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[00:07:45] Good evening. Let's welcome everybody in attendance and those of you via WebEx that are joining us virtually to tonight's meeting of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors for Tuesday, July 22nd. As a reminder, public comments tonight will be given from the lectern in the rear of the room. For everyone who is watching on live stream today, tonight, you can participate remotely in the public comment portion of tonight's meeting.

[00:08:09] Please go to the Board of Supervisors webpage at henrico.gov backslash supervisors. Click on Guidance for Board of Supervisors meeting. Scroll down and click on the WebEx event, and a moderator will assist you when it is time. We will begin, I would say, normally as we always do, with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by our invocation brought to us tonight by Chaplain Steve Boots.

[00:08:30] In a little different order tonight, I'd like to turn it over to my colleague, Mr. Rogish, to introduce the folks who will lead us through our Pledge of Allegiance today. So please stand if you are able and remain standing for the invocation. Mr. Roach. Absolutely. I think we're going to have Mr. Colston Power, Colston Pounders, who I've known for the last 15 years, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

[00:08:52] Colston. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, to the republic for which it stands, one nation. Let's pray.

[00:09:10] Father, we thank you again so much for your goodness to us, and we thank you for an opportunity we have to gather like this. And I do pray for all those that are in the positions of leadership throughout the county, but especially for our board and for our county manager. I pray that you just give them wisdom as they lead the county.

[00:09:27] And I would thank you for all those that are here to be recognized today as well and for their dedication to their causes and to this county. And, again, we thank you so much for the privilege that we have to be a part of this and to live in the United States of America. God, I do pray that you protect our first responders, our police and our fire, and all those that are doing that wonderful work here in this county and really even across our country and around the world. Thank you again for all that you do for us in Jesus name. Amen.

[00:09:55] Thank you to our guests for leading us through the pledge and thank you as always Pastor Boots.

[00:10:27] Good to see you sir. Colleagues I will accept a motion for approval of our minutes from our June 24th regular and special meetings and the June 11th special meeting. So motion made by Mr. Cooper second by Ms. Roundtree. Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any post. Motion carries. Mr. Mayor.

[00:10:44] Mr. Chair, members of the board, I'm going to ask Barbara Melton to come forward. A number of individuals that are here that work with her in police, if you would come forward, and any members of her family that are here also, if you would all just please come forward.

[00:11:01] So for the members, for the folks that are attending this afternoon and those that may be online, Barbara Melton has served with distinction with our county for 45-plus years and is being inducted into what we have locally referred to as the Legacy Circle, which was created a number of years ago and has 20 members. And that Legacy Circle, there's a plaque actually in our administration building where Barbara's name will be placed as long as that building is

[00:11:39] in service to the residents of this county. But let me tell you a story because it really is remarkable. Barbara Melton, who is a management assistant in the Police Criminal Intelligence Unit, four county managers, six chiefs of police, three police station moves. She's been a dedicated employee for 45 years and has experienced all these events and so much more. She embarked on

[00:12:13] her public service career July 30th, 1980. Now, Barbara, I won't tell you where I was July 30th of 1980. She was a dispatcher with police, emergency communications, in the basement of then police headquarters, which was Dab's house. She recalls being one of two dispatchers on duty, handling citizens calls for assistance, covering the two districts, east and west, with two VHF radio channels. And listen to this. Amazing that we could do all that we did without computers

[00:12:48] in those days, she commented about those early days. After four years serving the division as As a dispatcher and moving into the new public safety building on Parham Road, she worked as a records technician with the criminal records unit after over a decade of reading, sorting, reviewing, and filing thousands upon thousands of police reports, accident reports, interview cards, and traffic summonses.

[00:13:13] Her New Jersey feistiness told her she could do even more. Then in 1997, criminal intelligence was growing and evolving into a specialized unit that needed someone with attack and talent to keep both sworn intel detectives and seasoned civilian support staff on task and moving forward.

[00:13:35] That position was termed the Office Assistant, but now with all the nuances of confidentiality, details, training, and intelligence rules and regulations, the position is now the Criminal Intelligence Unit Management Assistant.

[00:13:50] Barbara has held that position with the unit since 1997. that's 28 years and for all her behind the scenes work to support the intelligence mission to further criminal investigations and be a sounding board for so many co-workers the police division and the county as a whole is grateful for her steadfast dedication to her role now i do have a quote here that may be familiar to you no matter how many times the gang sergeant jokingly fired you on Friday you know I'll approve you to have off on Monday you've heard this before thank you

[00:14:29] Barbara and sincerely with gratitude for your 45 years of service earlier in work session the board of supervisors actually hosted I think it was over 100 interns and you think about you know the interns at the beginning of where they are in their in their trajectory for work and what you've done over the years and the changes that you have seen in our county it literally is it's amazing to

[00:14:55] see all that you have put forward but thank you thank you thank you. Barbara you know we're not

[00:15:19] gonna let you go without a word or two. It's been a pleasure the time has flown by I've enjoyed every position and you know people say it's family it really is family because sometimes these people will back you up quicker than family sometimes.

[00:15:54] I mean, you spend a lot of time with these people. So I've enjoyed it, I mean, obviously. And I'm appreciative of it, and I thank you. I thank you for the invitation.

[00:16:10] Mr. Chair, I have no other comments this evening. Thank you, sir. Any comments from my colleagues? Mr. Chair, I would like to formally introduce and recognize the River Road Presbyterian Troop 770.

[00:16:30] We got to meet Colston, Nathan, and Gabe earlier, and I'd like them to each come up and introduce themselves, tell them who they are and what they're working on for their troop. Yeah, my name is Colston Pounders.

[00:16:46] I'm currently a rising junior at Freeman High School. Right now I'm working on the citizenship in the community of Mary Badge as well as these two guys here, so I'll let them also introduce themselves. Colson. I'm Gabe Dorico. I'm going into eighth grade. My name is Nathan Dorico. I'm going to Tuckahoe Middle School. I'm going into sixth grade, and I'm working on citizenship in the

[00:17:24] community. Excellent. Thank you, guys. Great job. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to also make a statement on this past weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, because sometimes you can't encapsulate something in one day, it needs three. Our own very Reverend Tyrone Nelson, the senior statesman on the Board of Supervisors, celebrated 20 years of distinctive service and distinguished service as the pastor of the 6th Mount Zion Baptist Church. On Friday, it was his

[00:18:01] banquet. Supervisor Roundtree, myself, the manager, many staff persons were present, multiple tables from the county showing that we all paid for ourselves no county expense showing his dedication and our commitment to him and then on Sunday I had the precious pillars of being the keynote speaker for his his anniversary he's been elected on the board since 2011 been re-elected 2015 2019 2023 he's been the vice chair three times 2015 2018 2023 and chairman three times 2016 2019 2024 He serves on various boards and commissions and has many appointments.

[00:18:39] I'm not going to name those, but I do want to say because of his distinguished accomplishments over the last 10 years, Verona Area Library, New Highland Springs High School, new mental health building in the East End, multi-purpose turf athletic fields at Verona High School, Taylor Farm Park, Firehouse 23, enhancements to Dory Park, Farmer's Market, Capitol Trail, Youth Baseball Facility, created Holland Springs Historic District, development of Facebook, White Oak Village, Roadway Improvements, Gay Avenue, Oakley's Lane, Dab House Roads.

[00:19:11] And so we want to thank Mr. Nelson for his distinguished service that has run parallel of the county as well as the church and the community. And because of him, I do believe that the Richmond region and Henrico County, and specifically the Griner area, is better off. Can we just applaud him?

[00:19:27] i say thank you um mr vice chair colleagues um for those who were in attendance throughout the weekend i appreciate you and it um it meant a lot and when that means a lot so uh thank you just for the acknowledgement thank you mr cooper yes any other comments from my colleagues all

[00:20:04] right seeing none there is a member of the news media here today ms hardy thank you for joining us today ms hardy is with the enrico citizen thank you for your time tonight man mr manager Mr. Chair, members of the board, you would move into public hearing rezoning cases.

[00:20:21] The first item out of the three-chop district, 101-25, Shell Brothers, with a conditional rezoning request. Mr. Emerson, this item has been withdrawn? Yes, sir. That is correct. Okay. So, Mr. Newby, no action necessary? Yes, sir. No action is necessary. All right. So, we would move on to agenda item 176-25, which is in the Verona district.

[00:20:42] This is Godsey Properties, incorporated with a conditional rezoning request from R5AC to RTHC Residential Townhouse District, part of a parcel containing 15.65 acres located on the east line of Drybridge Road near the intersection of Williamsburg Road.

[00:21:01] In this case, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors grant this request. Mr. Emerson? Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board. Before you this evening is an application to rezone 15.65 acres from R5AC to RTH to develop up to 99 townhomes within Section 5 of the landmark development on the east line of Dry Bridge Road, south of Old Williamsburg Road.

[00:21:29] This project was originally rezoned in 2007, and this area was originally proposed for apartments at that time. Surrounding uses include a mix of townhouses and single-family residential to the south and east, in addition to the vacant wooded parcels zone B3 for commercial use to the west and north.

[00:21:53] 2026 comprehensive plans, future land use designation for the property is urban residential and commercial concentration. The urban residential category represents a medium-density form of development consistent with the townhome proposal.

