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[00:01:13] Okey-dokey, here we go. All right, good afternoon, everybody. I'd like to call to order the July 5th, 2023 Loudoun County Board of Supervisors business meeting. This room has a hearing loop. If you need hearing assistance, switch your hearing aid to Tola cold mode.

[00:01:30] If you need a headset, we have those available as well. Please see the clerk to my left here to request one. The pledge, I will hand that over to Mr. Buffington. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

[00:01:58] Did you want to do any special words or anything as well? For any of you who might be struggling with a tough decision, and the answer depends on whether you think you're going to be all right with what you want to do, I recommend that you do what you want to do, and trust me that you're going to be all right.

[00:02:17] All right. All right. Thank you. Trust Mr. Buffington. okay very good all right the proposed consent agenda is as follows item r1 resolution of appreciation for alan brewer retiring director department of building and development item 1a appointments confirmations item 2 administrative items report of july 5th 2023 item 3 proposed amendments to the board of supervisors rules of order hearing of

new items and returning items for ready for action item 6a 2024 county-wide health plan update and premium review medical

[00:02:56] prescription drugs dental and vision benefits item 6b award authority increased security guard services item 6c fiscal impact committee bylaws adoption item 6d community policy and management team bylaws adoption item 6e Loudoun County Community Criminal Justice Board laws conversion is there a motion to all right thank you motion moved by Supervisor Umstead second seconded by Supervisor Bristom for the consent agenda. All those in favor? Aye. Any opposed?

[00:03:34] Any abstentions? Nope. And we have one member of the board not in attendance with us today. That's Chair Randall. So that motion will pass 8-0-1 with Chair Randall off the dice. Mr. Chair, point of clarification? Yes. On item number three, if I could just clarify with staff, I'm pretty sure I remember this correctly, but I want to make sure I have it down. So the rules of order basically state that the default position for the board will be that we will advertise the public hearing, hold the public hearing, an item will then move to a second public hearing, and

[00:04:08] we will re-advertise it a second time to the second public hearing, and we can act on that without suspending the rules of the second hearing. If we want to act it on the first time, we have to suspend the rules. Am I correct in that? Yes, Supervisor Turner, you are correct. Thank you. Sorry.

[00:04:24] Thank you very much. Okay, anybody else? Okay, all those in favor of the consent agenda, Oh, yeah, we already did that. Excuse me. All right, that passed. 8-0-1-10-Rendell off the dais. Very good. Okay. Moving right along. All right.

[00:04:40] Are there any additions or deletions to the agenda? Nope. Okay. Very good. We do not have a voiceover cause for today. We'll have one the next meeting. Mr. Hemstreet, do you have any comments this evening? Thank you, Mr. Chair.

[00:04:55] I've got four comments for this evening. The first is that I'm pleased to announce that the Federal Transit Administration has awarded Loudoun County \$13.8 million. to purchase 37 compressed natural gas buses, construct a fueling station, and update our maintenance facility. The new low-emission buses will be used by Loudoun County Transit and will lead to an estimated annual reduction of more than 447 metric tons of greenhouse gases.

[00:05:22] Loudoun County's grant application was one of 130 selected by the FTA for funding out of a total of 475 eligible projects. Second, the 2023 edition of the Solarize Nova program is underway. Now through August 31st, Loudoun County homeowners can sign up to learn more about solar power options for their property. The program features free solar assessments, discounted pricing on installation and information about incentives, such as the 30% federal tax credit. Residents are encouraged to sign up at solarizenova.org for an upcoming virtual information session to learn more. Third, applications are now being accepted for the

[00:06:01] county's Affordable Multifamily Housing Loan Program. Non-profit and for-profit developers interested in constructing affordable multifamily rental housing units in Loudoun are encouraged to apply. The Department of Housing and Community Development will host a pre-application meeting August 17th. Applications are due October 2nd. More information is online at loudoun.gov slash housing. Finally, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is now offering online reservations

for more than 30 pavilions available to rent at parks and community center sites across the county. The pavilions are available for a fee for a half day

[00:06:39] or full day and can be reserved by visiting [loudoun.gov slash pavilions](https://loudoun.gov/slash/pavilions). And those are my formal remarks, Mr. Chair. The only thing I'll add is we'll be sending you out a notice shortly, But as of July 1st, the Loudoun County Health Department is now under local administration.

[00:06:56] We signed the agreement with the state, so we'll be making that announcement in a more formal fashion a little bit later. So I do want to make sure you're aware of that. I do also want to thank Assistant County Administrator Monica Spells, who led that effort.

[00:07:13] She was absolutely instrumental to that process. There were a number of other individuals that were definitely involved, including Jeanette Green, HR Director, Valmari Turner, in her capacity as the Acting Director of Finance and Procurement, as well as Dr. Goodfriend and his team and their respective staffs.

[00:07:30] But I do want to say that ACA Spells was a central figure in putting that all together. So I just want to say that. Again, we'll put out something more formal a little bit later. Okay, thank you, Mr. Hemstreet, and thank you to Assistant Monica Spells and the rest of the team on that initiative.

