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[00:00:02] Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our board meeting of March 3rd, 2026. We are going to begin our meeting this morning, as we always do, which is to recognize my colleagues for those who would like to keep in their thoughts and prayers. We will rise for those who are able for a moment of silence to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and then we'll move into our presentations.

[00:00:24] And I do want to acknowledge, as we begin to reflect and have a moment of silence, that But we do want to reiterate again that we lost a former colleague, Mike Frye, who was the Sully District Supervisor, and we are going to, in a few moments, play a tribute video to Supervisor Frye, as we do, for members of this board that we have lost, just to reflect back on all of his accomplishments for not just the Sully District, but for all of Fairfax County.

[00:00:56] And I'll have more to say about that in a moment. But I also want us to keep in our thoughts and prayers this morning Bob Weinberg, and I know Supervisor Alcorn will want to add on this, but February 19th, we learned the passing of Robert "Bob" Weinberg, who was a long-time lawyer and civic activist, died of natural causes in our community, but Bob was active in local and national politics throughout his life.

[00:01:22] One of the ways that I got to meet him, he was very committed to justice and a more equitable Society and was a founder of the law firm that would become Williams and Connelly. Bob practiced law in

both civil and criminal litigation with a particular focus on constitutional protections for civil rights and pro bono representation. Bob is survived by his wife of 70 years, Wendy and his children, Susan, David, and Jeremy, as well as his grandchildren, Alexi, Elena, Anna, and Jacob. Our thoughts are with Bob and his loved ones during this difficult time.

[00:01:58] Some may also remember Bob was a one-time candidate for Congress in a primary, did not succeed but succeeded in creating a dialogue around some of the things that I mentioned here that certainly as we reflect on where we are as a nation today was certainly well ahead of his time in challenging standards when it comes to civil rights and constitutional rights of individuals.

[00:02:22] And so if we could keep Bob and his extended family in our thoughts and prayers. And with that, I'm going to recognize Supervisor Alcorn, if you would like to add to that, and then I'll recognize the rest of my colleagues. Yeah, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Appreciate the recognition of Bob. For those of us that knew him, he was a brilliant guy.

[00:02:39] He was a bundle of energy, really committed to civic life, but also did extraordinary things in his private life and career. So he did serve and live his life as a great model for many.

[00:02:56] So thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, on that. Okay, let me start this way. We're going to make our way across. Let me start with Supervisor Menez. Mr. Chairman, I'm sad to report the passing of Sun Hoi Kim. Mrs. Kim was struck by a car while walking in Annandale on Saturday, evening and succumbed to injuries after being transported to the trauma center.

[00:03:18] This is, since it's another tragic reminder of the urgent need for increased pedestrian safety in our county and region. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and the community during this time of mourning. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Supervisor Lusk.

[00:03:34] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm saddened to share the passing of Myra Sands Lusk on February 12, 2026. She was a resident of Franconia District. No relationship to me. Ms. Meier-Sands' lust took great pride in her work with the U.S. Census Bureau, where she approached public service with integrity, diligence, and purpose.

[00:03:57] She belonged to the Alexandria Rotary Club from 2016 until her passing, forming meaningful friendships while contributing to service projects and supported those in need. She was also a member of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, where she sang joyfully in the church choir.

[00:04:18] Mayor Sanz was a dedicated champion of women's rights, social work initiatives, scientific research, and animal welfare. She lived a life defined by service, advocacy, and passion, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Lusk.

[00:04:35] Supervisor Palczyk. Mr. Chairman, like several of us who were on the route on Sunday afternoon, unfortunately, I was planning to take the Beltway, And it was a horrific accident, a tragic crash and stabbing.

[00:04:52] We are really heart-stricken for the victims, as well as for the troopers who were involved in-- the Virginia State Police is running the investigation. They have released the names of both Michelle Adams, 39, who died from her wounds, and a dog was also stabbed and killed.

[00:05:14] And I believe there are three additional women who have been hospitalized with serious injuries. Just a reminder to all of us, times are tough. And let's try to remember to be kind, cautious,

patient to each other.

[00:05:31] Remember that we are not out there alone. We're not alone in our car. We're not alone in the community. Whether you're driving, biking, walking, please remember, take a moment, take a beat. It's better to get somewhere safe than it is to let anger get a hold of us.

[00:05:48] So my thoughts and prayers are with the troopers. One of my neighbors helps oversee the troopers on the beltway. I know they've been out there supporting that. And our police were out there helping with traffic on Sunday. It was especially tragic. I was actually on my way to a children's event when I heard about this.

[00:06:07] And it was just truly heart-wrenching. So I just want to thank all those who were involved and helped mitigate any further issues. And our hearts and prayers are with Michelle Woods and the women who are still in the hospital. Thank you, Supervisor Powcek.

[00:06:23] And having been out there myself as well, I also want to recognize the patients of all the communities that had interstate traffic running through them for hours and hours and hours. You just don't close the belt way down and not affect a lot of people.

[00:06:40] And so having been out there, there were some of our communities that, unfortunately, were becoming racetracks that people were being mapped through to avoid the area. And, you know, thankfully, there were no other incidents that resulted from people driving through communities like they're on an interstate.

[00:06:58] And so we had a lot to focus on that day and appreciate you bringing up the victims. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am sad to pass along news about Rick Hamilton. Rick is or was a leader of the Polo Fields community in Reston, a longtime community leader, done so much over the years for the Polo Fields and for Reston overall, whether it's advocating and working with our Department of Transportation and VDOT

[00:07:31] on on safety of the Sunrise Valley pedestrians or working with developers like Stanley Martin on development project across the street their community for those of you don't know is immediately adjacent to the Herndon metro station and and he really did so much helping his community come along with the times as his immediate neighborhood changed and it was such a a constructive voice. So I just want to pass along our condolences to his family, particularly

[00:08:07] to his wife, Caroline. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Sorker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have really two tragedies and violent tragedies to at least acknowledge, and the first of which is Stephanie Mentor, 41 years of age, was assaulted and died along Richmond Highway. And it's incredibly sad. I didn't know her personally, but obviously she had no expectation that she would be harmed in this way. The community obviously is very concerned about it.

[00:08:41] The police, as has been the case, they identified and really through the help of a person who lives in the community, identified who the individual we believe is. And the police really swiftly responded and coordinated and ultimately arrested the individual. The other tragedy occurred south of Fairfax County, but nonetheless deeply affected Fairfax County, and particularly the Lorton Station Elementary School community. Qi Zhang Zhe, lovingly known to all as Mrs. K, began working in Lorton Station Elementary when the school opened in 2003. And for more than

[00:09:21] decade, two decades, she poured out her heart and caring to generations of students. She loved every child who came through her cafeteria, and it was her cafeteria, and her greatest priority was making sure no one went hungry, and particularly during the pandemic, she worked tirelessly to ensure students and families received the meals and support that they needed. Again, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to our community and to particularly the students and children that she took a personal interest in. She was two years away from retiring and hoping to spend more time and looking forward to spending more time with her

[00:09:57] grandchild. Again, Ms. Kaye was a bright light to Lurton Station Elementary School, and she'll be deeply missed. Her kindness, generosity, and love will carry on in the hearts of all those who had the opportunity of getting to know her. Thank you.

[00:10:14] Thank you, Supervisor Stork. And before we rise for a moment of silence at this time. I mentioned earlier that Channel 16 produced a tribute video to former Supervisor Mike Fry. If we could roll that. Hi, Michael R. Fry.

[00:10:36] Hi, Michael R. Fry. As Supervisor of the Sully District. As Supervisor of the Sully District. According to the best of my ability. According to the best of my ability. So help me God. So help me God. Mike was the Supervisor when I was on the school board. We had a great relationship.

[00:10:57] But his service to the community and what he has done for this community and ensuring that there were ball fields for kids. We partnered with the youth group. We offered them land at public parks. We brought the schools into the partnership concept and the booster clubs for 10, 11, 12-year-old kids.

[00:11:16] When they get to go out on Westfield High School Stadium Field and play a youth soccer or a youth football game, it's just a real thrill. He was simple, always looking to do good. He loved local service. You know, the Centerville Historic District, Udvar-Hazy, the World Police and Fire Games, Sully Woodlands and Preserving Sully Woodlands. He was a staunch defender in good times and bad of our police department when they really needed it. But what I will remember, Mike, as a dear friend, somebody that I talk to

[00:11:50] often uh somebody who always looked forward to every year uh playing together in the animal shelter golf tournament that he had a passion for nothing would please me more than for people to think of me and say he was fair if people thought i listened listened to their arguments studied all of the alternatives and and had sound reasons for the decisions that i came to you know i couldn't ask for anything more for people to say he was fair clearly in terms of service the name on the

[00:12:24] side of the animal shelter I know that's something that I hope lasts a long long time it has truly been my my love and my passion and something I do think I made a difference somebody one time told me oh you can't make a career out of helping animals I said you can there's other things but But, no, I could do that my whole career, and we'll continue to do so.

[00:12:58] I want to thank Channel 16 for putting that together. I think it captured wonderfully so many different things about Mike, his personality and his passions, for sure. I do want to, in addition to thanking Channel 16, remember to announce, and for those who are watching, I know this will be important, is that Celebration of Life will be held in Mike's honor.

[00:13:22] And I want to thank Supervisor Herity and some of Mike's former staff, a lot of folks who are working to make this special. But a celebration of Mike's honor will be held here at the Maine Government

Center Auditorium on Saturday, April 11th, from 2 to 4 p.m. And those who would like to attend are asked to RSVP online.

[00:13:40] The link to do so is on the screen here before us, and we want to make sure we get that out. And if my colleagues could share that in their newsletters to spread the word, because Mike was known everywhere. in this county. That would be helpful. And I want to thank the animal shelter and the friends of the animal shelter as well. A lot of folks in that video, some are here who were stars in that video, but obviously one of Mike's many passions, obviously, were the animals. And we'll find a special way to honor them at Mike's Celebration of Life as he would have wanted as well. So

[00:14:17] hopefully all can attend and look forward to continuing to celebrate the legacy of Supervisor Frye, but more important, a good friend to a lot of us in this building today. So with that, for all who are able to rise, if you could please rise for a moment of silence to be followed by the

[00:14:34] Pledge of Allegiance. Face the flag. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of

[00:15:07] America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. And this morning we have four presentations and for each presentation I'll announce the proclamation and invite our speaker down to the podium in front of me. We will then read the proclamation after our speaker's remarks. We'll pose for a picture from the dais. And first

[00:15:42] up this morning, we have a resolution to honor Claudia Palachios for her historic International Adaptive Boxing Championship and the pride she has brought to Fairfax County. If you could come on down, and anyone who is here with you is welcome to join you as well. And at this time, this was requested by myself. I know that Claudia is our speaker. I know that she's here, and several who are here with her, and we're going to give them a moment to get in front of the podium.

[00:16:16] I do have a resolution to read, and I'm going to begin that. Whereas Claudia Palachios, a Fairfax County native and dedicated adaptive boxer, has shown perseverance, discipline, and athletic excellence by representing Fairfax County and the United States at the International Adaptive Boxing Championship in Spain, in December of 2025, competing against top athletes from France and the Czech Republic.

[00:16:44] And whereas she emerged as a championship winner, becoming one of the first United States adaptive boxers to earn an international title through overseas competition, marking a historic milestone for adaptive boxing and reflecting the growing strength and recognition of inclusive athletics in Fairfax County. And whereas her accomplishments contribute to the advancement of adaptive boxing as a potential Paralympic sport, inspire future generations to pursue athletic achievement regardless of physical limitations, serve as a role model for athletes of all abilities, and have helped elevate the profile of adaptive sports throughout the region.

[00:17:24] And whereas she trained at the DPI Adaptive Boxing Club in Fairfax County, whose mission it is to empower individuals with disabilities through accessible fitness and adaptive sports, And whereas her success brings great pride and positive recognition to Fairfax County and reflects the county's value of inclusion, opportunity, and community support, now therefore be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby honor and congratulate Claudia Palacios for her historic international championship and outstanding representation of Fairfax County,

[00:18:01] and commends the trainers, coaches, and leadership of the DPI Adaptive Boxing Club for their dedication to inclusive athletics and their vital role in this achievement. I'll second that motion along with Supervisor Palchuk. Discussion on the motion. Yes, very briefly, Madam Vice Chair, this is such an important resolution as it reads for so many different reasons, not the least of which, of course, is representing the champion before us, But I think equally important for our entire county and community to recognize the abilities of all people in our community to participate in all facets of life.

[00:18:41] And we talk about that a lot here. And it is so important to see this in action, to inspire other people to understand that no matter what life sends them, they too can be stars and world champions. And I think that inspiration is so important, especially for our young people.

[00:19:01] This also is a huge recognition for Fairfax County, not only because of the champion who's here before us, but I know there are a lot of other folks who are tied to Fairfax County who also received honors during the international competition, and that is Joanna, the real Deal Bonilla, Claudia Baby Tyson Palacios, who's here, Elijah King Kong Liggins, and I also want to, as the resolution acknowledges, recognize the coaching and leadership that

[00:19:36] is so important to making these historic achievements happen, and the DPI Adaptive Boxing Club for their presence in Fairfax County and providing opportunities for so many people in our community to aspire to participate in adaptive sports.

[00:19:53] And so I read about this first in the newspaper. I honestly had not heard about it until we saw the press cover this amazing achievement. And I think all of us look forward to coming out, visiting DPI Adaptive Boxing Club, and seeing all the great work that's being done.

[00:20:12] And thank you for your achievements and making sure that all of us in Fairfax County understand and can celebrate with you this remarkable opportunity and win that you have had on behalf of Fairfax County and on behalf of the DPI Adaptive Boxing Club.

[00:20:28] And I appreciate my colleagues' support. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much, Vice Chair Smith. And with that, I'm going to turn the podium, the microphone over to Claudia Palachios, who's here, and several others who are here, who I know you will recognize.

[00:20:52] But welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you. Good morning, Chairman, members of the board. Thank you for this incredible honor in recognizing adaptive boxing and the athletes who represent this movement.

[00:21:07] Receiving this resolution following my international adaptive boxing title victory is deeply meaningful to me because this achievement reflects the strength of an entire community, our coaches, teammates, and families and supporters who believe that sports should be accessible to everyone.

[00:21:34] Adaptive boxing has given me the confidence, purpose, and the opportunity to represent Fairfax County on an international stage. I am proud to be part of a program that shows ability, determination, and inclusion that can exist together in sport.

[00:21:56] I am grateful for your support of an adaptive athlete and honor to share this moment with my team, our captain, Joanna Bonita. Those leadership help drive our program forward every day. Thank you.

[00:22:27] Good morning. Good morning, chairman and members of the board. My name is Joanna Bonita, as Claudia just said. I am team captain of DPI Adaptive Boxing Club. It's inspiring to see how adaptive boxing has grown here in Fairfax County. What started as a local program has developed into an international hub welcoming athletes, coaches, and partnerships from across the United States and around the world.

[00:22:51] This recognition shows that our community values inclusion and believes athletes of all abilities deserve opportunities to train, compete, and succeed at the highest level. We're proud to represent Fairfax County and excited to continue building opportunities for the adaptive athletes both locally and internationally.

[00:23:09] Thank you so much for your support. Thank you. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. Don't go anywhere. We want to make sure all of you are in the photo. One day, get out of here as quick as possible. We want to make sure we have a photo with all of you in it. And so I will come on down. And if the board could rise, yeah, some impressive hardware, if the board could rise.