[00:22:15] Since 2007, the subject property has been part of several rezoning requests involving proposed residential development. The last rezoning approval was in 2020, when the site was approved for 41 single-family lots, which are reflected in yellow on the map in front of you. As part of the master-planned Drybridge Commons development, later renamed Landmark, as I noted prior to this it was proposed for apartments.

[00:22:52] In response to market changes during Landmark's build-out, the applicant now wishes to construct 99 townhomes in this area. This would be the new layout, still with two points of access on Drybridge, including a relocated and redesigned half-acre park area with benches and a covered pavilion.

[00:23:10] Landscape buffers are also shown along the eastern and western perimeters. We do have elevations for the townhomes. These are actually units that are already built. They have the same general appearance and two-story design as these photos, which again are from existing townhomes, already built and occupied in the landmark development. Along with the new conceptual layout and building

[00:23:44] exhibits. The proffers also address minimum dwelling sizes and garages. 89 of the units can be no less than 1,550 square feet and 10 units are allowed to go down to 1,280 square feet and 89 of the units are proffered with garages. Minimum lot width of 20 feet, exterior materials proffers, planning details for buffers and street trees. There will be a transitional buffer 25 along the line with the adjacent existing subdivision. That is increasing 15

[00:24:24] feet from what was proffered with the R5A. Sidewalks are within the development, road improvements that are consistent with REZ 2020-00015, which does include the signalization of Dry Bridge in Williamsburg, hours of construction Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and no Sunday hours, along with many, many other quality guarantees that are included in the proffer statement. These proffers carry forward the

[00:25:00] same quality commitments and impact mitigation measures provided with the 2020 case and should help achieve compatibility with the adjacent development. While the proposed townhouses would not be consistent with the small portion you saw on the land use map that's designated commercial concentration, they are consistent with the urban residential recommendation, which is the larger portion of the property and its corresponding density range, which applies to most of the site.

[00:25:32] Agency comments have not identified substantial concerns, and townhomes would be a logical continuation of the landmark development. Staff believes this request is acceptable and recommends approval. Planning Commission recommended approval at their June 12th meeting.

[00:25:50] If you have any questions, I'll be happy to try and answer them. Thank you, sir. Any questions for Jeff? I have several, but let me start. I'll start. I just want to make sure, Joe, that I'm clear, that we are clear, that comp plan recommendation 2026 was urban residential and commercial concentration.

[00:26:18] Yes, sir, and right here is the designation. You can see the larger portions, urban residential. Smaller piece was commercial concentration. As you're aware, this was part of a larger mixed-use project in 2007, And, of course, that was reflected with the 2026 plan with its adoption in 09.

[00:26:41] All right, so 2026, residential, commercial concentration, rezoning back in October 2007, 80 acres from A1, R3, R5, B3, all unconditional to R3C, R5C, B3C, age-restricted apartments and commercial usage.

[00:27:09] Yes, sir, that's correct. And then August 18, shifted from B2C, R3C, from the original to the townhouse, R2C.

[00:27:25] Also, some of the B2C to R5AC. At that point, the age-restricted apartment came out. Correct. All right, and then in August, I think that was, was that the last movement?

[00:27:45] No. So August 2020, just trying to follow the progression, some additional acreage was added, and the commercial side of it reduced. Correct, when you added the piece across Dry Bridge, I believe.

[00:28:03] And then 22, three more acres from RTHC to C1 per requirement from the proffer. So some of this is, is some of this C1, is that correct? Yes, sir.

[00:28:18] Okay. All right. So it is still some C1. And then finally, all right. So this RAZ 2024 was withdrawn. So this is not the first time we heard this a couple of months ago, where earlier this year we did, we were talking about this and it still included the age-restricted apartments.

[00:28:47] We were talking about some age-restricted apartments across Drybridge with what I refer to as the former Food Lion site. There is a grocery store that is entitled here. That included this RTH, which in turn allowed you to reduce some commercial over here with the addition of this commercial to the project.

[00:29:10] The age-restricted apartments were where this RTH is now located. So that was the piece that was, I think, four stories, like some neighbors had some concerns about it, was, right. Yes, sir, that's correct.

[00:29:27] So those apartments, that four-story building is no longer a part of this conversation. That is correct. And just for clarity, in 07, this area had age-restricted apartments on it, where it says R5AC. All right, so now consideration that we are making today is the same physical site, acreage, meaning the acres.

[00:29:55] So we're not adding acres or anything. Today, 41 single-family homes could be built on this piece. That is correct, yes, sir. So this is not A-1 property. This is not, you know, whatever C-1 is for the buffers, and I would assume, right?

[00:30:15] Correct. This property has been varying different zoning since 2007 other than A1. It's been scheduled for development. For 20 years, this property has been projected from the 2026 comp plan and through the zoning case for it to be residential and commercial.

[00:30:37] So this is not a change from A1 to R5, RTH, R3. This has been a projected site for residential development, commercial development for a couple of decades.

[00:30:59] That's correct. This is just a change to reflect market realities from one residential type and category to another residential type and category in allowance of a few additional units. All right. So, as it relates to the proffers, so we are, the case will allow for up to 99 townhouses.

[00:31:29] Correct. Up to meaning that's the max, but it may not be that. It could be less, yes, sir. Normally that number's a little higher than what's actually built. All right, so with the 41 single-family units, it was one point of access.

[00:31:48] A larger pocket park, I think it was up to, I think it was an acre. Now is it like a half acre? Yes, sir. It's a little bit smaller. All right, two points of access now on Drybridge, the townhouse.

[00:32:06] The construction now is still the same. Underground utilities, BMPs, still the same. Road improvements. can you talk about the road improvements like what's happening on dry bridge I guess well dry bridge eventually as in the designs underway I shared it with you this evening the applicant's representative got it to me later this evening after you and I spoke but dry bridge and 60 will be signalized there is a pedestrian crosswalk and infrastructure in place there you'll have an additional lane on dry bridge that will allow two rights

[00:32:44] out on to 60, and I guess that's essentially it. There is a turn lane that's going in, of course, coming in to make a left-bound turn lane. So signalized, meaning lighting structure at the corner of Dry Bridge and Williamsburg off of Dry Bridge, but also on 60 itself.

[00:33:11] That's correct. It would be right here. All right. Now, one of the things that we've been talking about over the last couple of weeks is the creation of, so, well, I'll get back to that in a second.

[00:33:29] Let's just stay with the intersection. The responsibility of the light at the intersection is who's taking care of that. The developers handling that, the developer's representative told me today the money was escrowed.

[00:33:50] In order for Wawa to move forward, they wouldn't move forward until that was guaranteed. So that money's escrowed and that design and work is underway. So one of the commercial entities that is going into the commercial piece asks for a guarantee that the light will go there, so the money was put in escrow.

[00:34:12] But the developer is taking care of that infrastructure cost. Yes, sir. Okay, which is probably significant. It's significant. I mean, doing 60 and Dry Bridge, probably close to a million dollars, I would assume. I don't want to guess on that, but you're probably somewhere in the vicinity, yes, sir.

[00:34:30] And then we talked about some crosswalk. to get us on the other side of Williamsburg Road. Right, and that infrastructure is included. So it includes your normal signals, the buttons you push to get across, and it may have a safe landing area in the center.

[00:34:46] The design I was looking at was a little small, but I think it's there. So, Mr. Mandrell, one of the things that me and Mr. Emerson talked about earlier, I didn't get a chance to talk to Mr. Hughes, but if you go out to that intersection, You see it's literally like a third of a mile away from like the Chickahominy Y.

[00:35:08] So it's like the next intersection is the Chickahominy Y. Like at some point, I do know we were talking about a sidewalk further up into Williamsburg Road, but this is not, this will be something that we may have to take care of because it's a VDOT road, so we would have to get permission and all of that.

[00:35:30] But to create, right now, what we're doing is looking at if this was passed, how to get folks safely across the road. I think a crosswalk and a light gets you to the other side. Now we continue the conversation, us, if this is passed, about how to get people from the other side to tail the farm park.

[00:35:58] And that's just something to think about as it relates to, you know, getting people safely to that access of the park. But I just wanted to put that out there as we're talking. Buffers, Joe, what's the buffer?

[00:36:16] I think I saw a 15-foot buffer, NANWITS. It's now 25 along the Pine Grove neighborhood here. That was just 15. All right, and what about trail? I heard there's like a trail or something.

[00:36:33] There are some trail systems located in here that takes you back and forth to the amenities. and connects the community together uh and that's what section four and five i think yes sir this is section

five so we're talking section five yes sir we're talking section five okay so the trail is in five and it also will connect you to four yes sir okay uh land the landscaping is that still and really what i'm trying to do is just look at the proffers

[00:37:06] the proffers from the 2020 case to 2025 right um is so the landscaping looks like that's the same yes sir it's consistent building materials design so that that doesn't seem that far off um front steps brick uh materials brick stone veneer vinyl hardy uh no more than eight per

[00:37:44] building they stayed essentially the same yeah you just went from the renderings in the pattern book to actual photos of existing build as far as the conceptals.

[00:37:59] So, representatives from the developer or the applicant, can you guys, when you come up, can you speak to the reduction of the community space, please?

[00:38:21] Townhouses, based upon what I saw, 90% of the townhouses look like they're going to be about 13. No, about 1,500. 1,500 square feet, and then 10%, about 1,300 square feet. Yes, sir. All right, one car garage is on the 1,500.

[00:38:41] Correct. Right. I'm just trying to make sure that I'm not missing any of the questions.

