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[00:00:03] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of October 14th, 2025, and just for everyone's knowledge, Supervisor Alcorn is late because he is in Richmond this morning delivering remarks involving WMATA and the Metro report to the Virginia Transportation Board, so he will be joining us this afternoon.

[00:00:26] He is our appointee to the WMATA Board of Directors, and so I wanted to make sure that was clear. We are going to begin our meeting, as we always do, with a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. And before I recognize my colleagues, for those that we would like to keep in our thoughts, I just want to mention a few things.

[00:00:45] First, Jim Tomlin passed away, and for those who did not know Jim, he was a lieutenant colonel, was laid to rest this past weekend. Importantly for us and close to the county, he was husband of former Chief of Staff Sally Tomlin, who was the Chief of Staff for former Chairman of the Board Sharon Boulevard.

[00:01:08] Jim served our country in the U.S. Army Infantry and Signal Corps. He completed flight training at Fort Walters, Texas, and Fort Rucker, Alabama, and he proudly served as a combat helicopter pilot with F Troop 8th Cavalry during the Vietnam War.

[00:01:25] He was a decorated, dedicated, and accomplished soldier who was awarded both a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. And following his service in Vietnam, Jim and Sally embraced military life, relocating 13 times across the United States, and he retired from the Army after 20 years as lieutenant colonel.

[00:01:43] During his military career, he earned a Master's of Telecommunications Engineering at the University of Colorado. And after retiring from the military, Jim worked in defense contracting industry here locally, and operate a home improvement business for several years. And he had a fun-loving spirit, enjoyed spending time in the Shenandoah Valley.

[00:02:03] And our thoughts go out to his wife, Sally, their family and loved ones. And then secondly, as I mentioned at our last meeting, the passing of Jane Edmondson, I just wanted to thank my colleagues, several of which were able to attend a really moving service for Jane this past Saturday.

[00:02:21] And so Jane Edmondson, of course, was the chief of staff to Supervisor John Faust and a friend to all of us at the dais, I know. And so if we can continue to keep our husband, Jim, and their extended family in our thoughts and prayers and what an amazing service it was on Saturday.

[00:02:39] So with that, let me ask if any others would like to be recognized this morning. Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman. Sad to announce the passing of Wyatt Durrett on September 30th at 87 years old. He represented Fairfax County for three terms in the House of Delegates before running twice for Attorney General and once for Governor.

[00:02:59] He helped start the law firm of Durrett, Arkaman, Gerson, and Gill in Fairfax before moving to Richmond, where it continues today. Wyatt was inducted into the Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame in 2018, served as president of his class at both VMI and Washington and Lee University.

[00:03:19] He's survived by his wife, nine children, 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He will be missed. I ask that we keep Wyatt's family in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Supervisor Herdy. Anyone else who would like to be recognized? Seeing and hearing none, if those who are able could rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:03:39] Please face the flag. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:04:27] And this morning, we had on our schedule four presentations. However, one of our presentations today, which was the 20th anniversary of the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, is being pulled.

[00:04:44] Jill, who we all know who was going to come and accept that certificate, has had multiple flight cancellations and is not going to be able to make it this morning. So we will work on presenting that outside of the boardroom. But we do have several other presentations, and when I read them, I would ask for the representative for the organization to accept the proclamation to come down to the podium in front of me.

[00:05:07] We'll read the proclamation, vote, and take a picture. And with that, our first presentation is a proclamation to designate October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fairfax County. And this was requested by myself and Supervisor Palchik.

[00:05:22] Our speaker is Meredith McKean, Vice President of Programs at Northern Virginia Family Services, and a lot of good folks here with her. If you're here for this, you're welcome to come on down.

And while you are making your way down, I am going to recognize Supervisor Palchik to read the proclamation.

[00:05:39] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and good to see Meredith, who is also our vice chair, and I'm grateful to be chair of our Council to End Domestic Violence, so good to see everyone this morning. Whereas domestic violence is a serious public health and safety concern that impacts individuals, families, and communities nationwide, regardless of age, gender, race, socioeconomic background, or status.

[00:06:05] And whereas, according to national statistics, nearly one in four women and one in seven men will experience severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. And countless others will be affected by emotional, financial, and psychological abuse.

[00:06:22] And whereas challenges such as economic hardship, a lack of affordable housing, inadequate mental health services, and limited language support continue to affect victims and their families, often exacerbating their struggles.

[00:06:39] And whereas Fairfax County is committed to supporting survivors of domestic violence, holding offenders accountable, and working collaboratively across government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community partners to provide safety, resources, and hope.

[00:06:56] Whereas Domestic Violence Awareness Month offers a chance to highlight the widespread and devastating effects of domestic violence, to educate our community on prevention methods, and to honor the bravery and resilience of survivors.

[00:07:13] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County does hereby proclaim October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fairfax County and urges all residents to join in activities and initiatives that promote awareness, prevention, and a commitment to ending domestic violence.

[00:07:38] I'm happy to second that motion, along with Supervisor Herity. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I just want to thank all of you. We have a very large room full of people today here who do incredible work on their own, but also with their organizations and who are representing the hundreds and possibly thousands of individuals out in our community every single day,

[00:08:06] Especially right now, where cuts are being felt to mental health services, to all health and human services services, to housing services, where unfortunately not every level is as engaged in government as our community, our government here is in Fairfax County, and as our partners are.

[00:08:28] So we appreciate, especially now, the struggle, especially with so many families living in fear. And I know there is a fear that many individuals and women will not be coming forward out of a fear of the impact of coming forward when they are facing violence.

[00:08:46] So we are here for you. We appreciate everything you're doing and the collaboration. I think what really stands out here in the county always has, and especially in our domestic violence community, is the number of stakeholders, all the way from the victims, the providers, all the way to the judges and the prosecutors who are so engaged in this work.

[00:09:09] So thank you again for being here and for continuing to rally on and fight in these especially tough times. Thank you, Supervisor Palchek. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to echo the comments that were made, but I also want to thank the fact that you all are here and recognizing that it takes individuals with courage to step forward.

[00:09:34] Not only folks who are in that situation, but the folks who are around there, around those individuals, to help themselves, if you will, at times, and support them. The three people in my community in particular that were instrumental in recognizing that, victims themselves and or family members.

[00:09:53] And about six years ago, we started Artemis House because of those three individuals. And I want to just highlight them again, and I do this almost every year because Maddie Palmore, Lisa Sales, and Karen Stone were folks in the community who wanted to make and did make a real difference.

[00:10:11] And that takes courage, takes a lot of effort, but more importantly, they continue to provide that support and help to Artemis House and others who are victims of domestic violence. And then two more things I wanted to mention. One is that we do have free short-term individual and family counseling services that are available via teletherapy.

[00:10:34] People can call 703-324-5730. Maybe I'm stealing somebody's thunder here, but I want to recognize and emphasize that if you're not sure where to go, then make a call. And make a call and talk and walk through those kinds of issues, and that person can give you some help and support and some options that maybe will make a real difference for your life.

[00:10:58] In addition to the fact that we have an amazing domestic violence support group, and that you can always contact them on a 24-7 basis. And then I don't know if this is in also, but there's a quilt that's being done, and I wanted to, okay, I didn't, maybe I was stealing somebody's thunder, but my staff and I have had a lot of conversations about this in collecting quilt blocks for crafting healthy relationships.

[00:11:23] I love that concept, crafting healthy relationships. And it's gonna be displayed in the library in 2026. So again, you all making a huge difference for folks who need that hand up and hopefully can't always see it themselves and people around them can help them in a time that's really difficult for them to find their steps, if you will, out of that particular situation.

[00:11:45] So again, my deep thanks to all of you for being here. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that the board continues to bring attention to this issue. Domestic violence affects people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

[00:12:04] In Fairfax County, too many lives are affected by the devastating impacts of domestic violence, and we must work together to ensure both safety and justice for survivors while holding perpetrators accountable. Organizations and agencies across the county, such as Fairfax County's Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and Northern Virginia Family Services, are on the front lines of supporting and providing critical services, such as shelter, counseling, legal support, and other vital services.

[00:12:38] These programs play a crucial role in empowering survivors and helping them rebuild their lives. We also acknowledge the importance of community education. By fostering awareness and breaking the stigma surrounding domestic violence, we can encourage more people to speak out, seek help, or intervene safely when abuse occurs.

[00:13:03] Education also helps us in recognizing the warning signs, understanding available resources, and promoting healthy relationships as a key in preventing domestic violence before it begins. By recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fairfax County, we are raising awareness and hopefully giving strength to survivors so they know they are not alone.

[00:13:27] We see you, we are listening, and we are here to help. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk, and we're going to hear from Meredith in a moment from Northern Virginia Family Services. I want to thank them and, as several others have said, all the network of supporters.

[00:13:43] And you all get the award for the largest crowd here today, which is really important. And the seriousness of that, I just want to emphasize for a moment because several before me have mentioned that, you know, if you're suffering from domestic violence, there are services for you.

[00:14:02] You know, not every community can say that, but we can in Fairfax County. And so even despite all of those services, we know it takes tremendous courage for people to come forward. And, you know, I'm thinking this morning of a really sad article that I recently read in our local paper here about a young lady who was killed, who was the victim of repeated sexual violence events, but did not report any of those events to public safety because she feared her family's immigration status. And so what Supervisor

[00:14:41] Palchuk was just saying about how hard it is right now in particular is real. And we lost a resident of Fairfax County because of that. And it just, it brings a tear to my eye because we know these services are here. And so we have to double down on our messaging to the community about the programs that we have here and the safety that residents of Fairfax County can have coming forward and reporting domestic violence. And to that end, I want to particularly thank our public safety partners and victim services because this is really hard work, as all of you know.

[00:15:22] It's hard when you're a victim. It's really hard to come forward, and it's really hard for the people that provide the services to these individuals to hear the stories and to relate to them and to provide the critical services that people need. And as we learn from this one instance, this can be the difference between life and death for a lot of people. And so giving them the confidence that we're here to help is probably the most important thing we can do with domestic violence but particularly this year and emphasizing the the phone number and other resources that we

[00:15:56] have and so this is real domestic violence occurs in Fairfax County we know that it occurs at a higher rate than is reported we know that and so we need to make sure that people who are imposing their will and violence on individuals are held accountable and the only way to do that is to be bold enough and courageous enough to come forward and make that first report and get the services that people need and deserve in our county. And so with that, we're ready to vote on this. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion

[00:16:34] passes. And as I mentioned, we have with us Meredith McKean, the Vice President of Programs for Northern Virginia Family Services and a collection of all of her best friends in the world. Welcome. The floor is yours. All right. Thank you, Chair McKay and Supervisor Palczyk and members of the board.

[00:16:52] On behalf of Northern Virginia Family Service, thank you, first of all, for recognizing the importance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and for your continued leadership in supporting our county's coordinated response to preventing, to addressing, and ultimately ending domestic violence.

[00:17:08] I really also want to thank you for recognizing the essential role that nonprofit partners play in meeting the needs in our county. Northern Virginia Family Services, or NVFS, has been serving our region for over 100 years. Each year we partner with 40,000 individuals and families across Northern Virginia, and nearly half of whom live right here in Fairfax County.

[00:17:32] In addressing domestic violence specifically, MBFS provides accessible, culturally responsive, and language-specific services for children, individuals, and families. Our continuum of care includes mental health, case management, advocacy, navigation, and immigration legal services, as well as prevention programs focused on healthy relationships, youth development, and family strengthening.

[00:17:58] We also know that survivors of domestic violence are present in all of our services and all of our programs at Northern Virginia Family Service, from housing to workforce development to early childhood education and among our own staff as well. For that reason, we try and we train and equip every single NVFS supervisor and team member to be able to recognize and respond to the needs of domestic violence client survivors who are either clients or colleagues, anybody who's impacted by domestic violence.

[00:18:30] Beyond our direct services, NVFS is very proud to help shape some of the systems change through our participation in the Council to End Domestic Violence, the Step Up for Kids Coalition, and the Domestic Violence Network. This collaborative work helps us strengthen prevention efforts and improve access to safety and support for all survivors.

[00:18:51] We do this because we wholeheartedly believe everyone deserves to be safe and everyone deserves support. But we also know that the path to safety looks very different for each person. That is why we depend on our partnerships.

[00:19:08] As has been said, the collaborative partnerships here in the county, so county agencies such as DSVS, victim services, the schools, the health department and court services, to name a few, and also all of our fellow nonprofit partners.

[00:19:25] It really, truly takes all of us working together to ensure that every survivor has a way to access what they need when they need it most. This level of collaboration, this shared commitment and true partnership that we have here in Fairfax County is something very special.

[00:19:44] It's a model I think that many other communities aspire to and has already been said right now it's needed more than ever. When there are systemic changes that increase fear and uncertainty in our community, when there are increases in economic stressors, We know and we see corresponding increases in isolation, invulnerability, and tragically, in incidents of domestic violence.

[00:20:11] These realities remind us that our shared commitment and coordinated response, which you see here, is really more important than ever. It truly takes all of us, government, nonprofits, and community members, to create a Fairfax County where everyone can live free from violence and fear.

[00:20:29] So, on behalf of MBFS, I really want to express my sincere gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for your steadfast leadership and continued investment in this work, to the staff of Northern Virginia Family Service for your compassion and dedication that you show every day, and to our partners and colleagues across the county for your commitment to ensuring that safety, dignity, and hope are within reach for every survivor and every family.

[00:20:57] So thank you for your time. Thank you for your partnership in building a Fairfax County where everyone can be safe and can thrive. Thank you. Thank you very much, Meredith. Thank you very much.

[00:21:14] And I want to thank all of you for being here because showing up means a lot to folks who might be seeing this and might be wondering about what to do to see, you know, an army of dedicated people here who are here to serve is powerful.

[00:21:30] So thank you all for coming this morning. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. And if you all could come forward and face the audience, Supervisor Paucek and I will join you and the board will rise.

[00:24:32] As I announced a moment ago, our second resolution, which was to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, is being postponed.

[00:24:49] Jill Norcross, who was supposed to be here, is not able to make it this morning, last minute. So we will work on getting that rescheduled. And that brings us to our next resolution, which is to recognize Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling's 20th anniversary.

[00:25:05] And this was requested by myself, Supervisor Alcorn, and Supervisor Stork. And our speaker today is Joe Fonce, president of the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling. And I see several other folks here. If you're here for this proclamation, you're welcome to come on down.

[00:25:23] With that, I am going to turn to Supervisor Stork for a motion. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. The resolution is, whereas the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling, or FAB, was established in 2005 as a volunteer-led committed group committed to making bicycling safe, enjoyable, and accessible for people of all ages and abilities in Fairfax County, and whereas for 20 years, FAB has supported cyclists by working with transportation experts, officials, and community leaders to expand trails, improve school routes, offer secure bike parking,

[00:26:00] and promote fair transportation. And whereas FAB's proudest achievement was the adoption of Fairfax County's first Bicycle Master Plan and MAP in 2014, which still guides the county's investments in bicycle infrastructure and policy.

[00:26:15] And whereas through education, outreach, and advocacy, FAB has helped make biking a healthier, safer, and more sustainable choice, uniting government, businesses, and residents to support a more bike-friendly future. And whereas 2025 marks FAB's 20th anniversary, a milestone celebrating the dedication of its volunteers and the positive impact that they have had on our communities.

[00:26:40] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby congratulate the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling on 20 years of leadership and advocacy, and wishes it continued success in promoting a safe, connected, and vibrant biking culture for all.

[00:26:58] And I'm happy to second that motion. Discussion on the motion, Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Fab is fabulous. What else can I say, right? They have been amazing partners in so many different ways throughout the community, and as really the resolution identified, their role for more than a decade has really made a huge difference.

[00:27:21] For me, the last decade in particular has been important with the Tour de Mount Vernon and our first association 10 years ago when we had, and truly the core of it was fab riders. We gathered at the

Bell Haven, George Orchimorio Parkway Park, and we had about 40-some riders there, and we literally had an insane route all the way down to the workhouse and back, and it was crazy, but it was number one.

[00:27:49] And we did it on December 31st, which was also one of those days you never know, But in this case, it was probably in the 40s, so not too bad. But from that first year, FAB has been an amazing partner for the Tour de Mount Vernon, which is obviously part of my pride and really the partnership that's made a difference.

[00:28:08] There's three individuals I particularly wanted to highlight. First was Jeff Anderson, who I first met when I was on the school board because Jeff was a huge advocate even then for FAB and for really bicycle riding. And Jeff, I know, sits on the FAB board, and he's clearly the key administrative person for our connection with the Tour de Mount Vernon and makes a huge difference for us every year with really all the details which make a ride successful.

[00:28:36] Jeff Gogger of our community has been a huge part. Jeff plans to route every year. He works hundreds of hours every year to try to make sure the ride is a successful one and really brings fab in our community very close together and a huge advocate in general for making sure that we connect our tourism sites, which was the original origin of the Tour de Mount Vernon, was to help people understand all the different things that they could see and have a way to visit those different tourism locations as part of the ride.

[00:29:08] And then thank you, Joy, for Fonce, the president, who has continued to make TDMV a priority every year. Your partnership has been a huge part of our success. So we are very much looking forward for the 10th annual tour in Mount Vernon, which is coming up this Saturday.

[00:29:25] So thank you all very much for your partnership with that. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. And let me also congratulate you on the 20th anniversary. I was commenting to Supervisor Smith. I remember making the motion to do the first bicycle master plan, and it's hard to believe it was that many years ago.

[00:29:43] It feels recent, and while this is the 20th anniversary, I think for many of us we feel like FAB in spirit, maybe not an organization, has been around a lot longer than that with people advocating for bicycle infrastructure in Fairfax County for as long as I can remember.

[00:29:59] And Bruce is probably one of the first people I met doing that advocacy work for FAB many, many years ago. And so when you think about where we are today compared to where we were 20 years ago, we have accomplished a lot.

[00:30:16] There's still a lot to be done, but we certainly have accomplished a lot. And, you know, Supervisor Alcorn is not here, but I know Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Stork's bike rides are, you know, have grown tremendously in popularity. And just the crowd seems to get bigger every year.

[00:30:34] And so hoping this Saturday is perfect weather and we can take the extra long route this Saturday if it's a beautiful day. But most importantly, I want to thank the entire board at FAB and the people who are behind making it fabulous.

[00:30:49] And most importantly, making sure we are held accountable for ensuring that bicycle infrastructure is just as important as any other piece of infrastructure in the county and provides options for people to get around in a healthier way. And so this is not a trivial recreational thing.

[00:31:06] In a lot of ways, this is people's daily commutes, as we see on Bike to Work Day and so many other days throughout the year, but certainly is a linchpin of what we define as a healthy community. So hoping for 20 more years of advocacy work and progress moving forward, but certainly wanted to take advantage of this anniversary to hit the accelerator on the next 20 years.

[00:31:27] So thank you, Joy and Bruce, for all you do and the entire FAB board and volunteer network. It is appreciated. With that, I think we're ready for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And as several of us have mentioned, Joy and Bruce are here with us. Joy, welcome. The floor is yours. Okay. Good morning, Supervisors, and thank you so much for this honor. As a lifelong Fairfax County resident, I have directly benefited from the hard work of FAB's volunteers and particularly the advocacy

[00:32:04] efforts led by Bruce. So I'm completely grateful to be here. On behalf of the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling board and our members, thank you for this honor. For 20 years, FAB has advocated and supported the county's efforts to improve residents' cycling experience and the ability to safely enjoy the outdoors. Started by dedicated and passionate cyclists and county residents, our founders and members have collaborated with the Board of Supervisors and other county offices to add trails and improve the infrastructure. As the current board president, my focus is honoring

[00:32:43] their legacy by ensuring that FAB continues to be a good partner and collaborator with the county and other organizations. We are excited about providing support that ensures we as Fairfax County realize the promise that is the active transportation plan. This year, we celebrate 20 years of advocacy work by keeping an eye on the next 20 years and look forward to celebrating with several of you at our events on the 18th and the 25th. Thank you again for your support and leadership and this wonderful recognition. Thank you very much, Joy. Thank you for being here and

[00:33:20] thank you both for all that you do, and I think we're ready for a photo, and Supervisor Stork

[00:33:26] will join me, and if the board could rise. And next up, we have a proclamation to designate

[00:34:48] October 15th, 2025, as Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day here in Fairfax County, and our speaker is Jennifer Rose, Executive Director of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. I know there are a number of other local chambers here represented. And if you all want to come on down, I believe we have the, and I might miss one if I do, you can correct me, but I believe we have the Dulles Regional Chamber, Tyson's Community Alliance, MOVE Chamber, and our own Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiative staff here as well. And so we thank you and all

[00:35:27] the others for being here this morning. And with that, I am going to turn the gavel over to Vice Chairman Smith so that I can read the following proclamation. And whereas for nearly a century, Fairfax County Chambers of Commerce have played a foundational role in fostering local commerce, serving as vital networks where entrepreneurs and businesses connect, collaborate, and thrive, while also providing essential resources such as workshops, networking events, mentorship and education to promote business growth, job creation, and economic resilience.

