] The applicant proposes importing pre-processed gold concentrates and refining them to produce gold bullion using a compact smelting furnace. Water will be used to control the temperature of the furnace but will never come in contact with the precious metals nor will it be discharged into the sanitary sewer.

[03:52:40] A dust collector and a scrubber will provide pollution control. Water and other materials used during the refinement process will be stored securely and disposed with the licensed waste facility. No visitors, patrons, or clients will visit the subject property.

[03:52:59] The proposed metal refining operation will open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a maximum of four employees on site at any given time. The only exterior change proposed to the site is a minor change to the roofline where a 6-10-foot duct extension will be installed for exhaust.

[03:53:19] This concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we welcome an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. Again, my name is Bernie Succedo. We are very excited for this application to come before you.

[03:53:39] We're seeking your approval for a special exception for a metal refinery. Perhaps the very first type of this business of its kind in Fairfax County. So it will be expanding the economic base and diversity of Fairfax County. As staff already pointed out in their presentation, which was rather thorough, they are seeking to establish a gold refinery facility here on 3,000 square feet on this subject property.

[03:54:06] We've received recommendations of approval from both the South County Federation and from the Planning Commission recently in the past month. The applicant has also made commitments to adhere to federal regulations in terms of treatment of hazardous materials on sites.

[03:54:26] As staff pointed out, there will be only about four employees on site. There will be no customers visiting, so there will be nominal impacts to the transportation network of the community, and they hope to be a good neighbor and economic contributor to Fairfax County. With that, I conclude my presentation. I'm available to respond to any questions you may have. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there 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

[03:55:02] public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me verify we have no callers. No callers. Assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff. On June 11th, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of SE 2024 MV 00040 subject to development conditions dated June 4th, 2025 and staff concurs with this recommendation.

[03:55:34] Thank you very much. Last check. Any questions from the Board? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and turn to Supervisor Stork for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I appreciate the opportunity to do this. I just I guess as I noted this morning about Mount Vernon District being the music capital of Fairfax County, I now need to remind you that Mount Vernon is also striking gold.

[03:56:03] So with this particular opportunity for all of us, Mr. Chairman, I request that the applicant confirm for the record their agreement to the proposed development conditions consistent with those dated June 4, 2025. Dated June 4, 2025. Thank you.

[03:56:22] Thank you. i move the board of supervisors approve sc 2024 mv-00040 subject to development conditions dated june 4 2025. i'm happy to second that motion along with supervisor lusk uh discussion on the motion there's no further discussion on the motion all those in favor please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and congratulations on striking gold i'm glad glad we got unanimous consent on on both of those so all right i mean if you were the music capital

[03:56:57] would have been platinum though all right children we are going to move on to the case i called a second ago a little hastily and that is a public hearing to convey crescent apartments located at 1513 and 1531 cameron crescent drive to the fairfax county redevelopment and housing authority in the Hunter Mill District, and at this time, I would recognize county staff for a staff presentation.

[03:57:27] 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 the Crescent Apartments in Lake Ann Village Center, located at 1513 and 1531 Cameron Crescent Drive, on two parcels identified as tax map numbers 172 double circle 16 parcel 1a and 172 double circle 14 single circle 1 parcel 2g the crescent was built in 1963 as a five building garden style apartment complex with 181 units having reached the end of its useful life the property is now in need of redevelopment a total of 150 of the

[03:58:07] households living at the crescent have incomes at or below 60 percent of the area median income of Fairfax County, of which 71 households are extremely low income at or below 30% AMI. A Lake Ann Economic Visioning Study was recently completed that anticipated the county would preserve the affordability of the housing options at the Crescent property while expanding the number of residential units by leveraging the additional plan density on the site.