[00:38:56] One of the things that I have been looking at is the creation of community. And so if this was A-1 and we did one house per acre, then Gateway Landmark, the two combined would probably be 900 acres to 1,000, something close to that.

[00:39:24] It's like 900 to 1,000 units in these two projects that get together. Yes, currently. Just by right, you know, it would be 1,000 acres. What's the acreage on this piece? Well, this piece is approximately 15, so you would get about 15 units out of it, out of A1 zoned.

[00:39:45] And this project itself is just a little bit combined. It's just a little more than 400 units, so you don't have any real sprawl here. You do have, in the area with the other developments that have been approved, you're around 800 to 900 units if everything's built out.

[00:40:03] So that's the total number, including the townhomes across from Taylor Farm Park and the ones across Dry Bridge behind the offices adjacent to them. I can't recall the name of those.

[00:40:19] And then the piece that fits up against 295. So if you combine everything together, you're actually getting to a density where you'll probably see that grocery store site be built.

[00:40:32] All right, so talk about that. Well, no, I let the developer talk about what's happening with the commercial piece of that, which I think is, you know, as we look at community, right, Joe, surrounding is R5, AC, RT, HCR3, so subdivision, future landmark townhomes, single family, and then you've got some vacant B3.

[00:41:05] And within the context of this area, sidewalks, trail system, and I know on the front side is the commercial part of it.

[00:41:23] Correct. Correct. And all the new build has sidewalks. Some of your existing neighborhoods, of course, don't. So is this, I mean, if you ride past it and look, it looks high density. So this is considered like a high density development.

[00:41:40] I would consider it high density, yes, sir. Okay. So I thought I saw back in the comp plans like three to seven units per acre or maybe something in that nature. And this looks, with full build out, we're

looking at, I think, an average of about 6.88 or something units per acre.

[00:42:02] This is right at the high end of the urban residential. Okay. So it's right about 6.3, 6.4, I think. I've got a couple more questions, but let me pause here just in case my colleagues have some questions.

[00:42:25] I do have a couple more before we ask. I would like the applicant to come up first, Mr. Chair. That way the public can hear the applicant's presentation as well.

[00:42:41] Then the public can come up and share after hearing staff and the applicant, to be fair. Then the staff and the applicant can come up and respond to whatever. Let me ask you one more question.

[00:42:56] The part of this project that is not included in this particular case, which, again, I just want to make sure that on the platform that we control, this case is simply about R5AC moving to RTH.

[00:43:31] It's already approved for residential, already approved for 41 single families. We are moving away from the single family to the townhouse, more units, and I think this landmark gateway piece is maybe one of the few places in Henrico County where you can still get brand new product, 200s.

[00:43:59] So, giving more opportunity for persons to purchase their first home. That's not the question. The question is, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund is connected to this project some already, right?

[00:44:14] Yes, sir, I think so. All right. So I'll make sure I ask the applicant, developer, whether or not this next phase will have some of that product as well. Mr. Nelson? Yes. I don't mean to interrupt, but, you know, the projects, the homes that have been approved through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund already in this project put it in the high 1-9s.

[00:44:37] So you're sub-200 in this market. So this particular project, the greater project. Yes, sir. And I think it was like 16 houses already or something like that. that yes sir um this is this is different but uh mr y'all can i ask you a question can you um can

[00:44:59] you come down real quick and then i'm gonna ask mr lebaugh thank you mr emerson sir uh i know we have some projects going on around the area within probably half a mile to a mile what um what what traffic projects are happening that may impact yeah we've got quite a lot outside of the light

[00:45:36] in the crosswalk. Absolutely, sir. And as you know, Williamsburg Road, Route 60, is a VDOT road, so it makes it a little more challenging because of the approvals necessary. But we do have some major projects, including the Beulah, Nine Mile, and Williamsburg Road Roundabout.

[00:45:52] It's a very challenging intersection, as you know, from a safety standpoint, that cemetery fence has been struck multiple times. We already acquired some of the property to do that. We are working hand-in-hand with VDOT to construct that intersection to relieve that safety hazard that we have there and improve it so it is not so congested. The other major projects we are working on, as you know, Reverend Nelson, with Williamsburg Road being a high pedestrian corridor, we've had unfortunately many incidents with pedestrian accidents, and we are taking over the management

[00:46:31] of a project to improve pedestrian safety between Charles City Road and Laburnum so that we will manage that project and get that done. Both of those are in design and we anticipate going into construction on the roundabout in 2028 and on the sidewalks in 2029. Additionally, I know Mr. Hughes is looking very closely at the intersection with Taylor Farm, I believe that's Whiteside Road, and what we can do to alleviate some of the congestion trying to go to that very popular destination, sir.

[00:47:11] All right, so that's, I just wanted to share that area there, Mr. Hughes, hopefully, Mr. Manager, from Whiteside up past Dry Bridge, like if we can look at that from a pedestrian safety standpoint if this case is voted on.

[00:47:35] So absolutely, Mr. Mack. Actually, even if it's not, we need to look at this case because this is only 99 units and it's a small part of the bigger issue. Well, and I think board's aware that we are in active conversations right now with VDOT to take on all of the – it's a process called devolution.

[00:47:59] Mr. Yabbar, our next meeting with the commissioner is – It's later this month or August, I don't recall which. But we have made significant progress to do this, and there's another avenue. If the county controls those roads, a sidewalk is much quicker than having to go through VDOT as well.

[00:48:20] Thanks. Can I ask Mr. Leibold a question if you want me? I know this is kind of out of the ordinary for these type of cases, but I think sometimes, especially with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which in its, when I supported us doing this, my personal feeling was, and I can't speak for the rest of my colleagues, is that at its purest form, this will relieve the resident, the future Henrico County resident

[00:48:59] or current resident trying to purchase a home. This was about helping them. This was not about trying to put money in developers' pockets and all of this. And you can't counter-argue what people say.

[00:49:18] But I just want us to continue to tell our story that at the end of the day, we really are trying to make housing more affordable in our county. We know that this alone won't fix it, and this alone may just be a small part of it.

[00:49:33] But can you again remind us of whenever we have these type of projects, the importance of making sure that we are trying our best to include the Housing Trust Fund in it so that people can...

[00:49:51] Absolutely. Just to address one of your comments, so the funding that we provide actually reduces the purchase price for the buyer. So at the end of the day, when we review the financials for the developer, they don't make more money because we're involved. They either make the same amount or they make less.

[00:50:08] In some cases, a lot of cases, they make less money. They don't have a loss, but they don't make as much money as they could have. And we review those financials for every single project. In terms of our goal. So what have you seen so far? We've been doing, there are many people who's funded so far.

[00:50:29] So what are you seeing? Like what's a, so somebody may end up paying what less? I can tell you in Discovery Ridge, which is where we've had all of our closings so far, so seven closings, we're providing about \$112,000. That's in the Tuckahoe District, Mr. Rogish.

[00:50:46] The developer's actually putting in or making about \$15,000 less than the developer could have or the builder could have per sale. That's in addition to the 112 that we're putting in the transaction. So the piece that is across from this drive bridge, I can't think of the name of it.

[00:51:07] Oh, Parkside Town? Yeah, Parkside. What will it look like at Parkside? So the home would normally sell for \$305,000 because of the partnership with H.H. Hunt and Maggie Walker, the home will sell below \$200,000, as the manager indicated, at that particular development as well.

[00:51:26] The other thing that it will provide is perpetual affordability. So not only that initial purchaser, but for every development, regardless of whether the land trust is involved or not, there's a 10-year affordability requirement. So every subsequent purchaser within that 10-year period will have to meet that affordability requirement.

[00:51:46] For the land trust properties, it's perpetual affordability. So we'll see the same thing in this gateway landmark piece, you know, mid-twos or whatever it is. retail houses, then they too will probably fall out, I think as the manager said, below \$200,000.

[00:52:04] Yeah, actually for Landmark, so Ryan Holmes is the builder. The PHA has an agreement with them. They already have contracts on all 16 of the units. The only thing left to do is to build those units, and those are sub \$200,000. And all of the funds that we provide go directly to the home buyer in terms of reducing what they have to finance.

[00:52:24] All right, so again, we're in a public meeting, and you're saying on the record that the money is going to help drive down the price of the home builder.

[00:52:41] Absolutely. Okay. That's it. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Mr. Chair, if you don't mind, can we have the applicant come up and share whatever they feel they had to share? Yes, sir. Oh, I'm sorry. You know what? Hold on, applicant. Colleagues, I apologize.

[00:52:57] Any other questions from our colleagues on this case for staff? I've got a couple. Although, Reverend Nelson, you took probably 90% of them, It is clear that you have really worked this case, and I know that, and I think it's important for folks to know that, you know, this is not any rubber stamping action here.

[00:53:20] You've clearly worked this case and know the ins and outs of it, and that is helpful for me, especially on my first year planning commission as I'm kind of learning these cases myself. Mr. Emerson, if I could ask you a couple questions. So, and I think, and I know it's been said, but this is not a standalone project by any means, right?

[00:53:41] Oh, no. No, this is part of a larger mixed community. And what is the status of the rest of this development? Is it partially constructed? Is it fully constructed? It's under construction. You can, let's go to the aerial. You can see part of it directly below.

[00:53:58] And this, Wawa is actually under construction right now. So, of course, this aerial is dated, and there's quite a few residential units in here at this point. So, it's under construction. Okay. And the concept for this entire community, this landmark community, is that this be an interconnected neighborhood.