[00:36:05] And whereas Chambers unite businesses over shared concerns to amplify their collective voice, advocate for pro-business policies, and support economic development at the local, regional, and statewide levels. And whereas Fairfax County hosts various chambers, including the Annandale Chamber,

Central Fairfax, Dulles Regional, Greater Merrifield, Greater Reston, Mount Vernon Springfield, Northern Virginia, South Fairfax, Tyson's Regional, and Vienna Business Association.

[00:36:34] And whereas reflecting the county's reputation for business diversity, our community is further strengthened by affinity-focused organizations such as the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, Northern Virginia Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and MOVE Chamber, whose work supports minority women and veteran-owned businesses.

[00:36:56] And whereas it is fitting to honor these organizations that champion innovation, entrepreneurship, and inclusive growth, ensuring Fairfax County remains one of the nation's best places to do business. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby declare October 15, 2025, as National Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day in Fairfax County, and urges all residents, businesses, and organizations to recognize and support the invaluable contributions of its chambers.

[00:37:33] I'll second that motion along with half of the board. Thank you. Discussion on the motion, Mr. Chairman? Thank you very much, Vice Chairman Smith, and I'm glad there were so many folks who seconded this because this is, of course, one of the most important things to our local economy, and I'm laughing a little bit because October 15th, the National Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day is Wednesday, and it will be easy for me to do that because it's also my 20th wedding anniversary, so I will be spending a lot of money in the local economy.

[00:38:08] It was not by design, but this is a really important time to salute our chambers and all the work that they're doing in our community. We know that it's a tough time economically for a lot of our businesses in Fairfax County, and we know that our small businesses are literally the lifeblood of our economy.

[00:38:28] And we focus so much on a lot of the big business growth and opportunities that are coming into the county, But we know it's the smaller ones that make this place such a good place to live and actually make our economy such a strong economy here locally.

[00:38:43] And so while we're going through tough times, we know that we will get through these because of the resolve. But also because of the many programs that not only our county DEI or EDA, but also that many of our chambers offer just in terms of networking, workshops, business expansion opportunities.

[00:39:01] All those things become even more important when you're in a tough economy like we are now. And so having you all in our community supporting those businesses is essential and more important than ever. And so I would encourage everyone on Wednesday, but really every day, to get out there and not only support your local chambers of commerce, but most importantly, what we're trying to do here is get you to support their members.

[00:39:28] Our small businesses need that commerce. They need that support, and we should be looking especially hard at trying to make sure that we can spend as much of our money here locally supporting those families that live in our communities and run these businesses as possible.

[00:39:44] And we know if we do that, we'll continue to thrive. The other thing I wanted to point out is, you know, recently we were challenged to look at job growth in our area, and I think, you know, we saw the EDA statistics. many of us myself was even surprised that over the last three years, half of all the jobs created in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia were created right here in Fairfax County. And so just

another one of those certifications of how important small businesses and job growth are to Northern Virginia, but equally how important Northern Virginia is to the state's economic well-being.

[00:40:21] And when we say we're the economic engine of the Commonwealth of Virginia, we mean it and our numbers support that, and a lot of that is due to the hard work of our partner chambers, and so thank you all. I'm glad we could take advantage of this opportunity to recognize this year, to remind our residents to support our small businesses, and those small businesses that are not already members of your local chamber, find a way to become a member of your local chamber, because it will absolutely help your business through all the networking and advertising and partnership opportunities that are out there. So hopefully this also drives membership for all of you.

[00:40:58] So thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Stork then Jimenez. I'll build a bigger list. Thank you Madam Vice Chair and it is absolutely an important recognition on our part because we know it is a huge part of what drives small business particularly.

[00:41:15] We know large businesses as well but the small businesses in particular I think need that extra help and support and networking that comes with being part of the chamber. We have two amazing chambers that support the Mount Vernon District on the Mount Vernon, excuse me, the Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and the other is the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

[00:41:34] I'll start with the Mount Vernon Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and Holly Doherty is an amazing individual and a multi-decade leader, not only of our communities, but really of really each of us in terms of her own kind of personal ethics and integrity and ability to work and, you know, carefully, politely, but still strongly support those small businesses. The fact that they consistently have done small business practices about AI advancement, economic outlook,

[00:42:10] I mean, marketing, really so many of the core issues that affect small business. And then this year, particularly want to thank them for being one of the rest stops on the tour to Mount Vernon and supporting that as well. And then in the southern part of the Mount Vernon district, the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has been a huge part of our community, and I want to give a shout out to Chair Casey Whitmarch for all his work, and when we have the tour to Mount Vernon in the southern part of the district, they always have a rest stop as well.

[00:42:40] So we're well served by all the chambers that really make a difference in our community, and even the leadership in the chamber itself in the Mount Vernon-Springfield side. We have Roberta Tench, who's the head of the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, as well as Mark Fianney, who most of us know, his deep involvement with Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation and so many other ways.

[00:43:04] So their engagement is real, long-term, and hugely makes a difference for all of us. So, again, my thanks for all of you being here and for their work as well. Supervisor Jimenez, then Herity. Thank you, Madam Chair. And I'd like to echo the chairman's comments.

[00:43:21] It's so important for us to be helping and supporting our local chambers. Y'all are doing an amazing job. I think, you know, one example is the MOVE Chamber. I believe y'all are doing now your second annual conference. And it's great to see so many different entrepreneurs and businesses come and be supportive.

[00:43:41] You know, it's wonderful. Like, in our own backyard, we have so many small businesses. We have so many entrepreneurs and future entrepreneurs. But it's up to us, it's up to you all to help foster

some of those ideas into reality. And, you know, just looking around Mason District, and I'll have an announcement a little later, you know, we play a big role in helping making sure that all the DMV understands that there are so many wonderful things here in Fairfax County, and everyone should be coming here and eating and having coffee and going to the amazing shops.

[00:44:13] But I just want to thank you for all you do and looking forward to continue to work with you all on your amazing success and really encouraging that next generation of entrepreneurs that are so important and critical to our economy. So thank you very much. Thank you. Supervisor Herity, then Palchuk.

[00:44:29] Yeah, I'm going to echo some of the comments. And we talk a lot about large businesses and large business organizations, But the vast majority of jobs in America, and certainly in Fairfax County, are with small businesses. And you guys are at the front lines of serving those small businesses.

[00:44:47] You know, I want to thank Mount Vernon, Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and Central Fairfax for doing things like supporting my job fair and all you do in my region for the welcoming of new businesses, the ribbon cuttings that you all put on, the advocacy on things working against things like the meals tax and increased regulation that hurt our businesses here, the networking and support you give to our businesses is absolutely critical.

[00:45:17] And so I want to thank all of you for everything that you do for our small businesses, and therefore our employees and our residents at the same time. So thank you. Thank you. Supervisor Palczyk, then Lusk. Thank you. And first of all, I'm just excited to see Jennifer here. She's definitely, I'm going to call her badass, because she is, there are so many incredible chambers, especially to see these women running chambers, because we know there are so many women running small businesses, sometimes out of necessity, right, often out of necessity to be able to balance life and work.

[00:45:54] And knowing that 95% of our businesses are small, right, 50 employees or less. and the fact that our state, the commonwealth, is one of the few where cities are not part of counties, right? And so it's a very complicated structure, and I especially just wanted to thank Jennifer because she invited myself and several of us to her summit this year, and it was incredible because we learned from each other.

[00:46:20] You know, we get to hear from the businesses what they're dealing with, and I got to give a lesson on the Dillon Rule, which is really exciting. You know, we love to geek out on policy. And whether, you know, I'm having a conversation with a school or small businesses, you know, there are so many intricacies.

[00:46:39] And as you know, businesses struggle, right, to sometimes make ends meet, to make it to paychecks. And I think it was especially moving last month. We met with a couple, we met two different female entrepreneurs, one from a restaurant, Fava Pot, it's amazing.

[00:46:58] and one from a larger IT company, and to hear their challenges and their successes. And I have to shout out to our board and to our Department of Economic Initiatives, hearing from the Favapot how it was the support we gave during the pandemic, the way we were able to invest and invest our resources and understand our taxing structure and our limits in taxing structure and why we reinvest so much of that back in the community, especially when times are really tough, when we're going into tough budgets.

[00:47:30] So I want to thank all of you. Big shout-outs. So Providence is a funny district, very funny shapes. We're kind of cut out by the cities and the towns. But Central Fairfax is not just Fairfax City, right?

Because you do so much work in the county. I don't know if they're here today, but Falls Church Chamber.

[00:47:47] We're divided by Route 29, but we're the same community. And so the work that they do, the Greater Merrifield Business Association, Tyson's Chamber and Tyson's Community Alliance, who are here. I think those are the ones who directly represent my district. And then, of course, we have, I believe, all three, Asian American, Black Chamber, and Hispanic Chamber, are all located still in Tyson's.

[00:48:09] And so the work that you do and to help us, I think those are the connections that really impact because we don't get to hear from all of the small businesses and how you're able to amplify their voice, amplify the challenges, and help us here from the small business community as to how we can be most supportive and how we can learn from each other and continue to build excellent places, excellent communities, and great places for people to live and raise families and retire.

[00:48:39] So thank you. Thank you, Jennifer, for representing today. Thank you to all of you who organize great events and some with very limited, almost no staff. So very, very appreciative of your work. Thank you. Supervisor Lusk.

[00:48:54] Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. I'll go quickly. I just want to acknowledge as a former economic development professional here in Fairfax County, I had the opportunity to see over the 21 years of service to the county that small businesses were the backbone of our local economy.

[00:49:12] And when I say small businesses, companies less than 100 employees created 85% or more of the jobs on average in Fairfax County during the time that I served and I know that the work that you do is in support of those small businesses and I acknowledge that it's making a difference in helping us and this board relies on the commercial tax base to help us support the delivery of services and to make this community what it is so I acknowledge your contributions in helping us do the work of this community.

[00:49:46] And I also appreciate the work that you do specifically in helping to educate those businesses and supporting them in their growth and expansion and being a part of their ribbon cuttings and other passages as they are growing in this county.

[00:50:03] And I'll say thank you for the work that you do in support of the community. Thinking about the Malvern and Springfield Chamber, they're so intricately involved in helping provide scholarships. They're also active in supporting our military base at Fort Belvoir.

[00:50:22] They're also at the table with us as we do our covenant signings in recognition of the relationship between the business and county and also military base. So with that, just appreciate all that you do in support of the residents here in Fairfax County.

[00:50:42] Thank you. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. And she's been mentioned many times here. We have Jennifer Rose, who's the Executive Director of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

[00:51:00] Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Before I begin my prepared remarks, I would like to state for the record that only about 40% of my members are in the city of Fairfax. Everybody else is mostly in the county, so here we are today. And one supervisor, right? That's right. Two. On behalf of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and all of my fellow chambers that are here, many of them are here, our

board members and our ambassadors that are with us today, we definitely couldn't do what we do without those volunteers.

[00:51:29] We are just happy and thankful for this wonderful proclamation that you have, recognizing tomorrow's Support your local chamber day. Chairman McKay, you are correct. Every day should be support your local chamber day. And I'm claiming them. I'm putting them on the payroll. Boxing out here.

[00:51:47] Across Fairfax County, chambers do share one mission, and that is to strengthen our communities by helping local businesses grow and succeed, period. Whether it's a brand, a new entrepreneur, a family-owned shop, or a major employer, Chambers are here to connect, support, and advocate for the people who power our local economy.

[00:52:09] At the Central Fairfax Chamber, we're happy to do that through initiatives like our Fairfax Forward Foundation, which helps us invest in long-term community and economic vitality, and our Community Impact Council, which brings together nonprofits and businesses to learn, grow, and make a difference right here in Fairfax County.

[00:52:26] But truly, what makes Chambers special is how we build relationships, turning ideas into action, and challenges into collaboration. So today, as we prepare to celebrate Support Your Local Chamber Day, I encourage everyone, residents, business owners, and community leaders, to connect with your local chamber.

[00:52:46] What most people don't realize is to join your local chamber doesn't cost much more than a dollar or two a day. It's a very affordable way to leverage relationships. So attend an event, join a program, or partner on a community initiative.

[00:53:02] Because when chambers are strong, businesses are strong, and when businesses are strong, our county does thrive. Now more than ever, our small business community needs their local chamber of commerce, especially in these extremely challenging times.

[00:53:18] So thank you again for this recognition, your continued partnership in supporting local commerce and community across our great county. Thank you very much, Jennifer. So well said. Thank you. With that, we're ready for a photo, and if you all could come forward and face the audience, and the board would rise.

[00:54:10] All right, next we have the presentation of the Volunteer Fire Commission Awards, an annual report.

[00:55:21] And, of course, we have, and always welcome to the podium, Sean Stokes, chair of the Volunteer Fire Commission, who has a number of friends here, some furry friends and others here. and Commissioner Stokes will present a short state of the combination system that will last approximately five minutes.

[00:55:41] There will be a few operational volunteers standing with him as a podium, as we see. And then after that, we will present the awards. So welcome, Commissioner Stokes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate it. And thank you and good morning to you and to the board.

[00:55:57] The Volunteer Fire Commission, along with our volunteer members, the leadership of the FRD, and members of staff are here today to provide this short presentation on the system and honor our

volunteer award winners. In years past, you've heard me present statistics and information when we've made this presentation.

[00:56:13] This year, we wanted to put names and faces to those numbers for you. Standing with me are representatives of our members who make up key parts and functions of our combination system. Operationally, Kim and Allie represent our combat volunteers. Numbering almost 400, they are EMTs and firefighters, paramedics and officers that stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our career members to provide emergency services to the residents and visitors of Fairfax County.

[00:56:39] But running calls is just part of what they do. Kim is responsible for recruit training at Dunloring and is also a program manager for building projects, maintaining our facility for all who work there. And Allie is our training captain and also an adjunct instructor at the Fire and Rescue Academy, leading the EMT training program for the entirety of the county.

[00:56:58] Watkins, from CERT, represents the over 300 administrative volunteers in the system. From canteen services, fundraising, community risk reduction, outreach and maintaining, and running the businesses of the VFDs, these members are a key component of the combination system.

[00:57:15] And speaking of community risk reduction, I think all of you know our friend and colleague, Sparky. I know Chairman McKay and Supervisor Paucik got to spend some time with Sparky a couple weeks ago. And he represents our outreach and connection to the community around fire safety and personal safety.

[00:57:31] Your volunteers, operational administrative, working with the career staff and community risk reduction, continue to provide key outreach and training in topics such as CPR, Stop the Bleed, and general fire safety through education and outreach, like Open House this past weekend, and the smoke detector distribution program that took place not too long ago.

[00:57:52] These county residents represent the tens of thousands of hours of volunteer effort worth millions of dollars provided to the county yearly, a connection to the community unlike any other. We are committed to continuing to support you and the Fire and Rescue Department to serve the residents and visitors of Fairfax County collaboratively, providing human and physical resources to meet our collective mission of providing the highest quality of service to the community.

[00:58:23] But we are concerned about our future. Our system has existed for almost 125 years and is a model across the country, but the changing landscape of the area and the country has us wanting to ensure that we position ourselves for the future. Our facilities are getting older and will eventually need replaced.

[00:58:42] The expensive apparatus is now a national issue being looked at by Congress, and we can't continue to do any of this without people, our most important asset, and we are concerned that the lack of affordable housing will bleed over into recruiting challenges for the volunteer fire departments. We are taking actions towards addressing these concerns, such as undergoing an internal audit with the county, to provide a template to assess the financial health of the volunteer organizations, and are beginning a facility assessment with the Fire and Rescue Department.

[00:59:11] We need to put a focus on the system, not just one piece, but the whole partnership to ensure that we continue being that connection to the community unlike any other. This isn't our normal plea for

apparatus money. This is a statement that we need to have a plan for the future together or we will find ourselves in positions that none of us want to be in.

[00:59:32] We are committed to continuing our partnership with you. Cannot state that strongly enough. With our dedicated volunteers that serve the community, combining with the proactive leadership from Chief Butler and his staff in the support of you, our elected officials, we look forward to continuing our over 120 years of service to the County of Fairfax.

[00:59:49] Before we move on to the awards, Mr. Chairman, are there any questions? Any questions? No. Thank you. Thank you. With that, let's meet some of those other outstanding volunteers with the awards. Mr. Chairman, if you could join Chief Walzer and I down front.

[01:00:09] Good morning. I'm Dana Powers. I am the Assistant Volunteer Liaison for Fire and Rescue Department. I'm here to represent and present the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards for 2024.

[01:00:32] The first presentation is to the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, Stephen Balk, of the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department. Steve exemplifies dedication, leadership, and a deep commitment to the fire service. He consistently stops multiple engines across the county, logging more than twice the required number of hours.

[01:00:55] His reliability and willingness to serve wherever needed make him a vital member of the team. Steve has volunteered his time as an instructor, helping shape the next generation of firefighters and EMTs. Steve's tireless efforts, both on and off duty, make him an exceptional and deserving recipient of this recognition as Firefighter of the Year.

[01:01:15] Congratulations, Steve. The Volunteer Operational Officer of the Year is Michael Van Dyke of the Dunloring Volunteer Fire Department. Lieutenant Van Dyke is a 30-year member of the Dunloring VFRD, a county-certified lieutenant, an academy lead adjunct instructor, and the current president and former chief of Dunloring.

[01:01:42] In the last 18 months, he has dedicated 1,100 hours of his time placing engine 413B in service, driving and leading the ambulance, covering the rehab and plow in the winter, and teaching new firefighters at the academy. Mike literally does it all and is the key to the continued development of our firefighters throughout the system.

[01:02:02] Congratulations, Mike. The EMS Provider of the Year is Kevin Quant of the Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department. As one of the department's most versatile EMTs, Kevin is instrumental in fulfilling emergency response and community outreach goals for the diverse Bailey's Crossroads community.

[01:02:25] Kevin joined the department in 2014 and has served as staffing officer and currently as training officer for the department. He rides as BLS lead and driver and consistently volunteers nearly 400 hours annually. Kevin's exceptional contributions and leadership have made him an invaluable member of the combination system, and we honor him here today as EMS Provider of the Year.

[01:02:47] Great job, Kevin. The BLS Provider of the Year is John Holdsworth of the Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department. Jack joined Bailey's Crossroads VFD at the start of 2022 and quickly became an indispensable member of the company.

[01:03:06] In 2024 alone, Jack recorded 487 hours of service, fulfilling his different roles. It was a year of growth for Jack as he earned his BLS lead, completed probationary aid period, joined the bike team, and completed his requirements toward ambulance driver.

[01:03:22] Jack is a standout member of the combination system, exemplifying technique, expertise, compassionate patient care, and approachable leadership. Congratulations, Jack. The ALS Provider of the Year is Stephanie Feinberg of the Dunloring Volunteer Fire Department.

[01:03:44] Stephanie is a gifted provider, supportive mentor, and tireless contributor for any task, for any member at any time. Despite her esteemed full-time position in the federal government, she still makes the time to put both ambulance and medic units in service, instruct at the academy, and train anyone who asks.

[01:04:03] Stephanie is constantly improving her own skills and that of many other new providers entering the system. She is a compassion provider who uses her advanced skills to render exceptional care to those in need. Congratulations, Stephanie. The next award is for the EMS Rookie of the Year, and this goes to Zachary Burstein of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

[01:04:29] During his short tenure, Jack has contributed significantly to day-to-day operations, progressing quickly and efficiently through the system. He joined with his EMT card and quickly gained his EVOC certification and became a driver. He is now progressing steadily to become a BLS lead.

[01:04:46] Way to go, Zach. Firefighter Rookie of the Year goes to Sebastian Herbel Scheimer of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Sebastian has demonstrated outstanding performance and unwavering dedication since joining the department in 2021.

[01:05:06] He's shown exceptional commitment and diligence throughout his tenure. Sebastian's performance during emergency responses has been exemplary. He remains calm, under pressure, thinks critically, and acts swiftly to ensure the safety and well-being of others. Because of his remarkable achievements, dedication, and passion for the firefighting profession, we recognize him here today as Firefighter Rookie of the Year.

[01:05:27] Congratulations, Sebastian. The next two awards recognize our administrative members who are vital to the success of our combined career volunteer system. The first goes to Ramsey Kizia of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, recipient of the Administrative Officer of the Year.

[01:05:47] In 2019, when Ramsey was elected vice president, the MVFD was facing a critical operational staffing shortage. But Ramsey had a systematic plan to attract and retain operational talent to exponentially increase the number of active operational volunteers.

[01:06:03] He conducted countless interviews, dozens of presentations to schools and universities, developed a strong membership committee, and helped harness social media to achieve his goals. In 2024, he took on the lead of the fundraising committee as well, and more than doubled income from the previous year.