[00:23:39] And next we have a resolution to commemorate Peace Corps Day and the 65th anniversary of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

[00:25:10] This was requested by myself, Supervisor Alcorn, and Supervisor Palchek. Our speaker is Sarah Holtz, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, who served from 95 to 98. If you could please come on down. And those who are here with you, and there's a lot of you, which is wonderful.

[00:25:27] If you all could come on down, and we're going to give you a moment to do that. And while you are doing that, I have a resolution to read. I also want to invite down Congressman Walkinshaw's staffer, Chris Atkinson, who is here, who also has a presentation on behalf of the Congressman's office to honor Peace Corps volunteers as well.

[00:25:54] And while they are coming down, I am again going to turn, hand the gavel to Vice Chair Smith so that I can read the following resolution. Whereas established March 1, 1961, the Peace Corps has promoted peace, friendship, and understanding for 65 years by partnering with communities in nearly 150 countries.

[00:26:16] And whereas the Peace Corps advances its mission by helping countries meet their needs for trained professionals, fostering understanding of Americans abroad, and promoting American understanding of other cultures. And whereas thousands of returned Peace Corps volunteers have made Fairfax County their home, continuing a lifelong commitment to service through hunger relief, habitat restoration, literacy education, youth mentorship, refugee aid, non-profit leadership, civic participation, and public advocacy. And whereas a 2023 national study

[00:26:54] found that 86 percent of returned Peace Corps volunteers continue volunteering and are three times more likely to do so than the average American, demonstrating an enduring spirit of service that constitutes a domestic dividend, strengthening communities nationwide, including here in Fairfax County. And whereas in the spirit of national reflection and civic engagement surrounding the United States' upcoming 250th anniversary, it is fitting to recognize organizations and individuals who exemplify service, cooperation, and global understanding. Now, therefore, be it

[00:27:31] resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Peace Corps and the contributions of returned Peace Corps

volunteers residing in Fairfax County, honoring their dedication to volunteerism, community leadership, and public service. Second. Seconded by Supervisors Alcorn, Palachuk, and Bierman.

[00:27:56] Discussion on the motion. Thank you very much, Vice Chair Smith. I didn't think we'd have any trouble with this one, but I appreciate all the seconds. This is an important, you know, I mentioned earlier about timing, and the timing of this seems more important now than ever for a lot of obvious reasons, which I don't need to go into all of them, but this is a really important timely recognition of a 65th anniversary, and as we look out among the people who are here, I know most of my colleagues are probably thinking the same thing, which is there's a lot of familiar

[00:28:29] faces in this group. And the reason for that is, as the proclamation says, a lot of folks whose service in the Peace Corps literally continues to this day in the volunteerism and work that you do in our community. And so we want to recognize not just the 65th anniversary, but also the tremendous number of Peace Corps volunteers who have served and have returned and called Fairfax County home. And we talk a lot about how much better our community is because of the civic engagement and volunteerism in our community. And there's no doubt that the Peace Corps service

[00:29:08] that you all put in place, that you all serve for, has continued to make sure that volunteerism and service to Fairfax County continues. And as I mentioned, I mentioned this all the time, We live in a proudly unapologetic international community that makes Fairfax County successful.

[00:29:28] And the relationships and the respect that many people across this world have for the United States is because of the work of the Peace Corps and the values that we have here that we put on display every single day in Fairfax County. And so congratulations on the 65th anniversary of Peace Corps, but more importantly, this is a moment of reflection, I think, for all of us on how the fundamentals of the Peace Corps have never been more important than they are at this moment in our country.

[00:30:00] Supervisor Palchuk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair, and thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks to all of you. Definitely, we have the most amazing volunteers in Providence. A big shout out to Sarah Holtz. You know, I first heard about the Peace Corps when I was studying Algebra II in high school, and my teacher was a returned Peace Corps volunteer from Kenya.

[00:30:22] I knew right then and there that that's what I wanted to do. Life changed a little bit, and I was able to continue to pursue work in international development and microfinance in Togo, where Sarah served in Kenya, and then realized coming back home here that there was so much work to do right here in Fairfax County, where I was fortunate enough to grow up as an immigrant and receive so much support and realizing that there was so much more that we could do and support our very international and global community right here.

[00:30:58] I am so delighted to see so many familiar faces from Providence District. We have Irv Arconi, who we know for many, many of his volunteer and community engagement activities. Sarah Holt, who will be speaking today.

[00:31:15] She is the super rock star volunteer engagement person who brings youth out to help fight those invasive species that we have in our parks. I don't think she's here today, but Vivian Morgan-Mendez, who I believe met her husband in the Peace Corps.

[00:31:32] Is she here? I don't see Vivian. No. And Woody Navin are just a few. Oh, there's Woody. I thought I saw you. And then I see a couple of faces. I know I see Patricia Greenberg and Jess Warder from

the county. Are there other county employees who are here?

[00:31:47] So thank you to all of you who have served and who have brought your service back here to Fairfax County. I think we talk about the global work and the work that Peace Corps does to train so many of our citizens and residents to go abroad and do that work.

[00:32:03] But I think we're especially grateful that you come back here and that you continue to serve your local community, whether it's formally, officially, as a volunteer, unofficially. What you've learned abroad, I know, helps us be a better county and better serve our residents here in Fairbanks County.

[00:32:21] So I want to thank all of you. This is extremely exciting. As someone who wished she'd been able to be a formal volunteer, I get to live vicariously through the incredible work that you do and know that the Peace Corps continues to serve as a model for what we do, not just globally, but right here at home.

[00:32:40] So thank you, and congratulations on the 65 years. Thank you. Supervisor Alcorn, then Stork. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair. So this is such a power group. Civically, it's amazing. And there are a few 100-mil folks in here, too, if that's okay.

[00:32:57] But I did want to just underscore something Supervisor Palchuk said. And, you know, your volunteer work and what you did abroad, what you brought back helps us as a community here in Fairfax County. So it is a situation where you're giving actually is such a benefit, hopefully to yourselves, but also to the community.

[00:33:21] And, Sarah, I know you're an amazing tree saver, you know. So, you know, thank you for, you know, your leadership on that. But, you know, I would just encourage us all, as we go through this challenging time, to keep the faith. Peace Corps was a good idea in 1961.

[00:33:40] It's still a good idea today. So let's do everything we all can to keep it going. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Stork, then Lusk. And I want to just echo those comments and really echo the vision, the leadership, really the sense that we can be more than who we are.

[00:34:00] and that's what Kennedy's speech and when he first kind of realized that in talking to a college campus, recognized that we could be more, we can be better, we can help others reach their full potential while, frankly, doing the same for ourselves.

[00:34:16] I appreciate and greatly value, I have a family member who was a Peace Corps volunteer and very involved for multiple years. She not only did the two years but did more than that, which is sometimes a very arduous, pretty difficult environment to be in.

[00:34:32] And those are the kind of commitments that I think we all, people out here, people such as yourself, know that that can make a truly international world, help our Earth be more friendly in multiple ways, not only with other humans, but even our other species.

[00:34:51] And I regret to say that I came that close to being a Peace Corps volunteer, And the two years was kind of what deterred me, and I became a VISTA volunteer, so volunteer in service to America. I think all of you are probably familiar with that, and also a similar kind of concept, but in the United States, and truly enjoyed and valued that service.

[00:35:11] But I particularly wanted to honor and appreciate the fact that you made a commitment to go to, frankly, another world in many cases, so foreign to your own, and made that deep commitment to care

for others. So, again, my great thanks to all of you. Thank you, Supervisor.

[00:35:27] Lusk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. I'll just note, I appreciate the point that the Chairman made about this being very timely now. It's certainly indicative of what we see happening in the world today. I'll note that when President John F. Kennedy created the Peace Corps, his focus at that point was during the Cold War, and his thought was we could have ordinary citizens working side-by-side with others in countries to promote better understanding of Americans and to help Americans better understand the world.

[00:36:06] And the most visible impact of the Peace Corps volunteers is often more small-scale but lasting. It could be work in a village that helps adapt and produce more productive farming practices.

[00:36:22] It could be a rural school that continues using new teaching methods, or it could be a health campaign that is able to sustain itself with volunteers once the Peace Corps volunteers have left.

[00:36:38] Many returning volunteers, many of you here, go on to pursue careers in government, foreign service, education, and nonprofit work, and we are so grateful for that. And I just appreciate the board having this recognition today, and it just helps us realize that we can have a connected world, and it just shows the power of that in the face of so many challenges and difficulties that we are experiencing today.

[00:37:13] So thank you all. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Vice Chairman Smith. And as we have acknowledged, several of us, with us is Sarah Holtz, a returned Peace Corps volunteer who served from 95 to 98 and a whole lot of people here with her who I know are being captured on the video.

[00:37:36] But at this time, let me turn the microphone over to you. Welcome. Hi. Let's see. Is this on? Thank you, Chair McKay, Supervisor Elkhorn, Supervisor Palczyk, and the board. We are deeply, deeply honored by the proclamation. For many of us, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer was the greatest privilege of our lives.

[00:37:56] Alongside our country partners, we helped dig wells, plant trees, create school gardens, improve health, teach English, establish technical schools, coach youth, strengthen small businesses, and support regional governments. When we complete our Peace Corps service, we call ourselves Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, RPCVs.

[00:38:15] And we have a local group here called NOVA RPCV, which is an affiliate of the National Peace Corps Association. The ArtPCV standing here before you today departed for service in the early 1960s through the 2020s. We represent all decades.

[00:38:32] We served in Benin, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Korea, Malawi, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Seychelles, Togo, and Venezuela. But our sense of community and desire to make the world a better place did not end when we left our country of Peace Corps service.

[00:38:55] Those years were just the beginning. Today, you see what we call our domestic dividend in action right here in Fairfax County. We are your public servants, educators, public health workers, environmental stewards, business owners, and of course, your volunteers.

[00:39:12] Our service didn't end abroad. It simply moved home. As we celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Peace Corps in America's 250th year, we are reminded that service is the backbone of our community and of communities worldwide. And so, we invite all of you to serve as Peace Corps volunteers.

[00:39:32] It's not too late, you are not too old, and we would all be honored to help you apply. So come see us afterwards. We'll leave you with the words of President John F. Kennedy, who signed the executive order creating the Peace Corps 65 years ago on Sunday.

[00:39:50] Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. So Fairfax County, we have been answering that call for 65 years, and we are still answering it today. So please continue to call on us to serve. Thank you so much. Thank you very much, Sarah, and as I mentioned before, we see a lot of you out in the community in so many different capacities, and now we know which one of you, which among you, was also in the Peace Corps.

[00:40:26] So if you're not in this picture and you served and you volunteer in the county, you might want to tell us that so we can recognize you for that. But with that being said, thank you for your great words, and this is an incredible group of individuals before us. Before we turn for a photo, I do want to give Chris Atkinson, who's here from Congressman Walkinshaw's office, an opportunity to come to the podium as well.

[00:40:49] Welcome. Thank you, Supervisors, for allowing me to be here today to recognize our volunteers with the Peace Corps and recognize the 65th anniversary. Today, I am here with a proclamation from Congressman Walkinshaw, which was entered into the congressional record yesterday, recognizing the 65th anniversary.

[00:41:07] So, on behalf of the congressman, I rise today to recognize the 65th anniversary of the Peace Corps. This remarkable milestone reflects more than six decades of service, partnership, and diplomacy carried out by more than 250,000 volunteers in 144 countries around the world.

[00:41:24] President John F. Kennedy established a Peace Corps in 1961, and since its founding, the agency has consistently embodied the enduring spirit of service, partnership, and mutual understanding. Volunteers have worked side-by-side with local communities across the globe to support education, public health initiatives, economic development, environmental stewardship, and food security efforts that strengthen opportunity and improve our quality of life globally.

[00:41:48] Across our region, former Peace Corps volunteers continue to serve as educators, public servants, nonprofit leaders, entrepreneurs, and community advocates. The values they carry overseas continue to shape our work at home, strengthening civic life and deepening our connection to the broader world.

[00:42:04] At a time when global cooperation and mutual understanding are more important than ever, the Peace Corps stands as a powerful example of how service can bridge cultures and foster enduring partnerships. Its legacy is one of hope, shared purpose, and the belief that lasting change begins with individuals willing to step forward in the service of others.

[00:42:23] I ask everyone to join me in celebrating the 65th anniversary of the Peace Corps and honoring the generation of volunteers who have dedicated themselves to building a more peaceful and prosperous world. Their service reflects the enduring values of compassion, partnership, and civic responsibility that define our nation.

[00:42:39] Thank you, Supervisors, and thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for all your service to our community, to our country, and to our world. Thank you. Thank you, Chris. Thank you very much, Chris.

[00:42:55] And we should have mentioned this, but so many people who served in the Peace Corps also went on to careers in public service in the federal government. And we also thank you and your office for everything that you and Congressman Walkinshaw are doing to support our federal workers, many of whom are in extensions of their Peace Corps service and their federal service now.

[00:43:13] So thank you. With that, I think we're ready for a photo. This will be a wide lens photo. But if you all could come forward and Supervisor Alcorn and Palchek will join me and the rest of the board will rise.

[00:46:09] Next up, we have a proclamation to designate March of 2026 as Women's History Month in Fairfax County. And this was requested by myself, Vice Chair Smith, and Supervisor Sizemore Heiser, and Supervisor Palchek. And our speaker, I know we have a number of people here.

[00:46:26] Yeah, if you all could come on down from the Fairfax County Commission for Women. Our speaker is Ashani. And I know that there's a lot of folks here from the Women's Commission. But if you're here for this presentation, please come on down because we want to make sure we capture you for the photo.

[00:46:44] And at this time, I am going to read, I'm going to hand the gavel to Supervisor Smith and read this proclamation that is in small print for some reason. Whereas Women's History Month is an annual opportunity to reflect upon the contributions of women, both past and present in Fairfax County, the United States, and around the world across all sectors of society. And whereas this year's theme, Leading the Change, Women Shaping a Sustainable Future, honors women who are leading efforts to advance long-term sustainable

[00:47:18] impact across economic, environmental, educational, and social justice movements. And whereas women of all racial, ethnic, economic, social, and cultural backgrounds have demonstrated resilience and innovation in shaping a more sustainable and equitable future, and whereas women have strengthened our communities through advocacy, mentorship, and leadership in local government, education, nonprofits, and business, and whereas beyond leadership roles, women in all capacities, caregivers, community members, and in the workforce sustain the social, cultural, and economic fabric

[00:47:55] of our society and deserve recognition, appreciation, and support, and whereas in 2026, We recognize women's ongoing contributions in creating sustainable impact and affirm a shared vision where women's leadership is key to thriving communities, a healthy planet, and opportunity for all.

[00:48:15] Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all Fairfax County residents, does hereby proclaim March 2026 as Women's History Month in Fairfax County and emboldens county residents to uplift women across generations and industries as leaders shaping the future of the generations to come.

[00:48:36] I'll second that, along with Supervisor Palchek and Sizemore Heiser. Mr. Chairman, discussion. Yeah, very briefly, I do want to thank my colleagues who are supporting this proclamation and who always make sure that every year we do this, even though we know that Women's History Month, there is no month of that in Fairfax County.

[00:48:57] It's women's history all the time, not just for one month. And you can see that, as this proclamation mentions, in so many leadership positions that we have in Fairfax County, where we don't just talk about equity, we put equity into practice and make sure that all people living in Fairfax County have equal access to those opportunities, regardless of their gender in this particular case or any other designation. It is so important that we double down on that.

[00:49:27] As I mentioned in the last presentation, which was timely, this, of course, is timely as well, as we as a country are facing so many things that are happening both here domestically and across our world that seem like we're going backwards in a lot of ways.