[00:54:20] Is that correct? Yes, ma'am. That's correct. And I see that throughout the development, we've got, is it in this section that has the one-and-a-half-acre? No, excuse me. This has a half-acre community park? It does, and there are other amenity areas. located without throughout the development they're connected by a trail system so half acre park connected by a trail system to a one and a half acre park and then I see down in the south another half about a half acre park there as well yes ma'am okay and you made the comment you said we don't we don't have sprawl and I've come to learn again being on the Planning

[00:54:57] Commission that that is a term a term of art in in planning can you can you explain or clear up for some people who may not really understand what it is what sprawl is and is not sure when you have

sprawl is a general term that that really applies to larger lot development as it spreads out creates really doesn't make as efficient use of land and then you just get houses after houses after houses makes it harder for you to provide services as a governing body takes longer for the police to get there it costs more to get school students

[00:55:31] back and forth on the bus this is a more condensed development getting more dwelling units in one place will lower your cost of service delivery will allow other properties to to remain as they are in larger pieces with trees and open space and things and and creates a nice utilization in a in a more dense pattern, and of course, it also in turn creates enough of a mass of people to justify to the financial industry and the merchants that, hey, we can make that grocery

[00:56:10] store work now, or hey, we can make that corner drug store work because we've got these people nearby. So if it were a continuum, sort of you've got sprawl on this end, McMansions, large lot size, and then you have density on this end and we're kind of working here in this continuum trying to meet the the housing crisis is that fair that's fair and and i love that point that you made because although certainly i represent the three chop district where we um you know have a lot of retail and no shortage of groceries and stores and things like that i know that reverend nelson you've been working hard to try to stimulate the private industry community um because as has been

[00:56:48] been made clear time and time again, Reverend Nelson can't make Starbucks come to certain areas. He can't make Wegmans go out there. But what we can do is put people in places that does then make it an attractive area for some of these establishments that people are really, really desirous of in the East End. So it would seem to me that this is going towards that need. This is, and maybe it'll be 99, maybe it would be less than that, but these are homeowners that are coming in that are going to need grocery stores and recreational places and things like that. It makes it a more attractive area. Yes, ma'am. Absolutely. And I

[00:57:27] think it's a real boost to Sandston as well. It's very close to Sandston. You've got that traditional commercial core there. And as this area grows together, it's going to make all that redevelop and flourish. And how far is it or how close to it is it to Taylor Farm Park about?

[00:57:47] Taylor Farm Park is directly across 60 through the woods. It's probably less than a mile. Okay. And so part of the process or the thought process behind Taylor Farm Park is we wanted that. It certainly is beautiful enough that folks come from all across the county or even state to go there.

[00:58:07] But we put that there in part because we envisioned that there would be residences built up there that could avail themselves of this incredible amenity. Correct, correct. It's there to serve the population that surrounds it. It connects to some of the neighborhoods to the west already.

[00:58:25] You made the comment about market realities, changing it, and Reverend Nelson went through the timeline if at one point this was going to be a much denser use, and then it went to the 41 and so now we're kind of again swinging back on the pendulum a little bit but not back to the apartment size with the density market realities so the cost of housing is exorbitant now and and would it be fair to surmise that if it were the 41 single family homes that those would be more expensive homes yes ma'am absolutely so this is providing a product

[00:59:01] that will allow almost double or perhaps double the amount of new homeowners in the county? Yes, ma'am. Schools, I saw in the report, I don't know whether you mentioned it, but we're

nowhere near in this area worrying about taxing schools by this development.

[00:59:19] Ma'am, there's ample capacity in the schools in this area. And, in fact, this will help. It's a bad thing for schools to be too far under population. Going back to service delivery, it's good to have a certain number of students in there so you're actually getting that cost-effective delivery.

[00:59:39] So more students in the schools in this area is a helpful thing. Absolutely. And spent a lot of time talking about the road infrastructure, schools infrastructure. Can you think of any other infrastructure issue that this product taxes in any way, utility services, anything like that?

[00:59:58] No, ma'am, none of the reviewing agencies have had any negative comments, so we should be in a good place here. Thank you. Thank you, ma'am. Any other questions for staff before we hear from the applicant? No Williamsburg Road entrance, right?

[01:00:16] Correct. Everything is coming off a dry bridge. Yes, sir. Mr. Montgomery? Mr. Chair, members of the board, Mr. Manager, thank you very much for having me here tonight.

[01:00:38] On behalf of the applicant, my name is John Montgomery, and it's always a pleasure to be with you. First, I want to commend all of you for the thoroughness in which you have obviously reviewed the case. I will tell you before you got the case, it was also thoroughly reviewed by planning.

[01:00:55] And Mr. Lewis is not here tonight. I understand he's on vacation, but his diligence was extraordinary. And not only this was a little bit different than so many because it piggybacks off of an existing case. And so he did a very thorough job of making sure that either both on purpose and without inadvertence that we made sure to track what was being done in the other case that's proven so successful.

[01:01:21] So I think what we've done here tonight is very important. We looked at this particular rezoning application in the context of the greater work that's being undertaken in the immediate area.

[01:01:36] And by doing that, I think that we focused on what's really important about this particular case. And as you indicated with the last line of questioning, what we've been able to do here, and I want you to know my client made a very deliberate decision in how to move forward with this particular development.

[01:01:57] The choices are, as was explained, on one end of the spectrum you have large lots, one acre or so, or even less. You can go to a third or a half. Or on the other end, you have what we have here tonight, which is more closely developed. If we did the one-third, one-half, or one-acre lots, one-acre lots are very traditional in Verona, then we would be looking at, I calculate the number to be more, if we had all of the homes that were not just on Section 5, which we're here about tonight, but in the entire development, we'd be somewhere around 1,000 acres.

[01:02:33] By the time you put the roads in, the amenities, and the other things that are necessary, We'd be somewhere around 1,000 to 1,200 acres, which is a lot of land to take out of forest or agriculture or some other use for this. So instead, what we're able to do is we're able to provide homes in total in this entire area, up to 972 homes for folks that do those things that you mentioned so that we can provide the infrastructure, we can provide the schools nearby, and in fact, we can provide the amenities not only as the development itself, but as a county as a whole.

[01:03:09] Reverend Nelson asked a very, he asked that I address one particular item, and that was regarding a change in the size of the park that's contained in Section 5, and I'll draw your attention to the

slide that's before you now. The green area is Section 5, which we're dealing with now, and you'll see there's a half-acre park roughly in the center or maybe just slightly above the center.

[01:03:34] Immediately beneath this piece is a one-and-a-half-acre park that you see that is not part of this particular section. Once zoning went through and we went to the plan of development, that one-and-a-half-acre park was actually located in a different part of the overall development.

[01:03:52] But the homes, as it was laid out, shifted the center somewhat in this direction. So a concerted, a deliberate effort was made to bring the park into an area where more residents could use it. So not only, on the one hand, we did reduce somewhat the size of the park in Section 5, although there's still a half-acre park.

[01:04:11] But on the other hand, we increased the size of a park immediately adjacent to it to one and a half acres. So I believe that that's an overall net gain of not only for this section, but for the entire facility or the inside development. The other thing that you will note is along that larger one and a half-acre park, the townhomes that are adjacent to it are the ones without garages.

[01:04:33] So everything else that you see in there will have a one-car garage, as well as the five-foot sidewalks throughout. and the trails that will then connect to the other sections of Landmark and then ultimately to Gateway. So the question was also asked and addressed regarding why the need for this.

[01:04:54] Why have we come to this place? There's really several reasons, but two of the main ones are really one, two versions of the main one, are that the market, the housing market is just extraordinarily expensive. And so in order to build the homes for the folks that we were hoping to be able to live here and for our neighbors, this is the method in which we can accomplish that.

[01:05:21] You add that to the program that Mr. Levo oversees, and not only do you have a product, have a home, a dwelling that people can afford, but you bring it into a range where even more folks can. Some of our people who really are looking for an opportunity to move from renting apartments and renting homes to owning a home.

[01:05:41] And this may be, as Mr. Nelson said, the one place in the county where you can do that and at the end of the day get in under \$200,000. And for those who are listening, you must also remember, and Mr. Lebo mentioned it, all of these folks are qualifying for the loan.

[01:05:57] They're qualifying to make the payment. So these are great homeowners. These are great neighbors that we all would be proud to have, as well as the other folks that are moving in here. I will tell you at our community meeting, we had about, my recollection, we had about 12, maybe 15 people there.

[01:06:12] Three people were there who were already owning homes that had been constructed in Landmark. And they came because they wanted to see what was going on, of course. But they also wanted, afterwards they waited to tell me how much they loved their new home. And one was a couple, one was a single gentleman, and another was a mom with a child.

[01:06:31] And each one of them had a little different story. But in effect, they said they wanted a new place with new counters and everything else that comes with it. Something they could afford. And then they wanted something that didn't have a yard for them to keep. And so that's exactly what we're providing for them.

[01:06:48] And so as the market changed and folks began to realize that that's why we expanded into this area as well. In a little over two years, since it's been actually less than two years, there's been about 150 homes, 150 families move into this area.

[01:07:06] We talked about the affordability of it. And we also, I wanted to add some numbers to the context of the land grant program. Well, not the land grant, but of the grant program as well, the Opportunity Grant, as I like to refer to it. And that is that we have 16 of the homes.