[01:06:21] Congratulations, Ramsey, as Administrative Officer of the Year. The Administrative Member of the Year was Scott Riddle of the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department. He could not be here today, but as the primary manager of Bingo Operations, Scott plays a crucial role in ensuring the financial stability of the Centerville VFD organization.

[01:06:44] His commitment, reliability, and tireless work ethic directly support the department's ability to serve the community effectively. Because of Scott's leadership, the department can fund critical equipment, maintain the facility, and remain prepared to respond to emergencies. Well done, Scott.

[01:07:01] Wherever you are. Each year, the commission recognizes an outstanding member of the Community Emergency Response Team. This year's award goes to Don Tilson of the CERT support team. Don graduated from CERT Basic in 2019 and immediately engaged in several primary functions of the CERT program.

[01:07:23] He became an instructor, helped with construction of the CERT facility, learned forklift operations, and finally landed as a logistics division lead. He is responsible for the inventory management of the program's myriad equipment and supplies. Working out of three shipping containers, rain or shine, Don is taking inventory and assembling CERT gear for new students.

[01:07:46] Don is exceptionally committed to supporting his colleagues and the robust CERT program. Thank you, Don. Congratulations. The commission and the fire chief may select someone whose contributions to the combined system goes beyond what is expected of an individual and has had a major impact on the delivery of services to the community. This is a prestigious award and it's not presented every year. The 2024 Fire Chiefs Award goes to Robert Meiser of the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Bob has been a mainstay in the Fire and Rescue Department since joining Burke VFRD in 1987 where he earned his EMT

[01:08:26] and served as president for 10 years. He worked with this board and the county to negotiate the rebuilding of the Burke Station when it burned down in a devastating fire. Bob became the volunteer liaison in the year 2000, where he served for eight years, helping to guide the system through turbulent times and establishing a more meaningful role for volunteers.

[01:08:48] After retirement, he was elected to the Volunteer Fire Commission and served until earlier this year. Bob has had a great impact on the combination system over the last four decades. He is honored here today with the Fire Chiefs Award. Congratulations, Bob. And lastly, we have 14 awards to present to the crews of Canteen 422 of the Greater Springfield VFD, Canteen 417 of the Centerville VFD, CERT Canteen 400, and Rehab 413.

[01:09:27] A mid-air collision occurred on January 29, 2025 near Ronald Reagan National Airport between a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter and an American Airlines regional jet. In addition to the volunteers that reported to backfill units that night, three canteens in the Fire and Rescues Rehab Unit were staffed by volunteers.

[01:09:48] They deployed to assist the multi-jurisdictional fire and rescue response to help ensure the health and safety of the responders to the incident. We recognize these crews for their service in helping the community and our responders during this trying high-profile incident.

[01:10:03] These awards go to Nabil Garbia, Marshall Levin, Ricardo Machado, Maria Monroir Asorio, John Phillips, Rocco Russo, and Lonnie Young. Thank you all. And this concludes the awards.

[01:10:27] Thanks again to the board for allowing us to honor our volunteers here today. And now we'll do a group picture.

[01:11:32] All right, next up are board matters, and as we always do, these have been compiled digitally, circulated to the board.

[01:12:39] We'll go alphabetically by district, following myself and Vice Chairman Smith, and I need another board member. Too much coffee this morning.

[01:13:10] Okay. Good one, good one. Good one. So we are going to do board matters.

[01:13:27] As I mentioned, I'm going to hand the gavel to Vice Chair Smith. I do have a couple of board matters. First, I move to approve without objection the proclamation request listed in this document to be presented inside or outside of the boardroom as appropriate, and that is a resolution to recognize Pathway Homes for its 45th anniversary, a proclamation to recognize Filipino American Heritage Month in October, and a proclamation to designate November 3rd as VolunteerFest 2025.

[01:13:55] Without objection, it's so ordered. Thank you, Madam Chair. Next is a resolution recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Jabbar Shabazz of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Fairfax County has thousands of exceptional employees who serve our community faithfully and to the best of their ability.

[01:14:11] These individuals are the foundation of why Fairfax County has and continues to be a great place to live and reach one's fullest potential. Every so often, we get news of a particularly special individual who announces their retirement or plans for the next phase of their life, and it necessitates a special recognition by this board.

[01:14:30] Lieutenant Colonel Jabbar Shabazz of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is one of those individuals. Lieutenant Colonel Shabazz began his career in public service in 1989 in the Richmond Sheriff's Office, and after five years of distinguished service, joined the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in March of 1994.

[01:14:50] Over the course of the next 31 years, Lieutenant Colonel Shabazz would not only serve our residents with distinction, honor, and courage, but did so by driving 100 miles each way for every shift. Throughout his tenure, Lieutenant Colonel Shabazz worked in every division of the sheriff's office and earned his way through every rank.

[01:15:12] In 2022, as he was contemplating retirement, Sheriff Kincaid approached him and asked the lieutenant colonel to serve as her chief deputy. A true public servant, Mr. Shabazz, accepted the appointment rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. In doing so, he also made history becoming the first African-American lieutenant colonel and chief deputy in our Fairfax County Sheriff's Office.

[01:15:33] Therefore, I move without objection that staff prepare a resolution recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Shabazz's decades of service to Fairfax County and its residents. And this resolution is to be presented in the boardroom at a board meeting in November of this year. And before I ask that we move without objection, let me just remind folks, it is very rare that we celebrate a retirement here in the board auditorium just because of the sheer volume of employees that we have.

[01:16:00] And as this board matter says, once in a while, one comes along that is just too special to not take advantage of that. And Lieutenant Colonel Shabazz had an exceptional retirement party, heavily attended by our county executive and others recently.

[01:16:17] But we wanted to take an opportunity to bring him back and specifically recognize him here in the board auditorium. Thank you. Without objection, it is so ordered. Thank you very much. And one

other thing I want to mention, and this is not a written board matter, but recently over the weekend, I think many of us saw a Washington Post article that talked about the administration's move to at first cut 40% in federal grants to public safety in September, but now we know that number is 90%.

[01:16:51] And there was an article in the paper about the significant impacts to the District of Columbia, and this is under the guise of efficiency. This is a significant defunding of public safety in our region.

[01:17:07] Make no mistake about it. And this action is being challenged in court by D.C. in 11 states. Unfortunately, Virginia is not one of those challenging this. And this is significant because these grants, just to use the quote from them, keep law enforcement and first responders prepared for bomb threats, environmental hazards, or mass casualty events, such as the plane helicopter crash in the Potomac River in January that killed 67 people on board.

[01:17:34] We just recognized a crew of people who responded to that. Their response was under this formation of these grants that go to the DMV area for homeland security and for public safety that have been recently announced to be cut.

[01:17:53] And so this is going to have a significant impact, as the article points out, to the District of Columbia, but without a doubt to all the localities in the DMV. Specifically, you know, Fairfax County, who played a major role not only in that event, but in every major event that happens in the D.C. area.

[01:18:11] And so we are at the beginning of looking at what the impact is on Fairfax County of this. We will be loud and very outspoken about it because this is undermining directly public safety in one of the most vulnerable regions in the world.

[01:18:27] Not in the country, but in the world. And so I would ask that our staff, you know, collect data on what the dollar amount of the projected loss to Fairfax County is, the impact on programs, trainings, and equipment that the money funds.

[01:18:42] A lot of equipment that we get for our first responders here is funded through this federal program. A recommendation on responses if the courts rule in favor of the federal government. Again, I'm glad that there's 11 states that have already challenged us. I wish Virginia was one of them.

[01:18:59] Virginia, like many things this administration is doing, is the most vulnerable and one of the most affected jurisdictions in the country, and we need to be loud in talking about this because it is a significant hit to our public safety agencies.

[01:19:15] So I would also ask that the county executive work on compiling that information, giving us a plan to weigh in, potentially bringing a letter back to the board to make sure that our voices heard while this conversation continues, and it's more urgent as I bring it up today and timely because of the recent announcement that this is a proposed 90% cut to this funding.

[01:19:39] This is not a cutting around the edges, that this obliterates this critical public safety program for our region, and so I would ask our county executive to report back to the board with more information when we have that without objection. Without, excuse me, without objection, it's so ordered.

[01:19:57] And that is the end of my board matters. Thank you, Vice Chairman Smith. And you are up next. No written board matters, but I want to remind everyone that this Saturday is Centerville Day, starting with our program on stage at 10 and the parade at 11 o'clock. I hope to see a lot of the community out there.

[01:20:14] Thank you. Thank you very much, Supervisor Smith. And next up is Supervisor Bierman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Vice Chair Smith reminded me that I ought to mention that the 50th anniversary celebration of the McLean Community Center is this Saturday evening, so hope to see a lot of community members out in McLean.

[01:20:36] Speaking of 50th anniversaries, I also have a board matter on the 50th anniversary of Lift Me Up. Lift Me Up is a nonprofit horseback riding center located in Great Falls that has served Fairfax County residents in the broader region since 1975. The organization provides therapeutic riding lessons and wellness programs that are adapted to each rider's needs.

[01:20:57] Lift Me Up offers therapeutic riding lessons to special needs adults and children that help riders develop physically, mentally, and emotionally. The organization also offers wellness programs that serve the mental health needs of first responders, at-risk youth, veterans, and seniors. Currently, Lift Me Up serves more than 140 riders each week with students ages 5 to 70 plus.

[01:21:19] Lift Me Up offers unique programming that serves those in our community who face challenges and deserves recognition for its long-standing commitment to the betterment of our area. Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to prepare a resolution honoring the 50th anniversary of Lift Me Up to be presented at their November 1st, 2025 Golden Gala.

[01:21:41] And I'd be happy to second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Beerman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No more board matters for me. Thank you, Supervisor Beerman.

[01:21:57] Supervisor Lusk. No board matters. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. Supervisor Alcorn is not here yet. I will give him an opportunity if he has any later today when he gets here. Supervisor Jimenez. We were doing so well going through these, and now I've got some long announcements.

[01:22:16] So I have one board matter, Mr. Chairman, one announcement. Mr. Chairman, each year, the Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards honor residents, organizations, businesses, and county employees who advance or support the county's environmental goals and policies.

[01:22:34] These honorees dedicate personal time and expertise beyond their normal, civic, or professional responsibilities, and consistently demonstrate leadership as role models for others. In 2025, six awardees were selected by the Environmental Quality Advisory Council on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Together, they have devoted countless hours to improving Fairfax County's natural environment through advocacy, volunteerism, innovation, and mentorship.

[01:23:04] Therefore, today I would like to recognize the six winners of the 2025 Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards. Here we go. In the county employee category, we recognize Allison Homer, Senior Planner with the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination and Program Manager for Resilient Fairfax. Ms. Homer exemplifies leadership in advancing climate adaption and resilience. In 2024, she worked on a pilot program at Harmony Place Mobile Home Park, coordinating with county agencies, nonprofits, and community groups to

[01:23:42] install air conditioning units in 29 homes for at-risk residents who are eligible for existing programs. Building on that success, she launched Fairfax County's innovative AC Rescue Program, which

provides equitable access to cooling resources through sustainable funding and multilingual outreach. Her collaborative, equity-driven approach has strengthened the county's ability to adapt to climate risk and protect vulnerable residents. We also recognize Michael McGrath, retiring from the wastewater treatment director at Noman M. Coal Water

[01:24:20] Recycling Facility. For 23 years, he has advanced sustainable water management and environmental protection. Under his leadership, the facility consistently exceeded regulatory standards, earning 24 consecutive NACWA peak performance awards and recognition as utility of the future. His work contributed to the ecological recovery of Gunston Cove, restoring aquatic ecosystems through nutrient removal and wastewater innovation.

[01:24:51] His dedication leaves a lasting legacy for both Fairfax County and the broader environmental community. Additionally, the Fairfax County Public Schools Get to Green Team is being honored for its leadership in promoting sustainability and environmental literacy across the school system.

[01:25:08] Working with more than 300 school-based leaders at over 200 schools, the team has helped reduce waste by more than 132,000 pounds, created 132 certified wildlife habitats, and supported 50 schools earning national sustainability recognition this past year.

[01:25:28] Through professional development, collaboration, and student engagement, the team has built a culture of stewardship that empowers the next generation of our environmental leaders. Next, we honor Margaret E. Fisher, a dedicated advocate for habitat restoration and environmental education as outreach director for Plant Nova Natives campaign and a certified Fairfax master naturalist.

[01:25:53] Ms. Fisher has supported the creation of 16 certified wildlife sanctuaries and led the Be Safe Neighborhood Initiative, which inspired more than 100 households to adopt pesticide-free practices. Her work with local faith communities, civic associations, and environmental organizations has expanded biodiversity protection and native plant restoration through our region.

[01:26:18] In the organization category, we recognize Friends of Homes Run and Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect for their partnership educating the Colmore Crossroads community about the environmental and health impacts of single-use plastics and the safety of tap water.

[01:26:37] Through bilingual workshops, youth-led campaigns, and collaboration with Fairfax Water, they built community trust and promoted sustainable choices. Their efforts reduced bottled water consumption and empowered families to make environmentally conscious decisions serving as a model for inclusive outreach.

[01:27:00] Finally, in the business categories, we have Sewing Labs is recognized for combining creativity, education, and sustainability to reduce textile waste and promote circular fashion.

[01:27:16] Through workshops, clothing swaps, and partnerships with local organizations, Sewing Labs has diverted more than 500 of textiles from landfills while reducing residents on repair, reuse, and mindful consumption. With 70% of its material donated, the organization ensures inclusivity while inspiring participants to adopt sustainable practices.

[01:27:40] Mr. Chairman, we are incredibly fortunate to have these leaders serving in our community, in our backyard. Their dedication and innovation ensure that Fairfax County remains a safe place where residents and visitors can enjoy a healthy, safe, and thriving environment for generations to come.

[01:27:57] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board direct the Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination to recognize and publicize the winners of the 2025 Fairfax County Environmental Excellence Awards. And we're happy to second that motion along with Supervisor Lusk.

[01:28:15] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm glad you did not ask me to repeat that. Mr. Chairman, I have one announcement.

[01:28:33] I'm so excited to share that Mason District Restaurant Week is back from October 20th through October 26th. I know everyone is very excited about this. And I got to tell you, our staff has been working extremely hard. And, you know, earlier on, we talked about the chamber.

[01:28:49] We talked about local businesses and the importance of highlighting that. Well, this is exactly what we're doing in Mason District. We're making sure that we're putting a spotlight on local businesses, on local owners, and also making sure that we are working with young entrepreneurs and future entrepreneurs that are going to create and help bring in revenue, bring in new folks from the DMV area to come and taste all the wonderful food and go to all the wonderful shops.

[01:29:16] But this is one of my favorite annual traditions because it highlights what makes Mason so special, our diversity, creativity, and incredible small business community. Throughout the week, restaurants across Annandale, Bailey's Crossroads, Seven Corners, and Lincolnia will feature special menus and offers that showcase flavors from around the world.

[01:29:37] It's a great opportunity for residents to explore something new, support our local businesses, and celebrate the vibrant food culture that defines Mason District. So I want to say thank you to our restaurant owners, community partners, and for my team for making this possible. And I hope to see you all in Mason District again, October 20th through the 26th.

[01:29:57] We have lots of folks who border Mason District. So, Supervisor Palachuk, I hope to see you at some point in the week. I know last year we kicked Restaurant Week off with Chairman McKay coming to Duongrat's, a local restaurant that's been around for a long time.

[01:30:14] I know that people love to come and eat their wonderful Thai food there. So, I encourage you all to come, give me a call, and I am very excited about Restaurant Week. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I have nothing else. Thank you very much, Supervisor Menezes, and I'm looking forward to joining you. I have on my calendar lunch Tuesday, October 21st, so looking forward to it.

[01:30:34] And next up, we have Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first matter I have is the adoption of the Performance Auditor to the Board's October 2026 quarterly report. The Performance Auditor to the Board's draft reports for the first quarter of fiscal year 2026 were presented at the October 7, 2025 Audit Committee meeting.

[01:30:55] The first report was entitled NVTa Funding Reimbursement Study and included two recommendations to improve the internal review process and documentation around NVTa reimbursement requests. The second report, entitled DFS Recovered Costs Follow-Up Study, reviewed management progress on a 2021 study of reimbursements for social services the county provides to the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

[01:31:25] OFPA, or the Office of Financial and Performance Auditing, confirmed all six prior recommendations were implemented and issued two new ones to improve intergovernmental agreement oversight and budget narrative clarity. The Audit Committee concurred with all the recommendations.

[01:31:40] The performance auditor to the board will follow up to ensure recommendations are implemented. The reports can be found at the committee meeting linked below and were distributed to board members electronically. That link is Board of Supervisors Audit Committee meeting October 7, 2025, Board of Supervisors.

[01:31:57] Therefore, we move that the Board of Supervisors approve the performance auditor to the Board's October 2025 reports. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Herity. Any discussion on the motion? Supervisor Herity. Just very briefly, the work in there is outstanding, and I see the other Audit Committee members' heads nodding.

[01:32:17] I mean, the things that we're looking into are going to make a big difference, and I didn't get a chance, really, to comment at our meeting, but the number of things we're still doing on spreadsheets, frankly, just needs to get fixed. There's a lot that needs to get fixed.

[01:32:34] So I want to thank the auditor, thank the chairman of the audit committee, but good report and look forward to making things better. Thanks. Okay. Any further discussion? Supervisor Jimenez. Super quick. We usually say that and then go on for a long time, but we'll try to be quick.

[01:32:51] One quick thing we've talked about, I have talked about the audit committee and what a great job they're doing, but I do want to briefly say to the chairman of the audit committee, Mr. Stork, you're doing a terrific job in leading us into what we need to do. And the reports that are coming out, the thinking outside the box I think is critical and important.

[01:33:10] So thank you, Mr. Chairman, for all your hard work. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Supervisor Beerman. Yeah, if you get the chance to read the latest audit report on our NVTAs reimbursements, one of the things that's really great about that report is that while it shows progress in that, frankly, years ago we used to sit on NVTAs reimbursements for way too long, it would take over a year, now we're down to 180 days, that's better.

[01:33:40] It also identified things like the spreadsheet issue and like the five reviewers on each NVTAs reimbursement request that can certainly be consolidated. We can certainly do it with fewer than five reviewers, or if we are going to continue to have that many reviewers, we can compartmentalize parts of the review.

[01:34:01] And so by identifying things like that, that was about NVTAs reimbursements. But it's also about a lot of things that we do in the county and a lot of opportunities that we have to find efficiencies and to cut down on timelines. And so it was a really great audit.

[01:34:17] It was great work by the auditor, and I think it offered a template for things that we can learn from across the county. So I'm very happy with it. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Beerman. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[01:34:32] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? Does that motion carry Supervisor Stork? And I want to directly thank Jennifer Gerrard, our performance auditor. And I think what you heard from the committee

members are what we're really seeing with the reporting and, frankly, what we're seeing with not only savings opportunities but actually increased revenue that this work is generating.

[01:34:54] And just remind the board that we do an annual plan for this work, and it will come up again in June. So if we have additional items that we see as opportunities, we should share that with either audit committee members that you've just heard from or directly with Jennifer Girard, or you're always welcome to contact directly, and the public included, contact directly our performance auditing team and their work, and the two citizen members that we have are also a key part of that, Les Myers and Paul Schwab.

[01:35:27] So thank you. The only other item I had is I've already mentioned a couple times, But Tour de Mount Vernon is this Saturday. I think the weather is supposed to be ideal, and hopefully folks will be able to join us. And we're excited about that, the 10th annual auditing, I mean, it's not auditing, ride.

[01:35:45] It's a way of putting the auditing out of your head and just kind of feeling the wind in your face and relax a little bit as you go through the community, Fort Belvoir, as well as the northern Mount Vernon district community. So thank you. Looking forward to that.

[01:36:02] Supervisor Stork. And in advance, I want to thank your team because your team does an amazing job coordinating that. And every year seems to just get bigger and better. So high expectations this year. So thank you. Next up is Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two written board matters and then a couple of announcements. The first one is our sixth annual, time flies, Providence District food drive. Members of the board each year, my office hosts a food drive to help address food insecurity among students and families in our community.

[01:36:37] This year marks our sixth annual food drive running through November 15th with donations benefiting Oakton Pantry, Falls Church High School Pantry, Woodton High School Pantry, and Food for Others. Donations can be dropped off at the Jim Scott Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., along with other designated drop-off locations throughout the Providence District.

[01:36:59] More information is on our website, fairfaxcounty.gov slash Providence. With rising food insecurity and federal furloughs, this annual event is even more urgent than ever. We appreciate the continued support and generosity of all who donate, and especially of our partners who help with the collection.

[01:37:17] That includes the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Dunloring Volunteer Fire Station, Celebrate Fairfax, the Tyson's Community Alliance, Vine Church, and the Greater Oakton Community Association. Therefore, I move without objection that the Office of Public Affairs help share this information through their channel.