[03:58:32] The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, or FCRHA, is evaluating the possibility of using a PPEA or other procurement process to enlist the services of a private developer to construct a new community that will have affordable and market rate units available for lease. The first step in this redevelopment process is for the board to convey Crescent property to FCRHA. The public will be afforded several opportunities to comment on the project and its possible impacts on the surrounding communities through public hearings that must occur during any PPEA and zoning entitlement processes and through other public outreach

[03:59:08] of efforts. If the FCRHA no longer pursues the project for redevelopment as affordable housing, the board may direct FCRHA to transfer ownership of the property back to the board pursuant to the memorandum of agreement with the FCRHA approved by the board on January 15, 2025. This concludes the staff report. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Supervisor Alcorn.

[03:59:31] Yeah, and this is more probably a question for Tom Fleetwood. So, Tom, as I know you're extremely aware. This is an important step in the process for redeveloping Crescent. This is, as was mentioned, not only anticipated in the economic visioning study, but it's also in the comprehensive plan, the adopted comprehensive plan. Can you talk just a little bit to what likely next steps would be should the board approve this today? Supervisor Alcorn, Tom Fleetwood with the Department of Housing and Community Development likely next steps will of

[04:00:09] course first include continued community outreach working with the neighbors understanding the needs on the site continue to work with the residents and understanding their needs preparing for relocation etc at the same time based on and informing those and informed by those efforts will be the development of requests for proposals that would go out under the under the PPE Act those would be the most immediate next steps. Very good. Thank you very much. Thank you. Are there any additional questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no one who

[04:00:46] has signed up in advance to testify. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one. Let me see if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Staff recommends that the board authorize staff to execute all necessary documents to convey the Crescent Apartments property to the FCRHA.

[04:01:10] Thank you very much. Last check questions. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Alcorn for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board authorize county staff to prepare and execute all documentation necessary to convey approximately 16 ½ acres of Board-owned property located at 1513 and 1531 Cameron Crescent Drive and identified as Tax Map Parcels No. 172-16-0001A and 0172-14-01-0002G

[04:01:49] to the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, noting that if the FCRA no longer pursues this project, the Board may direct the FCRHA to transfer ownership of the property back to the Board pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement with the FCRHA approved of the Board on January 15, 2025, and I would so move.

[04:02:08] And I will second that motion. It's been multiply seconded. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries 9-0, Supervisor Herity being absent.

[04:02:25] And that takes us to our next public hearing, which is a public hearing to sublease Ashgrove House at 8881 Ashgrove House Lane to Sheila Consul in connection with the Resident Curator Program in the Hunter Mill District, and at this time would recognize county staff for a staff presentation.

[04:02:45] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Mike Lambert. I am the Property Manager of Real Estate Development for Facilities Management Department. The Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the Resident Curator Program to address the underutilized historic properties in its inventory by entering to long-term leases with tenants who agree to rehabilitate the properties according to established federal standards.

[04:03:07] State enabling legislation for the Resident Curator Program requires the Park Authority to lease the house to the board and the board concurrently to sublease the house to the curator. The Park

Authority, however, is charged with actually selecting the resident curator for each property through a competitive screening process created as part of the program.

[04:03:25] This curator is required to follow a detailed work plan for the property based on a historic structures report, and in exchange, the curator receives rent-free accommodation during the term of the lease. The sixth property selected by the Park Authority for active management by a resident curator is Ash Grove House, located at 881 Ash Grove House Lane within Ash Grove Historic Site Park, on a parcel identified as tax bet number 282, double circle 13, parcel B.

[04:03:52] This two-and-a-half-story, 4,200-square-foot federal-style structure was built in the late 18th century, along with separate outbuildings for a brick kitchen and laundry and a weatherboard smokehouse. The house was originally constructed by Brian Fairfax, the 8th Lord Fairfax of Cameron, for his son, Thomas.

[04:04:12] The resident curator selected by the Park Authority to rehabilitate this historic assemblage is Sheila A. Consul, a noted historic preservationist who was recently responsible for the restoration of a century-old lighthouse off the coast of Lake Erie. During the almost eight-year term of the sublease, the curator will rehabilitate the residents to make the historic structure compatible with modern use.

[04:04:33] Planned projects include a full renovation of the kitchen, upgrades to the mechanical and electrical systems, and repairs to the interior walls, ceilings, and woodwork. The curator will also hold an annual open house, as well as provide scheduled tours to community groups. The park authority will remain responsible for monitoring the curator's progress and compliance with the program.