[01:07:22] And just so you'll know, and to salute you for how quickly this happened, from the two years when we started this, the actual building of the project in homes until now, initially the grant program was not available. And so some of the early homes, it was not even marketed as that being an option.

[01:07:40] So just in that short period of time, once it became available, 16 homeowners are now participating in it that would not otherwise be so. And when I spoke with the home builder, he explained to me that these were not sales that would have happened anyway.

[01:08:00] These are families that would not have been able to afford payments had there not been the opportunity to move grants. So that's 16 families. I've received the commitment that going forward in this section and the other sections as they come online that to the fullest extent that they can participate in it, that they will participate and continue to participate and market the program to have more families in there.

[01:08:25] We talked a little bit about, and I should have said I'd like to reserve just a minute or two for rebuttal, and I'm not paying attention to my time. So if I could save just a minute or two, if somebody would help me with that, I'd appreciate it. There's been some conversation about sprawl and what this means.

[01:08:43] So, you know, sprawl means a lot of things to a lot of different folks. I will tell you, and Mr. Emerson said it as well, paraphrase it, one particular quote that I have or definition is, huge tracks of low-density single-family homes, scattered, haphazard commercial districts.

[01:08:59] We made a deliberate decision and choice not to have one-acre of homes that leapfrogged all the way out Route 60 or Charles City or Darby Town or one of those other places, but instead to have the opportunity that we have here now.

[01:09:15] There's also another portion of urban sprawl is the dependence on automobiles or the lack of public transportation and so forth. Back up at that intersection where we're going to put the roundabout right now, which is about four-tenths of a mile from the entrance at White Oak and Route 60, is a GRTC bus stop.

[01:09:35] That wasn't there. I know it wasn't there before Reverend Nelson came on the board, and I don't think it was there maybe eight or ten years ago. It's very relatively new. I can foresee that that could likewise be extended so that there's an opportunity for folks who want to travel to either White Oak Mall or to their job or the airport or wherever they need to be, that there will be a public transit opportunity.

[01:09:59] Also, we mentioned the walking trails and the connection with this community as well. Importantly, at the intersection where the traffic control is being installed, and there was some conversation about the amount of that sitting in my escrow account so I can tell you precisely how much it is, it's just under \$850,000 worth of improvements to that intersection.

[01:10:23] And those improvements include crosswalks, March crosswalks, across both Drybridge and Route 60. They include the buttons, the pedestrian infrastructure so that folks have their ability to cross over that road. Now, the question becomes how do we get them from there to Taylor Park and the YMCA and some of the other things.

[01:10:44] And that will be, there's a couple of, I can foresee a couple of options there that are not part of this case, but down the road we look forward to participating in making that happen as well. So to summarize, I would suggest to you this. This is the opposite of urban sprawl.

[01:11:01] This is good, good opportunity to bring a lot of people together. It creates a community that Reverend Nelson holds out often and is seen in other parts of the county. It is so admirable, and it's something that we aspire for more in Verona as well when we have that opportunity.

[01:11:21] And it provides an answer to some of the challenges that we're facing now with homes for working families. And so I would say that that trifecta, as well as the other reasons that we've discussed here tonight, that this is a case worthy of your consideration and approval.

[01:11:39] And I'd be glad to answer any questions. Mr. Chair, I just have one question. Yes, sir. Talk about the commercial part of it. Absolutely. And the diversity of it. So we're focusing on, so clearly we know a Wawa is going up because we see it.

[01:11:55] But where is the pad for the grocery store? And then what else, based upon the proffers, what can go there? And then I think in conversations that I had maybe with you or staff or something, some stuff was profit out, if I can remember.

[01:12:14] Yeah, so talk about that commercial part of it. I think I'm very clear with the residential part, but the commercial part I want to hear more about. And that's important because another aspect of avoiding urban sprawl is to have services close to where people live, whether they can walk or whether it's a short drive or whatever so that they're not having.

[01:12:33] Now, we would all like for our favorite drug store and our favorite restaurant and coffee shop, our favorite church, even our favorite snow shack to be right there, a snow cone stand to be right there where we could all just walk and get it done. That's not going to happen. But what we can do is, just like we did here, bring enough people together so that the commercial folks who make these decisions, not independent of what we're doing, but because of what we're doing, are able to make those commitments and those investments.

[01:13:04] So on this particular diagram, it doesn't show it, but to the south of here, towards Route 60, is where the Wawa pad is going in now, and you can see it. Adjacent to it is another commercial site that will be another retail, most likely another retail pad.

[01:13:24] Further to the west, if you will, back, if you recall, where there was an effort several months ago for some apartments to go in, That is where the, which is down, if you can picture down near the YMCA across from the YMCA on Whiteside Road, that is where the, thank you, Mr. Emerson, that is where the commercial pad for what would be that general area there, where the grocery store, if there becomes a grocery store, would be.

[01:13:55] There's also in conversations, and I will share with you that just today a resident told me that in an email that she had understood that there was a particular grocery store looking there. I don't have any

firsthand knowledge of that, but I share that.

[01:14:11] There have been a number of grocery stores, and I believe that the interest will grow now that we're bringing these number of rooftops and these numbers of families together. In the same vicinity, there's a parcel. Actually, it's over closer to Wawa. It's on the opposite side of White Oak.

[01:14:28] There's a person who had reached out to me as well as Mr. Godsey, about a medical office facility, I beg your pardon, a medical dental facility. That was a few weeks ago, and they're in conversations now.

[01:14:46] I don't know when or if that will come to be, but those are the sorts of things that happen when you have this sort of momentum, if you will, to bring forward now what a person would look at and an investor would look at and say, gosh, look at the number of people that we can serve here.

[01:15:03] And we do this in a relatively compact area. So it allows us to preserve large other tracts of land and preserve the character, if you will, and not just the character, more importantly, the character, the actual operation of some of the agricultural and forestry work that's done in Buran.

[01:15:25] So I hope that answers your question. Thank you, sir. Any questions for the applicant while he's standing there? Certainly there'll be an opportunity, Mr. Montgomery, if the board or the public raise any questions for for my colleagues thank you sir all right this is a public hearing does anyone in the room wish to speak to this case uh yeah i'm sorry i missed that if you do wish to speak to this case if you

[01:15:52] could head towards the lectern in the rear so you could i'm sorry for the record man if you could identify yourself yeah i'm jennifer lieberman i live in jody rogers district so you know it sounds like a great idea a why are we building townhomes not multi-level condos that people can purchase i get that this is that this would be a zoning issue that most of henrico county has issues with um

[01:16:30] multi-level condos condos being things that you can purchase versus apartment that are rented i mean apartments are things that you can rent risk condos are things that you can purchase hey why aren't we building large condo facilities that people can purchase individual units so that there can be more of a compact space for people to live in but more importantly why are we building things that will cause more disruption to the environment we are destroying forests so maybe

[01:17:07] not necessarily here but why are we destroying land that animals live in so that we can build single-family homes the idea of single-family homes was great in the 1950s post-world war ii But we've reached an epitome of how we live our lives, to where everything is so far apart.

[01:17:29] You know, I'm a bicyclist. I go everywhere by bicycle. I think the idea of owning a car is an antithesis to how we live our lives, or how we should be living our lives. Because we become more sedentary and less connected with our neighbors.

[01:17:48] What is the purpose of building things if we aren't able to really grow a true community? I think the idea of townhomes sounds great, like I said. But the reality is that you can only move so far east or north.

[01:18:13] You can only move so far left to right or north to south to where you will hit a stagnation point. You know, eventually, regardless of which direction, north, south, I mean, up or down, left to right, you will hit an epitome to where you struggle to gain enough tax income to grow your community.

[01:18:35] But by moving only in as one way, I mean, horizontal way, we limit ourselves to what we are able to do.

[01:18:53] You know, I see the idea of destroying trees as ultimately harming our lives, ourselves. The reality is that the more trees we destroy, the more destructive the environment, I mean, the weather will become.

[01:19:16] Because when you destroy trees, the stronger the wind will be to destroy the homes that are being built. Anyway, that's my thought. Thank you very much. Can I just share this? Certainly.

[01:19:31] This gateway landmark project is a larger project with hundreds of units, and I think there are about 300 condominiums, and Mr. Montgomery, you can answer that when you come back up, but this is condominiums and townhomes and single-family, a small amount of single-family condos and townhomes, and all of them are, there is no rent.

[01:20:00] All of these are home home purchases. So I just want to make sure I share it. Thank you, sir. Is there anyone else in the room that wishes to speak to this case? Seeing none. Is there anyone on WebEx, Kenny, for this case? No, sir. There's no one to speak to this item. Thank you, sir. Mr. Nelson.

[01:20:23] Anything you guys want to share before I make a motion, I guess? I'll just make one one quick comment, you know, and mostly talking to my scouts here. but you know this is a development thank you guys for staying to watch this and listen this development is a half mile from taylor farm park it's about five ten minutes from richmond international airport i think it's about a half mile from i-64 295 it's less than a mile to the elementary school two miles to a fire station two miles from a library and a half mile from a ymca

[01:21:03] lots of amenities to get to and we're talking about a home price in the mid 200s and possibly even sub 200 with the housing trust that's a really really affordable nice place to new construction to live in henrico county so for me um that's what i wrote down you're going to have as somebody said businesses you have b2 b3 right around there that's going to come in with these additional roofs so i i for me personally that's a really nice place to live with a lot of amenities new amenities, Taylor Farm Park for the boys out here that haven't been

[01:21:42] out there, for the people that haven't been to Taylor Farm Park, please go it's a really impressive park that people have access to, that's my comment thank you sir, any other comments? I will, Mr. Nelson since you asked, I will only say every single thing that Mr. Rogish said and I will say not only, it's almost impossible to find, like all those amenities that you just named at that affordable level Well, I haven't. I haven't seen it.