[01:37:36] Without objection. That is so ordered. Supervisor Palcic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next is a consent to the inclusion of right-of-way in RZ-2019-PR-004. Members of the Board, the applicant Tyson's MK LLC and Tyson's MK II LLC have filed a rezoning in the Tyson's Urban Center to permit a mixed-use development of four buildings and a concurrent special exception for an increase in permitted office FAR.

[01:38:05] The property is located at 8520 and 8526 Leesburg Pike, encompassing parcels 29-1, 50, and 29-3, double parentheses 51A.

[01:38:23] The applicant proposes the inclusion of approximately 3,066 square feet of right-of-way, a portion of Leesburg Pike located between West Park Drive and Spring Hill Road into the application property. The applicant has been in discussion with the Fairfax Department of Transportation regarding the feasibility of a request to vacate and or abandon the portion that may no longer be required for roadway purposes.

[01:38:49] Since the board owns the right-of-way associated with Leesburg Pike, the applicant is requesting board concurrence in the filing of the rezoning application. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors consent to the inclusion of approximately 0.07 acres of the right-of-way previously dedicated for Leesburg Pike to be included in RZ-2019-PR-004 and authorize the county executive and or his designees to act as agents of the board in conjunction with these applications

[01:39:21] subject to the execution of an agreement indemnifying the board as to any proper conditions associated with the rezoning. The inclusion of this right-of-way in the rezoning application in no way relieves the applicant of the requirement to process a vacation and or abandonment request.

[01:39:41] This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the board, nor does it relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of all applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards. In addition, this consent does not imply county support for these applications, does not dictate to staff that the applications should be approved, nor should it prejudice staff's review of the applications.

[01:40:05] And I'm happy to second that motion. Is there further discussion on the motion? I just want to clarify that this has been in consultation with staff, and when we can turn right of way into more useful space and pedestrian friendly space, we're happy to comply with that.

[01:40:22] Thank you, Supervisor Palchuk. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And as earlier today, we got to celebrate Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

[01:40:40] There are two important events happening this week. The first one will be right here on Friday morning from 8.30 until, I believe, 1 o'clock, and that is the Sexual and Domestic Violence Community Annual Meeting. It has an incredible agenda of speakers, keynote speakers, those who are very involved in this work or are interested to learn more.

[01:41:03] Highly recommend it. It's a wonderful event with people and community and advocates as well as staff who come to learn and to spend time together. So that will be here, open to the general public until 11 a.m.

[01:41:19] My apologies, 8.30 to 11 a.m. this Friday. And then also on Friday morning, I will be helping kick off the 17th annual K-9 Crawl 5K on behalf of the Fairfax County Police Department's Victim Services Division, and that will be at the Public Safety Headquarters Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

[01:41:44] It is a free, family-friendly event to bring together community members and their pups to raise awareness for the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. And that is all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much.

[01:41:59] Supervisor Palchuk, Supervisor Herity. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have two written board matters and one unwritten one. The first one is to recognize the retirement of our Chief Information Security

Officer, Michael Dent, one of those rare individuals that I think rises to the level of special recognition.

[01:42:19] Michael T. Dent serves as Chief Information Security Officer for Fairfax County Government, where he's responsible for the county's enterprise information security, privacy, and risk management programs.

[01:42:36] He joined Fairfax County in 2002, establishing and leading a comprehensive cybersecurity and privacy framework that protects one of the largest local governments in the United States. Under his leadership, Fairfax County has implemented enterprise-wide standards, policies, and governance models that ensure data confidentiality, integrity, and availability across the critical county systems and services. As CISO, Mr.

[01:43:06] Dent oversees a team responsible for cybersecurity operations, risk management, incident response, compliance, security architecture, and employee awareness. He's a founding member of the Fairfax County Architecture Review Board, integrating cybersecurity principles into all major technology decisions. Regionally, Mr. Dent has served multiple consecutive terms as chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council Government's Chief Information Security Officers Committee, promoting collaboration and shared defense among local jurisdictions across the national capital region. Before joining Fairfax County,

[01:43:43] He managed information security for Virginia Department of Corrections, where he developed and implemented statewide security policies and standards. A U.S. Army veteran, he served in the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard, including assignments with the Presidential Escort and Honor Guard units, where he performed ceremonial security duties in Washington, D.C.

[01:44:04] He is nationally recognized as a public sector cybersecurity leader. In 2025, he was named one of Government Technology's Top 25 Doers, Dreamers, and Drivers, honoring his commitment to advancing cybersecurity and local government.

[01:44:21] Throughout his career, he's been an advocate for public sector resilience, workforce development, and regional cooperation in cyber defense. His work has been featured in Government Technology, Toggle Magazine, and the Cyber Guild, and he continues to advise local and regional initiatives aimed at strengthening digital trust and government services.

[01:44:43] And not mentioned in here, we had Cybersecurity Awareness Day last week. That was one of his initiatives because our employees are the key, and that is something he recognizes very strongly.

[01:44:59] The other thing I said at the conference that's not in here is that you don't want to be in the newspapers for cyber security, and he certainly has kept Fairfax County out of the newspapers for cyber security, which I think is probably his biggest accomplishment, doesn't get recognized.

[01:45:19] With that, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection the board directs staff to prepare a resolution recognizing retirement of Michael T. Dent, thanking him for his 23 years of exceptional service to Fairfax County to be presented inside or outside of the boardroom, and we are waiting on a date for that. Without objection, that is so ordered. If I could just remind you, Supervisor Herity, we've been asking that these county-wide ones be coordinated with my office now for several meetings. I thought that one had. No, I would have had it in my list because we're trying to, one, make life easier for OPA and the clerk's office, but also be a lot more efficient

[01:45:59] here. So if you could coordinate those county-wide ones with my office, it would be appreciated and And you, of course, will be the sponsor of that. So I'm just mentioning that. But without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Herdy. Okay. My next one is to designate November 20 as Church Heritage Recognition Day.

[01:46:17] Our community has a diverse range of religious organization that serve the needs of our residents. The Christian church tradition and the many churches of Fairfax County, which partake in that tradition, play a vital role in shaping the cultural, social, and moral landscape of the communities within Fairfax County.

[01:46:34] fostering the development of the arts, education, and sciences. Local churches have a rich and prominent history connected to key figures in our democracy, including George Washington and George Mason. Inherent in Christian church tradition is the belief that each human being holds inherent value and dignity.

[01:46:52] Through dedication to maintaining that dignity, the many churches of Fairfax County have established and maintained countless schools, hospitals, outreach to orphan youth, and relief, demonstrating Christ's teachings of compassion and love towards the needy and suffering in times of conflict and division.

[01:47:10] The churches that uphold the Christian tradition are instrumental in promoting peace, justice, and reconciliation throughout the history of Fairfax County. The historical church tradition has a strong role in strengthening the family unit as a foundation of society, advocating for healthy marriages and importance of parenting.

[01:47:28] and I've attached a draft resolution. Therefore, I move without objection the board designate November 20, 2025, as Fairfax County Church Heritage Recognition Day, acknowledging the profound impact on the welfare of families in Fairfax County and recognizing its respect for the Christian church and its vision to advocate for communities where all individuals and families are supported and empowered to thrive.

[01:47:53] Fairfax County is proud of its strong commitment and commitments to religious diversity, its many faiths, and their support of our communities through interfaith collaboration. And obviously, we remember this one well from before.

[01:48:10] There was widespread objection to this, so I'm going to ask that we vote on this. And so you have made a motion. Is there a second? And that dies for lack of a second. And for those watching, I refer back to when this was discussed last time, subsequent to the resolution, which is the same resolution that was rejected by this board before, our board adopted a resolution that paid homage to and thanked all of the religious organizations in Fairfax County.

[01:48:44] and that still stands, and certainly we've all seen a copy of that. If you haven't, I'd be glad it's circulated again, but was approved last year that is far more inclusive, recognizing all of the faiths, as the first sentence of your board matter says, the deep, diverse range of religious organizations are all represented and recognized in the motion that this board approved last year.

[01:49:07] Supervisor Herity. Well, it sounded like discussion. I know there wasn't second, but we've also recognized Jewish American Month and several other churches separately. I'm not quite sure I understand why we can't recognize the Christian church separately.

[01:49:23] You can go back and look at the tape from last year. But I will. You know, I wasn't going to bring this up, but we had an unwritten board matter from the chairman earlier, really about another angry letter to another statewide elected official.

[01:49:40] And frankly, I'm kind of. Which one is you referring to? Is it the one to the attorney general about not joining the lawsuit? There was no such motion. There was a motion to bring back information and to prepare a letter for us. There was no mention of who that letter would go to. And so you probably need to just pay attention here because the details matter.

[01:49:59] My motion was without objection to have the county executive come back to us so that we could understand the impacts of a 90% reduction in homeland security funding that our public safety agencies rely on. There was no discussion about who that letter would go to. It was a request for information from the county executive.

[01:50:16] When that information is available, that, of course, will come back to the board for a vote and discussion. Well, I was listening very carefully, and it mentioned that the attorney general was the only one that was mentioned, hadn't joined the suit to stop that.

[01:50:32] But, I mean, maybe I was listening too hard because I definitely know I heard that. Yeah, you did, and that is a statement of fact. I think if we do communicate, and we just went through Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation, you know, that we, if we do, first of all, if you want to talk to him about that, I have not, but I would be happy.

[01:50:56] I always think before we send angry letters, we ought to have discussion first. Well, first of all, you are prejudicing the letter as being angry, and we don't have a letter before us. So, Supervisor Herity, if you have something on subject, let's discuss it. If not, let's move on, because we don't have a letter before us. All right. Let me ask that we put a letter before us.

[01:51:16] I have already asked that. To the attorney general? No, I have asked that the county executive bring us forward information. I'm going to ask that we put a letter to the attorney general thanking him for this 34-page report on the inactions of our commonwealth attorney.

[01:51:40] Supervisor Herity, I am going to rule that out of order. This is not freelance time. If you have something on the subject of your church board matter was just rejected, if you have a new board matter that you would like to circulate, an unwritten board matter asking us to respond to a 30-page document that none of us have seen.

[01:51:58] Can we show a little bit of respect for your colleagues here? I mean, I know it's silly season, campaign season, but, you know, if you're going to circulate something like that and ask for a letter, the least you can do is circulate it ahead of time to this board so that we can review. We don't even know what you're talking about. Okay. Well, I'm surprised if you don't know what I'm talking about.

[01:52:16] It's been in the news, but I guess you're not paying attention either. I'll bring it back next time. We will welcome that. Was that the end of your board matter, Supervisor Herity? Mr. Chairman, I think that does it.

[01:52:32] Okay. With that, we're going to move on to the county executive's items. And let me first ask if we have a motion, Supervisor Smith, on administrative items 1 through 5. I move approval of Admin Items 1 through 5.

[01:52:48] Second. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that. With Supervisor Pouchik, are there any admin items that board members would like pulled separately for a separate discussion? Any board matters, I'm sorry, any admin items that board members have questions about? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of Admin Items 1 through 5, please say aye.

[01:53:06] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And that brings us to our action items. And here, action item one is adoption of the updated 2025 countywide flood risk reduction policy.

[01:53:26] And let me turn to Vice Chair Smith for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the 2025 countywide flood risk reduction policy, which provides a strategy for managing flood risk, establishes a level of service, outlines objectives of land development regulations, provides a revised prioritization of capital projects, and provides guidance for flood risk programs.

[01:53:51] You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Wow, I don't know where that came from. You've been sitting next to me, too.

[01:54:07] I don't know, but something happened there. I did want to just highlight the fact that this is a huge part of what we are changing to try to get ahead of where we've been, which is really to set a more long-term comprehensive policy to address our stormwater and our flooding issues.

[01:54:31] I think this is critical. I know the amount of investment it potentially will take is in the \$700 million range versus the \$100 million that we roughly have in place already. And it's going to take us in some ways forever.

[01:54:51] But the place to start is to start. And this is what this does. And I really want to commend and thank our staff for the work on this. I know, and many of you know, Mount Vernon District has far more than its share of these potential flood and flood risk reduction needs.

[01:55:09] But it is throughout the county. I know that we've had issues with, particularly I think of Drainsville and the massive flooding it had a few years ago, but again, across the board. And so this is something I think we all are supportive of and recognize, but it takes a huge amount of effort on the part of the staff.

[01:55:26] Multiple agencies, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Land Development Services, Department of Planning and Development, and the Office of Energy and Environmental Coordination. I mean, these are folks who have gotten together, spent years really looking and understanding what may need to be done to, frankly, put together a plan that ultimately we will achieve, hopefully sooner than what we planned in here.

[01:55:51] But we recognize you've got to start somewhere, and we've started. So I just want to thank everybody and congratulate us for getting to this point. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. And just as a reminder for those that don't have it in front of them, the fiscal impact describes this quite well of what has already been funded, which is \$95 million.

[01:56:11] But there is a \$600 million in unmet needs. And again, as you mentioned, it's really important to have a plan, understand the magnitude and exposure here, And understand that, you know, in tough fiscal times, we have to look at all of our priorities. But having an idea of what it would take to mitigate some of this flooding is a really important plan for us to have in place.

[01:56:32] And that is reflected in the fiscal impact just to give people order of magnitude. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And thank you, Mr. Stork, for your comments. And thank you to staff for all the hard work here. It's critically important that we're looking at this important issue.

[01:56:48] As Mr. Stork mentioned, Supervisor Stork mentioned, this is a county-wide issue. And it's great to see the county step up and work on this important issue, especially because, unfortunately, climate change isn't going away. And we need to start looking at the future.

[01:57:06] And that starts, just like Supervisor Stork said, starts now. So it's better that we are moving forward instead of standing still. And obviously, it's great to see the county acknowledge the impacts of climate change and what's going on. So I think it's a great step forward.

[01:57:22] Thank you very much. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries with Supervisor Alcorn absent.

[01:57:38] It was announced earlier and Supervisor Herity out of the room. With that, we are going to move on to our next action item, which is action item number two, approval of historic overlay district property classifications. Again, I will turn to Vice Chair Smith. Thank you.

[01:57:54] I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. We'll second that along with a lot of people, Supervisor Lust, Supervisor Behrman. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of action two, please say aye.

[01:58:09] Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Are you and I vote Supervisor Herity on that? And then Supervisor Herity votes aye, with Supervisor Alcorn being absent. With that, we are going to move on. That is the end of our action items. And I know I'm going to turn to Supervisor Smith in a moment for a motion to bring us into closed session, but let me ask the county attorney how long we need for closed session.

[01:58:37] Mr. Chairman, I understand it will be brief. I was going to give a 30-minute time estimate. Okay. 30-minute, which would mean the board would need to report back for closed session at 3 p.m. Our first public hearing is at 3.30. Is that fair?

[01:58:54] Okay. I believe so. All right. At this time, let me turn to Vice Chairman Smith for a motion. 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.

[01:59:14] And in addition, is permitted by Virginia Code section 2.2-3711A1, annual evaluation of performance auditor to the board. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Pouchik and the chairman. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion?

[01:59:32] All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And I know there are no announcements about deferrals to be made ahead of time. We do have quite a number of public hearings this afternoon, so when the board recesses for lunch, we will report back here at 3 p.m. for closed session.

[01:59:53] And with that, the board is in recess until closed session.

[01:59:57] All right.

[02:12:53] The board is back from closed session, and I first am going to turn to Vice Chair Kathy Smith for a motion to bring us out of closed session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, 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. Heard the motion. I'm happy to second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Any discussion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say

[02:13:32] aye aye aye any opposed any abstentions that motion carries and motions coming out of closed session supervisor Stork I thank you mr. chairman I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the annual evaluation of the performance auditor to the board all in the terms and conditions discussed in closed session per the motion it's been seconded by Supervisor Herity Supervisor Jimenez any further discussion on the motion any further discussion seeing and hearing None. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries.

[02:14:10] And that takes us to public hearings. Before I remind folks about the rules for public hearings, the board was notified about two hours ago of a substantial fire in the Mount Vernon District at Davis Industries on Richmond Highway. And unfortunately, we have learned that there is one civilian and one firefighter injury that has required transport for medical treatment, so we want to make sure we keep those individuals in our thoughts and prayers, and obviously Richmond Highway is closed down in this area, which can, given the time of day, cause some

[02:14:47] significant traffic delays this afternoon as well, but my main reason for announcing it is to make sure we keep those who are injured in our thoughts and prayers, and Supervisor Stork who represents that area has been in communication and has been on top of this and will continue to be. With that, just a couple reminders about public hearings. Individuals wishing to provide testimony have a number of options. They can testify here in person or they can provide testimony by phone or YouTube video. At the designated point in the public hearing, I'll call for any speakers from the speakers list and they will either come forward or their video

[02:15:23] will be shown or they will be connected by telephone. There will then be an opportunity for anyone else who would like to speak on the matter to come down to the podium in front of me or to call in at 703-324-1020. Speakers testifying 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. With that being said, I'm going to call our first case today, which is a public hearing on PCA 2005-LE-027 that will be heard concurrently with the public

[02:16:00] hearing on SE 2025-FR-00032, the Koyanea Foundation, Incorporated in the Franconia District. And if we could please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit. Hi, my name is Judy Davis.

[02:16:19] I'm the Executive Director for the Koyanea Foundation, and I reaffirm the affidavit for the rezoning affidavit dated July 24, 2025, and also the special exception affidavit dated September 16, 2025. Perfect. Thank you very much, Judy. This is an other duties as assigned, right? So we appreciate you being here. Are there any disclosures from board members?

[02:16:49] Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm St. Clair Williams with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant, the Canonia Foundation, seeks to amend the proffers previously approved with rezoning RZ2005 LE027 and obtain approval of a special exception, SE2025FR-00032, in order to allow a service organization on the subject property which houses the St. Martin de Porres Episcopal Church. The 2.23-acre property,

[02:17:25] which is Zone C2, is located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Franconia Road and Beulah Street in the Franconia District. The site contains a 1,181-square-foot, one-story office building used as a church office, a two-story, 6,579-square-foot building with a fellowship hall, and an 828-square-foot historic chapel, as well as surface parking.

[02:17:50] The extreme southwestern portion of the site contains an undisturbed area of mostly oaks and Pines. The Canonia Foundation is a community-based organization that provides emergency assistance to those in need, primarily in the Franconia, Kingstown, and Roseville areas, and they seek to operate out of existing space within the existing church buildings.

[02:18:12] No land disturbance or modifications to the subject site are proposed. And that concludes my presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. At this time, I'd recognize the applicant for presentation you don't have to if you're okay with their presentation all right perfect any questions for 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 is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this matter anyone present who would like to speak this is a public hearing seeing and hearing no one let me ask if we have any callers no callers

[02:18:48] no callers the applicant waives rebuttal closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On October 8th, 2025, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of PCA 2005, LE 027, SC 2025, FR 00032, and the requested waivers. Staff concurs with those recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Last check.

[02:19:13] Any questions? Seeing and hearing none, I will close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Lusk for a motion. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. This one is pretty straightforward, and I'll just make a couple of points. First, I want to thank Cornelia, and specifically Ms.

[02:19:28] Davis, for the work that she's undertaken on behalf of the community to get these applications before us, and the very important work that they do in Frank Under District, just acknowledging food, clothing, utility assistance, rental assistance, all of these things are orchestrated through the efforts of this particular organization.

[02:19:53] So I am delighted to be able to say that these applications have the support of the Land Use Committee. They also have, as we heard, approval from the Planning Commission. And with that, Mr. Chairman, I would request that the applicant confirm for the record their agreement to the proposed development conditions consistent with those dated September 25, 2025.

[02:20:19] We agree to those statements very much. Thank you. Is that all I need to say? Yes, ma'am. That is a perfect answer. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I will move that the Board of Supervisors approve PCA 2005-LE-027, subject to the executed proffers, dated July 31, 2025.

[02:20:43] I will further move approval of SC-2025-FR-00032, subject to development conditions dated September 25th, 2025, and reaffirm the waiver of transitional screening and barrier requirements along the southern and eastern property lines.

[02:21:02] So moved. Chair, we'll second that motion, along with Supervisor Herity. Any discussion on the motion? Let me just thank Judy, similar to what Supervisor Lust said, how much we appreciate the work that Koinia does in our community, long-time contributor to vital services for people in need.

[02:21:22] And I'm just glad to see this happening because I know they've been outgrowing their space for as long as we can remember. So we are grateful for the work that they're doing and the opportunity that this application has for them to be able to get the space that they need to do that important work.

[02:21:38] With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you very much. Next, we have a public hearing on PCA 2016-HM-035-03, CDPA 2016-HM-035-03, Comstock Reston Station Holdings LC in the Hunter Mill District.

[02:22:08] And let me ask if we could have the applicant please reaffirm the affidavit. Hi, I'm Jill Parks with Ballard's Bar. On behalf of the applicant, I reaffirmed the affidavit dated October 1, 2025.