[00:07:48] All right, the levels, do we have, all right, in regards to the level set here, we're going to do nominations. If anybody has a nomination, please put your light on. Then after that, we're going to go to item five, which is the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan. Discuss that. I see we have a motion from Mr. Turner that came in this afternoon.

[00:08:06] After that item is up, depending on how much time you have left over, we will go into closed session. We'll read for one, two, and three, depending on how closed session goes. We will come back. We will then have public comment at six o'clock, and then we'll have item four, and if we have any leftover closed session items, then we'll go back into closed session, so we'll see how that goes.

[00:08:28] All right, so any nominations? No nominations? Okay. Oh, we got a nomination. Please put your light on if you have a nomination. Mr. Supervisor from the Kontocton District. What's the news of the day? You just need nominations, right? Yeah. Okay.

[00:08:44] You don't want my all-new my news yet. All right, I have two nominations for the Historic Review Committee. The first would be Carl Rydell and Madeline Skinner. I would ask to nominate both of them. Okay, thank you.

[00:09:00] They're both at large seats. All right, seeing nobody else, we will go to item number five with Jacqueline Marsh, Mark Stoltz, and Daniel Collado in Planning and Zoning. Come on down.

[00:09:36] Good evening. Good evening. Just need one moment to pull up the presentation. Does anybody need to see the presentation? How many slides is the presentation again?

[00:09:53] It's just a couple, but it's the same tables as are in the report, so I'm happy to answer any questions if y'all prefer not to have a... Anybody need the presentation? Speak now forever, hold your peace. Okay, seeing none, give us an update if there's any. So the main update for the board's knowledge is the Planning Commission did recommend the draft zoning ordinance rewrite to the board that will be coming forward to you for public hearing on July 26th. One thing that's noted in the report is that they had

a list of other ZOAMs and a conference of plan amendments that they would like to recommend to the board

[00:10:33] that the board have staff work on. Some of those are duplicates of things that are already in the work plan but they are doing additional work to try to set up prioritization or a priority of the items on that list so that can be presented to you so you know where they stand on these things otherwise the prime agricultural soil and cluster subdivisions om will be going to their work the planning commission's work session next week that was supposed to go last month but because of the zoning ordinance rewrite and that with the fact we went to a second meeting that got bumped and

[00:11:06] push back a little bit. Other than that, there's nothing that's a significant shift in time or updates. I did incorporate into the work plan the board's action from the last meeting to start the data center locations, CPAM as well. Okay, thank you. Any questions for staff? Ms. Brisbane.

[00:11:34] Thank you, Vice Chair Sains. So just to be clear, can you just say again which thing was delayed a little bit since the last was there something else in here that was delayed a little bit you said the the prime agricultural soil and cluster subdivision zoam we had intended to take it to the planning commission last month it is going this month okay and the public hearing you said this is coming to the public hearing is for the zoning ordinance rewrite so that will be coming july 26th that's for to us yes we have a public hearing on july 26th well we will be we have a

[00:12:12] schedule we haven't gotten the final final um approval on that before we roll it out to everybody but that is the timeline as of right now july 26 possibly so so the july 20 mr chairman go ahead yeah so the july 26 date has been added as a public hearing it's been advertised and it has been formally added to your calendar on tonight's consent agenda so uh we are formally notifying the offices as well as the potential what Mr. Chair Sains is referring to is the schedule for the

[00:12:45] review of the zoning ordinance itself which would be several work sessions starting in September going through October and November. Oh okay. But there is a public hearing that is scheduled for July 26th. Okay okay so the public hearing is to get input on the zoning ordinance rewrite but We're not expected to take action.

[00:13:08] That's correct. I mean, given our other action item tonight, we're supposed to be allegedly passing things at public hearing, so that just, like, put the fear of life in me. Well, no, I believe that you would pass things at public hearing ostensibly on the second time you hear it or a subsequent time based off of Supervisor Turner's amendment to the board rules last meeting.

[00:13:30] Okay. So the public hearing is to get comment, have the board receive comment on the zoning ordinance, proposed zoning ordinance itself. And then have work sessions. And then have work sessions. So the plan would be the public hearing on July 26th, and then starting in September, because the board has their August recess, once or twice a week, having work sessions around the zoning ordinance chapter by chapter.

[00:13:54] So we are currently in the process of notifying each board office. Okay. schedule okay as chair uh saints indicated okay thank you um the um okay and then on the on the shooting range uh thing it's my understanding that discharge of any firearm in the suburban policy area is not allowed um so are we if we're looking to include anything in ar1 in this that would include some suburban areas so i saw a little bit

of a conflict there and forgive me i It dawned on me that I should have mentioned that when I was going through this too.

[00:14:33] There is that item that was incorporated into here when we were going back and looking to make sure that we had captured all the board's guidance to us previously prior to ZOR. And just looking back a few years, we realized that this had not been on a work plan yet, even though the board had taken action to tell us to work on it after the short-term residential rental ZOAM was completed, which it recently was in April.