[01:22:12] I've only been here eight or nine years, Mr. Nelson. You've certainly been here longer, but everything you said is correct, and I can't think of an area you get that for that price. That's my only thing I have to add, Mr. Nelson. One last question. The light, how long do you think it will be before the light?

[01:22:32] Is there a trigger? I didn't see, and maybe this is our staff question or something. What's the trigger point for the installation of the light? So I will tell you the day before yesterday, I got a request for disbursement from escrow.

[01:22:48] So there's a schedule of construction. I've asked for that to be updated. And the B&B signal, who is a large contractor out of Maryland, is installing it. They're bringing materials in. The design is

done. So it's underway.

[01:23:04] I will make sure to get an answer back through staff to the question. But my anticipation is when Wawa is open, that the signal operates. What's the target? Has the Wawa given you?

[01:23:19] What are they, like spring 26 or something? I don't have a hard pass number, and it would be just a little bit better than speculate, if I said so. But I will speculate within the next six months. The one question that my fellow Enrico citizen, Jennifer, asked about the condos and follow-up, there are 496 one-over-one condos.

[01:23:42] They're not the multi-multi-level that you were referring to, but there is that opportunity as well. So, creating community, walkable neighborhoods, opportunity for commercial that is diverse, the commitment to housing affordability, adding to the housing stock, creating opportunities

[01:24:17] for home ownership where everyday working people can afford. We know, I think Mr. Lebo just gave the board an update that we are still close to \$400,000 for average home price in Henrico, if not a little bit over it.

[01:24:35] and the everyday working person cannot afford a \$400,000 mortgage. So I think the Landmark and Gateway communities will offer that for everyday working people.

[01:24:52] Again, home ownership throughout the entire complex. We have availability in the middle school and the high school. I think Elko and Verana are both at a little under 70% capacity.

[01:25:10] Seven Pines Elementary is at 89.2%, but still has, I think, I saw like flexibility for 50 or 60 more students in the yield from this project is like less than 15. Again, I don't want to beat it into the ground, but nationally recognized park right across the street, Tele Farm, the Y, a commitment for continued focus on infrastructure in that area, from Drive Bridge to Whitestone, or even all the way up to Beulah Road.

[01:25:50] Our commitment to working with VLAC until we get the ability to be able to make these decisions on our own, trying to make that area more walkability, more walkable. Community, creating community. Oh, and then add in public transportation.

[01:26:08] I think Mr. Montgomery said 0.4 miles to the nearest bus stop. But as the board chair, GRTC, I can also say that we have a zone where the landmark and gateway is located within our microtransit.

[01:26:27] And I think it's the Elko zone, Terrell, something like that. And the microtransit pretty much runs like free Uber. Uber, it takes you within the zone. You can call, get picked up in 15 minutes. That's our average time, and if you're traveling within a zone, and the zone includes White Oak Mall and all up through Laburnum, et cetera, White Oak Tech Park, it's free.

[01:26:53] And so GRTC provides that. I think this creates community. There may be some that argue the point. You know, I think, you know, high density, low acreage opportunities in the community.

[01:27:17] I move that we recommend approval of REZ 2025-100474. And let me just show this before camera people get this little note. See the handwriting on it? So I didn't bring a prepared statement. I wrote all this while I was here, okay?

[01:27:34] I know there's people out there that say it's already baked before we get here. It's not. So I move that we recommend approval of REZ 2025-100474. godsey properties with the proffers dated uh june 9th 2020 no yes june 9th 2025 second been a motion made by mr nelson seconded by mr roguish those in favor

say aye aye anyone opposed all right motion carries mr chair members of the board you move into public hearings other items

[01:28:06] agenda item 177-25 is a resolution this would authorize the county manager to submit the henrico county cdbg and home program plans for fiscal year 2526 execute those agreements for the same year and execute contracts and implement those activities mr lebo thank you mr manager good evening mr chair members of the board have a powerpoint that i prepared but i'm going to skip that i'm going to call an audible this resolution authorizes the submission as the manager said

[01:28:43] of the 2025-2030 consolidated plan it also approves the 25-26 federal funds budget and authorizes the county manager to sign HUD and sub-recipient contracts you've we've shared with you the recommended funding activities with that I'm happy to answer any questions you all may have as it relates to this item thank you Mr. Lieber thank you for mentioning that you met one-on-one with us with these or at least two together so thank you for the time you put into that as you always do you and your team. Any questions for Mr. Lebo at this time? All right this is a public

[01:29:18] hearing. Does anyone in the room wish to speak to this item? Anyone on WebEx? No sir no one to speak to this item. All right is there a motion to move? Motion made by Mr. Cooper. Second by Ms. Roundtree. Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any post? Motion carries Mr. Manager. This is a lease to the Commonwealth of Virginia for 8600 Dixon Powers Drive in the Brooklyn District. Mr. Anthony. Yes sir thank you Mr. Manager and Mr. Chair. Honorable members of the board. This board paper authorizes

[01:29:52] the county manager to execute a lease located at 8600 Dixon Powers Drive, the Henrico County Human Services Building. The initial lease term will be for five years, beginning on or about August 1, 2025. The directors of general services and real property recommend approval of the board paper.

[01:30:12] County manager concurs. I'll be happy to answer any questions. Thank you, sir. Any questions for Mr. Anthony? All right, seeing none, this is a public hearing. Does anyone in the room wish to speak to this item? Anyone on WebEx for this item? no sir there motion on this resolution motion made by mr. Nelson second by mr.

[01:30:33] Cooper those in favor say aye any post motion carries mr. manager next mr. chair members of board 179-25 is a resolution for signatory authority this is an agricultural lease to creamfield farm it's 7160 gildale road which is in the varina district mr. Anthony thank you once again mr. manager mr. chair honorable members of the board this board paper would authorize the county manager to execute a lease for 76.26 acres of farmland located at 7160 gildale road to creamfield farm llc the lease will automatically renew for six one-year terms which will begin on january

[01:31:08] one of each year the directors record the directors of recreation and parks and real property recommend approval for the board paper county manager concurs i'll be happy to answer any questions thank you sir any questions for mr anthony this is a public hearing anyone in the room wish to speak to this item anyone on webex no sir no one to speak speak to this item see none mr nelson don't move but a motion made by mr nelson seconded by mr roundtree those in favor say aye any post motion carries mr magic public comments yes sir mr chair members of the board we move into public comments i do have two individuals that have signed up to speak

[01:31:47] i would remind those individuals and others that wish to speak to address the members of board by stating your name and address for the record and that they ask that you limit those comments to

five minutes uh ryan glascott mr glascott are you here sir are you on webex no sir he is not okay and virginia smith miss smith are you here are you on webex no sir she is not do we have anyone on webex no one to speak on webex tonight is there anyone in the room that wishes to address

[01:32:24] the board this evening yes ma'am if you would go to the microphone right beside you good evening hi my name is cassandra ziegler and i am a happy um long time henrico resident i used to live on hampstead over there by saint mary's and now i'm just in love with the east end it's doing a lot of good stuff and i love a brown town very much so so um i came recently to the uh planning

[01:33:01] office i think last week thursday with the hopes that i can learn more about how planning is a process and i'm here just today to advocate for people who come into planning and want it to be a process if it took 20 years for this most recent thing to work its way through the comprehensive plan and all the way through all these iterations as a citizen when i come to planning I you know I don't have the red carpet rolled out for me but I would like to think that you know someone will shepherd me through a process and when

[01:33:40] I did come I did not have that warm from fuzzy feeling and I'm just here because that was not what I expected of Henrico and I want to do some things I was recently I'm a longtime public servant I spent the same 15 years I came here from by way of Huntsville Alabama to take my first job in Richmond and I landed in Henrico with my three kids and they went to Mayberry Elementary Tuckahoe Middle Douglas Freeman high and like I said I'm in love with the East End so I don't really have a lot to say about the interaction except that it was

[01:34:19] not the best that I could expect of Henrico and when I do go back to planning which I think they have a meeting on Thursday morning I hope that i i get a different type of reception so that's all i have to say that i really like in ricoh i think it's a great place to own a home to raise children um i just have high expectations of all the public servants who work here as well ma'am if you uh if you would allow me um as a long time resident uh the planning director is actually in the front row he's going to come back i want you

[01:34:56] to get to know joe emerson and i assure you your next interaction is going to be much more positive it. Appreciate that. Thank you. Yes, ma'am. Thank you for moving from the west into the east end as well. Thank you so much. Yes, ma'am. Go right ahead. Yes, ma'am. Go right ahead. Please, again, just state your name and your address for the record. Hi, I'm Kathy Easter. I'm executive director of Safe Harbor. We're an agency based here in Henrico that provides services for those who experience domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. I actually live in Hanover, if you want me to give my address, but our office is on Brimo Road here. I'm here to say thank you.

[01:35:35] The previous item that you folks approved for the CBDG grant money have just awarded us a grant that will allow us to buy a house that we've been renting since 2012, and we use it as a transitional house for those who exit our emergency shelter but are unable to move out on their own.