[02:22:27] Thank you very much. Are there disclosures from board members? Disclosure? I'm not sure. Supervisor Herity, do you have a disclosure? Oh, yeah. I disclose that both Chris Clemente and Dwight Schar of Comstock have contributed in excess of \$100 to my campaign.

[02:22:55] Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Do you mind? To both campaigns, the one for Lieutenant Governor and the one for Supervisor. Okay. Just to be 100% clear. Are there any other disclosures?

[02:23:13] Any other disclosures? Seeing and hearing none, I would now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I'm Karen Yee from the Department of Planning and Development. The subject site is a 7.64-acre development zone PDC and located north within a quarter mile of the Wheelie-Ruston East Metro Rail Station.

[02:23:33] The site is bounded by Sunset Hills to the north, Aperture to the east, Reston Station to the south, and midline to the west. The site is currently under construction under the previously approved rezoning for a mixed-use development. The applicant is proposing to amend the previously approved final development plan to permit an optional elevated pedestrian bridge, which is outlined in red on the slide, between office buildings A and B and associated changes to the proffers in site design.

[02:23:59] As proffered, the bridge will be similar in material, design, and character to both buildings A and B and include at least one bird-friendly design and practice. The proposed bridge will be located between floors 4 and 7 and will have a minimum clearance of 50 feet from above-ground plain, which will allow for adequate access for fire and rescue, aerial trucks, and tree growth.

[02:24:18] It is to be noted that after the Planning Commission hearing was held on July 9, 2025, Building C, the hotel building, was subdivided and 93 new tax parcels were created for each condominium unit within the hotel building. In consultation with the Office of the County Attorney, the applicant amended the PCA application to exclude the 93 condominium units, resulting in the now partial PCA that includes all of the land area for the rest and road development except for the condominium units.

[02:24:48] This does not materially change the nature of the application, the associated CDPA slash FDPA, and the proffers that were acted upon by the Planning Commission. Above are illustrative renderings of the proposed bridge, which is shown on Level 5 of Buildings A and B.

[02:25:03] That concludes staff presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. At this time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation. In 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved and later twice amended the rest and row rezoning on 8.4 acres of land at a now 4.4 FAR and 1.631 million square feet of development in five buildings, A through D, and the jewel box.

[02:25:34] The project opened this month with the JW Marriott Hotel and residential condominium units in Building C, which will soon be followed by the multifamily Building D and right on Attil's Office Buildings A and B. To that end, Comstock is in negotiations with a prestigious corporate tenant that intends to relocate its headquarters to Reston Row.

[02:25:55] To do so, it needs to occupy space in both of the office buildings and is requesting a direct and secure connection between the two. To be responsive to its ask, we're hereby requesting your approval of the elevated pedestrian bridge between buildings A and B, as shown here.

[02:26:18] As Comstock is a public company, we can't say the name of the tenant until the tenant is ready to announce, but it's a major Fortune 500 company, And as such, its tenancy at rest in row could mark a recovery in the Fairfax County office leasing market.

[02:26:34] The staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval. I'll take any questions. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of either staff or the applicant? Seeing and hearing none. This is a public hearing.

[02:26:50] And I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing. Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. No callers. There are no callers. Assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff.

[02:27:13] On July 9, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the applications and requested modifications. Staff concurs with the recommendations of approval. Thank you. Last check, any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Alcorn for a motion.

[02:27:32] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve PCA CDPA 2016-HM-035-03 subject to the executed proffers dated June 17, 2025, and the requested waivers and modifications contained in the handout dated October 6, 2025.

[02:27:51] So moved. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded. I'll second that along with Supervisor Lusk. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you very much.

[02:28:10] Next, we have a public hearing on PCA 2000-HM-044-04, CDPA 2000-HM-044-03, Maple Multifamily Land, East Coast LP, PCA and CDPA in the Hunter Mill District.

[02:28:30] And if we could please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit. Yes. Good afternoon. I'm Amanda Williams, a land use attorney with Cooley here on behalf of the applicant, and I can reaffirm the

affidavit dated October 1st, 2025.

[02:28:46] Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Any disclosures from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I would now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Kevin McMahon with the Department of Planning and Development. The 3.3-acre site is zoned PDC and located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Monroe Street and the Dulles Airport Access Road, less than a half-mile west of the Herndon Metro Station.

[02:29:18] To the west is a 1.8-acre woodland community sports park and existing office uses. Development to the south includes Mosaic Park condominiums and a five-story apartment building titled The Ian. The property is currently undeveloped and is the last vacant block of the Woodland Park East development. The applicant proposes to replace two previously approved office buildings with a 448,000 square foot seven-story multifamily residential building containing 314 residential

[02:29:54] units and a retail and seven-story 117,000 square foot self-storage facility which wraps around a five-story parking structure. The site layout also includes a hardscape plaza and streetscape along the frontages. The development may be constructed in two phases. The first phase will include the residential building, parking garage, and ground floor retail. Also, this phase will include an interim park space, while the second phase of the development will replace the interim

[02:30:30] park space with a self-storage facility. This concludes my presentation. Thank you very much. At this time, we welcome an applicant's presentation. Good afternoon, Chairman, Supervisors. Again, my name is Amanda Williams, a land use attorney with Cooley. Happy to be here this afternoon on behalf of Trammell Crow Residential, the applicant for this proposal.

[02:30:54] Kevin obviously did a great job, so I will keep this brief. I do have a handful of slides. I would like to thank Kevin and the rest of staff for their work on this application and coordination with us. We are grateful for their recommendation of approval. Also note that in addition to the unanimous Planning Commission recommendation of approval, we did work with the Hunter Mill Land Use Committee and received their recommendation of approval before bringing this forward to public hearings. Thanks, Kevin. So quickly, you can see again the site highlighted in blue here at that corner of Monroe Street and Woodland View. It is the last undeveloped block within

[02:31:29] this overall Woodland Park East neighborhood. It is graded and vacant today, which you can see in that bottom image there and approved right now for two eight-story office buildings and a parking garage about a half a million square feet of office which as you are all well aware there is a sustained market shift away from location for office locations like this one towards the more transit oriented locations within a quarter mile of the metro simply very challenging to successfully develop office in a location on the edge of a transit station area and this site is a little more than a third mile away from the metro so that is a large part of why we are here talking about a change for the approvals for this block. What we're proposing here is really an innovative

[02:32:07] mix of uses to complete this development and stay within the comprehensive plan recommendations, specifically those 314 residential units and 117,000 square feet of self-storage. You can see here shown on this slide the red is the self-storage which is very intentionally tucked behind the residential. The team here has been very intentional with the architecture, giving the pairing of uses and done a really great job and worked really closely with staff on that. Another priority has been the streetscape. This is that last undeveloped block, and so making those connections within and outside of

this neighborhood into the metro was very important. Overall, this will activate and complete the development while allowing a reduced impact to the surrounding residents as

[02:32:45] compared to the about 500,000 square feet of office that is currently approved. Quickly, you can see the pedestrian connectivity I was talking about here, adding 10-foot shared-use paths on both roadways and as well as walk-up units to really activate the streetscape connecting to the adjacent Woodland Community Sports Park to the west and then to the east to the Herndon Metro Station. We're also providing crosswalks across Woodland View in three locations circled in yellow, really improving upon what is out there today and what was previously approved. In addition, we're committing at the intersection of Woodland View and Monroe, as noted with the red star there, to provide a solution and

[02:33:24] constructing a solution to get pedestrians across Monroe Street to an existing trail that leads to the metro, whether that is via a full traffic signal or a crosswalk with pedestrian-activated equipment. And lastly, just a couple additional architectural images to give you a sense here.

[02:33:40] This is the view from that Woodland Community Sports Park. You can see looking east down Woodland view. You can see the self-storage building there in the forefront on the left of this image. Gives you an understanding of how these two uses really work together with the design of the building. The residential then continues a long woodland view from the ground floor uses you can see at the corner there and we varied the architecture as you go providing a nice visual experience for the residents and anybody driving through this area. This is the main entrance which is intentionally at the center of the block to break things up and then we've added architectural vertical architectural elements to highlight the area mark the area

[02:34:15] two-story glass and glazing as well. And lastly this is a view of the building from the Monroe Row Street side at its intersection with Woodland View. And with that, I will sum up, at a macro level, this application provides needed housing, which does include 38 workforce housing units.

[02:34:32] It will continue to advance the comprehensive plan goals in this location and offers an important opportunity to complete the pedestrian network in its overall development. Our team is really proud of the package we put together and excited to bring this project to life, and we'd be grateful for your approval this afternoon.

[02:34:48] We're, of course, happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much for that presentation. 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.

[02:35:03] Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject? This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing none, let me ask if we have any callers. No callers. No callers. I assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff.

[02:35:22] On September 10, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the requested PCA and CDPA applications, as well as the requested waivers and modifications, subject to the execution of proffers, now dated October 9, 2025.

[02:35:39] Staff concurs with these recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Last check, questions from board members. 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 move that the Board of

Supervisors approve PCA 2000-HM-044-04 and CDPA 2000-HM-044-03 subject to the executed proffers dated October 9, 2025, and the requested waivers and modifications contained in the handout dated September 10, 2025.

[02:36:13] Second. You've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Discussion on the motion? Let me just say this is the first time I've seen mini storage incorporated the way you did a really good job of doing that. That's not as easy as it looked, I know, in this presentation, so well done.

[02:36:33] With that, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Thank you.

[02:36:54] All right. Next, we have a public hearing on proposed plan amendment, SSPA 2023-2-1M, 7600 Leesburg Pike in the Drainesville District, and I would now recognize county staff for a staff presentation.

[02:37:17] Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and board members. My name is Muhammad Ali. I am joined by Kelly Atkinson of the Department of Planning and Development, along with staff from Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Tom Burke. We are here to provide a staff recommendation for PA 2023-Roman 2-1M 7600 Leesburg Pike Plan Amendment.

[02:37:42] The PA has been processed concurrent with RZ-FDP-2024-DR-0006. The rezoning application presentation will be given by our colleagues in ZED after the PA public hearing, and they will be available to answer more detailed questions related to the applicant's proposal and other design-related considerations.

[02:38:03] The plan amendment focuses on density, location, and the scale and character of what is appropriate with the surrounding uses. The board requested that staff consider and evaluate a plan amendment for an option for residential use up to 12 to 16 dwelling units per acre.

[02:38:19] Submitted during the 2022 SSPA process, this proposal was considered viable by staff during screening as the nominators submitted information indicating that the proposed density would allow the site to be developed at a scale compatible with the adjacent Tyson's Ridge redevelopment.

[02:38:36] The subject site is within the McLean Planning District in the Pittman Hills Community Sector. The adopted plan designates the subject site as planned at the base level for residential uses at 5 to 8 dwelling units per acre. The subject site is approximately 10.16 acres and currently developed with two 360,020-square-foot office buildings.

[02:38:59] The surrounding uses include the Tyson's Pimmitt Regional Library and Tyson's Pimmitt Park to the east, the Pimmitt Hill Single-Family Detached Residential Neighborhood to the north, St. Luke's Methodist Church to the northwest, and the Tyson's Ridge Residential Development to the west.

[02:39:14] The Tyson's Ridge site was recently replanned with an option for residential use at 12 to 16 dwelling units per acre and subject to an approved rezoning for 104 single-family attached townhome units. The proposed plan amendment is similar to the adopted Tyson's Ridge plan amendment, shifting from office uses to residential attached townhomes.

[02:39:37] In summary, as found in the staff report, the proposed plan tax provides an option for redevelopment of the subject property with single-family attached dwellings. The recommended density range of 12 to 16 dwelling units per acre better reflects the types of uses that could be constructed on site and is compatible in use and density to the adjacent development.

[02:39:58] Staff proposes planned conditions related to land use and compatibility and integrating with the surrounding uses, accommodating for transportation improvements to include a public road connection to Kilgore Road, a shared use path along Leesburg Pike, and the need to accommodate the future planned BRT system and station along Route 7.

[02:40:18] The provision of improved pedestrian and bicycle circulation and accessibility to connect residents to nearby amenities and services. Due to the proximity of the Tyson's Pivot Park and Library, staff recommended language to support a connection and trail to the open space amenities on the subject property.

[02:40:35] That concludes my presentation. Thank you very much. And we have a representative of the nominator, Lynn Strobel, who is here. We welcome your presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board of Supervisors. My name is Lynn Strobel. I represent the nominator.

[02:40:52] And I'll just be very, very brief. This is a nomination that was filed actually several years ago as part of the SSPA process. It was adopted by this board into the Comprehensive Plan Work Program in 2023. We have since gone through a thorough review with staff and the community.

[02:41:11] The existing comprehensive plan I would like to note is for residential at five to eight dwelling units per acre. The amendment is adding just one tier up, if you will, proposing residential at 12 to 16, actually probably two spaces up, but 12 to 16 dwelling units per acre.

[02:41:30] That is consistent with the planning and development of the adjacent Tyson's Ridge community. and that was recently constructed by EYA. This nomination does come to you with a favorable recommendation from the staff and the Planning Commission, and I would appreciate your favorable consideration today.

[02:41:49] I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you very much. At this time, are there any questions of staff or the nominator? Yes, Supervisor Pouchik. No, thank you. I know there are quite a few improvements, pedestrian and bicycle. I believe and would be happy to hear that there was a capital bike share proffer as well.

[02:42:10] Is that still the case? Yes, I'll be happy to address that during the rezoning. There was a request. We're on a plan amendment. Yeah, there was a request. I will highlight that for you. Okay, thank you. The short answer is yes. Okay, thank you. Okay. If there are no additional questions of staff or the nominator, this is a public hearing.

[02:42:28] I do have one speaker who signed up in advance to testify and submitted video testimony, Mustafa El-Nahas, Fairfax lead of YIMBYS and NOVA. Before we play that video, is there anyone else here present who would like to speak on this matter?

[02:42:45] Anyone else present who would like to speak? Okay, if we could play the video. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. My name is Mustafa El-Nahas, and I'm a resident of Fairfax County living near the West Falls Church Metro. I'm here today to express my strong support for the planned amendment and rezoning at 7600 Leesburg Pike.

[02:43:09] As someone who has chosen a car-free lifestyle, the decision this board makes about housing and transportation is very personal to me. Every week I pack my puck goals and my soccer equipment, and I take the F20 bus to organize a community pickup soccer game at George Marshall High School.

[02:43:30] This experience has shown me both the potential and the pressing need for more connected walkable communities in this area. The proposal for 7600 Leesburg Pike is a landmark project that aligns perfectly with our county's goals. It replaces aging, vacant office space with 139 new homes, exactly the kind of smart, sustainable, infill development we need.

[02:43:57] It's not sprawling into new land, it's making better use of what we already have. But this is about so much more than just housing. It's about building a complete neighborhood. This site is a future transit hub located between two planned stops for the Route 7 BRT.

[02:44:18] For people like me, the BRT will be a game changer. It will mean a quick, reliable connection to the Silver line in Tysons and Orange line at West Falls Church Metro. Finally, providing a high-quality transit alternative to sitting in traffic on Route 7.

[02:44:36] This project is a direct investment in urbanism. We've already seen the success of this model with the Tysons Ridge development just down the road. It replaced old offices with new townhomes, improved sidewalks and created a more vibrant streetscape.

[02:44:53] The proposal for 7600 Leesburg Bike promises to do the same, enhancing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity to nearby amenities like the Plymouth Library, Marshall High School and local shops. This is the future of Fairfax County transitioning car-centric corridors into vibrant mixed-use transit-accessible communities.

[02:45:16] This development provides the housing we need, supports the transit systems we're supposed to get and deserve, and it also creates a more walkable, livable environment for everyone. I urge you to please vote to approve this plan, and thank you very much for your time and consideration.

[02:45:37] Thank you very much, and Mustafa has submitted that video testimony pertinent to this public hearing and for the rezoning, which we'll hear in a moment, which I'll mention again. Is there anyone else here present who would like to testify on this matter? This is a public hearing.

[02:45:54] Seeing and hearing none, let me ask if we have any callers. No callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff. On September 10, 2025, the Planning Commission voted 12-0 to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the adoption of PA-2023-Roman numeral 2-1M as found in the staff report dated August 21, 2025.

[02:46:17] Staff concurs with the Planning Commission recommendation. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Are there any questions from board members? Last check. Seeing and hearing none. I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Behrman for a motion. Thank you Mr. Chairman. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation for PA-2023-Roman numeral 2-1M as found in the board item.

[02:46:44] We'll second that along with Supervisor Smith and Supervisor Paucek. Any discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Halfway there.

[02:47:00] That's right. Next, we have the related public hearing on RZ 2024-DR-00006, GACM2019-FL1REO, 7600 Leesburg, LLC, in the Drainesville District.

[02:47:20] and can we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit? Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. Again, my name is Lynn Strobel. I represent the applicant. I reaffirm the affidavit

that is dated September 29, 2025. Thank you.

[02:47:36] Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Mr. Chairman. Yes. Supervisor Alcorn. So this is not a financial disclosure, but I met my wife at 7600 Leesburg Pike in 1992. the third floor of that building on the west so but i have no financial interest uh in anyone associated with this so i will be participating just uh personal confessions here there we go all right it's an interesting one uh thank you for that uh disclosure uh slash uh comment

[02:48:11] um if there are no other disclosures um i will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Daniel Kree with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant seeks to rezone approximately 10.16 acres from the C2HC districts to the PDH16HC districts to permit residential development. The 10.16 subject property is located in the Dreamsville District northeast of the intersection of Leesburg Pike and George C. Marshall Drive.

[02:48:43] The property is developed with two four-story office buildings and associated structures and service parking. The applicant proposes to replace the two existing office buildings with up to 38 stacked townhomes and up to 99 single-family attached units. With the 137 total units, the residential density will be 13.48 dwelling units per acre. The applicant will be implementing an extension of Kilgore Road as recommended by the recently adopted comprehensive plan. The public road, shown in red, will connect the Pemmett Hills community with the existing signalized intersection at Leesburg Pike, the library, as well as the modified entrance to St.

[02:49:23] Luke's. Along Leesburg Pike, the applicant is dedicating right away to be used for the future bus rapid transit system envisioned along the Route 7 corridor, as well as a 10-foot trail with buffers and landscaping. The Park Authority calculated the development will generate a need for 0.53 acres of on-site publicly accessible park space, and the applicant is proposing approximately 0.58 acres of on-site park space amongst three urban parks.

[02:49:51] Additionally, the applicant is providing a pedestrian connection to the existing trail network of the Tysons Peminent Park. And that concludes my presentation. Thank you. Thank you very much. This time, we'd welcome an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board of Supervisors.

[02:50:10] Again, my name is Lynn Stribel. I represent the applicant. I always get very nervous when one of the board members says a disclosure. I was frantically looking at the affidavit. So I'm glad it was the disclosure that it was. We'll see how it turns out here in a few minutes. If I had known, I would have suggested a plaque or something on the building.

[02:50:30] I'm going to be brief in my presentation, and I'm really not going to go through a PowerPoint, but I'll be happy to share graphics with you if you like and also answer any questions. As was discussed here this afternoon, the property is developed with office. That office building dates back to the 1980s.

[02:50:47] And unfortunately, like a lot of office buildings in Fairfax County, it has a rather high vacancy rate. So given these circumstances, it kind of led to a conclusion that there could be a higher and better use here. That led to the plan amendment that we just discussed and was approved and a proposal for residential development.

[02:51:04] On our final development plan, we have 99 townhomes and 38 stacked townhomes. We have 38 percent open space. And I think that we've collaborated with staff, and I want to thank Mr. Creed, because

I think we got to a very good place at the end of the day with the plan that we have, and staff did end up recommending favorably.

[02:51:24] We also did participate in community outreach. We did present to Piment Hills, to the McLean Citizens Association Planning and Zoning Committee, and to St. Luke's Church, which is our closest neighbor. And there were no objections to this proposal. I would also note that at the Planning Commission, there were a couple of suggestions, and we have addressed those, and I'll just walk through those very briefly.

[02:51:47] Planning Commissioner Hancock had requested consideration of bike share facilities, so we did add a proffer. It's proffer number 42 to support that facility. We're providing an area. We will locate it and also provide a contribution for its installation.

[02:52:05] Planning Commissioner Cortina had requested a revision to the stormwater management proffer. She liked what was on the plan but not in the proffer, so we brought those together and came up with some language that aligned those two pieces of stormwater management.

[02:52:22] And we did touch base with her, and she was satisfied with the way that we had done that in proffer number 46. And lastly, Planning Commissioner Bennett had requested that the final design of the proposed retaining walls be provided to and disclosed to the Future Property Owners Association.

[02:52:39] I think that her reason for that was that if there are future repairs required, that they have a basis to begin with. And we have added that commitment to Proffer 53. So this application comes to you with a recommendation of approval from staff and the Planning Commission.