[00:49:44] Well, that is not what we are doing in Fairfax County. We are always moving forward. And so I do want to thank the history, the Fairfax County Commission for Women, for their work all year round, and the work that happens every day in Fairfax County by strong leaders in our community that are women. And in particular, this is so important. As a father of a teenage girl, I can tell you this is so important, too, for our young people. And so much of what we do is thinking about the next generation, so that while some might see our country seemingly going

[00:50:24] backwards in so many ways, we want to send a strong message, particularly to our young people in Fairfax County, that this community is not going backwards. We are moving forward. And we are making sure that opportunities exist for all people, including so many of our girls out there who thankfully can see themselves in leadership positions through the women who serve in those roles throughout Fairfax County today. And so again, I never look at this as Women's History month, even though that's what we talk about, but we particularly pay attention to it this month, but we act throughout the year.

[00:51:00] So thank you, and thank you for my colleague's support. Supervisor Sizemore Heiser. Thank you, and I'm really honored to second this proclamation. The work you do on the Women's Commission, the work that we do as the chairman mentioned year-round, and the places of leadership that women in this county hold is incredible.

[00:51:23] And so I'll beg my colleagues' indulgence a bit. I want to speak a little personally about this. My mom, I come from a family of female trailblazers. My mom was a refugee and went on to be one of the first women ever to get a Ph.D. in mathematics with an emphasis on computer science from the Indian Institute of Technology in the 1960s.

[00:51:45] She moved to this country and couldn't get a job in tech and went on to be one of the early women working in Intel in the 1970s. And she was such a role model for me that barriers are not meant to be stops, but they're meant to be broken. My daughter was actually a former commissioner on the Women's Commission when she was in high school for three years.

[00:52:06] She went on to study computer science and was the first female tech lead of her project team at her college and is now working in big tech. And I'm very honored to be up here as the first Asian-American woman and first Asian-American person to serve. not because of a token, but because our diverse communities deserve to see diverse representation.

[00:52:26] So this is very personal to me, and I'm very grateful for the work you do, and I'm grateful for the chance to be up here, hopefully to inspire some other girl who looks like me, with an immigrant background like me, who didn't speak English when she was a child like me, to someday sit here or somewhere else in power and leadership. So thank you.

[00:52:47] Thank you. Supervisor Palczyk, then Lusk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chair, and thank you again to the Commission for Women. I've had two incredible representatives, Felicia Woods, who recently stepped off, and Shira Zemel will be joining now the commission.

[00:53:03] Both incredible leaders, incredible community leaders, federal leaders, and people helping you and helping us continue to share the importance of that work. I'm so delighted to have another immigrant woman. My aunt was one of the first computer science teachers, graduates in Buenos Aires, so excited to hear that we share that as well.

[00:53:27] But to me, this is, while it is every single day, and we know that there are many women on this board and incredible women behind the men who also sit on this board, we know that the work goes on, but it really is special, I think, to honor it every year, to honor that work every year, to take the time to do that.

[00:53:46] I'm especially grateful this year, given my new role as environmental chair, that it is women shaping a sustainable future. We recently heard from Sarah Holtz, who represents Providence District so well, and the sustainability work. And we have had many women, both in Providence but across Refrex County, who have shaped this county, who have shaped the environmental work we continue to do in this county.

[00:54:10] And as I like to say, it's the year of the Pachamama of the Mother Earth, and there's nothing more important to me than realizing that we as women make sure that our kids are going to have a sustainable future, a great place to grow up, access to safe water and trees and the environment, parks and school, everything that we care about.

[00:54:32] But there are three women who really stand out as having set that tone for us. The first one, and many of you may have heard of, but if you haven't, was Ellie Doyle. Ellie was a longtime leader, a member, and an advocate.

[00:54:48] She was a chairman of the Park Authority Board, and we know that as we try to encourage our women and the next generation, that understanding that we stand on the footsteps, right, of these women who have led the work. Another, and her wonderful mother is here today, is Jay Cole.

[00:55:06] And Jay is the first woman, not just the first woman of color, first woman to lead the Fairfax County Park Authority Board and the work on that board. And to me, I was in a conversation yesterday, and there's nothing to me more important than making sure that we realize when we are doing environmental justice work and environmental work that we absolutely have to make sure and ensure that our kids who are not represented and our families who are not represented in that work are brought in.

[00:55:33] And that we are changing our systems to reach out to them. And I know that's something that Jay and some incredible leaders, she has also raised and brought in to the county and the Fairfax County Park Authority, thanks to great leadership from her wonderful mom, the more famous Ms. Cole, Helen Cole, are here today.

[00:55:56] And last but not least, I know there were many, but I wanted to name three of the ones that really stood out. And for me, and for Providence, was Sally Ormsby. I grew up walking along the trail, learning to ride my bike along the Crass County Trail and the Park Lane, named for Sally Ormsby.

[00:56:14] And to me, that really stands out. She was a director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District. Laura Grape was also a director. She's now in the Park Authority. And Sally really led many of our district's green groups. She had a huge impact in the community where I was raised, in Mantua, and our surrounding community.

[00:56:33] So to me, these are trailblazers. Women don't just care about one subject topic. We care about all the topics, right? When we come in, and we do it to the best of our ability, and we make sure that no one is left behind. And so I want to thank all the trailblazers, and I want to thank the Commission for Women, who continues to ensure that we focus on that work and ensure that we raise these women.

[00:56:57] And then last but not least, yesterday, I was walking with my four-year-old, and we were talking about emotions and anger and other people. And I was so delighted. She's years ahead of me already. And she said, Mom, no, you're right. I can only control what I do.

[00:57:15] I can't control other people's actions. I said, you know, a lot of adults forget that or don't realize that. She said, well, I hope I don't forget when I grow up, when I'm an adult, that it can only change and have impact and control over what I do.

[00:57:30] And so I know in the work that you do and that we try to do as leaders, it's not just what we do, but it's inspiring and making sure that the next generation is even better and can leave a bigger mark than we've been able to. So thank you again every day, but especially during Women's History Month.

[00:57:46] Thank you. Supervisor Lusk, then Stork. Thank you very much, Madam Vice Chairman. I'll also acknowledge my appreciation for the board in recognizing Women's History Month again this year. Like other historically marginalized groups, women's contributions to the arts, sciences, politics, and every facet of public life have too often gone unrecognized or unvalued.

[00:58:13] Women's History Month is an important opportunity to shine a light on those accomplishments and legacies and tell a fuller and more accurate story of our shared history. Women's History Month is not only a proclamation, but also a challenge.

[00:58:30] It calls on us to do more than just reflect. It calls on us to support, to uplift, and create opportunities for women in our communities today. Programs like the Fairfax County Police Department's 30 by 30 initiative, which aims to increase and achieve a 30% representation in the police department by 2030, are examples of the county's commitment to empower women in measurable ways.

[00:59:01] Initiatives like this recognize that by empowering women, our communities are more just and equitable. This Women's History Month lets us honor the women who paved the way. It allows us to recognize the women who are leading today.

[00:59:18] And it recommitments ourselves to building a future in which women's voices are fully represented and valued. And again, I'm just really excited that we're able to mark this occasion here again this March.

[00:59:35] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Supervisor Sturck. Well, I thank you, Madam Vasher. And I particularly want to honor and recognize the amazing colleagues that I have here who I've had the opportunity not only to work with for many, many years. Well, in Kathy's case, you might say too long with me, but I mean, but we've had amazing people. We go way back, but we, but that kind of relationship, those kinds of getting things done takes all of us, and particularly you see in front of you three amazing women who I'm honored

[01:00:10] to serve with. We've also had many, many other amazing women who are crucial to, I think, our community. I think of Lisa Sales, who was a huge advocate for women and Equal Rights Amendment. Karen Stone, who was an advocate not only in terms of the schools, but also in our community.

[01:00:29] Both of them were crucial to us getting a domestic violence shelter in our community, as well as Carly Fiorina. I think most of you know that name and her amazing successes as a business person, but also as a community person and political leader. And then Christine Warren, my chief of staff, who's been an amazing relationship and quality kind of person, not only to our community, but to me for our more than 20 years of working together.

[01:00:55] And then I have to mention a couple of others. One is Maddie Palmore, who was a crucial part of our getting domestic violence shelter, who passed this year, who was just an amazing leader. And then some other folks who were really crucial to our history, not only the ladies, and I wear this pin today, not only the ladies that were part of the turning point, women getting the right to vote, and they're having the audacity to silently walk in front of the White House carrying signs and were arrested for that audacity and put in prison and force-fed and really, truly harmed.

[01:01:33] But that got the country united to make a difference and get the right to vote. But also the Turning Point Memorial, which is at the regional park in Aquacan. If you haven't seen it, it's an amazing place. This board was very much part of supporting it and making that happen.

[01:01:50] And then maybe the core women, the key women who really set and, frankly, protected one of the most historic, iconic buildings and really areas in our county and truly in the country, which is the Mount Vernon estate.

[01:02:06] The ladies were the ones who saved that during the Civil War, and they are the ones who have maintained it and keep it really the kind of mecca, if you will, for presidential libraries and relationships and leadership on how you can do that better. And, of course, Martha Washington was a huge part of Georgia's life, too.

[01:02:25] So, again, my deep thanks to all of you and the many, many others who have helped to make this country and make our community the kind of place that people want to live in and hopefully help them reach their potential. Thank you. So this is a wonderful month to recognize all the wonderful things women do because we know women do a lot of stuff, right?

[01:02:46] And we nurture and we nurture the world and we nurture our communities and we nurture our families. And so there's an organization called Leadership Fairfax, and the board goes and we speak to them, and my last, we sit at a table and groups go around, and my last group was a group of women.

[01:03:06] And I was just talking over time, the things I learned when I was in my 20s, that medical testing done by men, crash test dummies, men, right? all of these things done with men's focus. About a week or so later after that discussion, I had the news on, and the little feeder at the bottom says there's going to be female crash test dummies.

[01:03:29] So I asked Poonam from my office to find the information. So now there is one being developed. There's controversy because they're thinking they're making it too small. Our bodies are different. Seatbelts fit us different, right? And so now you should look for this article. It's very interesting that they're finally developing one, but they could cost a million dollars for a crash test dummy. And so we women nurture the world and we are still in 2026 asking to be recognized in

[01:04:04] testing and crash test dummies and all of those things. And I wish I could say in 2026 salaries were fair and all those things were happening, but we still have to keep having Women's History month. And we will always speak up for our community, and we will serve our community.

[01:04:21] And I want to thank you for being here. And I think with that, I'm going to call for a vote. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Anyone opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. And first, thank my colleagues for being brave enough to start naming people, because there's a whole lot more people that weren't named that are mad right now. And, you know, when I think about all the great things we've done in the county, they have happened in my lifetime because of strong women leaders just across the board. And, you know, it is, I was reflecting for a moment in how many years

[01:05:00] I served with then Vice Chair Penny Gross. And she was not mentioned, and I'm going to mention her because for those who have come to this year after year after year, you would know this would be her opportunity to remind people of the importance. And she would always pick the one thing that I know was a gripe of hers, which is equity in women's sports and how much further we've come as a community. But we just had here earlier today, Claudia Palacios get recognized a historic moment for winning an adaptive boxing champ, international boxing championship in and

[01:05:40] resides in and trains in Fairfax County, and I just can't help but thinking about what Penny was saying every year, not just about equity in women's sports, but in this particular case, not just women in sports, but opportunities for people who have special needs to be able to participate in sports as well, and just what a proud culmination of so many things that mean not just we're living in one Fairfax, but that women and girls and people of all backgrounds can appreciate that we live in a different type of place than a lot of other places, and we don't take that for granted, not for one moment.

[01:06:18] And so thank you all for your comments on that, and the most important comments, of course, from the folks who are here to receive this proclamation, and many of you, I know all of you have served on the commission for quite some time, and want to thank you for your work, because it matters, and we see everyday progress being made because of you.

[01:06:40] And with that, I'm going to turn the microphone over to Ashani to share some words with us. Welcome. Good morning, everyone. First, thank you so much for sharing your personal stories. It means a lot. It's great to hear everyone talk so highly of the incredible women that they've worked for, worked with, or have the just honor to know.

[01:07:01] My name is Ashani Shavasava, and I serve on the Fairfax County Commission for Women as the Drainsville District Representative appointed by Supervisor Beerman. As noted in the proclamation, the theme for this year's Women's History Month is Leading the Change, Women Shaping a Sustainable Future.

[01:07:17] This month calls on us to celebrate women's achievements and recognize the lasting impact of their leadership in building more equitable and sustainable communities. This theme encourages us to recognize the diverse women, past and present, whose contributions bring us towards shaping a more just and empowering world.

[01:07:35] Women have always been leaders, yet for so much of history, their contributions have gone unrecognized, and today we honor these women and the foundation they have laid for the future

generations to come. I'd like to briefly talk about three influential women of the past whose achievements have led to significant advancements in modern society today.

[01:07:54] Katherine Johnson was a brilliant mathematician whose calculations were critical to NASA's early space program and helped put Americans on the path to the moon. More than a century ago, Mabel Ping Huali led thousands in the 1912 New York City suffrage march, advocating for women's rights, even though she herself would not immediately benefit from that right as an Asian woman.

[01:08:14] And finally, Eunice Newton-Foot was the first scientist to identify what we now call the greenhouse effect, discovering that certain gases had insulating effects on our atmosphere. Her work laid the early groundwork for our current understanding of climate change. These women and their achievements represent the intersection of innovation, sustainability, diversity and justice. They remind us that women have always been on the front lines across various industries and in the fight for equality. Here in Fairfax County, we are uniquely positioned to continue that legacy. Our community thrives because of our diversity of cultures, professions, experiences, perspectives, and more. As an Indian American and daughter of immigrants,

[01:08:54] I stand here today because of the inspiring women who have fought to have our voices heard. Their resilience is the reason so many of us have a voice today. When we talk about women leading sustainable change, we're not only talking about the environment, but also sustaining opportunities and equity for women everywhere.

[01:09:10] We are talking about access to reproductive health care, voting rights, higher education, affordable health care, financial literacy, and the opportunity to lead and innovate. The intersections of these issues defines the work ahead of us. When we invest in women, we invest in stronger systems that create healthier communities and a more resilient future.

[01:09:30] The Fairfax County Commission for Women remains committed to advancing programs that promote equality for every woman and girl in our county. Thank you for the opportunity to celebrate the countless women who are leading change every day, and happy Women's History Month. Thank you very much. Very well said. With that, nice work, Jimmy. Good appointee.

[01:09:57] With that said, if all of you can come forward for a photo, and, of course, Supervisor Smith, Sizemore Heiser, and Palchuk will join me, and if the rest of the board could rise.

[01:11:42] And finally, this morning, we have a proclamation to designate March 2026 as National Nutrition Month in Fairfax County. And our speaker is Lloyd Tucker. Is Lloyd here? He is. There he is. Neighborhood and Community Services, if you could come on down.

[01:11:57] If anyone else is here for this proclamation, they're welcome to join you as well. And I'm going to turn the gavel over to Vice Chair Smith so that I can read the following proclamation. Whereas access to nutritious, affordable, and culturally appropriate food is fundamental to physical health, mental well-being, academic success, and economic stability for individuals and families.

[01:12:21] And whereas recent data show that approximately 26% of Fairfax County residents experienced food insecurity in 2025, meaning they had limited or uncertain access to adequate food at least once in the prior year. This level, higher than in recent years, reflects persistent economic strain on households across the community.