[01:35:55] We were in a position to be able to purchase the house. It gives us a permanent residence. It gives us great stability for the transitional shelter program we have family who has stepped up matched beyond what the county is giving us so we're able to purchase so i just really wanted to say thank you grateful for everything that you guys thank you ma'am for all you do thank you can i can i just say this ma'am thank you for what your organization does and i found out about safe harbor actually through my

[01:36:31] church one of my members was connected to the work and we had somebody in the church who needed assistance i didn't know anything about safe harbor and they told us and now we you know we support a little um financially we'll have a lot of money but but the service you offer really helps people who need it and i just want to say thank you so y'all just keep on doing what you're doing and whatever we can do to support and help we will thank you i appreciate it y'all have a good

[01:37:05] night thank you ma'am jones my address is 4110 townhouse road in heriko and this is my second time up here my first time I spoke to Michael Feenmore um it went great um but he told me he'll get back with me in three weeks and I haven't heard from him but I made another speech and I'm

[01:37:42] just gonna just um curse this speech but I'm basically talking about Henrico DSS and the fact that they use hair follicle tests so um my name is Elisa Jones and I stand here before you today as a concerned member of Henrico community, a voice for families who feel powerless, unheard, and often judged unfairly by systems meant to protect them. Tonight I want to bring attention to an issue that doesn't make headlines but deeply affect the lives of parents and children

[01:38:18] across Henrico, the biased and often unjust use of hair follicle drug testing by Henrico DSS. follicle testing is often presented as a gold standard in drug detection, but what many don't know or choose to overlook is that this method is scientifically flawed, racially biased, and carries heavy consequences, particularly for families of color. Studies have shown that certain hair types, particularly coarse or curly, common among black individuals, are more prone to absorb and retain drug compounds from the environment even without direct exposure or use that means

[01:38:57] someone can live in a home or a neighborhood where drugs are used and still test positive without ever having used the substance themselves how is this fair how is this just despite this dss often leans heavily on these results without context without proper investigation and too often without compassion. Children are removed, parents are labeled, families are broken apart, sometimes over a test that isn't telling the full truth. Let me be clear, I support the mission of DSS to keep children safe, but that mission is undermined when we rely on tests and practices

[01:39:37] that are not only scientifically questionable, but socially discriminatory. The trauma this causes is profound children torn from their parents based on a test that could be inaccurate parents fighting to prove their innocence against the system that has already judged them families suffering silently under the weight of policies that do more than more harm than good what does that trauma look like it looks like a child crying for their mother in a stranger's home it looks like a father denied visitation while waiting months for a test review it looks like

[01:40:15] families punished not protected this is this isn't accountability it's cruelty in the name of policy so I urge the council advocate for the re-evaluation of how DSS uses hair follicle testing in our county push for better standards for tests for testing that is accurate equitable and accompanied by thorough case review support training for case workers to understand the bias The bias is baked in certain tools, and most importantly, ensure that no family is broken based on a single questionable test.

[01:40:53] Let us not forget the goal is to protect children, not to perpetuate trauma. Justice without fairness is no justice at all. Thank you. Yes, ma'am. Mr. Chair, if I may just very respond briefly, and I don't want to speak to any conversations Mr. Feinmill had, but ma'am, thank you for your advocacy.

[01:41:15] I remember you speaking last time about this issue, and I had a conversation with Mr. Feinmail about it, and also briefly with Gretchen Brown, our director of DSS. You may not know this, but I represent, I'm a lawyer, and a decent part of my caseload is child welfare cases, and I serve both roles.

[01:41:35] I represent parents who are in these situations. I also serve as a guardian ad litem for children in these families, and so I understand both sides of the coin, Whereas a parent, you want to make sure you've got equity and fairness and everything is above board.

[01:41:51] I also understand the very serious need to make sure that if there is a substance use problem that we have an understanding of it to protect the child. And it really can be a struggle to balance those two things. And I'm also a criminal defense attorney, so due process is always foremost in my mind with anything because we have parents that are charged or people that are charged on the basis of drug test results as well.

[01:42:14] You educated me when you were here last time and caused me to have conversations with some of our judges as well as some of my colleagues in the bench. I also serve as the court-appointed counsel liaison for Henrico Juvenal Court, which gives me a way to be able to talk to a liaison between judges and attorneys that are representing parents so that we can be aware of issues like this.

[01:42:38] because it certainly is something that we need to be aware of as we go about our practice and try to improve how we find out the truth in these matters. So I just want you to know that your coming here now the second time is not in vain.

[01:42:54] It is having ripple effects, and I hear you, and you are sparking very important conversations about this. I'm not saying that hair follicle testing will go away or it shouldn't be, but it should be a fully informed picture when that tool is used so that it is not misapplied or disproportionately, you know, used negatively against one population versus another.

[01:43:17] So thank you for your advocacy. I appreciate you just overlooking it, you know. Like a lot of people don't look into it, and they don't understand it, and they don't try to even get to know what it is. They look at a piece of paper, see a word, and just go clearly from that.

[01:43:33] No levels, no nothing. So it has put me in a predicament where they have literally terminated my rights over something that they don't even understand. And I'm spending money after money after money just even trying to prove to them that what they're seeing is wrong.

[01:43:54] And I sat in court the last time, and the DSS worker said, it could be contaminated, but it still says positive. So they give you no instructions on even how to take these. They give me no instructions.

[01:44:10] Don't wear this on your head or don't do this. Don't do that or don't do this. They don't do that. So you go through and you go through the process and you do everything they ask you to do. And you may do wrong. I did one thing wrong. I wore the wrong hair. I put the wrong hat on. I did the wrong thing. Not knowing fully that that could hurt me.

[01:44:29] And even if that's the case, the lady they sat in there, even if it's contaminated and it's positive, No, she can still harm her kids with the justification of doing everything else you asked for.

[01:44:45] If you get what I'm saying, like, it's just, it hurts. And I know I'm not the only mother who has been through this or parent. You get what I'm saying? But I refuse not to talk about it, you know, or not to seek help for it or try to change the process. I'm not saying to eliminate hair follicle tests, but to actually

understand them, to have other alternatives, to have something else that we can prove what we're doing, rather than just looking at something that, looking at a word on a piece of paper.

[01:45:16] It's just not fair, that's just the way that I look at it. But thank you for letting me go. - Is there anyone else who wishes to speak during public comment?

[01:45:35] All right, thank you all. Seeing none, Mr. Manager. - Mr. Chair, members of the board, you would move into your general agenda. You've got 13 items, beginning with 180-25, which is a resolution for HUNT funding For Regional Homeless Services for Caritas, Ms. Monica Smith-Callaghan is going to present this paper. Monica?

[01:45:58] Mr. Chair, members of the board, this board paper would authorize the county manager to execute a grant agreement to provide funding to Caritas to alleviate homelessness in the Richmond region. Caritas is a local nonprofit that provides charitable services to county residents, including services to alleviate homelessness.

[01:46:19] the deputy county manager for community affairs recommends the approval of this board paper and the county manager concurs i'm happy to answer any questions thank you ma'am any questions for monica how much what's the amount knew you would ask so henrico county's allocation is 35 percent of the six hundred thousand dollar uh proposal which would put us at about 216. put a motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Ms. Raucher.

[01:46:57] Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any post? Motion carries. Monica, hang tight. So, Mr. Chair, members of the board, you need to know this. So, this is the second homeless effort that we have tried as a region. And Monica was able to do something that the county manager wasn't able to do with the first, which is she was able to bring in Chesterfield and Hanover County into this conversation.

[01:47:23] So, in this grant, And the Ford Administrator spoke about it last night. You actually had the big four localities for the first time participating. Couldn't have done it without you, Monica. So you should have led off with that, Mr. Manager.

[01:47:42] So this was the piece last year where we entered in with Richmond. That's the second piece. That's the second piece. We're still in that piece. Right. Right. But that was just for the Salvation Army, which was Richmond and Henrico only. And now all four of us.

[01:47:57] Wow, that's incredible. Look at us. Work, man. Mr. Chair, members of the board, we move on to 181-25. This is an introduction of an ordinance, basically, that comes about to comply with changes in state law regarding the transient occupancy tax.

[01:48:17] Mr. Matt Chafin is going to present this item. Matt? Thank you, Mr. Manager. Good evening, Mr. Chair, members of the board. This board paper introduces for advertisement and a public hearing on August 12th, 2025, a proposed ordinance amendment to incorporate changes in state law that took effect on July 1st, 2025.

[01:48:39] The new state law allows for filing of hotel tax returns solely by accommodations intermediaries when all retail sales of accommodations by an accommodations provider are facilitated by an accommodations intermediary. To summarize that, that allows us to accept transient Oxfree tax returns from Airbnb, VRBO, on behalf of property owners, and we're working on updating our processes to include an attestation that the owners are only renting through those intermediaries.

[01:49:12] I'd be happy to attempt to answer any questions you may have. Thank you, sir. Or accommodation mentioned in that one sentence four times. It was difficult to say that that many times, yes. Any questions for Mr. Chaffin? Is there a motion?

[01:49:29] So moved. There's been a motion to move the introduction of the ordinance by Mr. Rontree, seconded by Mr. Nelson. Those in favor say aye? Aye. Any opposed? Mr. Carrier. Next, Mr. Chair and members of the board, 182-25 is also an introduction of ordinance, in this case to amend and reordain certain sections of the code for the CPACE loan requirements, program fees, reporting, program administrator, program guidelines, all to comply again with changes in state law.