[02:52:56] I would ask for your favorable consideration. And again, I'm happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Thank you very much. Questions, Supervisor Palczyk. Thank you very much, and excellent work on this one. Happy to see the bike share. My question is, how does the retaining wall compare to the next door retaining wall from the EYA development?

[02:53:16] I'm going to have to defer. I have someone here from VICA, Ed Ignacio, and maybe he can give us a better comparison of that. Okay, thank you. Good afternoon, Chairman and Board.

[02:53:36] At Ignacio, the VICA, with regards to the retaining wall, as we all know, the EYA Tyson's Ridge is a pretty substantial wall, and it's fronting Route 7. We're actually, I guess, flipped is a better way to look at it, because we're sitting down relative to Route 7.

[02:53:51] So if that's what you're wondering, if you take a cross-section, it's literally the flip side of that. So hopefully that answers your question. I think as long as it's not taller than that. It's definitely not taller. And it is a fairly significant wall. Any other questions for staff or the applicant?

[02:54:12] Okay. Thank you. This is a public hearing. I did mention earlier that Mustafa's testimony from the plan amendment has been submitted also in reference to this rezoning case, and so that is on record. That video has been accepted and made part of the record for both public hearings.

[02:54:30] Is there anyone else here present who would like to testify on this matter? Anyone else who would like to speak on this matter? This is a public hearing. Let me ask if we have any callers. Yes, we have a caller. Okay. William Vander Mersch. William, can you hear me okay?

[02:54:47] Yes, sir, I can. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. My biggest concern, I'm a resident who lives behind 7600 Leesburg Pike, and my biggest concern is the privacy and the perhaps stormwater

drainage easement on the properties that lay behind the property, and wondering if they're going to be affected or not.

[02:55:17] Currently, there's large trees, although a lot of them are not in great condition, but I'm wondering if any of those trees will be replaced to provide the current amount of privacy between the residential lots and, I guess, our residential lots and the current proposed residential lots.

[02:55:45] Okay. Is that the end of your testimony? That is. okay thank you very much for calling in and we'll make sure we have the applicant be able to respond to that let me just verify that there are no additional callers on the line no additional callers okay give the applicant an opportunity for rebuttal or maybe just to address the concern we just heard certainly and mr. Creed was kind enough to pull up one of the sheets of our plan or at least from our presentation and what you're seeing here that we are providing full transitional screening along the rear of the

[02:56:23] property which is adjacent to the Pement Hills community we are we actually worked a lot with staff on that boundary increasing it so that we are preserving existing trees and also supplementing those with additional trees so we did spend a lot of time ensuring that we'll have an appropriate boundary you know between appropriate vegetation between the properties with regard to the stormwater management I don't know if mr. Ignacio would like to add anything to that but we are certainly providing stormwater management facilities in

[02:56:59] accordance with all Fairfax County regulations and we're not you know dispersing that stormwater off-site but if mr. Ignacio would like to address that that would be fine sure and Ignacio like again with regards to stormwater we actually have a pretty robust plan we utilize the concept provided by the EYA application Tyson's Ridge in fact we were able to or committing to a very we call it not restricted but very robust plan to deal with the water quality and quantity we're meeting exceeding the minimum requirements for water quality

[02:57:37] by about 20% I believe I should know this since I designed it and also as far As far as water quantity, we're actually reducing the runoff rates to meet the one and two year pre-development before the office building was done. And then we're also committing for a 10-year reduction down to the good forested conditions.

[02:57:56] So it's pretty intensive is the best way to describe it. And to elaborate on the landscaping, we, as Lynn had indicated, we went there and we actually located a lot of the trees out there, did a full-blown evaluation of the condition of the trees, Identify those that are not in great shape, as the caller had mentioned, and then we're supplementing it with additional trees to really kind of beef up that transitional screening between us and the adjacent development.

[02:58:24] Thank you. Okay. Thank you very much. Let me ask for closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to go back to my... On September 10th, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the subject applications.

[02:58:43] Staff concurs with this recommendation. Thank you. Thank you very much. Any final questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Beerman for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll make the motion and then offer some comments afterwards if I'm lucky to get a second.

[02:59:01] I move that the Board of Supervisors approve RZ-2024-DR-0006 and its associated CDP, subject to the executed proffers dated September 30th, 2025.

[02:59:19] I move that the Board approve the waivers and modifications listed in the handout dated and distributed October 13th, 2025. And I further move that the Board of Supervisors approve the parking reduction request PKS-2024-00015 for the site pursuant to section 6100.6.1 of the zoning ordinance based on the proximity to transit and subject to the conditions dated July 15, 2025, contained in appendix 16 of the staff report.

[02:59:58] Second. You've heard the motion. It's been multiply seconded. Supervisor Beerman. Yes. Pardon me. That was RZ-2024-DR-00006. Did I not say this? I thought I kind of four zeros. RZ-2024-DR-0006.

[03:00:17] No, zero zeros. Four zeros. Zero, zero, zero, zero, six. Be crystal clear now. All right. It's been moved and multiply seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion, Supervisor Bierman?

[03:00:35] Yes, Mr. Chairman. Notwithstanding the fact that the building there is where Supervisor Alcorn met his wife, I do think that this is a great use of the site. As Lynn said, Mr. Obel said, highest and best use.

[03:00:56] The concurrent review of the rezoning application and the plan amendment did allow for close consideration of the whole thing. And it did involve, I believe, a good amount of community engagement. I think that the plan continued to get better as it went along.

[03:01:14] Things like, for instance, the additional trees that we were just talking about. the connections on coming down Kilgore, which actually I think will be a pretty strong benefit to the people who live in the Pimmit Hills neighborhood who currently cut through an office parking lot to get over to Route 7. It adds necessary and important housing into that area.

[03:01:37] It delivers both housing at market rate, but also ADU and WDU's affordable dwelling units and workforce dwelling units in close proximity to transit and services it includes a dedication that will allow us if we if we get there to have BRT down route 7 we have Supervisor Palczyk talked about the capital bike share as well it's a it's a great location next to a great neighborhood also next to a library. And I think it's going to be one day when it's all said and done a really great place to

[03:02:17] live. So I'm very happy to support this rezoning. Thank you, Supervisor Behrman. Any further discussion? Supervisor Pouchek. Thank you, and excellent work to the applicants of Supervisor Behrman. A little bit unrelated, but I think just learning as we go through these older office parks that often have many smaller, small businesses, we were celebrating small business, small chambers, is just being sure there is one business here that relocated from Tyson's Ridge to here, and now they've relocated to my district

[03:02:56] and are, you know, having to scramble to get permits several times now. So this is just more a call for us, for the county, when we are going through redevelopments, to be sure that we're working with our Department of Economic Initiatives, jointly with planning and development and rezoning, just to see what we can do to help support and find new locations or support small businesses as they try to understand how to go through our permitting process.

[03:03:26] So just a lesson learned. We love this housing, we love the work, but just making sure that we have that support for businesses that may be needing to relocate. but I think it's an excellent application

and very excited that CABI will support getting students across the street and families, and I'm very excited for the future of the BRT here, so excellent work on this.

[03:03:49] Thank you, Supervisor Powczyk. Any further discussion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you very much. Next, we have a public hearing to convey certain land rights and board-owned property to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Project in the Mount Vernon District. And as soon as they are ready, we would welcome a staff presentation.

[03:04:20] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Mike Lambert. I am the Assistant Director of Real Estate Services for the Facilities Management Department. In January 2025, the Board of Supervisors purchased three properties located at 8800 Richmond Highway and identified as tax map parcel numbers 1092-1-18C, 19, and 20, using funding provided by the Virginia Community Preparedness Fund and County Store Water Services funding.

[03:04:45] The land totals around eight acres and consists mostly of floodplain and resource protection area within the Doe Creek watershed. The purpose of this acquisition was to enable a watershed revitalization project that would involve the restoration of 400 linear feet of stream channel upstream of Richmond Highway, the removal of invasive vegetation, and the replanting of native species.

[03:05:07] Concurrently, VDOT is in the process of obtaining the land rights for the Richmond Highway Corridor Improvement Project, which for this phase involves the replacement of an existing 30-foot-long bridge south of the property with a new bridge that is approximately 450 feet long and up to 14 feet higher. To accommodate the bridge construction, VDOT has asked the county to convey from Parcel 20 approximately 21,000 square feet of landed fee simple and to dedicate permanent easements for stormwater drainage of about 35,000 square feet utility easements of around 12,000 square feet and a temporary construction easement of 6,000 square feet the county and vdot are coordinating

[03:05:43] the phasing of the doe creek renovation project and the richmond highway widening to ensure no construction conflicts will occur and are also entering into an agreement that will allow county staff to have continued access to the dedicated right-of-way to maintain its stormwater improvements in the future. BDOT presented an offer of compensation of \$495,830 for the county's land rights. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors should accept this offer of \$495,830 and have the funds applied to this county's stormwater services account to reimburse the costs of acquisition. This concludes the staff report. Thank you very much. Are there any questions

[03:06:20] of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I do have two individuals signed up to speak, both who have submitted video testimony. Speaker number one is Mustafa El-Nahas, to be followed by Chris Pak, who have both submitted video testimony. We can play their testimony. Hello again. While I'm here to support building more housing, I must also speak against a proposal that moves us in the opposite direction, the conveyance of land rights to VDOT for the widening of Richmond Highway. I'm a passionate advocate for transit and walkability,

[03:07:00] and I believe this widening is a strategic mistake. The data and experience from countless other communities show that widening highways does not cure congestion, it induces more demand for car travel, leading us back to the same traffic jams, just with more lanes. More concretely, Widening an urban highway like Richmond Highway directly undermines the county's massive investment in the new BRT that's going to be on Richmond Highway.

[03:07:28] The BRT is our sustainable high-capacity future. We should be investing in making that system faster and more reliable by giving it its dedicated lanes on the existing lanes and priority at intersections, not in adding general-purpose lanes that will be immediately clogged with more cars.

[03:07:48] Furthermore, wider, faster roads are more dangerous for everyone not in a car. They create formidable barriers for pedestrians and cyclists, severing communities and making it less safe for residents to walk to every BRT stop and right now bus stops and town centers we're trying to promote.

[03:08:10] This contradicts the county's Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries, as the Richmond Highway has the highest rates for traffic fatalities. Finally, this project conflicts with the equity and environmental commitment in our county's own policy plan, including the one Fairfax policy.

[03:08:33] Expanding car infrastructure often disproportionately impacts the health and quality of life of nearby low-income and minority communities, with increased pollution and noise. I urge you please reject this conveyance. Let's invest in the future that prioritizes people in transit, not more asphalt and cars. Thank you very much.

[03:08:56] Thank you very much. And our second testimony submitted by Chris Pak. Hi, my name is Chris Pak, and I am commenting in support of the upcoming countywide proposal for the countywide policy plan update.

[03:09:15] I want to support suburban village centers, equitable development, especially transit-oriented development, and streamline the repurposing of commercial buildings. I wish we would do more to handle affordable housing and people who are displaced in these changes, but in an area that is rapidly increasing in population and yet is constantly burdened by traffic, we need to be setting ourselves up for the future.

[03:09:46] We need to have a model more like the Roslyn-Balston Corridor all over Fairfax County where we have places where people can live and work close together and meet most of their needs without having to spend lots of time in a car or even needing to own a car.

[03:10:06] Corresponding to that, I also specifically support the projects at 7600 Leesburg Pike and Rock Hill Road at the Innovation Metro Station, along with projects in the Hunter Mill District for multifamily development.

[03:10:27] But I think we should also not be widening Richmond Highway. That corridor is a fairly dense corridor today and is ripe for transit, but we are going to kill the walkability of that corridor if we make a highway that's already hard to cross even wider.

[03:10:47] Thank you for your consideration. - A testimony, and that completes my list of speakers who have signed up in advance. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this specific item?

[03:11:03] This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to testify? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. - No callers. - No callers. Any closing comments and recommendations from county staff? Staff recommends that the board authorize staff to accept a consideration of \$495,830 and to prepare and execute the documents to convey the fee simple and easement rights necessary to complete the Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Project.

[03:11:28] Thank you very much. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public record and recognize Supervisor Stork for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And

first, I would invite the two speakers to come down to Richmond Highway.

[03:11:44] They haven't been down there for a while, clearly, and they don't really know what's going on. Because if they did, they'd recognize that this is all part of, really, transit-oriented development that's been worked on for more than probably two decades. And I'm excited and very supportive of the fact that this is the next step in this process, which is to further get right away as part of the ability to widen the highway in order to put the bus driver transit down the middle.

[03:12:10] to add two-way bike lanes and sidewalks, which haven't been on the corridor forever. And you hear about that often because of the number of pedestrian fatalities. So this is about making the whole community safer and more vibrant and, frankly, bringing us into the 21st century.

[03:12:29] And I'm strongly in support of that. I know my colleagues are as well. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I move that the board authorized county staff to accept the consideration of \$495,830 and prepare and execute all documentation necessary to convey the fee simple and easement rights in county-owned property located at 8800 Richmond Highway and identified by tax map parcel number 1092010020 to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Project.

[03:13:03] I'm happy to second that motion, along with Supervisor Lusk and Supervisor Pouchek. Any discussion on the motion? Let me just thank you, Supervisor Stork, for your last comment in response to the testimony that we received because this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to, frankly, modernize the corridor to prevent many of the things that people raise concerns about in the testimony and certainly something that's been being worked on for a decade and a half at this point.

[03:13:32] So we're nearing some real decisions that have to be made and some really important ones to transform this corridor is long overdue. So thank you for saying that. With that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[03:13:48] Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Next, we have a public hearing for the decreation, recreation of Teton Place Area Sanitary District to remove vacuum leaf collection and the contraction of Graham Park Plaza to remove refuse and recycling and vacuum leaf collection services in the Mason District.

[03:14:11] And when staff is ready, we would welcome a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board.

[03:14:29] My name is Lainey Cook, and I'm with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. The Solid Waste Management Program has two petitions going forward in the Mason District. The first petition request was received on November 23, 2023, and the petition process started on March 3, 2025.

[03:14:49] regarding the decreation, recreation of Teton Place area to provide refuse and recycling and remove vacuum leaf collections. The petition area includes 22 properties with 20 in favor, one opposed, and one was unresponsive or unable to be reached.

[03:15:06] The second petition process started on March 11, 2025, regarding the contraction of Grand Park Plaza to remove refuse, recycling, and vacuum leaf collection. The petition area includes 172 properties, with 108 in favor, one opposed, and 63 were unresponsive or unable to be reached.

[03:15:30] Thank you very much for that presentation. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing, and I have no one signed up to speak in advance on this specific 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?

[03:15:50] Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask if we have any callers. No callers. Any closing comments and recommendation from county staff? Thank you very much. Questions from board members?

[03:16:06] Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Jimenez for a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move to adopt the county executive's recommendation that the board approve the proposed petitions to change the sanitary districts in Mason District. I'm happy to second that, along with Supervisor Lusk.

[03:16:22] Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Thank you. Next, we have a public hearing for the decreation, recreation of Brittany Park Court Area Sanitary District to remove vacuum leaf collection, the contraction of Welcome Drive Area to remove vacuum leaf collection services, and the contraction of Ehlers Overlook HOA to remove refuse recycling and vacuum leaf collection services in the Providence District, and at this time, I would recognize county staff for presentation.

[03:17:02] Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. My name is Lainey Cook, and I'm with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. The Solid Waste Management Program has three petitions going forward in the Providence District. The petition process on the first one started January 17, 2025, regarding the decreation and recreation of Brittany Park Court area to provide refuse and recycling and remove vacuum leaf collections.

[03:17:28] The petition area includes 42 properties with 26 in favor, one opposed, and 15 were unresponsive or unable to be reached. The second petition process started on March 3, 2025, regarding the contraction of Welcome Drive area to remove vacuum leaf collections.

[03:17:44] The petition area includes one property with that homeowner in favor. The third petition process started on April 11, 2025, regarding the contraction of Ehlers-Overlook HOA to remove refuse, recycling, and vacuum leaf collection.

[03:18:00] The petitionary includes 16 properties, with 15 in favor and one unable to be verified. Thank you very much for that presentation. Are there any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing.

[03:18:19] I do have two speakers who have signed up in advance to testify. Speaker number one is Joanne McCoy. Is Joanne here? Joanne McCoy? Joanne McCoy, you are here. If you could come on down to the podium for your testimony to be followed by Eva Choi.

[03:18:42] I'm sorry? Chairman McKay. Yes. That is the next public hearing for Drainsville.

[03:19:00] That's not the list I have. The list I have has this Providence District case, two speakers signed up, Joanne McCoy and Eva Choi. That's the list the board has. Okay. If you could come on down. I'm not sure what happened here, but if you can come on down, if you can just restate your name and address for the record, and we will sort this out. Is there anyone else here who's here to testify on this specific matter? Okay. My name is Eva Choi.

[03:19:36] I am here to speak in relation to the Ehlers Overlook matter. Okay. Excellent. And you have five minutes as you are representing the Ehlers HOA, correct? Yes. Welcome. Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. My name is Eva Choi, and I'm here on behalf of all 16 households in Ehlers Overlook. Ehlers Overlook is a private HOA, and we're here to respectfully request removal from the county sanitary district so that our community can resume managing our own waste collection through a private provider. Our neighborhood was newly built starting in 2022,

[03:20:13] and since that time, until August 1st, 2025, we've relied on Patriot Disposal for trash and recycling collection. Their service has been consistent, efficient, and responsive, offering twice-weekly pickup compared to the county's once-a-week schedule. In fact, the county did not provide any waste collection services to Ehlers-Overlook until early 2025, even though we were being billed during that period. During this time, we have also been billed for leave collection services that have never been provided and we have yet to receive refunds for these fees. In other words, for three years our neighborhood has functioned smoothly, cleanly, and responsibly under private waste

[03:20:51] management without any issue or disruption, allowing us to formally opt out with simply restore operations to what they were already were without adding any new burden to the county system. We also believe this change reflects good fiscal sense. Our private collection costs residents less than the county service, which is further increasing in fiscal year 2026. By removing Ehlers Overlook from the county's roots, the county would save its own resources, so fewer trucks, less fuel, and reduced staff time. This is a mutually beneficial outcome that supports both efficiency,

[03:21:27] fiscal responsibility, and respects the wishes of a unanimous community to choose their own private trash collection service. Importantly, our private collection service offers trash pickup twice a week which is critical to many of the residents in our community who have young children. Starting in August 2025, our community has received county waste collection services and the once weekly pickup has proved insufficient. Some residents have asked to borrow neighbor's trash cans to deposit excess waste. Others have put out their excess waste with full trash bins that the county will not pick up because the excess waste does not fit into said full trash bins. It's also worth

[03:22:05] noting that the board has approved similar requests before in fact as recently as May 2024 the county released three homes in the Laconia area in the Mason district from the county's sanitary district that action demonstrates that opt-outs are both feasible and appropriate under certain circumstances especially when the requesting community is already successfully managing its own waste services and the county's waste services have proved insufficient, as is the case with Ehlers Overlook.

[03:22:38] Our petition represents 100% support. Every single household in Ehlers Overlook has signed on. I want to point out that while today's meeting materials show one homeowner as non-responsive or unable to contact, we, in fact, have been able to procure their support for our community's petition, and I also have a copy of that email for the board's review if that's helpful.

[03:23:01] This particular homeowner had their name withheld from public records by request. So when the petition was circulating, their support was not able to be confirmed by the county. Despite unanimous support from homeowners, we received predetermined opposition from the county and had to navigate a disjointed petition process, which has exposed communication gaps that has disadvantaged both our communities as well as our district supervisor and members of this board. We understand the county's default position has

[03:23:40] often been to oppose these petitions, sometimes citing environmental or public service concerns. But in our case, those arguments don't hold up to scrutiny. For three years, our community has operated with private waste collection services, and there has never been any issues raised or demonstrated, whether it be environmental or otherwise. In addition, we are a private HOA and unlike other opt-out petitions from individuals, we operate as a unit and allowing us to opt out as a community would not create administrative confusion or logistical inefficiencies. That's why it's difficult to see any genuine environmental issues here. Instead, it seems the county's

[03:24:20] opposition may be more about maintaining administrative consistency or revenue rather than addressing any real environmental or operational problem. In fact, when our community initiated the petition process, we were provided an informational flyer from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services Solid Waste Management Program that specifically states the county usually recommends disapproval of all requests for withdrawal from sanitary districts.

[03:24:47] This is the county's position before even receiving a petition or meaningfully reviewing the facts surrounding a particular petition. um just really quickly in closing our request is not exceptional it's reasonable precedent supported and beneficial for everyone involved allowing ehlers overlook to out uh opt out will save money preserve quality service and reduce the county's workload all while respecting the autonomy and good faith of a responsible community thank you for your time and consideration thank you miss joy and uh thank you for your hoa service as well uh let me ask if there's anyone else here Wishing to testify on this matter.