[00:14:56] So I wanted to highlight this to the board, that this is something they all had directed us to do. It has not been on here, so we did not want to presume the priority of it. And we wanted to present that to you to see exactly where the board would like that to occur. If the board would still like that to occur, it's been three-plus years since that action was taken.

[00:15:16] That said— I don't remember what problem we were even trying to solve at that point, but when I saw AR-1, I mean, I have AR-1 in my district, and I'm a suburban policy area, so— If I jump in, that memory serves me when I was during the first, well, myself and Chair Randall and Supervisor Amstead, in our first board term, we had issues with residential houses getting struck with stray bullets.

[00:15:40] So we, and Buffington as well, we directed staff to look into that. So I think that's what that was probably talking about. Is that correct? Yes, I think that was the emphasis for getting that started. All right. And your clock wasn't started, Ms. Brissman, but I think your time went up. Oh, I have more questions.

[00:15:56] Well, we'll see if we can come back for another round and see Mr. Letourneau. Yeah, thank you. Yeah, I had heard some rumors about that date, but I don't think they ever pulled the board on that. So I will say for the record, I had a previously scheduled out of town on July 28th.

[00:16:12] So I will not be here for that hearing. On the ZOM, though, I mean, is it your judgment that all of it is fully ready for the board's review? And I ask that because clearly some planning commissioners didn't think so.

[00:16:30] And I know they had a debate about it, whether to move it along. And, you know, we're not going to be able to take it all up at once anyway, right? So if there were areas in which the planning commission felt that they needed to or wish to do more work, it would seem like there could be time for them to do that because we're not, you know, we're starting in September and then we're going to, you know, we won't get through it probably very quickly.

[00:16:58] So is that an option? So you're referring to the zoning ordinance rewrite. You said Joanne, but I believe that we have done as much work on fixing and verifying and doing low-hanging fruit type items that we can.

[00:17:16] A lot of the things that are left and of the eight, I believe it's eight, maybe nine items that were in that list in the report, all of those would take many more months to work through in order to come to, in my opinion, to come to a resolution on those different matters. They're not small things that if they just had another meeting or two, they would fix.

[00:17:31] Well, how are we going to do that? Well, that's why they're recommended for additional work later on. After. For what's in the ordinance now that's being brought forward to you, I'm sure there will be

some things that the board wants to tweak, but I think largely we are at a really good place with it. But Mr. Yudd's joined as well if you'd like to chime in. Go ahead, Mr. Yudd.

[00:17:48] Thank you, Mr. Sainz. The commission did vote to recommend approval 6-3. The idea that there was going to be more work needed that needed policy attention included a CPAM that would need to happen before it could ever be a zoning ordinance amendment.

[00:18:07] So while there are other zoning ordinance amendments that could be part of a package like the rural uses, the work that you can review that it did come to you with that positive recommendation is available and you start the process later this month with your public hearing.

[00:18:25] But there's no items that it would make sense to have the Planning Commission sort of spend more time on at this point in the interim period before we take it up? No. Okay. Because everything is a CPAM or a new process that is going to take much longer.

[00:18:45] Correct. Okay. Worth asking anyway. All right. Thank you. Mr. Kushner. Thank you. And I have a couple questions. First, I want to follow up on this. I think the way the item reads is this potential ZOAMs.

[00:19:02] Right now, the way this motion reads, there's no plan to do anything on this special exception for shooting range outdoor. Is that correct? That was just brought forward because you were kind of cleaning house and looking at things that had been recommended in the past. Right. So it is not something that we are actively working on.

[00:19:19] It's not something we would incorporate before ZOA or know what I recommend starting it before the rewrite is completed. Yeah. So we wanted to poll the board about, A, do you still want us to do this, and then B, where your thoughts on priority are. Okay. Yeah, I think we should definitely wait until the next board to kind of address that, honestly, just because we're going to have plenty to do here.

[00:19:39] So thank you for bringing that to attention. I didn't even realize that was on our schedule. The second question I have is, back to Mr. Letourneau's question, if we begin to tackle a part of the zoning ordinance rewrite, whatever section it may be, and we decide, you know what, this needs more work, Is it within our prerogative to send it back to the planning commission and say, listen, we want to see more work?

[00:19:58] Or is that something we send to our own committee? The board does have that prerogative if you acted as a body to make that recommendation with that zoning ordinance amendment or any zoning ordinance amendment. Okay. Okay. So that certainly is something maybe in addressing some of the issues that may arise depending on where they are.

[00:20:16] And then the third question I had was specifically with the meetings as part of that we're setting up with staff and our planning commissioner. I know I think there's one been set up for me this Friday for an hour. I suspect that's not nearly going to be enough. I'm going to have a lot more questions.

[00:20:33] And so I'm just putting it out there that I would like to schedule a second or third one. But again, Mr. Miller would have to be available on that. Absolutely. Thank you. Okay. Thank you. Seeing no other lights on, I'm going to go to you, Mr. Turner. I see you have a motion you'd like to bring forward.