[01:12:43] And whereas, although Fairfax County's food insecurity rate is lower than much of the broader Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia region, where approximately 36 percent of households report limited access to nutritious food, food insecurity remains a serious challenge for many residents and families.

[01:13:03] And whereas ongoing inflation, the high cost of living, federal assistance benefit reductions, and structural barriers contribute to food insecurity and make it difficult for households to consistently afford healthy food choices. And whereas the Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services Department, together with community partners, nonprofit organizations, schools, health care providers, businesses, and government agencies, works collaboratively to strengthen communities by providing nutrition assistance, expanding food access,

[01:13:38] offering supportive services, and promoting nutrition education and equitable access to healthy food. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, does hereby proclaim March 2026 as National Nutrition Month in Fairfax County and encourages all residents, organizations, and institutions to support education, advocacy, collective collaborative action to reduce food insecurity, promote equitable access to healthy food, and strengthen community health. I'll second that along with Supervisor Palchuk. Mr. Chairman.

[01:14:14] Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. And first, I want to thank all the folks who are here with us this morning for the work that you do every day on this issue. And certainly many of us have seen firsthand this challenge in our community. And I know going back to two things that stick out in my mind. First, my first visit to the Capital Area Food Bank many years ago and seeing just the demand that was on them and the pressure that was on them to provide food for people in our region

[01:14:46] out of their small antiquated Lorton facility at the time. And this was before COVID hit. This was before the federal cuts that people are experiencing, so many families in our community, and we know that the demand has really shot through the roof since then, and so we know that when there are food events, whether there are non-profits, our faith communities, so many of our partners in the community, and when I go around the county, I see so many of these advertised for people to come, and no matter what, the lines are long.

[01:15:23] The demand is strong, and these are folks, in many cases, contrary to what people believe who are working or who have been laid off, who, as this proclamation acknowledges, there's a lot of financial pressures on our families in such a high cost of living area.

[01:15:41] When you apply the inflationary factors and the job instability that so many in our region are facing, it's no wonder that that demand is high. the work that our nonprofits and faith and government entities are doing out there in this space is so admirable, but we know that it's never enough.

[01:16:01] And the second thing that jumps out at me is having chaired this board through the peak of the peak of COVID, it never, I don't think many people in this community ever realized the importance of nutrition and school lunches to our young people until they were not able to go to school.

[01:16:21] Many of the challenges that we were facing, so much conversation about learning loss, pressure on families who had to go to work and had young people at home, not nearly as much conversation about the health of these young people and the lack of access to healthy food that we had just become so accustomed to providing in our school system.

[01:16:43] And so I do want to take a moment or giving shout out to so many people who do such good work to our school system for recognizing that during COVID and even recognizing it since then, when we've had extended school closures, whether they're weather related or other events that they have made an effort to provide food to so many of our young people and not just the students, but their family as well during during some hard times.

[01:17:12] And we know, as the proclamation acknowledges, that plays a direct role in their academic achievement. Food and health plays a direct role in our residents' ability to work and be productive members of our society. And so this is an important issue for all of us.

[01:17:29] We all benefit when our community is healthy and well-fed, and there's just no denying that. And so this is National Nutrition Month. Like we've said before, there are so many things we recognize this month, but in doing that, we recognize the work that is being done in this county every day to try to tackle this issue.

[01:17:49] And frankly, and finally, I think the most important thing about these proclamations is not necessarily what we say in celebrating these, but promoting this message to our community. Because I still think, and this talks about the 26% of Fairfax County residents who have experienced this, I still think that there's a lack of understanding in our larger community about not just the magnitude of this challenge, but also the reasons why this is so important to public health and supporting people in our community.

[01:18:25] And we look forward to making this an opportunity to share that and to continue that public education in our community about the importance of this. And so with that, I would just say thank you to all who are here for the work that you do, all who are not here, for the work that you do on this issue every day.

[01:18:43] Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman. And just really appreciate the importance of recognizing nutrition as it intersects with so many other aspects of healthy life. As we noted during the aftermath of the pandemic, we've also had reductions in the federal workforce.

[01:19:04] We've had cuts to SNAP benefits. And conversations have understandably focused on food insecurity. However, addressing food insecurity without addressing nutrition misses a critical opportunity to improve health outcomes and reduce the cost of long-term health care.

[01:19:25] Nutrition is a powerful tool for reducing the risk of severity of health disorders like diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity. Access to nutritious food is also an equity issue. In 2024, black and Hispanic adults in the United States were more likely to have obesity and diabetes than adults overall.

[01:19:49] In low-income households, food choices often shift towards less expensive and, I'll say, more energy-dense options such as starches and added sugars and fats, which can further contribute to poor health.

[01:20:08] The intersection of nutrition, food insecurity, race, income, and health requires thoughtful solutions. By recognizing National Nutrition Month, we bring attention to how we can prioritize nutrition in our lives and how we can advocate for policies and programs that make nutritious food access both affordable and accessible in every community.

[01:20:34] Thank you. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Vice Chair

Smith. And we have with us the one, the only, Lloyd Tucker, who is going to share some thoughts with us. Welcome, Lloyd.

[01:20:53] Thank you. Good morning, Mr. Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Thank you for having us. I'm joined with many of my colleagues who are a huge part of our what we call opportunity structure and help to, as a community of practice, help to form a collective impact against not just the food insecurity, but also help with nutrition throughout the county.

[01:21:20] I'm proud to accept this proclamation that March is Nutrition Month in Fairfax County. Each March, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics celebrates National Nutrition Month to help people learn about making informed food choices and developing healthy eating habits.

[01:21:41] Nutrition touches a lot of areas that NCS serves. Part of our mission, vision, and values is to provide access to a continuum of resources that promote equity and create positive outcomes of people of all ages and abilities and to see connected communities where all individuals and families are supported and empowered to thrive.

[01:22:02] Proper nutrition is a foundational component important to all people we serve, whether it is providing healthy meals to our little ones at Head Start and nutritious meals for our seniors or getting the message out to the community at large that eating well will help you feel well.

[01:22:20] To that end, we continue to face challenges here in Fairfax County. Limited access to healthy food choices, that's been mentioned earlier, contribute to chronic disease, and more than one in four households in our county face food insecurity.

[01:22:39] 36% of Fairfax County public school students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Resources from NCS and our community partners are more crucial than ever to help encourage and provide healthy food during out-of-school time. I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors again for their proclamation.

[01:22:59] Thank you as well to the dedicated staff of NCS and our community of practice that join us today in our food access program for their hard work on promoting nutrition every day. And our work would not be possible without the support of the local nonprofits, faith groups, food pantries, and other government agencies.

[01:23:20] Thank you for your partnership. I would like to invite, or excuse me, everybody's up here now, but that kind of concludes what I was going to say. But thank you for having us. Thank you very much, Lloyd. And let me also point out, I know we do this, it is National Hunger Awareness Month, but we also use this opportunity to kick off the Stuff the Bus campaign.

[01:23:43] And I know many people here work on this. I know that this happens throughout the county. The one-day food drive is Saturday, March 14th, at several sites from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will be publicizing those in our newsletters. I know our staff will be publicizing those.

[01:24:04] But this is an opportunity for folks in our community who may not understand the magnitude of the issues that we're dealing with to lend a helping hand and provide some support. And so the announcement will be out. The information about the locations will be out.

[01:24:21] And I know that when we do this campaign, especially in front of the grocery stores, the buses do get stuffed. We have a very generous, caring community, especially when times are tough. and so I want

to make sure we announce and promote that. And with that, I think we're ready for a photo.

[01:24:37] And if all of you can come forward and the rest of the board can rise.

[01:24:59] I propose you, and I'll make sure not to forget you.

[01:25:47] I appreciate that. We have our report on General Assembly activities, and at this time I'm going to turn to Supervisor Jimenez, the chair of our legislative committee.

[01:26:16] Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. The legislative committee met on Friday, February 27th. We also held our annual reception in Richmond on Thursday, February 19th, where we had a great turnout from the board, members of our Fairfax County General Assembly, delegation, and other county leaders.

[01:26:34] The county's initiatives continue to move through the legislative process. The first initiative addresses noise abatement monitoring systems and transportation safety. It has passed the full House and Senate committee and now awaits consideration on the Senate floor. The second initiative expands the authority to the Fairfax County Park Authority to ban sex offenders from park facilities and has now passed both the House and the Senate.

[01:26:59] The Senate made a slight technical change, which improved the clarity of the bill, and we expect the House will agree to it. Although our third initiative to fund the Urban Public-Private Partnership Redevelopment Fund failed in the House, the Senate version passed the Senate as a study and now awaits consideration in the House Rules Committee.

[01:27:17] Legislative staff will continue to provide updates to the board on the progress of these bills. A key area of focus for the remainder of the session will be the 2026-2028 biennium budget. During Friday's legislative committee meeting, staff provide an overview of how the budgets adopted by the House and Senate affect key county priorities, including K-12 education funding, transit funding, housing, and human services.

[01:27:44] Notably, there is more than \$1 billion in difference between the House and Senate budget proposals as the Senate proposes to sunset the sales and use tax exemption for data centers, computer equipment, and software. As in years past, we expect that each chamber will reject the other's budgets and appoint members to a conference committee to resolve the differences.

[01:28:06] Staff will closely monitor those negotiations and provide updates as the budget process unfolds. The Legislative Committee also received updates on any number of bills pertaining to county priorities, including housing and transportation, as legislative activity continues in Richmond as the 2026-J heads toward its scheduled adjournment on March 14th.

[01:28:27] The Board will get additional updates from legislative staff as the budget and legislative process progresses. As we know, the process can be very unpredictable, so stay tuned. So, Mr. Chairman, with that, I move that the Board adopt the Legislative Committee Report No. 3.

[01:28:42] And the chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries.

[01:28:58] Anything else, Supervisor Jimenez? No, Mr. Chairman. Okay. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. And also thank my colleagues for making the time to join us on our Friday afternoon legislative updates.

They're not always the best time for many of us, but the stakes are high this year, and we're continuing to watch so many things in Richmond, so those are important.

[01:29:22] And also, of course, thank our legislative staff, who is in Richmond as we speak, making sure that our county positions are well-known to our delegation. With that, we are going to move on to board matters, and these have been compiled digitally, and we'll go alphabetically by district, following myself and Vice Chairman Smith, And let me just start by saying I'm going to hand the gavel to Vice Chair Smith.

[01:29:47] I have one board matter, and that is to approve without objection the proclamations listed in this document to be presented inside or outside of the boardroom. And there are a lot of them there. I'm not going to read all of them because they'll be part of the public record, and all of these will be coming back to be recognized.

[01:30:08] And I want to thank my colleagues for sending countywide ones into our office and making sure that they get put on this official board matter list that helps our staff out tremendously in getting these scheduled. And so with that, I move without objection.

[01:30:25] Without objection, it's so ordered. Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. And next up is Vice Chair Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have two board matters, and then I have some comments I want to make. The first one is for expedited processing for PCA 78-S-063 and SEA 87-S-016, and I'll get to the rest of those when I keep going.

[01:30:50] The applicant, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative, has filed concurrent applications PCA 78-S-063-16 and SEA 87-S-016 to amend previously approved proffers and permit an upgrade and an expansion of the existing Cub-run electrical substation on tax map parcels 043-2, double circle 1, 12, 043-4, double circle 6, 11, and 043-2, double circle 2, 9D, and 9E.

[01:31:28] The applicant has a formal public hearing scheduled before the Planning Commission on May 6, 2026. The applicant has requested concurrent processing of its site plan to advance the delivery of the project. These upgrades are needed to serve the existing and planned electricity needs of the Cub Run service territory and should move forward.

[01:31:47] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to expedite the scheduling of the Board of Supervisors' public hearing for PCA 78-S-063-16 and SEA 87-S-016 to a date certain of May 19, 2026.

[01:32:07] I further move that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Department of Land Development Services to accept for concurrent and simultaneous review a site plan, architectural drawings, building permits, and or other plans and permits as may be necessary to implement the improvements contemplated by the applicant for pca 78-s-063-16 and sea 87-s-016 the applicant is aware that this motion should not be considered as a favorable recommendation by the board on the proposed applications and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of all

[01:32:44] applicable ordinances regulations and or adopted standards nor does it prejudice in any way the the Board's consideration of this pending application. The Chair will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye.

[01:32:59] Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood or blood products. Because there is no

substitute for human blood, people rely on willing donors to ensure that an adequate blood supply exists.

[01:33:16] We are hosting a blood drive with Inova on Monday, March 9, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Sully District Government Center. The total donation time takes only about an hour, and each pint of blood can save as many as three lives. To be eligible, prospective donors must be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health.

[01:33:38] There are a few travel restrictions when we can found on the Inova website, which is InovaBlood.org. Appointments are strongly recommended and can be made, I have an email here, by contacting my office at 703-814-7100 or sully at fairfaxcounty.gov.

[01:33:57] Donors will receive an exclusive ANOVA pint glass. That sounds like a real collector's item. I would appreciate the support of the Office of Public Affairs to advertise this event through all available channels. It really, I would love for people in the community to join us for this.

[01:34:12] And without objection, that is so ordered, Supervisor Smith. Thank you. Only if you'll buy me a pint later. I'll fill your pint glass with something other than blood. I'm sorry. Okay.

[01:34:31] I'm to a more serious matter. On February 15th at approximately 9.48 p.m., an explosion and subsequent house fire occurred on Quail Pond Court in Centerville. prompting the evacuation of approximately 50 nearby homes as a precaution.

[01:34:48] Fire and rescue crews quickly contained the fire, secured the area, and began extensive atmospheric monitoring to ensure surrounding homes were safe. The National Transportation Safety Board is leading the investigation into the cause. Gas repairs and system pressure testing have been completed, and service has been restored in phases following multiple layers of safety verification.

[01:35:11] A structured phased monitoring plan remains in place beginning with multiple daily checks, transitioning to daily checks, then weekly and eventually biweekly monitoring to ensure continued safety and provide reassurance to the community as operations return to normal.

[01:35:30] The feedback I have gotten from the community is so well overwhelmingly supportive of our public safety. They have done an outstanding job and I know we will get the right time to bring them in front of the board but i just wanted to list a few names today and that really they were there 24 7 with the community supporting the community answering questions but i just want to name a few people right now from the fire rescue department assistant chief eric craven deputy chief dave barlow battalion chief christy bartlett battalion chief billy morland battalion chief

[01:36:09] Rodney Vaughn, Battalion Chief Chris Blair, and PIO Mitch Clark. Outstanding work. From our Department of Emergency Management, Emergency Management Coordinator Seamus Mooney, Deputy Director of Emergency Management Sulemon Brown, Assistant Coordinator Courtney Arroyo, Assistant Coordinator Kara Williams, Emergency Management Specialist Crystal Goodwin, Emergency Management Specialist Stephanie Umble, and from the Police Department, Captain Chris Cosgrove and Captain Aaron Spooner. Just outstanding work. We had a virtual town hall for the community.

[01:36:48] I want to thank Channel 16. It really went off so well. Just our staff answering the questions in press conferences. We are so blessed in this county to have the public safety departments we have. And I can't thank them enough. And they will not forget about this community. They will continue to work with them so everybody feels safe. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Smith. And I'm looking

forward to, at the right time, recognizing them here because there's a lot to be said. I will just say that in one of my visits out there, I had an opportunity by pure

[01:37:23] luck, not by design, to meet the gentleman who was in the home where the explosion took place, the elderly gentleman. And it is a miracle that is inexplicable in so many ways that there was no loss of life. The harrowing story that he had of what happened was just remarkable.