[03:25:24] This is a public hearing. Anyone else who wants to speak on this matter? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if we have any callers. No callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. Staff recommends approval for Brittany Park Court area and Welcome Drive area petitions, and staff opposes approval for Ehlers Overlook HOA.

[03:25:50] Thank you for that. Questions from board members? Yes, Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you to the staff. Thank you to Ms. Choi. I appreciate the community. We've been engaged with them just in the past couple of days. And so a question I have for the staff, let me begin there, would be, is it correct to say that there have been similar or situations in which we have not followed the written policy in order to be able to address unique situations like this one?

[03:26:28] Conrad Meehan, Branch Chief for the Sanitary District Administration, for SWMP. It's extremely rare for something like this for us to recommend to allow a home or homes to get out of the Sanitary District.

[03:26:45] The primary occurrences are when we have homes that are in two jurisdictions. In fact, the speaker referenced one in Lankonia, and that was the case where we weren't actually providing the service, that they were getting billed for the service.

[03:27:02] We recently had one in Mason District, Graham Park, which you're going to decide today. That was a very unique situation. It really wasn't something that we would service. It was much more of an urban type of development.

[03:27:17] So to answer your question, we really can't-- we looked at your request and didn't find one in recent history. OK. And so that's-- well, I'll move on to the next question. So the community was built in 2022.

[03:27:36] I believe it is part of over 6,000 homes that are in this district. 16 homes are part of a large sanitary district. The sanitary district was formed in 1968. Yes, and the homes, these homes are built. These homes are within the means and bounds of the district, but didn't exist, nor did the street exist.

[03:27:57] In approximately 2022, the street was extended and development began over a period of about three years. So there was no billing done. There was no service to be provided because the homes didn't exist.

[03:28:15] I believe there were a couple of homes. Possibly in 2022. I'm not sure. Do we know why they were being billed without being serviced? Salt waste, we provide the service when we're notified by the homeowner that, hey, I'm ready for service.

[03:28:34] We didn't receive this call because, as explained to us by the HOA, the builder did not advise them that they were within the Santa Shire District. DTA began the billing because they're on a separate process where as soon as a new lot is developed, they begin the process of charging the assessment or the fee.

[03:28:58] Can I interrupt just with one question, because I was the unfortunate recipient in 2009 personally of the exact same thing. Moved into a new neighborhood that was in the county sanitary district. The developer didn't notify the county, and for years we paid taxes for a service we didn't get.

[03:29:20] I am dumbfounded sitting here 16 years later that when we approve site plans and the county gets all the data when a new subdivision is built, how in the world our departments aren't talking to each other i mean how can that happen i mean we you you can't build a house in the county without the county knowing it and so putting this burden and just casually suggesting that the builder should notify the county of being in this district just to me does not seem like a good solution and i thought what happened to our neighborhood was a one-off and i'm a little disturbed to to hear this now and wonder how many more of those out

[03:29:59] there could potentially be in the same situation. There's got to be a better way to do this, and I'm interested in your reactions to that. I agree with you. The Grand Park situation took us by surprise, and that triggered a lot of dialogue with DTA. DTA and Solid Ways have been working together for about six months, and they believe they've come up with a mechanism that would eliminate over 90% of the potential for this to happen again.

[03:30:31] The databases don't talk to each other, but they've come up with a mechanism by which they will tell us ahead of time before the house is built that this lot has been developed and created. And when that happens, we will go out and check to see if it's something that we will service so that before the home is built, that decision has already been made.

[03:30:53] And if it needs to be taken out of this anterior district, Let's say these are multi-story residential. Then we would proactively go out and say you need to file a petition to get out of the Sanford District. It just seems to me like, you know, I don't know how many fell in this category, but, you know, I was involved in one.

[03:31:18] And so odds are that, you know, there could be more out there. So I would hope we're going back and looking retroactively at these. I mean, the one in 2009 was Kendrick's subdivision. A small subdivision of only eight homes that for, I want to say, the better part of three years were paying into the sanitary district while also paying through HOA dues for private collection.

[03:31:40] And it was discovered by accident that they were in the sanitary district. And so I would just say it's unrelated to the direct subject of this public hearing, but we need a better solution to that. And we need to go back and look and make sure others aren't caught in that same predicament.

[03:31:56] Supervisor Fauci. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do not have that history, and I was just shocked when I heard what had happened here and shocked. I understand staff is working on something, but it is, to say, disappointing is, I think, minimal. My next question is, so I'm wondering, number one, can you verify for us, how did it come to the county's attention, to your attention, that it wasn't being serviced?

[03:32:25] We received a phone call from a resident, one of the 16, stating that he wanted county service. He had a fee on his tax bill. So he said, I'm not receiving county service. We explained to him. We learned at that time what had happened.

[03:32:41] That's the first time we realized the homes existed and verified that they were indeed within the Sanctuary District, and the gentleman told us he would like to be a customer. So we started that process. Another homeowner, same thing. And then very shortly thereafter, they looked at the price they were paying for their private collector and decided they didn't want to go forward.

[03:33:04] But that's how we found out, and quite frankly, this is usually how we find out. A homeowner calls and says, I'm going to fill my tax bill, and I'm not in service. Yes, and so the other concern I have is that I believe my timeline is correct, that the petition came forward in the spring, and that because it cannot, we only do it twice a year.

[03:33:29] My office did not know about it until last week when it was in the package. Does the communication you send to homeowners let them know that it is, you know, that they can go to their board, they can go to their board offices if they have questions or concerns where they disagree with staff?

[03:33:49] So April 30th, the petition was submitted, and we communicated in writing to all 16 homeowners that this petition was going forward, and if they had any questions, to contact us. And when did they receive the staff recommendation of denial?

[03:34:05] The 30th. Of? April. April 30th, they received denial. Yeah, yes. Hello, Lainey Cook. So we update numerous times throughout the whole process.

[03:34:21] So one of the first steps is letting them know if we're going to support it or not, because that might determine if they're going to go forward with the petition and getting all the signatures, because it is a lot of work for the petition coordinator to do those steps. So our office meets, and we go over each petition request, and we look at the map and decide if it's an area we're going to support or we're not going to support, or if we have recommendations on adding or taking some parts away.

[03:34:48] So we then update the board office with our supporting status along with the petition coordinator. So you're saying that all of that occurred in April? Yes. Okay. Just so I don't think I'm ready to make a decision, so I'll be recommending deferring this, but on the legal side, I don't know if this is from Ms. Faust, Do we have the legal ability, does this create a precedent if we were to decide to disagree with the staff recommendation?

[03:35:19] Supervisor Palachuk, Joanna Faust from the County Attorney's Office. It does not create a legal precedent. This board has extremely broad powers under Virginia Code 15.2858 to make any change to the sanitary districts as long as a public hearing as this one is being held.

[03:35:34] The board also has an adopted criteria manual from 1982, but it does provide that this board can not go against policy, but choose to make a decision other than what staff's recommendations are. Okay, and finally, and I'll turn it over to my colleagues, in addition to what's written in the staff report, and I'll be following up to have a conversation with staff and with the community.

[03:36:01] Have we looked at, I know we look overall broadly, but do we have a specific financial impact of this being removed from the service, financial impact to the county? And if we don't, that's something I would like going forward.

[03:36:16] To answer your question, no. It's a question of just how many of these we end up having because the less density that we have, it drives up the unit cost. So to answer your question, no, we don't have a financial impact analysis for these particular 16.

[03:36:32] Okay, thank you. Supervisor Behrman. I just want to confirm that the process that we're going through right now is all laid out in criteria for the creation and enlargement withdrawal of smaller local sanitary districts for the purpose of refuse and or leaf collection services by the County of Fairfax, prepared by the County of Fairfax Department of Public Works, Division Solid Waste, March 22, 1982. Is that correct?

[03:36:59] Supervisor Behrman, Joanna Faust again. That is correct, but as paired with the requirements of the Virginia Code 15.2858 and Title 21, Sanitary Districts. Correct. But here's what's interesting. If you look at point 13 on that document, which has been in place since 1982, I believe Supervisor Herity knows who was chair at the time.

[03:37:25] So this is this is something that's been in place for the last roughly 10 elections in Fairfax County. It says it says, yes, it does read that in view of the fact of local smaller local sanitary districts, they're established for the benefit of the entire community.

[03:37:44] It is the policy of the county to deny all requests for withdrawal from a small or local sanitary district. However, I'm literally reading off of it. It just says, however, it says, however, at the specific request of a member of the Board of Supervisors, a request to decreate refuse and or leaf collection, small or local sanitary districts will be considered by the Board of Supervisors based on the following criteria.

[03:38:10] And then it offers criteria for the decreation of one of these sanitary districts. And it talks about providing a petition to the Board of Supervisors. So the notion to me, and I get that the manual, which was prepared roughly 43 years ago, my math is off, does say that it's the policy to deny all requests, immediately says, however, we don't necessarily deny all requests.

[03:38:40] We leave it up to the Board of Supervisors, which is exactly what's going on right here, right? That is correct, yeah. So, in other words, the county staff saying that they recommend that we deny this request is simply coming out of this, but that recommendation doesn't actually, it actually isn't consistent with what the community might want here or the fact that we have a 15-0-1 vote on this one, correct?

[03:39:07] Is that correct, what I just said? Hi, this is Matt Adams. Yes, Supervisor Rearman, that is correct. Okay. I, too, think that we need to work on some of those issues that have been identified. It is also, I will defer to my colleague, since it's in her district, but I will simply note that we try to be pretty democratic with these policies.

[03:39:34] And I've got one coming up next, and we know how those numbers went. but I would suggest that we wouldn't necessarily have to defer this one, but I will defer to my colleague on that point. Thank you, Supervisor Bierman.

[03:39:50] Any other discussion, questions from board members? Okay. That being said, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Palczyk for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you again to the community and to the staff on this.

[03:40:07] Excuse me. I will have a motion that will be separating the first two public hearings with the last one, which is the Aylers. So for Brittany Park Court Area and Welcome Drive Area Sanitary Districts, I move to adopt the county executive's recommendation that the board approve the proposed petitions to change the Sanitary Districts and Providence District.

[03:40:34] For Aylers Overlook HOA Sanitary District, I move to defer decision only on the Aylers Overlook HOA Sanitary District Petition for Contraction to a date certain of November 18th, 2025 at 4 p.m. You've heard the motion. The chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion. Supervisor Palchuk. Yeah, Mr. Chairman, just to be brief, we have different ways that we can look at this. I want to take responsibility that I think we're trying to learn this 1982, that was 183 policy, and how it impacts the community. But I also want to understand any

[03:41:09] consequences intended or otherwise, both on the existing sanitary district, on the community, on our staff, and just on trash pickup. It's fun. And so I look forward to meeting with the community, getting some more questions answered from staff, and also helping to see if we can help improve the process and the communication of it moving forward. But very much appreciate the work everyone's put into this. Thank you, Supervisor Pouchik. Is there any further discussion?

[03:41:41] Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And was that all, Supervisor Pouchik? That is all. Okay. Next, we have a public hearing for the enlargement of Lupine Lane Area Sanitary District for refuse recycling collection services in the drainsville district and again i this time would recognize staff for a staff presentation good afternoon mr chairman and members of the board my name is lanie cook and i'm with the department of public works and environmental services

[03:42:18] the solid waste management program has one petition going forward in the drainsville district the petition started on april 15 2025 regarding the enlargement of fairfax county refuse and and Recycling Collection Services in the Lupine Lane area. The petition area includes 77 properties with 52 in favor, 9 opposed, and 16 unable to be reached.

[03:42:42] Thank you very much for that presentation. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I do have two speakers signed up in advance, and I understand there may be more.

[03:42:59] If you are not signed up, if I do not call your name, I am only going from the list that the clerk provided me. I have speaker number one, Christian Lansing, to be followed by speaker number two, Joanne Theon. If I did not call your name, make sure that you're signed up with the clerk over here to my far right.

[03:43:16] If you signed up for another public hearing or we mistakenly put you on the wrong speakers list, that is fine. If you were present, you will have an opportunity to testify. And if I did not call your name

and you have not signed up, please see the clerk down here. We'll begin with speaker number one, Christian Lansing.

[03:43:33] Welcome. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the board. Forty years ago when I arrived in northern Virginia from Seattle, I found my neighbors engaged in the strange ritual every Saturday morning. They'd gather their trash up, put them in bags, drive to the local school parking lot, and deposit them in a county trash truck.

[03:43:57] The so-called parkout was a community, neighborly-based method of dealing with trash. It eliminated the possibility of trash trucks driving up and down our streets, And I think many of the residents very much appreciated this alternative.

[03:44:13] The county obviously got out of this business more than two decades ago. However, several community citizen-based organizations established themselves in the Drainingsville District to continue the parkout tradition.

[03:44:30] One of those was set up at Cooper Middle School, north of McLean. And I'm proud to say that for the last four years, I've been a member of the board of the Cooper Trash Parkout. The reason I'm here today is because the Lupine Lane proposal directly impacts Cooper.

[03:44:52] There are only two of our subscribers who are in the Lupine Lane area. But if they are taxed for trash collection at their curbside, we expect that they will drop out of the Cooper Parkout subscriber list.

[03:45:10] And quite honestly, we're down to the point where the loss of two subscribers will probably end two decades plus of the Cooper Parkout organization. We will no longer be able to provide service not only for the Lupine members, but for the other members outside Lupine who depended on Cooper Park out to provide a trash alternative.

[03:45:38] Some of these people tell us they do not have an option for curbside trash collection and continue to hope we will operate. Consequently, at minimum, I'd ask the board to delay the implementation of the Lupine Lane proposal to allow our current paid subscribers to finish their subscription in June of next year.

[03:46:02] However, the preferred option for Cooper is to allow Lupine Lane residents to opt out from the county's trash district proposal, particularly if they can show that they're using an alternative to curbside trash collection, such as Cooper.

[03:46:21] They should be exempt from county-applied trash collection taxes. I recognize this would be inconvenient for the county, and indeed we're only talking at this point a relatively small number of Cooper subscribers.

[03:46:40] But for over two decades, the Cooper residents participating in Cooper have worked to keep this alternative alive and to preserve choice and flexibility in trash disposal for all residents.

[03:46:58] An opt-out provision for Cooper subscribers would in no way conflict with the objective of the unified sanitary districts in reducing trash collection traffic on our streets. Consequently, I asked the board respectfully to consider the value of giving residents, both those in the Lupine area and in the northern area of McLean, continued access to an environmentally sound, citizen-run trash disposal service by supporting an opt-out option.

[03:47:32] Thank you very much. Thank you for your testimony. Speaker number two is Joanne Theon, to be followed by Joanne McCoy. If I've called your name, please be ready to testify. And is there anyone else here present who would like to speak on this matter? Anyone else present who would like to speak on this matter?

[03:47:50] Okay. We are on speaker two, Joanne Theon. Hello. My name is Joanne Theon. Oh, I'm sorry. Excuse me. Let me start over again. Hello, members of the board and guests.

[03:48:07] My name is Joanne Theon, and I have lived with my husband and family in Fairfax County in my current home since 1968. At that time, my husband and I took our trash to the Cooper Middle School, where Fairfax County trucks provided free service every Saturday morning.

[03:48:27] We would put our trash in the trunk of our car, as would other neighbors, and take it to this location. That continued until the county could no longer provide free service, even though our real estate tax bill was increasing annually. The county then charged a modest fee for several years until that also ceased. We decided that we would continue the service by contracting with a private hauler at the same time and place. We reasoned that with private enterprise, the backbone of our free country, we could provide service better and more efficiently than government could.

[03:49:04] In 2003, we were able to hire Champion Services owned by Mr. and Mrs. McCoy. Initially, we had about 300 subscribers and Champion has been exceptionally reliable, never missing a day of service since 2003. We formed a non-profit organization for the administrative functions with subscribers paying for service. This has continued to the present day. To sum up, it has been over 50 years, I think 55 if my addition is correct, that the residents of

[03:49:40] McLean have had the option of taking their trash on a Saturday morning in their vehicle. When Cooper Middle School started its renovation, we were welcomed at the Churchill Road Elementary School parking lot. Our subscribers have dwindled in number because of retirements and those moving away from this area, deaths, and the fact that the county has gradually annexed for waste disposable those homeowners closest to the schools.

[03:50:07] Even though the county can provide service to only 10 to 12 percent of the entire county, you have systematically annexed our neighborhoods. little by little the county has taken away our participants the current situation is that our subscribers have paid the hefty fee for the entire year from July 1st 2025 to June 30 2026 our neighbors started the petition for county service after our current fiscal year started with no warning from the county if approved this service will start on January 1 2026 requiring

[03:50:41] payment from that date, but paid with our real estate tax in July. This means that affected subscribers will pay double for service for that time period. I believe this to be totally unfair and very much want you to institute a method by which my neighbors and I can opt out of Fairfax County service if we wish to do so. At minimum, please delay implementation and payment of service since July 1st, 2026.

[03:51:08] I do not want to deprive my neighbors of the freedom to choose whatever type of waste disposal they desire. However, please do not take that choice away from me and others. It is more beneficial to the county to let private enterprise do the jobs rather than the government. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

[03:51:27] Speaker number three is Joanne McCoy. And Joanne is the, let's see, executive director of NVPWHA. and has five minutes welcome thank you welcome to all of you I have to say supervisor

bearman i had a whole four page and you just killed it for me 1982 was exactly where i was going but i want to say to you all thank you for the opportunity chairman and members of the board i am joanne mccoey not only am i the coo and operator of champion services but the newly formed northern

[03:52:04] Virginia private waste haulers Association summit as a result of the potential USDA plan which has been delayed in 1916 Elwood Summers started hauling trash here in the early 50s homegrown hand-built and community first in Fairfax County moved toward regulation at times centralizing collection. By the early 1970s and 80s, Fairfax County began their trash collection. They began

[03:52:39] setting up the parkouts, and from the parkouts, they began doing residential service. In 1959, that same man, Elwood Summers, from the Mason District, he mentored Cunningham Trash, Jeffrey's trash and Fitzhugh's sanitation. Those gentlemen have all died. However, you look at now the legacy person behind that, that gentleman in 1916 who was the first homegrown waste hauler was none other than my grandfather. I stand before you today because not only do we enjoy what we do,

[03:53:16] but by time the county made the conscious efforts toward private sector, inviting competition to improve efficiency, accountability, and consumer choice. In 2003, when the parkout service ended by Fairfax County, we were contacted by the residents, 386 residents of the McLean-Drainsville District. Of that, we now have 25 because the citizens have been forced into what's called

[03:53:49] a sanitation district. Of the members that we have, 16 of them have been forced and several of them are currently paying county services as well as our services. I don't even want to take the residents' money because I don't believe that it's just for them as seniors, more importantly, to have to pay double for the services. But unfortunately, some of the communities where they live. It's similar to Great Falls. They have pipe stems that are three to five miles long. So even if you do the sanitation district, we will have residents in this county who will be unable

[03:54:27] to be able to even take their garbage to the curb. This is concerning to me that the park out since it began in Providence in Great Falls, John Thion and 380 other families at the Cooper Park trash out a 60-year Miss Theon tradition. It was there a little bit longer than you all moved there.

[03:54:52] For 60 years, they've been able to maintain this, and it continues consistently, and as well as the county staff knows from all of the conferences that we have had in the communications, Great Falls is another community that is affected by this. So it's very important that some of these communities have an opportunity to come before you and to discuss this. Here's what I know.

[03:55:17] Although the USDA plan has been delayed indefinitely, the proposed annexed streets into sanitation district with mandatory county-provided services appears to me to be a backdoor way to accomplish the same consolidation without full transparency. Just as you learned today, Supervisor McKay, that you were being charged for services you weren't rendering In May of 2024, there were three members of the Mason District who actually were opted out of the program.

[03:55:50] One of those individuals is a friend and a longtime neighbor of my grandparents. Moreover, it is very important, and the troubling irony is that the county isn't building its own service capacity.

[03:56:05] At this point, we are subcontracting out to the very private haulers who have been doing this all along. So the question to me is, is that approach centralized control? Does it eliminate, it eliminates resident choice and it keeps private operators in the shadow rather than leveling the competition fields.

[03:56:27] We have seen what annexation can mean on the ground. Customers removed, revenues lost, service terms and narrowed. You heard about the residents who had to double pay, but what you didn't hear about the lost revenue that we experienced from 2003 up until now to the tune of \$727,000 for lost revenue.

[03:56:53] And I stand before you just to say thank you for hearing us because we've tried to come in and speak to you about it. Thank you, Supervisor Beerman, for entertaining us. What we're trying to do is maintain a partnership in this county, and that's why we stand. So I would ask you to reconsider the annexation of those residents who choose to stay a part of Lupine Lane.