[00:20:51] Thank you, Mr. Chair. And I can speak inside the motion. it's a blue paper motion. Hang on, let me switch eyes here. I move the Board of Supervisors revise the Department of Planning and Zoning Work

Plan to add a market analysis of a transfer of development rights TDR program to Table 2 as priority number four. I further move that the Board direct staff to research the scope, cost, and timelines of utilizing a third-party consultant for this project and return to the Board with this information and proposed funding source prior to the December 2023 general fund balance discussion.

[00:21:25] Second. Okay, we have a motion made by Supervisor Turner, second by Supervisor Kushner. Go ahead, Mr. Turner. Thanks, Mr. Chair. I apologize that this came late, and I am more than happy to withdraw this motion and defer it to the next meeting in July if that is the will of the board.

[00:21:40] I have no problems with that at all. It was late. It's been percolating for about a week now. We've been trying to refine it. Staff pointed out some limitations to the original motion that I had, and I think this is a better motion. The TELOC discussion surfaced the idea of using a transfer of development rights program, but we really got into some of the permutations of how that could be used.

[00:22:03] The traditional way a transfer of development rights program is an entity that wants more density in a dense area already buys development rights from a less dense area, and we retire the development rights in that less dense area. That's the normal way you use it. Well, we already have all the density by zoning ordinance in the east that any developer could possibly want.

[00:22:25] So it kind of sat there. That idea sat there for two or three years. And then we revised it and said, what if we traded development rights in the west for FAR in the east? Several people said, wait, wait, wait. First of all, it takes us out of visibility of the board. That's true. Second of all, why would we create a program that helps the west by hurting the east with more FAR, which is a very valid discussion and point.

[00:22:48] to which I think we'd probably be 9-0 if we took a vote on it, that we agree we're not going to help the West by hurting the East. That's not going to happen. However, if you look into an East-to-East transfer, there is also the possibility of a fairly radically revised TDR program whereby areas that are developing data centers in the East could purchase development rights somewhere else in the East to cause them not to develop where we don't want them and develop where we can tolerate them, where we want them.

[00:23:21] I'll give you a radical example. This is Mike Turner pontificating it. It's not the board's idea, but I don't want data centers and power lines along Route 7. And if we have a discussion that we could create a cutting-edge campus of data centers in Dulles Cloud South and create a market incentive whereby the data centers would give up their development rights along Route 7 to build in Dulles Cloud South, I would be very interested in that discussion.

[00:23:47] Can we make it work? I have tried a dozen different ways, and I can't figure out how to make it work. I don't know if a TDR program is the answer in this situation. What I know is in three years, if we don't do something, Eastern Loudoun County is going to be wall-to-wall data center and wall-to-wall power lines.

[00:24:03] We have to manage this problem, and I want our toolbox full of all the tools that we can get. So I would like to just see a market analysis of is a TDR program of any kind even feasible in Loudoun County, and that's all this does. Let's get a market analysis so we know what we're dealing with here with the TDR program.

[00:24:20] Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Turner. Anybody? Oh, Ms. Bricksman. Thank you. So your proposal on Table 2 is to basically subplant number 4, the Data Center Design Standards CPAM, with

a TDR analysis.

[00:24:51] So while you think about that, listen, the power lines on Route 7, I think we just all have to... admit they're going to go there because we don't have any authority over dominion. They have to pass this thing by the SCC and that's pretty much it. We can kick and scream. Our residents can kick and scream and say they don't like it and try to encourage them to bury those power lines.

[00:25:17] But those power lines are solving what already is a power constraint problem. The way to have data centers go not where, have data centers not go where we don't want them, is to adopt the map that economic development proposed. And that's what number three and number four are doing. So if you wanted to put something all the way down at seven or eight or down there, I would be fine

[00:25:50] with it. But I don't think, I don't love the idea of supplanting the data center remapping that we've been working on since 2021 with a further analysis for a TDR program. I might be mildly interested in learning if there's a way to do the east-to-east TDR situation, but I think adopting the maps and then doing a ZOAM after the mapping, after the CPAM is the way to go.

[00:26:25] Thank you. Thank you. Mr. LeCherneau. Yeah, so the problem with the TDR discussion as it relates of data centers, is I can't think of a single scenario in which we are better off with a buy-write data center in any situation.

[00:26:40] Because any time a data center has to go through rezoning, whether it's a location that's favorable or not, the board is able to work on that application and improve it. The design standards are higher. There's sometimes profits associated with it.

[00:26:56] So I just, I don't pretend to know everything in the world, and I certainly don't. But I don't foresee any scenario in which this is going to work. in which I would rather see something go by right somewhere instead of somewhere else. And in reality, I think we're way past that point anyway with this.

[00:27:15] I mean, Supervisor Turner is right in that the one area that's left is Dulles Cloud South, which I don't support. So that's not going to work for me as an option. So this is a big project. This is a scope, scoss, and timeline of TDRs in general.