[01:49:57] Mr. Chaffin. Yes, sir. Thank you again. This board paper introduces for advertisement and a public hearing on August 12th, 2025, a proposed ordinance amendment to incorporate changes in state law that took effect on July 1st, 2025. The new state law updates the list of eligible properties and property owners for the CPACE loan program and extends the time that loan applications can be submitted for reimbursement.

[01:50:24] The director of finance recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager concurs. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you, sir. Any questions for Mr. Chaffin on this item? Second. Motion made to move the introduction by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Cooper. Those in favor say aye.

[01:50:39] Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chair, members of the board, 183-25, also an introduction of ordinance. This was discussed in work session that would make changes to the Henrico Investment, the HIP program. Mr. Levo.

[01:50:55] Thank you again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, members of the board. This board paper, as the manager indicated, introduces for advertisement and a public hearing on August 12th an ordinance amendment to establish four new areas for the HIP program as well as expand the five existing areas.

[01:51:11] The ordinance also adds vaping shops as a non-qualifying use and provides that lessees of property can also apply for the program. The director of community revitalization and the executive director of the EDA recommend approval of the board paper and the county manager concurs. With that, I'm happy to answer any questions you all may have.

[01:51:30] Thank you, sir. Any questions for Eric on this item? Seeing none. Is there a motion? So moved. Second. Motion made by Mr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Roundtree to move the introductions. All in favor say aye. Any votes? Mr. Chair, members of board 184-25, also an introduction of ordinance that would clarify the housing types in affordable housing developments qualifying for fee waivers as well as provide standards for development under the community land trust model.

[01:52:01] Mr. Lebo. Thank you again, sir. this board paper introduces for advertisement in a public hearing on august 12th an ordinance amendment to clarify and essentially that condos are eligible for the same fee waivers that single family attached and detached are eligible for and also provides standards for developments that are developed under the land trust model seeking fee waivers the director of community revitalization recommends recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager concurs i'm happy to answer so any questions thank you sir it's for for sale items correct yes sir thank you any questions for

[01:52:37] seeing no is there a motion so moved motion made by mr nelson seconded by mr roundtree those in favor say aye aye he opposed motion carries 185-25 is a resolution for acquisition of easements on old washington highway for the old washington highway sewer extension project this is in the brooklyn district mr anthony thank you once again mr manager mr chair honorable members of the board This board paper would authorize the county to acquire temporary construction easement and permanent utility easement across the 11201 Old Washington Highway, property owned by Carolyn F. and Robert W. Bumgarner.

[01:53:18] The owners of the property have agreed to accept \$50,000 for the easements. The easements are necessary for the construction of the Old Washington Highway sewer extension project. Directors of Public Utilities and Rural Property recommend approval of the board paper. The county manager concurs. I'll be happy to address any questions.

[01:53:34] Thank you sir. Any questions for Mr. Anthony? I will move the resolution. Second. Been seconded by Mr. Nelson. Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Next Mr. Chair, members of board 186-25. This is a resolution for signatory authority, real estate contract assignment. This is the funding for the acquisition of 9301 Patterson Avenue, which is in the Tuckahoe District. Mr. Anthony.

[01:54:01] Good again, Mr. Manager, Mr. Chair, Honorable Members of the Board. This paper authorizes and appropriates \$2.9 million for the acquisition of approximately 6.1 acres of real property commonly known as 9301 Patterson Avenue.

[01:54:16] The county plans to use the property as a public park. Resources are to come from the fund balance and the general fund via an interfund transfer to the Capital Projects Fund. directors of real property recreation and parks and finance recommend approval of the board paper county manager concurs i'll be happy to answer any questions thank you sir any questions for mr anthony seeing none mr roguish uh no questions uh very excited about this so uh some move the resolution second been motion made by mr roguer seconded by mr roundtree those in favor say aye

[01:54:52] any opposed motion carries next mr chair 187-25 is a resolution this is an award of contract for the shady grove water pump station improvement project which is in the brooklyn district mr chan thank you mr manager mr chair members of the board good evening this is an award of a fixed price contract for two million two hundred fifty eight thousand and forty four dollars to waco incorporated for the shady grove water pump station improvements project consisting of providing new pumps piping and valves mechanical and electrical equipment roof replacement and site

[01:55:29] work. Work on the project is anticipated to begin in October and be completed within 570 calendar days. With that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thanks, Bentley. Any questions for Bentley? Seeing none, I'll move the resolution. Second. Seconded by Mr. Cooper. Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Next, Mr. Chair, 188-25 is a resolution. This is for authorization to apply for matching grants from the revenue sharing program mr hughes all right thank you mr manager mr chair members of the board good evening uh this board paper would

[01:56:05] authorize the director of public works to apply to the virginia department of transportation for state matching grants from the revenue sharing program for new for a new roadway project in fiscal year 2029-2030 the state grants will match 50 of the county's actual costs up to a maximum of 10 million dollars director of public works recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager so we

anticipate applying for improvements on route five at the intersection with doran where we've had some safety challenges thank you sir any questions for mr hughes

[01:56:38] seen notes there a motion so move second motion made by mr nelson seconded by ms roundtree those in favor say aye aye any post motion carries next mr chair 189-25 is the resolution for signatory Authority. This is an amendment for a contract for engineering and design services for the Three Chopped Road Improvement Project that traverses both Three Chopped and Tucker. Mr. Hughes.

[01:57:04] Mr. Manager, this board paper approves the additional services in the amount of \$898,637.79 and authorizes the county manager to execute an amendment in the form approved by the county attorney. Through various board approvals and amendments, the current contract value is currently \$3.6 million. AECOM and the Department of Public Works have negotiated a fixed lump sum fee of \$898,000 for services that update environmental permits, reevaluate NEPA, which is a federal

[01:57:42] environmental study requirements, coordinate utility relocation, and provide for additional plan revisions and engineering support during construction funding to support the supplement is available within the project budget the director of public works recommends approval of the board paper and the county manager concurs so generally just need to update a lot of our environmental permits there's a couple design things from a federal standpoint that have changed just due to the how long this project's been on in the work so so this is intended to to keep the project moving so we're currently waiting on utilities to be relocated and we anticipate these services

[01:58:19] will be done before that time period so happy to answer any other questions thank you sir any questions for mr. Hughes one quick question when do you anticipate construction starting so I think we're looking at next year now so hoping the earlier part of next year but I think the big thing that we're kind of waiting on is getting utility so currently dominion they've moved uh their initial portion but there's a number of other utilities that are that are currently on the overhead power lines once they are able to relocate and they can only locate one at a time uh then dominion will remove the poles and then we're pretty much

[01:58:57] ready to go to start the project but yeah i think we've been this has been unlucky uh with some of the extreme weather like hurricane helene and some other things that we've just really been those have impacted the utility contractors abilities to get out and work on our project So, and that's hopefully what this supplement will help is we'll have an engineer that's actively coordinating and scheduling with those utility companies to keep them moving.

[01:59:25] Thank you, sir. Any other questions? Mr. Roundtree, Mr. Rogish? So I move the resolution. Second. Motion made by Mr. Rogish, seconded by Mr. Roundtree. Those in favor, say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion carries. Mr. Chair, members of the board, 190-25 is a resolution for acceptance of roads in the three-chop district.

[01:59:41] Mr. Hughes. Thank you. This board of paper would accept .07 miles of Church Spire Lane into the county road system for maintenance. The Director of Public Works recommends approval of the board of paper and the county management. I'm happy to answer any questions on this. Is there a motion?

[02:00:08] Motion made by Ms. Roundtree, seconded by Mr. Rogus. Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Mr. Manager. Next, Mr. Chair, members of the board, 191-25 is a resolution for award of contract. this is for the meadow row culvert replacement project in varina mr hughes this board paper

would award a construction contract for 1.8 million dollars to abernathy construction corporation for the meadow road culvert replacement project so move and a motion made by mr nelson seconded by miss roundtree those in favor say aye aye any opposed motion carries mr

[02:00:43] manager uh next mr chair 192-25 resolution authorization authorization to apply for transportation alternatives program this is for the new market heights trail program phases three and four this is in verona mr hughes this board paper would grant authorization for the director of public works to apply to the virginia department transportation for federal matching grants from the transportation alternatives program for two multi-use trail construction projects in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 the federal grants would pay up to a maximum reimbursement of 2.5 million dollars per project the director of public works recommends approval of the board paper and

[02:01:23] the county manager concurs and one thing i'll add is there is a public meeting on this yes on the 29th the 29th at 5 what 6 30 5 30 5 30 at the verona lever yep how much money do we have now allocated towards this project uh that's a good question so we've currently nothing nothing official on the books for construction we do control a number a good bit of the land and then we're working with capital regional and conservancy for some of the others so a question came up in the the meeting i was in today most of the land on the trail we we control on a good portion yeah okay

[02:01:58] so or or like i said the civil uh national civil war civil war battlefield trust but we we're not acquiring land from citizens yeah so that came up in the meeting today okay so we invite everybody to come out next tuesday at six o'clock yes 5 30 5 30 all right so move second a motion made by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Cooper.

[02:02:20] Those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Resolution carries, Mr. Manager. No other business this evening, Mr. Chair. Any closing comments from my colleagues? Seeing none, you all have a wonderful rest of your Tuesday. Thank you.



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