[03:57:14] Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Let me ask first if there's any other speakers here present who would like to speak on this matter. Anyone else who would like to testify on this specific matter? I may ask if there are any callers. No callers. No one has called in. We're going to get to questions in one minute, Supervisor Behrman.

[03:57:33] Let me ask first for closing comments and a recommendation from staff. Staff recommends approval for this petition. Thank you very much. Questions from board members, Supervisor Behrman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Question, same question as the last one.

[03:57:49] Are we still, this is coming to us operating under the criteria from 1982, correct? Supervisor Behrman, this is Matthew Adams, the Solid Waste Management Program, yes. So to be clear, today's hearing has absolutely nothing to do with the Unified Sanitation District proposal.

[03:58:15] That's Matthew Adams again. That is correct. Correct. Okay. Just wanted to lay that out there. This has absolutely nothing to do with that proposal. Okay. A question about this Lupine Lane area. How many properties were polled for the question of whether or not this would be annexed into the...

[03:58:35] 77. And how many of those properties voted in favor? 52. And how many voted against? Nine. So that's a 79% turnout on the question. Is that correct?

[03:58:51] Correct. And of the 79% who turned out, somebody might need to check my math, but I have 85% in favor and 15% against. Is that correct? I haven't done the calculation, but yes. And if we were to create the 16 non-responsive people as no's, just assuming, I have 67.5% of the neighborhood in favor, 12% would be opposed, and 16% would be non-responsive, but we'll count them as no's.

[03:59:22] Does that sound about right? That's correct. So there's a pretty strong Democratic desire here to add this to the county pickup. Can I ask, how did this come to the Board of Supervisors? We received an inquiry from one of the residents, and I went to her house.

[03:59:42] Her name is Carol Kostic, and I met with her and her husband for a couple hours. So did you go to her house before or after she asked you to come to her house? Oh, after she asked. Okay, so this was resident-driven, correct? That is correct.

[03:59:58] So the statement that we have been systematically annexing, that this is driven by the folks up here, is not, strictly speaking, correct, correct? Correct. Okay. Look, it seems pretty clear to me that this is a situation where we have had something in place for 43 years, probably about 10 successive elections in which we have had this criteria on the books.

[04:00:27] the people of this neighborhood have all met the criteria they drove the process it's pretty strongly in favor of that criteria i also want to make one thing clear if you are on county pickup are you

precluded from also uh you know engaging in the park out nothing precludes you from seeking other services you still have to pay the fee but no there's no prohibition just like for instance, nothing precludes you from sending your child to a private school even though your taxes

[04:01:04] also pay for public schools. Is that correct? It would be a very good analogy, yes. Okay, thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Beerman. And I just want to make one thing clear, Ms. McCoy, I didn't learn today that we were being double billed. I learned that in 2012, which is a different disappointment.

[04:01:24] But at that time, it was told by staff, who are different than the staff here today, that there was a correction in place to prevent that from happening again. So I just want to be clear on that. Any further discussions, Supervisor Alcorn? Yeah, just very quickly, I think we're entering into a new period here.

[04:01:44] And if we're going to have folks show up every time we try to create a new sanitary district for a few dozen folks, I think as a board, we need to have some more conversations about what we're going to do. And frankly, I'm going to be driven by the interests of my residents during that discussion and the community at large.

[04:02:06] And I look forward to that conversation. Thank you. Well said. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Supervisor Herity. Yeah, and I like that suggestion an awful lot. And I think, let me ask the question first. The question is, and this is one that's come up before, we've got seniors that can't get their trash cans down long driveways.

[04:02:31] We've got providers now that will provide that service. Yes, it costs more, but it's at their option. Do we offer that in our sanitary districts? We do offer a special service. There are limits to how far off of the street that we will go, but even with those criteria, we've been asked to make exceptions, which we have.

[04:02:50] Okay. I appreciate that. And then the second issue tends to be affordability. And the residents of Great Falls, of course, have enjoyed in your area, the county, the park outs, which is an inexpensive way to do the trash removal compared to this.

[04:03:08] But I think we need a larger discussion. Supervisor Behrman. I'm also open to a larger discussion, but I confess that here when I have 52 property owners in favor and nine against, and I am here to represent the residents of the Drainsville District, it is not a tough decision for me to make the motion that I am about to make.

[04:03:34] So may I make the motion, Mr. Chairman? Let me make sure there are no other questions from board members. So first, I need to close the public hearing, and let me recognize Supervisor Beerman for a motion. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to adopt the county executive's recommendation that the board approve the proposed petition to change the sanitary district in the Drainsville District.

[04:03:56] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Alcorn. Discussion on the motion? And we've had a lot of discussion already, but any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[04:04:12] And that motion carries. And that brings us to our next public hearing, which is a public hearing to consider an ordinance establishing the Gambrill Residential Permit Parking District, District 51 in the Springfield District.

[04:04:29] And we're going to switch staff here. And as soon as staff is ready, we would appreciate a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Chairman McKay and members of the board.

[04:05:06] Beverly Duran-Wagner with the Department of Transportation. This is a public hearing to consider establishing District 51, the Gambrel Residential Permit Parking District to include Swope Court from Gambrel Road to the cul-de-sac inclusive, as shown on Attachment 2. Residents along Swope Court requested establishment of the Gambrel RPPD to protect residents from unreasonable burdens to access their property caused by parking of commuter vehicles. FCDOT performed a parking study during hours of peak demand and found at least 75 percent of the total number of on-street parking spaces were occupied

[04:05:46] and at least 50 percent of all parked vehicles were not registered to residents of the petitioning block. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone present who would like to speak on this subject? If you can come on down, sign in with the clerk to my right. If you're here to testify in a public hearing that I have yet to call, please, please, please come down and sign up with the clerk if you're not already signed up

[04:06:21] to my right so that we can be timely. And I see two speakers coming down. Again, this is a public hearing, and we would welcome anyone else who would like to sign up to speak. If you could please state your name and address for the record, and welcome. The floor is yours. Thanks. My name is Najla Ahmad.

[04:06:42] I live at 8296 Swope Court, and I'm actually here to give a voice to the kids of our neighborhood. My kids are up there. They actually came here of their own volition, straight from school. They're exhausted.

[04:06:57] They're probably hungry, but this is really important to them. In the morning, when people are coming to park, they're rushed. They're just trying to find a spot. I understand that. but our kids are also walking across the street to go to the bus stop and at the end of the day when they're trying to come home at around the same time then people are leaving quickly and they're not really looking. When our street is full of cars there's not really good line of sight to the end of the street. You can't really see if cars are coming and both my children have had

[04:07:35] incidences where they really thought that they were going to be in an accident and I think for the safety of our children, we would really appreciate it if this was approved. Thank you very much. Thank you for your testimony.

[04:07:52] And I believe we have a second speaker. If you could come on down, sir, just state your name and address for the record. And if anyone else here is here for this particular public hearing, please be sure to come on down and sign in with the clerk. And I believe we have Andres Vasquez, correct? Yes.

[04:08:07] Welcome. Thank you. I believe you have my own address on the document there. I appreciate your time, I appreciate my opportunity to speak, and I appreciate the previous speaker. I have an opposing position, but before I go into what I was going to say, I just wanted to acknowledge the previous speaker.

[04:08:29] I, too, have three children, and I also acknowledge that cars drive way too fast, and we've asked to put speed bumps, so that could be a potential course of action for this body to entertain. So as I stated, my name is Andres Vasquez. As Fairfax County residents, we value the quality of life and tranquility that a

community provides. However, we strongly believe that implementing residential parking restrictions would be a misguided solution that would unfairly

[04:09:02] target certain groups of people. So the proposed restriction limits is limited to between the hours of 3 to 7 p.m. It doesn't necessarily align with the schedules of many hard-working individuals who commute during the day. So this would directly impact DOD employees, including those serving the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, as well as health care workers and others who work these hours, forcing them to either park further away.

[04:09:31] If they don't arrive by 6.30, usually that lot is completely filled. And so I'd like to say that it's, I think it would be unreasonable to expect everyone to adhere to like a non-traditional schedule. So it's also important to note that the individuals parking there are not necessarily loitering or causing disruptions, notwithstanding the previous speaker, which she said.

[04:09:58] But from what I've observed and what my wife, both she and I work at the Pentagon, she's been working there for three years. I've only been there for several months. Um, and it's, um, the, the, the, the, the folks that park there, you know, they, they usually come, they, they park, they go to work, they come back, and then they, they go home, right?

[04:10:21] They're not, they're not loitering, they're not causing, uh, uh, necessarily disruptions. Um, moreover, proximity to public, public transportation, including bus, bus stops is a key factor in determining property values. So the homeowners were aware of the bus stop locations when they purchased their homes, and I think it's unfair to penalize the commuters by restricting the parking.

[04:10:44] The parking lot near the community, based on my research, I think has been around since about 2005, and I think it's unrealistic to expect that the parking dynamics would remain unchanged over the years. I'd ask you to consider that these are county streets, and they're public thoroughfares intended for use by all members of the community.

[04:11:04] including those who rely on public transportation. So I just, I know time is of the essence, so I'll just get to the bottom. So I just ask you to think of other solutions. Don't be overly restrictive in what you decide.

[04:11:21] So thank you for your time. Thank you very much for your testimony. And let me ask if there's anyone else present who would like to speak on this matter, this specific matter. This is a public hearing, seeing and hearing no one. Let me ask if we have any callers. Yes, we have two callers.

[04:11:37] The first caller is Mr. Kim. I'm sorry, is... Mr. Kim. Mr. Kim, can you hear me okay? Yes, I can. Okay. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. My name is Joe Kim. I live in 8304 Swope Court. My home is the first home off of Gamble Road.

[04:11:55] I have lived here in Fairfax County for over 35 years, and the community was actually built in 2016. So prior to 2016, this road did not exist. I'm here to express my strong support for the proposed establishment of the Gamble Residential Parking Permit District.

[04:12:10] From Monday through Friday, our small cul-de-sac has become overwhelmed by commuter vehicles. Dozens of non-resident cars park along the street, and when they do this, they're constantly blocking either mailboxes, trash collection, or even emergency vehicles.

[04:12:28] Our road is not a large, wide road, so it becomes very difficult to kind of navigate around. And I've had to call the non-emergency line several times because, again, mailboxes were blocked and fire hydrants were also being blocked. I want to also point out that there are two large commuter lots that are all walking distances with bus stops.

[04:12:54] So, you know, our neighborhood wasn't designed as a commuter parking lot. Further, Springfield Community Business Center is a four- or five-story parking complex that just got established, and that's completely underutilized. I've actually been going there every other week to check how, you know, full the capacity is, and I've noticed that it's hugely less than a quarter full.

[04:13:17] So there are plenty of parking spots available in designated spots, but those are completely being underutilized. So I would, you know, highly encourage you guys to consider approving the parking district. Thank you.

[04:13:35] Thank you very much, Mr. Kim, for your testimony. And we have another caller. Yes, we do. Mr. Agat? Mr. Agat, can you hear me okay? Yes, hi. This is Mohit Magut. I live in 826 Swapcourt.

[04:13:53] And thank you, Chairman and the members of the committee. I don't keep this short. I know it's getting late. I want to acknowledge and appreciate your commitments and efforts for solving our community's problems. The issues we're facing, as my neighbors alluded to, is we are living in this very close to the Kisan Rite area.

[04:14:20] And most of the time, I've been living in this community for over eight years. And our community is being used as an overflow parking area. In most of the weekdays, if you just come to our community, you will see many cars that are parked there.

[04:14:36] They are covered with dashboards, protectors, and so forth. And it appears that they are using our community as a parking lot. And not only that, we can't get neighbors or receive deliveries.

[04:14:53] Even getting in and out of our community is a problem. is we have to zigzag through our way to get out and get in. And I understand that some people are having problems because of parking issues, but I think given that we live in a cul-de-sac, there's no pass-through, I think that we would like to have some parking areas for ourselves as well.

[04:15:18] So not only the other communities, but we would like to keep our place available for getting deliveries or visitors. So I would like to encourage you to consider our petition to pass the parking permit for this area.

[04:15:41] Thank you very much for your time. Thank you very much for calling in. And are there any additional callers? Okay. So that will be speaker number four and our final speaker on this item. And let me ask if there are any closing comments our recommendation from county staff. Based on the results of the parking demand study and the fulfillment of all other requirements set forth in Fairfax County Code, staff recommends approval of the Gamble RPPD establishment as proposed. Thank you very much. And any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor

[04:16:21] Herity for a motion. Yeah, I'm going to go ahead and make the motion and then I'll get some comments afterwards. Mr. Chairman, I move the board adopt an amendment of two appendix G of the Fairfax county code is shown an attachment one to establish the gambrel rppd comma district 51 you've

heard the motion second from supervisor Alcorn discussions supervisor so so what we have here is is a very successful commuter bus express route and as I always like to say people are more likely to take transit if it gets them there quicker quicker and the over capacity gambrel park and ride lot

[04:16:59] is a perfect example of that solutions aren't always easy and we're working a couple of solutions so I I don't know that you've contacted our office yet but several people have because we've got other we're just gonna have to keep expanding this if we don't come up with solutions you'd think a simple solution would be putting a sign up to let them know that the Springfield parking the Springfield garage is like wide open but it's a V dot lot so simple solutions aren't always simple but we are working we're working that solution to give them alternatives the other thing we're looking at is the stride and stricker

[04:17:36] park and ride a lot is underutilized right down the road and you know express routes or express routes but can we get it to stop there and that may take some of the traffic out so we are working some solutions I think this needs to happen I've been by the parking this is the neighbors have indicated blocks you know mailboxes driveways trash pickup you name it so with that I would ask my colleagues to to support that and I appreciate all the testimony today thank you very much supervisor Harrity is there any further discussion seeing and

[04:18:15] hearing none all those in favor of the motion please say aye aye any opposed any abstentions and that motion carries and I want to thank staff and Peyton in my office for working this through. Thanks. Thank you very much. And our next public hearing is a public hearing to consider an ordinance expanding the West Springfield Residential Permit Parking District, District 7 in the Braddock District. And I would now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Chairman McKay and members of the board. Beverly Duran-Wagner with

[04:18:52] the Department of Transportation. This is a public hearing to consider expanding District 7, the West Springfield Residential Permit Parking District to include Fenwood Drive from Roxbury Avenue to Oakford Drive as shown in Attachment 2. Residents along Fenwood Drive have requested establishment of RPPD to unreasonable burdens to access their property caused by parking of non-resident vehicles during school hours.

[04:19:18] The petitioning block meets the code requirements for RPPD based on its walking distance proximity to West Springfield High School. Thank you very much. Let me ask if there are any questions of staff.

[04:19:34] Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none. This is a public hearing, and I have no speakers 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? Seeing and hearing no one.

[04:19:52] Let me ask if we have any callers. No callers. No callers. Closing comments and a recommendation from staff? Based on the fulfillment of all requirements set forth in Fairfax County Code, Staff recommends approval of the West Springfield RPPD expansion as proposed.

[04:20:08] Thank you very much. Questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, let me just say, since the Braddock district seat is currently vacant, I am now going to turn the gavel over to Vice Chair Smith so that I may eventually make a motion following that.

[04:20:25] Mr. Chairman, do you have a motion? You have the gavel, I do. I move that the Board of Supervisors adopt an amendment to Appendix G of the Fairfax County Code to expand the West Springfield Residential Parking Permit District, District 7, to include Fenwood Drive from Roxbury Avenue to Oxford Drive.

[04:20:43] I'll second that motion. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Supervisor Smith, and thank you to staff. And that brings us to our next public hearing, our final public hearing of the day, which is a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance establishing parking restrictions on South Street in the Mason District.

[04:21:11] And if we could please have a staff presentation. Good afternoon, Chairman McKay and members of the board. Henry Stein-McCartney with Department of Transportation. This is a public hearing to consider parking restrictions in the Mason District on the south side of South Street from Arlington Boulevard Service Road to the northeastern property line of 6430 Arlington Boulevard as shown on attachment 2. The proposed restriction will prohibit the parking of commercial vehicles, watercraft, boat trailers, motorhomes, camping trailers, and any other trailer or semi-trailer

[04:21:46] at all times. The proposed restriction will be implemented under section 82-537-4 of Fairfax County Code, which provides that when a street serves as a boundary between an area zoned for residential use and an area zoned for non-residential use, where certain vehicles by code are prohibited from parking on the residential side of the street, that the board may designate parking restrictions on the non-residential side of the street in order to maintain the residential character of the abiding residential community.

[04:22:18] In this case, the north side of South Street is included in the Mason Large Area Community Parking District, which prohibits parking of commercial vehicles, watercraft, recreational vehicles, and all trailers.

[04:22:35] Property management representatives of commercial uses along the south side of the street requested that commercial vehicles, watercraft, recreational vehicles, and all trailers be prohibited from parking on the south side of South Street directly across from the residentially zoned area as a means to reduce commercial and recreational vehicle storage and to maintain the residential character of the abutting residential community.

[04:23:01] Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff? Any questions of staff? Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I do have one speaker who signed up in advance to testify by phone. Do we have on the line Gurmukh Mehta?

[04:23:20] Yes, we do. Okay. Can you hear me okay? Yes, sir, I can. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and the board members. I've been living on the South Street, 86434 South Street for the last 21 years.

[04:23:39] Over this, the traffic on the street has significantly increased, and also there are no pedestrian sidewalks on the residential side of that. See, that makes it more dangerous. We see very commonly crash accumulation by these commercial vehicles, who frequently leave behind litter and debris, and we have to do some of the cleanups, and the associated business also on the street have these complaints.

[04:24:09] These vehicles present high-source impact because of the large vehicles. You know, it diminishes the appearance of our neighborhood. We seriously have many security concerns because many vehicles are there for weeks and obstruct visibility and can conceal what's being happening in these cars, you know, or in these vehicles and has potential safety risks for our residents and our business.

[04:24:42] And it has also reduced the property value on the streets. Many people are so fed up, they say they rather move than face it every day. So on behalf of those people living on the South Street, as well as our associated businesses, which is Hampton Inn and American Loop Services, we'd like you to approve this application.

[04:25:09] And I'll take a minute here that recently we see snow plows, food trucks, tax control, board carrier. And two weeks ago, a car carrier trailer unloading Zook's automated cars for Samaria.

[04:25:31] And this trailer was double parked for about two hours when he was unloading this car and driving them away. So it's a big mess for all of us, and we need your help in all that. And I would also try to appreciate the help we have gotten from Ms. Hannah Frank of our Fairfax County Services.

[04:25:57] I don't have any other comments, and I appreciate for your listening to this. Thank you. Thank you very much for your testimony, and I believe that was the only caller that we had. Let me make sure there's no one else present who would like to speak on this matter.

[04:26:12] This is a public hearing. Is there anyone present here who would like to speak on this subject? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask for closing comments and a recommendation from staff. Mr. Chairman, someone just called in. Mr. David Geiger.

[04:26:28] Okay. Mr. Geiger, you're calling on the parking district in the Mason district? That's correct. Okay. Welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you very much, and thank you for all you do. My wife and I have lived for 11 years on South Street.

[04:26:52] I think I'm waiting to go on. Nope, you're live right now. If you could turn down the background noise, you're live testifying at the board now. Okay, thank you very much. My wife and I have lived on South Street, 6432 South Street, through FX County for the last 10 or 11 years, and it's just gotten to be really a nuisance.

[04:27:16] People from other areas, we've validated that by calls, non-emergency calls to the police. People are parking. We had a donut truck. It was a former donut truck beat up and parking there for months at a time. We've had boats. Right now, at this very time, we have a Port-A-John parked there from a job that was done by Washington Gas that was finished two weeks ago.

[04:27:40] So it's really become an eyesore to the neighborhood with commercial parking. and we're respectfully requesting that that be prohibited and limited. And your indulgence and considerations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your testimony.

[04:27:57] We appreciate that. And I believe if there are no additional callers, okay, let me ask. I think I already asked for closing comments and a recommendation from staff, but if I didn't, I'm asking now. Based on the fulfillment of requirements of Fairfax County Code, staff recommends approval of parking restrictions on South Street as proposed.

[04:28:21] Thank you very much. Any questions from board members? Seeing and hearing none, I will now close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Jimenez for a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that

the Board of Supervisors adopt an amendment to Appendix R, Fairfax County Code, to prohibit parking of watercraft, boat trailers, motorhomes, camping trailers, and any other trailer or semi-trailer on the south side of South Street from Arlington Boulevard Service Road to the northeastern property line of 6430 Arlington Boulevard at all times, as shown on Attachment 1.

[04:28:56] Second. You've heard the motion and some aggressive seconding. A lot of aggressive seconding. Discussion on the motion? If there's any discussion of the motion, seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[04:29:13] Any abstentions? And that motion carries. And that was our final public hearing. So if there's no further business to come before the board, that is the end of our meeting of October 14, 2024, and the board is adjourned.



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