[00:27:34] Perhaps it's the intent to make it specific to an east-to-east data center oriented thing, but that's not what the motion is, and I don't know that that's what staff's going to do. And we already have the PDR program that's higher than the data center CPAM. If we're interested in tackling the problem of data centers popping up everywhere, then we need to accelerate three and four, because that's what that's directly intending to do.

[00:27:56] And all this is going to do is delay it, because we're putting something above those. So I'm not going to support this. I think this is a discussion that kind of we can continue to have, but I don't think it needs to be a staff item at this point in time. I think, you know, the concept that was put out there by the mayor of Middleburg is a west to east concept.

[00:28:19] And that's what all the discussion's been about until the pivot that we just kind of heard about. But even then, you know, why would we want to ever give up our ability to deal with higher density data centers? Because in all likelihood, it's not just about the location, but the scale, you know, if we don't have to.

[00:28:41] We historically have handled these much better when they go through a process. So I'm not going to be supportive of this motion. Okay, thank you. Mr. Kushner. Thank you, Chair. I actually am supportive of this. Where we put it in the scheme of things is obviously up for debate.

[00:28:59] But I do think there's a lot of value in at least looking at this. And I think we didn't just hear about it now. When we had a presentation previously in TLUC, it was brought up then, and there was a lot of discussion, a lot of enthusiasm about using a TDR program to really benefit the East.

[00:29:17] And I appreciate what Mr. Turner is trying to do here, and I wholeheartedly support that. Listen, if that analysis comes back and says this is really unworkable, and then we can ask more questions within that analysis, I think that's really what we're trying to do here. So I think to dismiss this outright without actually taking a further look, I mean, I understand there are concerns with how it would work and how it wouldn't work, but that's the whole point of the analysis.

[00:29:39] Anytime we want to know information, and maybe it's going to be a tremendous boon, and maybe it's like, yeah, this is a waste of time, but I think the suggestions that have been put out there and some of the other ways that I've seen this work, and this is very unique because we are kind of dealing with data centers.

[00:29:56] There's no other place in the country that has data centers like we have that could potentially really help impact not only the West and some things, but perhaps here in the East. So I think it's well worth looking at, so I support it full-heartedly. I think it would be not wise of us just to say, oh, we don't want to do this because we want to have full control, when our full control is actually looking at an analysis, a market-based analysis.

[00:30:22] Okay, thank you. Mr. Buffington. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm supportive of the idea of looking further into a transfer of development rights program, TDR program. I was very excited about the TELUC discussion that we recently had.

[00:30:38] And I think the key is that if the county ever gets to and does implement a TDR program, it has to benefit the east and the west. And I was going to be supportive of this motion tonight until Supervisor Turner talked me out of it.

[00:30:54] By mentioning again the Dulles C, the D-C-S word, which I absolutely do not support. And given that I believe if this was to move forward, now I know it would eventually include further discussion of the Dulles Cloud South, then I can't support it because I'm adamantly opposed to that and I kind of see the vision for this motion now.

[00:31:21] And so I can't support the motion anymore. If it was up to me, we would never discuss the idea of Dulles Cloud South again. We'd go back and erase any memories anybody has of it ever being discussed, and we'd delete it from everything wherever it's written. Thank you.

[00:31:37] Okay, thank you. Supervisor Umstead. I think, do you want to go to Silver? Oh, go to Supervisor Glass. Thank you, Vice Chair. Thank you, Supervisor Umstead. I am not going to support this. I would align my comments with Supervisor Briskman regarding this.

[00:31:57] I'm just a little concerned about how big data centers would be on the east, and I think what we have now with number three and number four, let's get through this first and see if we can work this out.

[00:32:15] Thank you. Thank you, Supervisor Armstead. Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair. I will support it. It doesn't specifically say anything about Dulles Cloud South in the text of the motion. It shouldn't surprise anyone, although I don't enjoy horrifying my friend, Supervisor Buffington, time and again.

[00:32:39] But I certainly would support looking at data centers in Dulles Cloud South, regardless of the method used to get there. But I think this has potential, whether or not it's used for Dulles Cloud South.

[00:32:55] so I'll vote for it tonight. Okay, thank you. A question to staff or Mr. Rogers or Hemstreet. Which item would get us to solve our ZRTD issue the fastest? Would that be item number three and four, the data center location CPAM and data center design steering CPAM or this motion brought by Mr. Turner?

[00:33:18] I don't believe the TDR would address the ZRTD issue at all. So it could be three and four, but it also depends on the decisions made by the board when it comes to the details.

[00:33:35] Okay, well, that answered my question. I will not be supporting this either tonight, so thank you. Mr. Turner, as a closing. I might be able to whip two votes here as an audible. I'm more than happy to move this down to replace item number seven rather than item number four as a friendly amendment to my own motion, if that would persuade any way.

[00:33:56] My principle, and Dulles-Cloud South was my example. It doesn't have to be Dulles-Cloud South. It's another tool for us to look at. It may not be viable. It may get tossed out. I agree with Supervisor Luterno. We don't want to give data centers by right options to build, which is what they have right now.