[01:37:43] And the other thing I will say at this point, and I'll hold off on further comments until a future time when we have the folks here who worked on this, but the anxiety level, as one might appreciate of the people who lived in this community and the stress that they were dealing with. You know, when the media covered the incident that happened, all you saw were Fairfax County officials everywhere at the press conferences doing the public safety, going door to door, meeting with the public, that if you didn't know any better, you would just assume this was a

[01:38:20] county failure of some type and of course that was not at all what happened here and the work on that is going to continue but what you said was so right which is the the appreciation in the community for the public safety not just the initial response to what happened out there but the ongoing support that so many of our agencies provided and are continuing to provide as we get through this really challenging issue.

[01:38:48] And so I will withhold saying anything else until later other than appreciation for the community members and for our public safety officials who have literally, in many cases, been living in this community at a time when some people in the community can't due to the public safety issues that are out there.

[01:39:08] And so I look forward to formal recognition at the appropriate time. Vice Chair Smith. And, of course, the person who was always there supporting Tom Arnold. How could I forget to say Tom Arnold? And the county executive was very supportive.

[01:39:25] Both keeping the county up to speed on all of us on what was happening there. Not being out there as the public face, but supporting everybody and making sure we had the information. So we are blessed. Thank you. Yes, absolutely. And so we will be making sure when we bring the appropriate folks to be recognized that we get them all.

[01:39:42] Because there's so many people from so many different departments and agencies that have been involved and will continue to be involved in getting us through this tough issue. With that, that was all, right? Okay. Next up is Supervisor Sizemore Heiser.

[01:40:01] Thank you. I don't have a formal board matter, but just a couple of comments. I wanted to, in light of the month of the military child in April and Development to Disabilities Awareness Month in March, I wanted to lift up two young people in my district who are doing some amazing things. I want to start with Abby Hussman, a 17-year-old from Burke and a proud member of an Air Force family.

[01:40:19] Abby has just been named the finalist for the 2026 Military Child of the Year Award through Operation Homefront. Nearly 1,000 students from around the world applied, and Abby is not only a finalist, she's the only one from Fairfax County. What Abby did when she moved she and her brother to Fairfax County in the height of the pandemic and seeing the loneliness of starting a new school, started a program at her school called an ambassador club.

[01:40:44] Just six kids in the beginning to greet new students, to sit with them at lunch and make sure they felt welcome. This program has grown to 200 students and is known as Rambassadors for the Robinson Rams. Their mission is simple but powerful. Make sure every new military connected student feels welcome.

[01:41:00] One other exceptional leader I want to highlight is Andrew Hayden, a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for science and technology. Baseball is practically a family language in the Hayden household. Andrew's played since he was little. His younger brother Nick, an eighth grader with autism, anxiety, ADHD, and learning disabilities, loved the game when he was younger but struggled to keep up as the practices became more demanding and gave up on baseball.

[01:41:27] Seeing this up close inspired Andrew to act. He approached his teammates at TJ and the school with an idea to create an adaptive baseball program that meets kids where they are and opens the game to everyone. From that idea came the TJ HSST Adaptive Baseball Clinic, where each young participant is paired one-on-one with a TJ baseball player.

[01:41:46] And his younger brother, Nick, ran the sensory room. So I just wanted to lift up these two young people who saw an issue in their community and proactively addressed it. So thank you. And lastly, I just want to announce that tomorrow night is my Best of Braddock ceremony, where we recognize some of the great people like these and other people in my community who have done amazing work.

[01:42:04] It is at 6.30 in the Braddock District Supervisor's Office. You are all welcome to join us. We'll have hors d'oeuvres and dessert. And I appreciate the chairman who's coming by as well to give a few remarks. So I just wanted to say that. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. And next up is Supervisor Bierman.

[01:42:19] Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first board matter is about the Falstead at Lewinsville Center. The Falstead Lewinsville Center is part of an intergenerational facility located at 1609 Great Falls Street in McLean that includes the Lewinsville Senior Center, Adult Day Healthcare, and two child daycare centers.

[01:42:40] Under a public-private partnership, the county built the public facilities, and Wesley Housing and Hamill Builders constructed the Falstead, an independent living rental community for people 62 years of age and older, whose household income is at or below 50% of the area median income.

[01:42:57] The Falstead has been occupied since October 2018, and the Lewinsville Center has been in use since June of 2019. After original construction, a portion of the sanitary sewer serving both facilities was identified as not fully compliant with the approved site plan. Although all state and VDOT items were cleared at the time of original construction, resolution of a few challenging closeout items required Wesley Housing to remain bonded for the past several years to resolve these items.

[01:43:25] In late 2025, Wesley Housing, through their contractor, Hamel Builders, undertook a significant effort, replacing approximately 150 feet of sanitary sewer and addressing related utility items at a total construction cost of roughly \$200,000.

[01:43:40] This work was completed between December 8, 2025 and January 13, 2026, including all required third-party inspections. At this point, the substantive work to close out the bond is complete, and Wesley Housing is working on addressing one outstanding issue with Dominion Energy regarding site lighting as well as a few other limited and largely administrative routine issues.

[01:44:01] Wesley Housing's intent is to close out the bond within the next 90 days, but their bond extension expires imminently. The cost of the extension will be approximately \$5,000, and Wesley Housing has requested a waiver of the site bond extension. Given the date the community was placed in service, the extensive and costly work are already completed and the careful coordination undertaken to protect valued county facilities, I believe there is good cause to waive the site plan bond extension fee.

[01:44:28] The Departments of Housing and Community Development and Land Development Services do not object to this request. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors waive the site plan bond extension fee associated with the Falstead at Lewinsville Center project for a six-month period.

[01:44:44] This motion does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of all applicable ordinances, regulations, adopted standards, development conditions, or proffers. And the chair will second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye.

[01:45:03] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries Supervisor Bierman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Moving right along to my next board matter. True Ground Housing Partners Acquisitions LLC, the applicant, is prepared to file a rezoning and proper condition amendment application on the property identified with tax map numbers 16-1, double circle, 101, 11A, and 11B.

[01:45:28] The forthcoming application proposes the inclusion of approximately 10,932 square feet of right-of-way, a portion of existing Dulles Green Drive. This segment is currently in use as a public right-of-way. However, modifications to the roadway network with this proposal may cause these segments to become superfluous and permit in the vacation and abandonment of a portion of the roadway.

[01:45:53] As the applicant proposes to incorporate this area into the application, and as the Board owns the right-of-way associated with Dulles Green Drive, the Board must concur with the filing of the application. The applicant will work with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation on the potential vacation of this right-of-way concurrently with the rezoning application.

[01:46:13] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors consent to the inclusion of approximately 10,932 square feet of right-of-way adjacent to the property identified with tax map numbers 16-1, double circle 1, 011, 11A, and 11B to be included in the rezoning application submitted by True Ground Housing Partners Acquisitions, LLC. This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation on the application by the board and does not relieve the applicant from the compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards. This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the application.

[01:46:53] The Chair will second that motion. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Beerman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We got a little technical today, but I'm glad that both of those passed.

[01:47:10] Thank you, and that's all I have. Thank you, Supervisor Beerman. Next up is Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My first board matter last week, Fairfax County was host to a truly special visitor in Dolores Herta.

[01:47:26] Some of you may know Dolores as the co-founder of the National Farm Workers Association, the organization that is now called the United Farm Workers. She also marched across the Edmund Pettus

Bridge in Selma, Alabama, alongside the Honorable John R. Lewis during the fight for voting and civil rights.

[01:47:49] She is a nationally recognized labor leader, a civil rights activist, and a feminist who became one of the most influential voices for farm workers' rights and social justice in the 20th century. During her two-day visit to Franconia District, she spoke to students at the John R. Lewis High School and the Lewis Leadership Lab.

[01:48:12] Later in the day, Dolores participated in a Q&A session in the school auditorium sharing what gives her hope with young people today and sharing the movement's work that's been done in the 20th century. The next day, Dolores toured the Workforce Innovation Skills Hub, also known as the WISH, in the Hydebo Valley Community Center with her cousin, Franconia District School Board Member Marcia St. John Cuning.

[01:48:38] Dolores Huerta's Resource Center, which is very similar to the Wish, opened in 2025 in Nevada as a one-stop shop community center for residents to access a variety of services and programs supporting arts, education, legal workshops, health services, technology, and workforce development.

[01:49:00] During the tour, Dolores Herta spoke with residents, answered questions, and expressed her interest in continuing to share ideas and to collaborate on best practices. And I want to give a special thank you to Malvern and District Supervisor Dan Stork for his participation in that program as well.

[01:49:20] Ms. Herta has left quite the strong impression in her life, and despite being the age of 95 years old, continues to advocate for women's rights, immigrant rights, and labor rights. In honor of her service and her visit to our students and residents and for her service to our country, I request that the Board of Supervisors direct the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation honoring the incredible life and public service of Dolores Herta to be presented inside or outside the boardroom.

[01:49:54] So moved. And without objection, that is so ordered. Supervisor Lusk. So, Mr. Chairman, I'll just note a couple things. I indicated the age of Ms. Herta, and I was just astonished by her energy and her dedication to spending time with essentially every single student who wanted to talk with her.

[01:50:21] She connected with the residents in such a profound way. I appreciated that she took the time to come to our county and to come to my district specifically. And I think that was a meaningful opportunity for the residents.

[01:50:43] But I could also see her gleaming and garnering so much energy from being in the presence of those students and those residents. And she's not done.

[01:51:00] It's amazing to think that at 95, she's going at a higher pace than maybe some of us here around this dais. I noted that she did not have to take any breaks. She never had to sit.

[01:51:16] I even asked her at one point, would you like to sit down for a bit? She said, nope, I'm fine. She was intently listening to every person that presented to her, and she recited details of almost every single person's information sharing.

[01:51:37] So I'm just, again, delighted that she was able to come and spend time in our district and in our county, and it made such a difference for those who were able to spend some time with her. So with that, Mr. Chairman, I will conclude my remarks. Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Lust.

[01:51:53] Do you think you have – yes, I think you have – you have one more board matter, right? I do. Okay. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to echo Supervisor Luff's comments and particularly thank him and Marsha St. John Cunningham, the school board member for Franconia, for inviting us and having us part of that.

[01:52:14] She is truly an amazing individual. I know that not only me, but my staff members were deeply honored and really in awe of her and what she has done and, frankly, what we know she probably will continue to do.

[01:52:30] And I think your point was well made, Supervisor. Clearly, somebody who, you know, you know the power of her when she was a key individual who coined the praying Cisapueta and just focusing on better wages, safer working conditions, and really the number of awards that she's received for decades now.

[01:52:53] The Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award from President Clinton, Lady Holm Journal, 100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century, the Attil Award from Mexican Government, nine honorary documents from universities, and then President Obama bestowed upon her the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

[01:53:11] So I just, I wanted to make sure that, I know there is so much what we could say, but I wanted to at least try to capture at least another element of her life and how important she was to our country and still is to the difference that she makes in young people.

[01:53:27] So thank you. Supervisor Jimenez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, Supervisor Loss, for this board matter. And let me say that I'm deeply proud that our community had the opportunity to welcome a leader whose voice continues to shape the course of American civil rights and labor history.

[01:53:44] Ms. Huerta has stood alongside working families advocating for fair wages, safer conditions, and dignity on the job. In addition, she speaks out on behalf of women's rights, which remains such an important issue now more than ever.

[01:54:01] Her enduring message, as Supervisor Lusk mentioned, Si Se Puede, continues to inspire generations to believe in the power of collective action. I'm honored that she chose to visit Fairfax County, and we commend her continued leadership and advocacy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

[01:54:18] Supervisor Lusk. Without objection, it is so ordered. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My second board matter, Mr. Chairman, is CIA Beulah Street, LLC.

[01:54:34] They are the applicant and is the owner of approximately 6.82 acres located northwest of the intersection of Bula Street and Grodel Drive and identified among the Fairfax County tax assessment records as 81-3, double circle 5, parcels 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 17C, and 17D, also known as a subject property.

[01:55:00] Subject property is zoned to the R1, C2, and C5 districts and is improved with a single-family home and vacant office building with surface parking lots. On May 13, 2025, the Board approved a site-specific plan amendment on the subject property that permits residential development up to 12 dwelling units per acre, exclusive of affordable housing density bonus subject to specific conditions.

[01:55:28] In conformance with the adopted comprehensive plan, the applicant submitted a rezoning application to rezone the subject property to the PDH 12 district. The applicant proposes a residential

community comprised of 69 townhomes and the repurposing of an existing office building to a multifamily residential building with up to 24 dwelling units.

[01:55:53] The proposal includes connectivity to adjacent parcels, publicly accessible urban parks, improved pedestrian facilities, and affordable dwelling units. The rezoning application is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on April 8, 2026.

[01:56:10] Given the amount of time that the applicant has been processing, I move the Board of Supervisors direct the staff to schedule a hearing date before the board for the rezoning. In addition, I move the Board of Supervisors direct staff to accept for concurrent and simultaneous processing a site plan, architectural drawings, and any other plans as needed in conjunction with RZ 2025-FR-00011.

[01:56:40] This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation by the board on the proposed application and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations, or adopted standards. So moot.

[01:56:56] You've heard the motion. The chair will second that discussion on the motion. Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That concludes my matters.

[01:57:13] Thank you, Supervisor Lusk. Supervisor Alcorn. Thank you. Just one board matter, one quick announcement. First of all, the board matter on Spring Hill Road right-of-way vacation. Mr. Chairman, B.E. Tyson's LLC, known as the applicant, has filed a rezoning conceptual development plan and final development plan, known as the applications, for approximately 10.93847 acres of land.

[01:57:39] that's approximately, in the Spring Hill Transit Station area to permit multiple phases of future residential and retail slash commercial development. The property is located on parcel 29-3, double circle 1-2-L.

[01:57:54] As part of the applications, the applicant proposes to incorporate a portion of the existing Spring Hill Road cul-de-sac located at the western terminus of Spring Hill Road into the application property. The applicant has been in discussions with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation regarding the feasibility of a request to vacate that portion of right-of-way.

[01:58:16] FCDOT recommends that such a request be processed concurrently with the rezoning application. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors consent, first of all, consent to the inclusion of approximately 0.13 acres of right-of-way adjacent to 1593 and 1595 Spring Hill Road to be included in a rezoning application submitted by B.E. Tyson's LLC and authorize the county executive and or his designees to act as agent of the Board in conjunction with this application.

[01:58:47] The inclusion of these rights of way in the rezoning application in no way relieves the applicant of the requirement to process a vacation request nor to comply with all applicable standards in the zoning ordinance. In addition, this consent does not imply county support for this application, does not dictate to staff that the rezoning application should be approved, nor should it prejudice staff's review of this application.

[01:59:12] I would so move. And the chair will second that, along with a few others, Supervisor Palczyk and Supervisor Lusk. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[01:59:28] Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Alcott. Yes, and I will announce this later also, but the public hearing this afternoon, special exception in Hunter Mill District, has an affidavit issue and will be deferred. So I think you're not alone. So I'm going to call for deferrals before we break for closed session.