[04:04:53] This concludes the staff report. Thank you very much. Excellent presentation. 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?

[04:05:08] This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one. Let me ask if we have callers. There are no callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Staff recommends that the board authorize staff to execute documentation to lease Ask Grove House from the Park Authority and sublease the property to Sheila A. Consul, who is busy packing.

[04:05:30] Thank you very much. I will ask if there are any follow-up questions from the board. Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Alcorn for a motion. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I think compared to a lighthouse, this old historic house is going to be a piece of cake.

[04:05:47] So anyway, fingers crossed. Mr. Chairman, I move that the board authorize county staff to prepare and execute all documentation necessary to lease from the Fairfax County Park Authority the approximately 0.4-acre property called Ash Grove House, which has an address of 8881 Ash Grove House Lane and is identified by tax map number 028213B and to sublease said property to resident curator Sheila A. Consul.

[04:06:18] And I'm happy to say, wow, a lot of people seconding. I'm happy to second that along with a lot of other folks. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[04:06:34] And that motion carries nine to zero, Supervisor Herity being absent. And that brings us to our last public hearing, but not our last action of the day. And that is a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to amend appendix H of the Fairfax County Code to approve the transfer of the cable franchise held by Comcast of Virginia, LLC, in the Hunter Mill Districts.

[04:06:59] And as soon as they are ready, I would recognize staff for a presentation. Good afternoon. My name is Rick Elrod. I'm the Division Director of the Communications Policy and Regulation Division of the Department of Cable and Consumer Services.

[04:07:15] I'm joined by Department Director Rebecca Mankley and by John F. House and John Dorsey from the County Attorney's Office. Comcast Cable provides cable service to the Reston Franchise Area under a franchise agreement with the county. The Comcast Cable Franchise is currently held by Comcast to Virginia LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Comcast Corporation.

[04:07:38] Comcast wants to transfer the franchise to a different wholly owned subsidiary called Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC. No change of control or ultimate ownership will be involved. Comcast has assured the county that the transaction will have no effect on subscriber rates or services and that the financial position of the transferee is no worse than that of the transferor.

[04:08:00] Under the county code, no transfer of a cable franchise will occur without the approval of the board expressed by ordinance. On June 10th of this year, the board authorized advertisement of a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to amend appendix H of the Fairfax County Code.

[04:08:16] Comcast has satisfied the requirements of the code and its franchise agreement with respect to this proposed transaction. So the county executive recommends adoption of an ordinance to amend Appendix H of the Fairfax County Code to approve the transfer of the cable franchise currently held by Comcast of Virginia LLC to Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC.

[04:08:37] Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. 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? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to speak? Seeing and hearing no one, let me verify we have no callers.

[04:08:56] No callers. No callers. We got closing comments and a recommendation from staff, which was to move forward with the county executive's recommendation. Any last questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Vice Chair Smith for a motion.

[04:09:12] Thank you. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt an ordinance to amend Appendix H of the Fairfax County Code to approve the transfer of the cable franchise currently held by Comcast of Virginia, LLC, to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC, subject to the provisions of the proposed transfer agreement.

[04:09:33] I second. I've heard the motion, and it's been seconded by Supervisor Alcorn, who also represents the area being affected. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye.

[04:09:49] Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And we are going to return back to an item from this morning that was deferred until the last action took place, which is a return to action item

number five, which is the authorization to execute a transfer agreement for the transfer of the cable franchise held by Comcast of Virginia LLC in the Hunter Mill and Sully districts.

[04:10:12] And I will turn to Vice Chair Smith for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the county executive or designee to execute the transfer agreement for the transfer of the cable franchise currently held by Comcast of Virginia, LLC, to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC.

[04:10:30] You've heard the motion and the second by Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Palczyk. 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. Thank you very much and with that, if there's no further discussion, this brings us to the end of our board meeting of July 15, 2025 and with that, the board is adjourned.



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