[00:34:11] So we don't want any more of that. I understand that. I just want to try and get the tool on the schedule somewhere. So I'm more than happy to move it into item number seven if that is more amenable. In fact, I'll make that friendly to my own amendment that that will be item number seven instead of item number four.

[00:34:29] Everything else is the same. can I second was super I'll accept that friendly can I make a suggestion well me ask so your intention would be to replace 7 which is solar rays and make that 8 and then make source water 9 right be your intention correct well we'll be moving it down so why don't you just make this number nine and keep those where they are because they're both all of them are TBD is there a

[00:35:06] question there yeah if we move it to number seven I think that's I think that solves the sequencing problem doesn't it anywhere between five and nine you can move it anywhere because they're all tb tbd all it accomplishes it makes the tdr program an analysis of tdr program somewhere on dpc's work plan which is what i'm trying to do okay so you would put it on would be great so would you would you rephrase your motion to state the the number that you would like this to be yeah even though they're all tbd's they are listed in priority order so the motion

[00:35:46] will be exactly the same. I move the Board of Supervisors revise the Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan to add a market analysis of a Transfer Development Rights TDR program to Table 2 as priority number 7. I further move that the Board direct staff to research the scope, cost, and timeline of utilizing a third-party consultant for this project and return to the Board with this information and proposed funding source prior to the December 2023 general fund balanced discussion. Second. Okay, motion made by Supervisor Turner, seconded by Supervisor Kushner, add this to the list at number eight,

which will force solar arrays down one spot, and same thing with source water protection CPM. All those in

[00:36:25] favor, please say aye. Aye. All those opposed? Nay. Nay. The nays raise your hand please. One, two, three, four, five. Okay, that motion fails with the nays being Supervisor Briskman, Buffington, Sainz, Glass, and Letourneau.

[00:36:44] And those in favor of the motion was Turner, Umstead, Kushner, and then absent from the vote is Chair Randall. Okay, thank you. Any other motions for this item? Yes, there is a packet motion.

[00:37:01] Yeah, that's good. Thank you, Ms. Briskman. I'm going to see if there's any other motions from the dais, but hearing, seeing none. Anybody like to make the motion in the packet? I'll go ahead. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the current list of projects listed in tables one two and three and respective project priorities prioritization on the department of planning and zoning work plan as identified in July 5th 2023 board supervisors business meeting action item okay all right any more discussion on that miss bricksman if i would like to ask

[00:37:37] to make a friendly that we remove the specs on firing ranges and and let the next board decide when that happens do we need to move that or you do not because right now that's what the second motion is contemplating so it's not actually incorporated into a table at this point it's just mentioned in the narrative of the item okay all right may i ask a question yes so um this board or the next board would have to vote for it to actually get into the dpc work plan at some point yes okay i'm fine i'll withdraw my uh friendly okay thanks yes mr lechard yeah would

[00:38:14] it could staff provide not now but in maybe just in writing with the board a history of that discussion and that item because as vice chair saying said like that that came about as a result of a pretty extensive discussion we had going through this issue of shooting that was occurring in houses and one of the things we came up with was the fact that if people don't have a place to shoot then they shoot where they're not supposed to shoot and that's how we were ending up with houses with bullet holes so we addressed some of that with by updating our zoning ordinance and quite frankly a few of us took a lot of flack for that but we it was the right thing but we were

[00:38:51] supposed to, you're right, we were supposed to do this as a follow-on item to try to direct things and it was, as I recall, I think it was actually Chair Randall and I that did this together to sort of have it as an initiative, but I don't, nobody here would have that, any of that knowledge, so if you could, if you could, I don't mean, but just the history as to why that even was an item, I think it would probably be helpful. Sure, we'd be happy to do that. I mean, everybody could still decide, but at least you'd know, you know, what that was about. All right, Mr. Buffington.

[00:39:23] Yeah, just additional information based on my memory of that is I thought it came from two boards ago when it was part of the rural uses thing that was pushed forward that we considered most of that in my first term, the last term. But we decided not to take action on that issue at that time, and so it got pushed.

[00:39:46] So I don't know. I look forward to your update. Thank you. because i think we resolved the other the other issue where with homes being hit with bullets when we made it illegal to shoot someone's house yeah because really before you could shoot someone's house and it was not illegal yeah yeah now you can't kind of sorta not exactly kind of sorta all right we got a motion overly simplified all right so we

got a motion on the table um who's second the motion oh yeah miss glass okay all those in favor of motion number one please say aye aye any opposed all right motion passes 8-0-1 with chair Randolph the days motion number two in the packet I move that the Board of Supervisors add

[00:40:24] the shooting range specialty exception ZOAM as the fifth priority to table one of the Department of Planning and Zoning work plan and direct staff not to initiate work on the project until after the zoning ordinance rewrite project is complete motion by myself second by Supervisor Umstead Ms. Brickman do you have a question. Yes. I'm not, I don't have enough information right now to decide if I agree with putting this in the ZOAM work plan. I'm wondering if we could table it. Do I have