[01:59:50] Thank you for that. Supervisor Jimenez. I have no board matters. Thank you, Supervisor Jimenez. Supervisor Stork. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one written and one verbal board matter. First off, I want to acknowledge that myself, yourself, Chairman McKay, Supervisors Lusk, Beerman parity and Sizemore Heiser are joining me on this Over the past several years the Board of Supervisors has supported efforts of the Commonwealth to implement the transforming rail in Virginia initiative including support of Virginia passenger rail authorities

[02:00:27] VPRA's efforts to secure regional and federal funding on September 24th 2025 the federal government published a notice of funding opportunity or a NOFO announcing the availability of funding through this grant program with applications due by February 6, 2026. The objectives of this grant opportunity are to fund capital projects that enhance safety, reduce the state of good repair, backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new inner-city passenger rail service. VPRA informed the county of their intent to seek funding through this effort for the Aquacon River Third Track project. The application is intended

[02:01:04] to provide for the advanced planning and design of 4.6 miles of third main line track in Fairfax County and Prince William County, as well as the replacement of existing railroad bridges over Richmond Highway, U.S. Route 1, and Furnace Road, improvements to the Woodbridge, Amtrak, and Virginia Railway Express Station, and a new railroad bridge over the Occoquan River. For South Fairfax County, including Mount Vernon and Francote, this project presents an opportunity to address a long-standing bottleneck and upgrade the railroad bridge over Richmond Highway, where trucks often

[02:01:40] crash due to the bridge's low clearance. These incidents cause significant traffic disruptions, backups, and create hazardous road conditions for drivers. In addition, when vehicles strike the railroad bridge, this also causes delays to passenger and freight rail trains since A CSX employee has to come from elsewhere in Virginia to inspect the bridge and ensure the rail traffic is safe to proceed.

[02:02:10] According to WTOP news reports on a 2019 bridge accident, one VRE train was delayed nearly 50 minutes until it was given clearance to continue its trek. Additionally, this project will also connect with other capacity improvements currently underway to complete 19 miles of continuous three-track corridor from the city of Alexandria to Prince William County.

[02:02:30] Taken together, these components will improve mobility and safety for both residents of Fairfax County and those traveling through the county. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve and attend the attached letter of support for VPRA's application for funding from the 2025 National Railroad Partnership Program, Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program.

[02:02:56] And the chair will second that motion. And the picture that you have provided here, for those not familiar with this area, this is not an unfamiliar outcome, sadly. And this happens all too often. And you look at this bridge, you're just grateful it hasn't fallen down.

[02:03:16] I mean, it is. And more important for us, well, not more important, but equally important, if you see in this picture also, So there's absolutely nowhere for pedestrians. And this was put in place at a time where, you know, this was a heavily traveled motor-only area.

[02:03:35] And it still is predominantly that in this particular location. But there is nowhere for pedestrians to be in this photo, which is another major, major challenge that we're facing. And so all in on this. Hopefully we'll have success and we'll finally fix something that has looked the same.

[02:03:54] before any of us were born. That's okay. In fact, more than 100 years old, this bridge, yeah. And I was coming back from a VRE meeting about actually just two weeks ago, and there was a truck, a semi-truck, that was on the other side of the bridge.

[02:04:13] I was going north, and they were going south. And they realized right as they got at the bridge that they weren't going to make it under it. And so they were trying to do a U-turn in front of the bridge. And this is a huge semi-truck. And so you can imagine what that mess was like in addition to just in general the challenges of that.

[02:04:31] So this happens at least several times a year. It's not new or rare, et cetera. So thank you very much for your support. And the letter itself, I think, will hopefully expedite the support that we get from the fellow government on this.

[02:04:47] Absolutely. Well, that letter will be signed and gone from us today. That's how important this is. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Supervisor Stork.

[02:05:03] Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you, colleagues, for your support. And there is one thing that I'm not looking for your support on tonight. We have a basketball game tonight. And, you know, it just so happens South County girls and boys are playing at South County, and they're playing this team.

[02:05:27] I'm not sure where they are. A place that's called Oakton somewhere in, I guess, Fairtrade County. I don't know where they are. So the girls are playing Oakton, that's right, and the boys are playing Marshall. The girls at 5.30 and the boys at 7.30.

[02:05:43] I don't know if there's any tickets left for this game because I think it's going to be a big deal, But I'm looking forward to this quarterfinal playoff game. And hopefully, of course, the best team, South County, will win. I'm just saying. I'm just saying.

[02:06:01] Supervisor Stork, one team will win and one will lose. And the one that will lose will have won. I'm getting to this point in time this season, but I am cheering for both of them. I'm neutral in the outcome. But I thought you were going to say something else, which was there was a South County girls basketball battle that just took place between West Potomac and Hayfield.

[02:06:25] And again, you know, no, no, no favoritism at all in that when you represent them both. I represent them both. But it was just what I was going to say about it is just it is good to see so much. And we talked about this earlier today. So much school excitement around the girls sports, because it wasn't, as we know, sadly, always that way.

[02:06:49] And to watch some of these women athletes perform and to see the stands full to support them is really something special to see. So it is a fun time of year for a lot of our schools, and we will be tracking

all of them. And as we always do, those that win state titles will, of course, be coming to the board for recognition.

[02:07:10] So thank you for pointing that out and for not asking for anyone's support on that at this time. We will all support the outcome. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Supervisor Stork. Supervisor Pouchik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No written board matters, but I have to say Oakden and Marshall, especially the girls' support.

[02:07:28] So I'm excited about what's happening and hope to see you there. And then just an announcement reminder, this coming Monday, we will have our in-person budget town hall at the Jim Scott Community Center. We will have County Executive Brian Hill and CFO Christina Jackson, as well as myself, and on the school side, our school board member Carl Frisch.

[02:07:55] And I believe Lee Burden will be representing the school's budget. Look forward to seeing you all there. And then just a quick teaser, March 18th, we will have on Channel 16 our joint Spanish roundtable that we started last year. Marcia St. John Cunningham will be joining us from the school side as our other Spanish speaker, as well as some community members.

[02:08:18] So looking forward to that. And to my colleagues, feel free to share that out. Or if you have any community members who may be interested or want to send questions in, we'd love to-- it's going to be a very interactive conversation, very little presentation piece, more interaction. We'd love to hear from our Spanish-speaking community.

[02:08:37] And I want to thank Channel 16 for their work and ensuring that happens, as well as my staff. And to that, here we go, and to budget season, not just basketball season. And so I'm looking forward to the conversations. Thank you. Supervisor Herity.

[02:08:52] Yeah, I guess I'm going to have to go back to women's basketball because there's another quarterfinal game that has Centerville going up against West Potomac. I don't have any problems taking sides in that because Centerville is one of my schools. I'm going to have to sit out the Oakton and South County one.

[02:09:09] I get reps in both of those. You don't have to sit them out. You just cheer them all on. Yeah, cheer them all on. You just cheer them all on. I'll become a pro with that. Let the best women and men win. I've got one short board matter.

[02:09:25] I'm going to shorten the board matter, and then I have one quick announcement. The one board matters to recognize the 125th anniversary of Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind. Today, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind is the only organization in the region that provides a comprehensive range of programs and services for the nearly 180,000 people living in the DMV who are blind or visually impaired.

[02:09:51] They help them find jobs and give them the dignity of work. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I ask without objection a resolution be prepared for Columbia's Lighthouse for the Blind to recognize its 125th anniversary and decades of service to the blind community to be presented before the board at our July 14th meeting is confirmed with OPA.

[02:10:13] And without objection, it is so ordered. The second one, a quick announcement. My first two teen job fairs is this Saturday, March 7th, at 11 o'clock at Chantilly High School. It's not too late for businesses or students to register, and we will take walk-ins.

[02:10:33] We've had these before. Great to give people the opportunity to their first job. The second one will be March 21st at West Springfield High School, also at 11. That's it, Mr. Chairman. Okay. Thank you very much for that, and it was mentioned earlier, it is budget season, and there are budget meetings in every Magisterial District.

[02:10:53] Many opportunities, some have already happened, some are continuing to happen, and I do want to thank OPA for publicizing all of those great opportunities for the public to weigh in. And with that, we are going to move on to the county executive items, and let me ask Vice Chair Smith, do you have a motion for admin items 1 through 10?

[02:11:15] I move approval of admin items 1 through 10. And the chair will second that, along with Supervisor Palchik. Are there any admin items that board members have questions on or would like to have a separate vote on? Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, admin 6, just a comment. A comment on admin 6, and admin 6 is authorization to advertise public hearings on proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding minor and editorial revisions and changes to reflect Virginia code updates.

[02:11:40] Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you very much. There's one of the changes in here relates to clarifying that earth-borne vibration standards do not apply to temporary construction activities of short duration. I understand why this is coming out, but as we see more redevelopment in existing areas and close to neighborhoods, this is becoming more of an issue.

[02:12:09] So just as a heads-up to the board, this is something I'm talking with staff to look at alternatives to see how we can address particularly demolition activities that are done in proximity to existing neighborhoods. So just a comment on that. Thank you.

[02:12:24] Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. Any other comments? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of Admin Items 1 through 10, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries, and that takes us to action items.

[02:12:39] And we have seven of those. Action item number one is authorization of subordinate financing up to \$2 million to a subsidiary of Enterprise Community Development for the renovation of Coraline Gardens in the Mason District. Supervisor Jimenez. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:12:56] Before I read a motion, I want to have a couple quick comments here. So in July of 2022, this board established the No Net Loss Preservation Goal, a commitment to ensuring that Fairfax County maintains its existing stock of market-affordable and committed-affordable housing units.

[02:13:15] This goal stands as a critical parallel to our 10,000-unit new construction target for 2034. This proposal aligns with the one Fairfax policy by ensuring that high-quality, sustainable housing remains available to our most vulnerable residents.

[02:13:31] I support this request and would like to move this action forward. This investment secures the availability of affordable quality housing, Coraline Gardens, for years to come. And so with that, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move that the board adopt the county's executive recommendation for action item number one.

[02:13:49] And the chair will second that, along with several others. Discussion on the motion? Any further discussion? No further discussion? Supervisor Herity. Yeah, just a couple of quick questions for staff. So I know there's no net new affordables.

[02:14:05] There's no net loss. Do these count towards the \$10,000 goal or not, just out of curiosity? Supervisor Herity, good morning. Tom Fleetwood with the Department of Housing and Community Development. While these do not count towards the \$10,000 unit goal, it's important to note that this action will provide for deeper affordability at this site as well as some additional units committed as permanent supportive housing.

[02:14:34] as I understand the property was renovated in 2007 are we renovating the whole property or just the MEP systems so the 2007 renovation was nearly 20 years ago and this is a more comprehensive renovation than was done in 2007 20 years is the useful life I guess of I'll have to go back and look at that later I know we're not purchasing this property but we had the

[02:15:12] first right of refusal on it and we're putting two million dollars into the project I see the purchase price is 24 million and I get accused I got confused when I looked at the assessment which the 2025 assessments 12 million I don't understand the difference between 12 million assessed value and 24 million purchase price, of which we have \$2 million riding in that.

[02:15:41] So if you can explain, especially given that ECG is on both sides of that transaction. They're kind of the seller and the buyer. Certainly, Supervisor Callie Seltzer, Division Director for Real Estate and Community Development Finance. You are correct.

[02:15:57] There are acquisition proceeds in the overall financing structure of \$24 million. Those are used to increase the low-income housing tax credit basis. This is the Virginia housing sort of standard and typical structure for a LIHTC preservation project.

[02:16:16] So in a way, it's a dummy acquisition cost. It's not necessarily tied to an appraisal cost or an appraised value. It's actually within the overall LIHTC structure. Is it normal for those to be like double?

[02:16:34] It is, because the Virginia housing does have a limit, and the IRS has a limit, and so this is within those limits, and very typical of a tax credit structure. I'm going to have to do more homework on that.

[02:16:50] Okay, thank you. Supervisor Palcic. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you to Supervisor Jimenez and staff, very supportive of this. I was wondering, because it is across the street, a great community addition right next to our public library, close to our schools and amenities, I was wondering if you could share with us a little bit. It was shared here that the original financing was lost, and that is why they are seeking additional financing and trying to be very creative. \$2 million, I think, is less than what that original financing was of \$6.65 million that was terminated in March of 2025.

[02:17:26] Are you able to share more information about that terminated financing with us? Supervisor Palachuk, the financing to which you refer was coming from the federal government and was related to greenhouse gas mitigation, and the current administration chose to withdraw the funding.

[02:17:45] Thank you for sharing that. I think it's critical to understand why we are back here today with the additional \$2 million, one to \$6 million lost from the federal government, reducing or terminating the commitment that was made to help reduce federal greenhouse gases.

[02:18:01] As we know, this is a very urban area next to amenities on a very, very busy MyBus line right here in the county. And very happy to support and hopeful that this project, this and the next agenda item, will make it more eligible for the 9% tax credit.

[02:18:18] So thank you to you and to the development team and the HCD for their work on being nimble despite the issues. And I would say, in addition, because it is-- we've heard quite a bit about not just building new, right, but being able to preserve and look for financing sources to help preserve existing affordable housing.

[02:18:41] And this was purchased back in 2007. So very supportive of this project. And Mr. Jimenez and the Mason District working on this. Thank you, Supervisor Palchik. Any other discussion? Let me just say I clearly support this, too, and appreciate the work that has been put into this.

[02:19:00] I would just say that, you know, the question about whether this goes towards the 10,000 units or not is a little bit moot in my mind because if we do achieve our goal of building 10,000 new units, it won't matter if at the same time we lost 10,000 market rate affordable units in the county.

[02:19:19] We will have made no progress. And so just to be clear, this board's affordable housing goals can only be met if we are building new units and at the same time not losing units at a rate that is concerning to everyone in our community.

[02:19:34] And so this is a great opportunity to make sure that we protect those long term. But in this particular case, also make sure that investments are made in these properties so that they're not just market rate affordable, but they're market rate affordable, high quality units that are safe for the people who live in them.

[02:19:53] And so I'm glad this has gotten to us at this point, and hopefully they achieve success in getting the additional support needed from the state to make this happen. So with that, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed?

[02:20:09] Any abstentions? And that motion carries with a vote of 9 to 1. Supervisor Herity voting nay. Action item number two is designation of Cortland Garden Apartments located at 7435 Arlington Boulevard as a revitalization area in the Mason District.

[02:20:27] Supervisor Jimenez. Thanks. I'm not going to... I will just say... Every time it says.

[02:20:43] Anyways. Mr. Chairman, I move that the board adopt the county's executive recommendation for action item number two. And the chair will second that, along with Supervisor Palchuk. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed, any abstentions?

[02:20:59] And that motion carries 9 to 0 to 1 with Supervisor Herity abstaining. And that takes us to Action Item No. 3, which is authorization to make loans to affiliates of Wellington Development Partners of up to \$8,100,000 to finance the development of Agape Chantilly House Phase 2 in the Sully District.

[02:21:22] Vice Chair Smith. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. Chair, we'll second that motion, along with a lot of other folks on the board. Discussion on the motion? Vice Chair Smith. Just briefly, I appreciate seeing this moving forward, that Phase 2 will be able to start.

[02:21:41] As we know, it is really important for our seniors to get affordable housing, and this is at 60% AMI below. And so I really look forward to this moving forward. Thank you very much. Supervisor Smith, Supervisor Herity. As the board may or may not realize, I've been kind of a long-time supporter of the market rate affordable housing for seniors, and I'd really like to support this one as well.

[02:22:07] On my way to the Lunar New Year Festival at Fair Oaks, I drove by Autumn Willow and saw they were having a big open house. Autumn Willow's been open for a while, so I pulled a string, went on the website, and showed that they're actually offering free rent to get tenants into those units.

[02:22:26] So the question is, for me, is how many vacant units do we have at Autumn Willow? I understand North Hill, where we're giving two months free rent, Ovation, where we're giving two months free rent, and North, how many vacant units do we have at those three?