[00:41:03] to make a motion for that? What are you saying? I made a motion. I'm saying you. Oh, oh, oh, I see. Okay. Okay. All of this is just putting it in the plan, but they're going to come back to us, like Supervisor LeTerno mentioned, give a history and all that stuff. So I would talk to staff get the update in the history and then it'll come okay all right thank you we'll dive into it okay thank you mr buffington yeah i'd rather wait till we get the history and then decide on something like this so for now i'm gonna know all right i don't really care if we table it and take it back i was trying to make the point that's you know for some people that

[00:41:42] weren't part of this i'll withdraw this motion staff can we get an update on this for everybody and then bring this back later on yes absolutely okay thank you all right so we got that motion done this is item number six is complete it's 4 42 now uh mr chairman yes if it's the board's pleasure mr brewer and his wife are here if you want to do his revelation okay yes let's do that now then yes thank you uh come on down anybody that's here for the special presentation for for Mr. Brewer, your family, your friends.

[00:42:16] Come on down, please. And actually, Mr. Hemstreet can join me down front. Over here in the front.

[00:42:57] Let's get level. All right, good evening. We're here to present Mr. Brewer, his resolution for your service to our county and to the Commonwealth as a whole. We appreciate you and thank you for your service. And I'll let Mr. Hemstreet read the resolution here.

[00:43:14] And then we'll have you do some comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Brewer, I'm happy for you for this day, but not necessarily for the county.

[00:43:30] So as Mr. Sainz has asked, I'm going to go ahead and read the resolution for you. But in appreciation of Alan Brewer, whereas Alan Brewer began his service to Loudoun County in 2000 as an environmental health supervisor in the health department. He then served as Assistant Director of the Department of General Services and will retire from his position as Director of the Department of Building and Development on July 31, 2023.

[00:43:57] Whereas, during his tenure with Loudoun County, Mr. Brewer has demonstrated unwavering leadership in the areas of strategic environmental policy, water and wastewater infrastructure, energy conservation, watershed planning and protection, program auditing, grant management, and customer service.

[00:44:14] Whereas, Mr. Brewer, serving as Director of the Department of Building and Development, provided oversight for land development, planning and engineering, natural resource protection, building code permitting and enforcement, and the Department's business operations. Whereas, as Director of the

Department of Building and Development, he has acknowledged the critical public safety nature of the built environment and the importance it has for those who live and work in our community.

[00:44:39] In everything he has done for the citizens of our community, he has applied the traits of honesty, ethical behavior, and compassionate servant leadership. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors recognizes Alan Brewer for his outstanding service and his retirement as director of the Department of Building and Development.

[00:45:02] Before I let you have some comments, I'm going to put you on the spot. What is your most favorite or important item that you've worked on in your career here? Thank you, Mr. Saines.

[00:45:26] I would say establishing the county's water and wastewater program, how that came about was homes in the county that did not have indoor plumbing, adequate water and sewer systems. Some of you may recall the Willisville project.

[00:45:44] And as a result of identifying that problem, we established that program that you all support. So it helps communities that don't have the basic needs that we all enjoy, most of us enjoy every day. So I think that program had a very significant impact to the community.

[00:46:05] But there are a lot of wonderful opportunities that the county gave me, and I'm very appreciative for that. I just want to thank the board for your support over the years. You've been a very supportive board and Mr. Hemstreet for all the opportunities that you gave me.

[00:46:23] I think it really helped me grow my career. Definitely the staff. I know the board mentions all the time how great the staff is here. 100% agree with that. The best staff in the country, in my opinion. And to my wife and my family for the support that they've given me over the years.

[00:46:42] So thank you. So what's the next chapter for you? This is like fishing, spending time with family, and probably some volunteer work. And, Ma'am, what are you looking forward to with having him now retired?

[00:47:04] I'm not sure. It's an adjustment, right? It is. It is. It'll be an adjustment for him to be around all the time. That's fair. That's fair. But thank you. Thank you. Well, let's get a group picture here.

[00:48:20] Okay.

[00:48:36] We will now be right into closed session for one, two, and three by Vice Chair Umstead this evening.

[00:49:15] I move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to Section 2. 2-3711A8 and A29 to consult with legal counsel and staff pertaining to the negotiation of an agreement pertaining to the Ravana at Innovation Station Development involving the expenditure of public funds where discussion and open session would adversely affect the bargaining position of the county. And this is countywide.

[00:49:44] Closed session number two, which is part of this combined motion, is I move that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed session pursuant to sections 2. 2-3711A8 and 829 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel pertaining to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement where public funds are being expended and where negotiations in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position of the county, countywide. And I further move, closed session number three, that the Board of Supervisors recess this public meeting and enter into closed

session pursuant to section 2.2-3711A3 of the Code of Virginia to consider disposition of a parcel of property in the Algonquian Election District.