[02:22:47] I know we tried to get the answer on Friday and didn't get a response back. So, Supervisor Herity, thank you for that question. As I responded to your staff, we would work on getting that information. I do have the information for Autumn Willow.

[02:23:05] As you know, they began leasing last summer. They had some challenges that have been rectified, and they are currently at just about 75% occupied with, and we expect that they'll be fully occupied within the next few months.

[02:23:28] Okay. And the ovation where we're offering two months free rent? Supervisor Herity, again, as I said, you had requested that information on Friday. We've made a request to get it. We don't have that information yet.

[02:23:45] Can you share with the board, all the board, the vacancy rates at all of our affordable housing projects? You know, I think we need to understand that as we're investing millions and millions of dollars. If we can't get people in, and also I'd ask the wait list for them, too.

[02:24:03] That's what I was going to ask. Yeah, I was going to say, there's both sides of that. Is there a wait list, and what is the vacancy rate? But I think it's good for us to understand that. I will probably be supporting this one because I don't have the information not to, but we need to know what's going on there.

[02:24:24] I would just add that when staff gets that information back to us, also give us the context and how these things happen. Who makes these decisions about the promotions to get people in the door? It's a lot more complicated than we can simply explain here.

[02:24:41] And then also, what is a functional vacancy rate at some of these units? Because, you know, there is a wait list. I know that. We know what the demand is out there, but there's complications that go beyond just a simple rental transaction, and we don't always control those.

[02:24:58] And so I think getting the full context of that back is going to be important when the answers come back. Okay. Any other discussion on action three? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye.

[02:25:14] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? And that motion carries. Action item number four is approval of the calendar year 2026 Forest Health Program. Supervisor Palchik. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move approval of the county executive's recommendation for Action Item 4.

[02:25:31] And the chair will second that. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action Item Number 5 is approval of the annual Head Start Transportation Waiver Request for the continuation of Fairfax County Public Schools 2026 to 2027, Transportation Services, and the Head Start Self-Assessment Report.

[02:25:59] Supervisor Sizemore-Heiser. Thank you, Chairman. I move to move forward the county executive's recommendation for action item number five. Chair will second that, along with a lot of others. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye.

[02:26:14] Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Action item number six is endorsement of design plans for the Route 29 southbound shared use pass project in the sully district vice chair smith i move approval of the county executive's recommendation the chair will second that um along with supervisor palchik discussion on the motion yes i don't have any ah supervisor harry just a quick question on 29 from the fairfax city line all the way to stone road as you get near the prince william county line it's

[02:26:48] three lanes in each direction, except for about a half a mile underneath I-66, and the I-66 concessionaire made it wide enough for there to be a lane. I just want to make sure before we move this project on that anything we're doing in this project doesn't impact the ability to widen Route 29 for that last quarter mile or that middle bottleneck quarter of a mile under 66.

[02:27:17] Sure. Greg Stevenson, director of FCDOT. Fortunately, these projects are outside of that limit, so it doesn't really affect that area. But as we discussed, it looks like there's enough area to widen it, but this is outside of that area, so it's not going to affect that.

[02:27:35] Do we have a plan to widen that quarter mile? Because the bridges are all done. We do not, in terms of FCDOT at this given time, it's on the comprehensive plan, but it's not something that's specifically, you know, in our work plan in the here and now.

[02:27:51] Thank you. And again, this is in the Sully District. Supervisor Smith. You know, I'm happy that this path is moving forward because this is an area where we have a lot of people walking and walking to the shopping centers. There's low income in the area.

[02:28:08] So it's a vital project. And I remember back when the 66 project was starting and some of the concessions that were part of that project. So I would like to follow up with you, Greg, about any plans we can have to maybe stripe it differently in the future.

[02:28:24] But I'm happy that there's space there for the path, because this really is a safety issue for the community. Thank you. Thank you, Vice Chair Smith. If there's no further discussion, all those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? that motion carries. Action item number seven is approval of the disease-carrying insects program. Supervisor Palchik. Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the county executive's recommendation. You've heard the motion. The chair will second that. Is there a discussion on the motion? Chairman, I was going to Supervisor Palchik. For those who haven't had a chance to review this, we get to see the incredible work done by our staff. I first learned of mosquito

[02:29:03] vectors when I was doing international work abroad and to see the work that our staff do here both on the traps and the effectiveness of the reduction of the five-year averages that's in the report, as well as the education and outreach. And every year we see our tick and mosquito staff come out here, and we appreciate their work in the field and the strategic work to ensure that we keep our community safe and help address those feisty vectors that are out there.

[02:29:31] So thank you, Mr. Chairman. I hope to have our board approval. Supervisor Alcorn. Yeah, thank you. And just to echo that great work that you're all doing, this is, well, I did see Lyme disease cases

were up this last year. And I know there's constantly an underreporting of Lyme disease cases, not just here in Fairfax County, but everywhere.

[02:29:52] But just to emphasize the public education piece of this is also so important because some of these conditions do have significant impacts on us. So thank you very much for the great work, and let's keep it going.

[02:30:08] Thank you, Supervisor Alcorn. And I heard the other day mosquitoes have killed more people than any other species in the world since the beginning of the world. I mean, so this is, you know, sometimes there is an education piece of this, and sometimes we, you know, push through this.

[02:30:27] But this is a very serious matter, and, you know, our staff does an amazing job making sure that it stays a serious matter. So, with that, all those in favor of Action 7, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[02:30:42] That motion carries. And that is the end of our action items. We do have a closed session. Before I turn to Supervisor Smith for a motion, first let me ask the county attorney how long we need for closed session. Mr. Chairman, I estimate approximately 30 minutes.

[02:30:58] 30 minutes. So, closed session will begin exactly at 3 p.m. We, I know, are going to have a shortened afternoon, so before I turn to Supervisor Smith, let me ask my colleagues if they have some announcements to make about deferrals. Supervisor Alcorn.

[02:31:13] Thank you very much. There is a public hearing scheduled this afternoon, SC2025HM-0001, Comstock Reston Station Holdings. Because of an affidavit problem, I will be moving to defer the public hearing on that case until March 17, 2026 at 3.30 p.m. or the next appropriate date.

[02:31:37] Thank you for that. Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will make a similar deferral announcement or my intent to defer announcement. RZ 2025-FR-00005 in the name of Franconia Development Partners LLC will be moved for deferral later this afternoon at the appropriate time. And the intent will be to move it to a date certain of March 17, 2026 at 3.30 p.m. Okay. Supervisor Lusk, and those motions will be made

[02:32:14] this afternoon formally. These are intents at this point announcements, and so that shortens the afternoon significantly. And at this time, let me ask Vice Chair Smith if she has a motion. 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, and in addition, as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A8, legal analysis of a potential filing in a state regulatory proceeding.

[02:32:49] You've heard the motion. The Chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? that motion carries. We will report to closed session promptly at 3 p.m. so that we can begin

[02:33:06] our 3.30 public hearings. And with that, the board will take a short recess. The board is back from

[02:42:50] closed session. And at this time, let me recognize Vice Chair Smith for a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors certify that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements by virtue of Virginia

Code section 2.2-3711, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened, were heard discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors during the closed session. The chair will second that motion. Is there discussion on the motion?

[02:43:21] Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. We do have one motion coming out of closed session. Supervisor Smith. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize and direct the county attorney to remain a settlement class member to a proposed settlement agreement in re-PVC pipe antitrust litigation, case number 1-24-CV-07639. And the chair will second that motion. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any

[02:43:57] abstentions? That motion carries. And that brings us to our public hearings this afternoon. Just as a reminder, individuals wishing to provide testimony have a number of options. They can testify here in person or they can provide testimony by phone or by YouTube video. At the designated point in the public hearing, I will call for any speakers from the speakers list and they will either come forward or their video will be shown or they will be connected by telephone. There will then be an opportunity for anyone else who would like to speak to the matter to come down to the podium or to call in at 703-324-1020. Speakers testifying by video must have signed up and submitted their video no later than 9 a.m. on the day prior to the hearing.

[02:44:36] For public hearing testimony, you're given three minutes to speak as an individual. If you're a spokesperson for a group, you are given five minutes. And with that, I am going to call our first case, which is a public hearing on RZ 2025-SP-00003, High Ridge TEI Equities, LLC, in the Springfield District. And could we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. My name is Lynn Strobel. I represent the applicant. I reaffirm the affidavit that is dated February 4, 2026. Thank you. Thank you very

[02:45:11] much. Are there any disclosures from board members? Disclosures from board members. Seeing and hearing none. I will now recognize county staff for a staff presentation. Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. I'd just like to introduce Nick Cicero to the Board of Supervisors. This is his first presentation to the Board of Supervisors. We stole them from Loudoun County. Proudly. Yeah, proudly.

[02:45:38] All righty. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Board Members. I am Nick Cicero with the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant requests a rezoning to the PRM or Planned Residential Mixed Use Historic to permit the development of a multifamily building with a maximum of 400 units and up to 5,500 square feet of commercial space. The subject property is 6.2 acres and is located to the south of Fairfax Ridge and Waipos Mill intersection.

[02:46:14] The site is zone C3 office district and is in the highway overlay district. There's an existing office building with accessory parking facility that will be demolished to construct the multifamily building. The site is surrounded by residential uses to the south, west, and north.

[02:46:35] The slide on the left reflects the layout that was discussed at the time of the plan amendment. During the review of this case, the applicant has worked with staff to address the recommendations in the conference of plan, including to ensure that the site design is compatible with the surrounding area with a review of the height, architecture, and park space provided. In addition, To address sanitary sewer issues, this applicant has also worked closely with another nearby rezoning application known as Fairfax Crossing to proffer necessary upgrades to the Pender and High Ridge pump stations.

[02:47:13] The applicant has also provided transportation improvements by proffering to provide transportation, the transportation improvements shown on the screen along White Bulls Mill Road as recommended in the comprehensive plan.

[02:47:29] This includes an extended median, proposed roadway narrowing, and pedestrian safety improvements along Whitebills Mill Road. Thank you. That concludes my presentation. Thank you very much for that presentation.

[02:47:45] We now recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. Again, my name is Lynn Strobel. I represent the applicant. I'm going to provide a very brief presentation, as we did have some speakers at the Planning Commission, And I just want to kind of go through our rationale for this application.

[02:48:05] So I've got a PowerPoint that I think is coming up, which is great. Thank you. So as was described, the application property is located on the west side of Waples Mill Road. It's about six acres zoned to the C3 district.

[02:48:23] And originally, all of that land area on the west side of Waples Mill was zoned C3. It was envisioned to be an office park. The only property that was developed in accordance with that approval was the application property. In about 1982, there was a couple of office buildings built and a structured parking garage, and that's what exists there today.

[02:48:46] Over time, of course, this area evolved. It doesn't look like an office park. We have Land Bay A, which is on this plan that became Fairfax Ridge Condominium. Land Bay C became Moderna at Fairfax Ridge.

[02:49:03] It's also multifamily, and Lambay B is a single multifamily building that's known as The Radiant. So what we have left of that office park is what I've called the hole in the donut. It's the last piece that's left from an original development plan that showed commercial development, and the owner of that property believes that it can be a better use, a higher and better use, that perhaps will be more compatible with the area.

[02:49:28] I'll note that like many office buildings in Fairfax County, it's suffering from a high vacancy rate, and we do believe that this could be, in fact, a more compatible developed property. The property may look familiar to you because last fall we went through a site-specific plan amendment nomination, and that was approved in November by this board, and it allowed the office use that was recommended to include an option for residential development.

[02:50:01] So the approval of that nomination kind of brought us to where we are today. I will say that the plan that's in front of you, we spent an awful lot of time on. We worked on this development plan to make sure that it addressed all of the SSPA conditions that were included in the comprehensive plan.

[02:50:18] We have about 1.3 acres of quality open space that will be open to the public. We are removing curb cuts from Fairfax Ridge Road and overall, I think, improving the overall road network and providing a better aesthetic. This is just some of the images that we provided of the recreational uses that will be on the site.

[02:50:39] It's a combination of active and passive uses. It won't be exactly these features, but it's meant to represent what will be provided, which will include seating areas, plazas, pieces of art. We've worked very

closely with the Planning Division as well as the Fairfax County Park Authority in what we think is a very superior plan and also included at the request of staff two areas of retail development. You can see those pink corners. Those will be community serving. We envision things like a coffee shop or something that would serve the residents but also the surrounding community.

[02:51:15] Mr. Cicero has described the proposed road improvements to Waples Mill. I won't go into a lot of detail on that but I will take a moment to thank Supervisor Herity for bringing us all together with representatives of Transportation and the Zoning Evaluation Division.

[02:51:31] I think really coming up with a good result there on a proffer that will make sure that we diligently pursue this design and pursue VDOT approval. That's the piece that we're lacking right now. But we think that we can work on this for a number of months while we're going through the site plan process.

[02:51:49] And also, we will ensure that there will be curb ramps provided as well as crosswalks. We did have several meetings with the Fairfax Ridge Condominium. I think a couple folks came in from the Condominium Association, and most recently we met on January 20th, and I think that their concerns we have done our best to address. I think one concern is parking, and I appreciate that parking is a concern, but this proposal is not going to exacerbate those existing conditions. I won't go through this whole chart, but I just want

[02:52:25] to say very briefly that there are 540 parking spaces proposed on site, and that is within the parking garage of the property, and that will meet the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance requirements. In addition, this property owner has the right to use 175 unencumbered spaces in that radiant parking garage, which is next door. They also can use 100 additional spaces during certain hours, but when you look at the overall, when you look at the spaces on site and

[02:53:00] the 175 in the Radiant, we've got 715 spaces or 1.74 spaces per dwelling unit, so we are well exceeding the zoning ordinance requirement, and this is all established through recorded documentation. So that's in the land records. There are easements in place, and that is what can be used on the site. We also worked with the neighbors on construction management. These are just a few of the proffers that we agree to, making sure that there's a point of contact. We limited construction hours. We'll have parking management. We will not be parking on Fairfax Ridge Road. So again, try to

[02:53:37] address the concerns through proffers. And then I'm just going to sum up with some, you know, this is the best part. This is the fun part. This is hopefully what you will see on this site. It may be a couple years, but it's a really beautiful building. The architecture is high quality. They're high quality materials. What you're looking at here is the corner of Waples Mill and Fairfax Ridge Road. And you can see the community serving retail nature of this. We've got tables out front. You can walk to it from the area. And it also works with the topography.

[02:54:10] The topography slopes down from Waples Mill Road. And we're working with that and providing, I think, a really nice architecturally high-quality building on the site. This is across from Fairfax Ridge Condominium, and you can see that we work to reduce the bulk and the mass of the building with varied building heights.

[02:54:34] We've broken up that facade through articulation, different building materials, and setbacks. And then lastly, that's the entry to the site from Fairfax Ridge Road. You can see that it does lead to a

garage, but the garage is well-screened, and the building has a drop-off area, and I think will fit well within the site.

[02:54:55] So I'll be happy to answer any questions. I'll just sum up by, again, thanking the staff, everyone who is here and those who are not here. We have, I know, Billy O'Donnell, Mr. Cicero, Greg Fuller, and I think even Barbara Byron got involved a little bit with us, which we appreciated very much.

[02:55:14] And I think through all of their efforts, we came to a really good place on this application, which is favorably recommended by staff and the Planning Commission. So, again, happy to answer any questions. Thank you. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or the applicant at this time? All right.

[02:55:31] Seeing and hearing none. This is a public hearing, and I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here in the auditorium that wishes to speak on this matter? If you could come on down and please state your name and address from the podium, and then when you're done testifying, if you could sign in with the clerk here to my far right.

[02:55:51] Is there anyone else present after this gentleman that wishes to speak on this matter? Okay, if you can come down and sign in with the clerk over here to the right. And while you're doing that, welcome. The floor is yours. Thank you, Chairman. Thank you, esteemed members of the committee. My name is Tolkumbek Abdegulov. I live on 11353 Aristotle Drive, apartment 209.

[02:56:13] So I am acting head of the HOA and I am here just to deliver a message which we already delivered to you during your last meeting. As the presenter mentioned, the biggest concern in our community is parking.

[02:56:29] So now is a disaster and we expect that during the construction and afterwards it will be much more bigger issues than it is right now. But there will be no free empty spots. We told it during all the public hearings, during the planning committee, all these committees.

[02:56:50] Our community is more than 420 apartments and majority of them are elderly population. so we'll try to resolve all these issues with a potential builder but the problem of construction dust noise all these things this is solvable so we can tolerate for small period of time but when it comes to the parking it would be very difficult to solve in the future and i think after the construction will be completed you will hear a lot of grievances from the current resident

[02:57:26] future potential residents related to the parking because as you see from the map there is no other places to park the car and if you imagine like the big new house coming now at our condo we don't have empty spaces but in future i don't know how we will resolve these things i think you as a public officials should take into account these things, because this is a residence, this is your

[02:58:03] constituency, and all these people, when it will come to the end, will put grievances to you, not to us. I am here just doing my job as a representative, as HOA, so our neighbors just authorized me to speak on behalf of them and to raise this issue. That's all I wanted to tell.

[02:58:28] Thank you. Thank you very much for your testimony. And we have a second speaker, Ms. Ramos-Torrell. Welcome. The floor is yours. I'm the board treasurer of Fairfax Ridge Condominium.

[02:58:43] I have previously explained in other public hearings the situation, as Tolkienbeck just mentioned. But I just want to emphasize the most critical for me situation is the parking as we have it right

now in the Fairfax Ridge Road. It's very congested. Both sides of the street, the use of parking that it's going to be demolished. And there's over 100 cars right now from residents, visitors, contractors that are using those spaces. When the process of the

[02:59:22] demolition and construction starts, where those cars are going to park, that's going to be a very difficult situation. Afterwards, there will be plenty of parkings, as Lynn said. There will be availability. There's going to be arrangements. But during that process, I understand that our residents in Fairfax Ridge not only will have the grievances of the construction, noise, doors, whatever, which is normal, but also the problem of the parking. It's very congested right

[02:59:59] now, and it's going to be worse during the process of the construction. We have to figure out what's going to be done for that, okay? Because when the construction starts, even if they allowed the next, sorry, both sides, there's still cars that won't have spaces because they were depending on that parking that is going to be demolished. So it's just a concern that I just wanted to bring. Thank you.

[03:00:30] Thank you very much for your testimony. Let me ask if there's anyone else present who would like to speak on this matter. This is a public hearing, seeing and hearing no one. Let me ask the clerk if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. At this time, I'd recognize the applicant to respond to some of the testimony we heard.

[03:00:51] Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of things. I know that we've talked with the neighbors quite a bit about the parking. And I think one of the problems that Fairfax Ridge Condominium is parked to the county code. When that was approved, it was parked in accordance with code. The spaces, I don't think, are as convenient maybe to the residents as some would like.

[03:01:11] It's easier to park on the street to have access to your unit. I think maybe that contributes to some of the issues. And I want to say again that we are providing ample parking. I don't believe that anything we are doing is going to exacerbate kind of the conditions that are there.

[03:01:29] We did commit in our proffers, and I'm just going to read a little piece of this, that we're going to have a construction management plan. It says it will address these items. It's not limited to this, but it will include a point of contact, construction hours, parking management, and construction mitigation measures, and that prior to commencement of construction, we will request a pre-construction meeting with the Fairfax Ridge condominiums to go over that plan.

[03:01:57] And so I do think we're doing everything we can to make sure that protections are in place and that we are, I'm not saying there won't be any disturbance. Clearly this will be a construction project, but we will do all that we can to mitigate that and make sure that they have an appropriate living environment while we're working on this project.

[03:02:16] So I would be happy to answer any questions that you have. Okay. Thank you very much. Are there any questions of staff or of the applicant? Supervisor Alcorn. Question for the applicant, so for the parking garage that you're providing, Lynn, is parking going to be tied to the unit, or in other words, will the, I assume these are going to be rentals, right?

[03:02:42] That's what we believe at this time. Okay, and will parking be a paid option, or will it be incorporated into the rent for those units? I think I'm going to defer to my client on that question. Sure. Hi, everybody. I'm Robert Singer with the owner-developer.

[03:02:59] Nice to meet you all, and thanks for all your time. It's really a function of what the market demands at that time. If it were today, what our current plan is, is that a space will be included with your rent.

[03:03:16] You could rent a second space. That's typical for what the market is today. And the other thing I would say is that, I mean, the concern got raised about, I think that one of the concerns was construction workers during the construction process.

[03:03:35] I think one of the questions, they said, well, okay, you have plenty of parking after construction is done, but during the construction process, where are people going to park? I think that was what I heard. And the good news here is that through a reciprocal parking easement that existed with this property prior to us even purchasing it, we have access to these 275 spaces in the Radian garage.

[03:04:05] So our plan, first of all, that construction workers would just park there. I mean, that gives us a huge advantage. So we can put our contractors in a parking garage at the site that we already control. We don't plan on letting construction workers park, you know, wherever they want.

[03:04:28] And recognizing how small and narrow of a street Fairfax Ridge is, we'll be bringing deliveries. We'll be doing everything off of the main road, Weples Mill. So, look, our company is a large company.

[03:04:46] We build all over. We work cooperatively with governments and with communities. We have no interest in exacerbating a problem. We've put our money where our mouth is by building and working with staff and everybody else, but committing to building far more parking than is required by code.

[03:05:09] So all that to say we think we have a plan. We're looking forward to it, and that's my testimony for now. Mr. Chairman. Yes. Yeah, just thank you for tying a parking space to the rent. We have some situations in my district where they're totally separate, and they're folks that are renting apartments and not paying for any parking, but they park on the street, and it's creating problems for the community.

[03:05:35] So thank you for doing that. Thank you. OK. Supervisor Palcic. No, thank you. My only question is that I did hear as well during the demolition. So I know you mentioned, Ms. Trouble, that there will be a plan. But has that been thought out? what the plan will be specifically to help mitigate things not going according to plan during the demolition and construction period?

[03:05:57] It's a little too early for that. We're not near construction, so I don't think that we have specifics. But as Mr. Singer mentioned, they do work all over the country, and I think they have a lot of experience. So I think that when they put together this plan, it will have meaningful ways to mitigate those construction nuisances.

[03:06:15] OK. That would be helpful. Sometimes we do get it in the proffer since it is not in that area, I think. Just making sure that the community is engaged in that process. Okay. I'm not seeing or hearing any other questions at this time.

[03:06:31] Let me close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Herity for a motion. I'll be a little more direct on the Fairfax Ridge parking, and I've been out to the site many times. The Fairfax Ridge, can you pull up a picture of the, I just want to explain to the board just a picture of the site.

[03:06:55] So Fairfax Ridge parking just has two entrances on the left side of Fairfax Ridge Road. It's parked all the way around the back, but you've got to drive the whole length to get in and out. It's not very convenient parking, and the residents prefer to park right in front of the unit all the way along.

[03:07:16] So it's a little bit about convenience of parking and less about having adequate parking because every time I've driven it, there's been a lot of spots in the back. Um, so I, and I, I want to thank, start by thanking the applicant.

[03:07:33] Well, I'm going to do that later. So I'm just going to get in a, my written comments, but, um, uh, Mr. Chairman, the, the project on Fairfax Ridge road and land unit K is Springfield district set to bring 400 multifamily units on a parcel that's run its courses and office building surrounded by other residential units with more to come across Waples mill road.

[03:07:51] That'll be later this month or early next month. I forget which one, uh, surrounded, uh, the areas being reinvented. as a residential living community I want to thank the applicant for going above and beyond to address the residents concerns the commitment to transparency and cooperative construction practices within a community is wonderful thing to see in the proffers so is the commitment to overpark the site and maintain trees and parking along Fairfax Ridge Road and it will have plenty of green space between this project and in the Fairfax Ridge condominiums. This project, as we've heard, is one of several that identified

[03:08:31] the need for sewer upgrades. Not only is the applicant committed to improving the systems to meet their needs, but they will go beyond to improve the sewer pump station for a broader area being reimbursed for the difference. I really want to thank staff, the applicant Barbara Byron from the chairman's office for working with James Thomas, my Planning Commissioner, and me to address the the transportation proffer concerns beat out approvals have been a concern to all of us in this case VDOT approval was even more unpredictable due to the

[03:09:05] staff requirement for a bump out that VDOT's likely to not approve I want to give credit where credit is due I want to thank Barbara Byron because she came up with the idea of separating the profit the transportation improvements that had the potential to hold up financing and the timing of the project out from the typical site plan process and have these improvements be reviewed as a separate public improvement plan.

[03:09:31] That ensures that the applicant who is committed to going after these, whether it be out of Prism or not, it won't hinder the project from moving forward into the design and permitting stage. So something we can all use potentially in the future. Very excited to see this project move forward.

[03:09:49] Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move that Board of Supervisors approve RZ 2025-SP-00003 and its associated conceptual development plan subject to the executed proffers dated February 24, 2026.

[03:10:05] I move the Board of Supervisors waive the interior parking lot landscaping requirement for the above-grade parking structure in favor of the landscaping as shown on the CDP-FDP. So moved. You've heard the motion. I'm happy to second that, along with several others here.

[03:10:23] Discussion on the motion. Any further discussion on the motion? Let me also thank Barbara in my office for her help. This is one of the benefits of having someone who's been around doing this for a long time. And so I'm glad we could provide that support.

[03:10:41] This is important to make happen. And I also want to thank the community members for their testimony, because they have been consistent since day one on what their issues are, and we appreciate that, and hopefully can see here in what's been provided ways to accommodate it, and we'll continue to monitor that and work with you.

[03:11:02] But thank you for participating and for your consistency through this process. And so I'm happy to support the motion as well. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions?

[03:11:17] And that motion carries. Thank you very much. - Thank you. - And understand our next public hearing is gonna be deferred in the Hunter Mill District, but let me announce it, which is a public hearing on SC 2025-HM-00001, Comstock Reston Station Holdings LC in the Hunter Mill District, Supervisor Alcorn.

[03:11:40] - Yes, thank you. Because of an affidavit problem, this public hearing is going to be deferred for likely a couple weeks. So, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for SE 2025-HM-00001 to March 17, 2026 at 3.30 p.m. or the next appropriate date.

[03:12:05] You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Palachuk. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none. All those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. That brings us to our next public hearing, public hearing on SEA.

[03:12:22] Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry to interrupt. Could we just confirm that that hearing is, in fact, continued to March 17th of 2026 at 3.30 p.m.? I believe that's what the motion was. I don't know that we had a time. He did say March 17th in the motion, but I don't know if we had a time.

[03:12:39] But then went on for another appropriate date. That was the part that I did think. As written. I'm sorry. I apologize. I didn't write it. So let me just, for the record, restate that the public hearing for SE 2025-HM-00001 to March 17, 2026 at 3.30 p.m. period.

[03:13:01] Perfect. Thank you. I'm sorry to ask for that clarification. That's what was seconded, and that's what we all supported. Excellent. Thank you. Thank you. All right. So our next public hearing is public hearing on SCA-95-M-077-02, 5722 General Washington Drive, LLC in the Mason District.

[03:13:24] And could we please have the applicant reaffirm the affidavit? Good afternoon. I'm Lori Greenleaf with McGuire Woods, and I reaffirmed the affidavit dated January 15th of this year, which is in your staff report. Thank you very much. Are there any disclosures from board members?

[03:13:41] Any disclosures? Seeing and hearing none, we would now recognize staff for a presentation. Hi, my name is Ciara Downing from the Department of Planning and Development. The applicant 5277 General Washington Drive LLC is requesting a special exception amendment to allow a retail component of over 40% but less than 60% in any warehouse use on the property and allow other industrial uses by right in any remaining portion of the building.

[03:14:11] The subject property is located southern of Shirley Highway in the Linconia District, Zone I-5, a little over two acres, currently existing as a warehouse with two units. Existing uses include warehouse, catering, and retail. The applicant seeks to amend the previous approval to allow a retail component of over 40%, but less than 60% in any warehouse use on the property, but also allow by-right uses in any remaining portion of the building.

[03:14:41] The complex background of the previous approvals and the previous approved SEA plat restricted new industrial businesses from renting out remaining portions of the building not specifically shown on the SEA plat. This application would revise the approved development conditions to allow more

flexibility within the building and allow a mix of uses in the building without the need for future SEA applications.

[03:15:07] By-right uses will be permitted to occupy portions of the existing building, provided that any retail use associated with a warehouse is limited to a maximum of 60% of the warehouse use. There are no physical changes proposed to the site. Thank you. That concludes my presentation.

[03:15:25] Thank you very much. At this time, we'd recognize the applicant for an applicant's presentation. Again, good afternoon. Lori Greenleaf with McGuire Woods representing the applicant. I actually have very little to add to the presentation other than, as I did at the Planning Commission, to thank staff for their creativity and flexibility in helping to craft this request so that the applicant doesn't have to come back every time internal walls change within the building.

[03:15:54] Clearly, the ability to locate by-right uses in this district should be able to occur without having to amend a prior SE, And that is what this simple but important amendment accomplishes today. We come to you with a unanimous recommendation of approval from the Mason District Land Use Committee and the Planning Commission, and we request your approval.

[03:16:15] Happy to answer questions. Thank you very much. Let me ask if there are any questions of staff or the applicant. Seeing and hearing none, this is a public hearing. I have no speakers who have signed up in advance to testify on this matter. Is there anyone here present who would like to speak on this subject. This is a public hearing. Anyone who would like to speak? Seeing and hearing no one, let me ask the clerk if we have any callers. There are no callers. No callers. Assume the applicant waives rebuttal. Closing comments and a recommendation from county staff. On February 11th, 2026, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the application subject to the

[03:16:53] development conditions dated January 28th, 2026. Staff concurs with those recommendations. Thank you very much. At this time, I will close the public hearing and recognize Supervisor Mennoz for a motion. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. At this time, I request that the applicant confirm for the record their agreement to the development conditions dated January 28, 2026.

[03:17:14] On behalf of the applicant, I confirm we are in agreement with those conditions. With that, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors approve SEA-95-M-077-02 subject to development conditions consistent with those dated January 28, 2026, and further move that the Board of Supervisors approve the waivers and modifications listed in the staff report and on the handout dated February 11, 2026, which will be made part of the record. And Chair, we'll second that along with several others. Discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor of the motion,

[03:17:54] please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. Thank you. Our final public hearing of the day is public hearing on RZ-2025-FR-00005, Franconia Development Partners, LLC, in the Franconia District, and I believe this one, too, is being deferred.

[03:18:17] Supervisor Lusk. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move the Board of Supervisors defer the public hearing for RZ-2025-FR-00005 in the name of Frank County Development Partners LLC due to an affidavit issue to a date certain of March 17, 2026 at 3.30 p.m. Second. You've heard the motion. It's been seconded by Supervisor Palchuk. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing and hearing none, all those in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Any abstentions? That motion carries. And that brings us to the

[03:18:56] end of our board meeting of March 3rd, 2026. And if there's no further business to come before the board, the board is adjourned.



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