[00:50:15] All right, motion made by Supervisor Umstead, second by Supervisor Brisbane to go into closed session for 1, 2, and 3. All in favor, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? All right, motion will pass 8-0-1. Thank you. We're in closed session.

[00:50:29] I move that the closed session.

[02:20:26] Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. We haven't come back yet. All right, back from closed session. I move that the closed session be adjourned, that the Board of Supervisors reconvene its public meeting, that the minutes of the public meeting should reflect that no formal action was taken in the closed session, and further move that the resolution certifying the closed session be adopted and reflected in the minutes of this public meeting all right motion made by supervisor umstead second by supervisor buffington all in favor please say aye aye motion passed 801 chair reno off the dice

[02:21:00] uh please affirm mr letourneau affirm affirm affirm affirm affirm all right thank you and we'll go right into public uh session we have a few speakers sign up while we were in closed session so we'll start with uh those who signed up at first um if you're in the room when i call your name please come down to the podium that's the closest to you uh we have shane crow followed by nicole acosta followed by jennifer montgomery followed by nicole morris go ahead shane good

[02:21:36] evening um i believe over the past few months we've gotten to know each other over these past several public comments. We have some good news to bring from Arlington, but before I get to that, I hope that y'all had a wonderful 4th of July. And with Independence Day still in recent memory, I would like a principle from the Revolution to hover over my testimony that we celebrate the 4th of July in good part because we as Americans rejected the concept of virtual representation proposed by the British government. But now on to Arlington, which made some headwinds here in Virginia as being the first locality to use rank choice voting in an election, in this case a primary, and here are some few takeaways that we have from that. First, the election ran smoothly and Arlington Office of Elections will be

[02:22:16] an invaluable resource to other interested localities. We'd like to give a huge shout out to Gretchen Reinmeyer, Director of Arlington County Elections, for her dedication toward and now success for overseeing the first state-run ranked choice voting election in the history of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Second, the voters in neighboring Arlington understood how to use their ballots. Anecdotal evidence suggests that voters found the process simple and were pleased with their ability to use it. On top of that, there were no ranked choice voting related complaints made to the Department of Elections on election day. Zero. Third, and perhaps most impressive, the results were more representative than they would have been without

[02:22:52] ranked choice voting. Voters were split nearly 50-50 on a current debate in Arlington over residential zoning, which Arlingtonians have dubbed the missing middle issue. The election results revealed that nearly half of the votes in the first round went toward anti-missing missile candidates and nearly the other half went toward pro-missing middle candidates.

[02:23:09] And rank choice voting delivered one candidate from each camp because the candidates of similar ideologies did not split the vote between themselves. Had the counting of the ballots stopped at the first round, which is what the traditional primary system would have done, both seats would have gone

toward the two candidates most critical of the missing middle policies, leaving nearly 50% of Arlingtonians with no representation at all. And fourth, to finish out, the only negative feedback from voters came from after the unofficial results were released on Friday and focused on the more complicated tabulation method needed to run a multi-winner race. These can be alleviated through further

[02:23:45] voter education, but here in Loudoun would not be a factor to consider since our board elects its members through single-winner elections. So I hope these results have been very informative, and I thank you all very much for your time. All right, thank you. Next, we have Ecole Acosta, followed by Jennifer Montgomery, followed by Nicole Morris, followed by Andreas Urab.

[02:24:06] Hi, I'm Nicole Acosta, President and CEO of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. I'm here today to express support for the staff's recommendation and item four regarding the in-med closure to amend eligibility for the ARPA Child Care Fee Reduction Program in a way that would make the families impacted by in-med closure able to utilize those funds for their kids' summer camps.

[02:24:28] When we first received notice of in-med closure four weeks ago, the community foundation served as a convener, bringing together our nonprofits, funders, and the county to work together to make sure that the vulnerable families NMED served don't fall through the cracks. What happened with the suddenness of NMED's closure and the impact it had on the families they served is a sad and truly unfortunate event in our community. But if anything positive came out of this experience, it demonstrated the creativity, nimbleness, and collaborative spirit of our nonprofit community to make sure that we provide for those in need. In less than three weeks, Northern Virginia Family Service created four staff

[02:25:04] positions to hire a group of the laid-off in-med staff so there are some service continuity provided to the families throughout the rest of the summer. To fund that initiative, we formed a funding collaborative between the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, 100 Women Strong, and the Community Foundation to provide \$24,000 in grants to NVFS to pay for those positions. And the Latin Human Services Network wanted to make sure that the families served by Inman knew we were here for them, so they held a family resource fair last week at Women Giving Back. More than 130 families showed up at the fair, and 28 non-profits and county agencies were there to connect with them

[02:25:41] about their services. I want to also thank Megan Cox and the finance and budget team for working with our local non-profits to gather information regarding the child care and summer camp costs needs in order to put this item together so quickly. We've all come together and worked hard over the last three weeks to provide whatever resources we can to fill the gaps for the families this summer. Your approval of the amended child care fee reduction program eligibility requirements would be a significant contribution to that effort. With that, I'll close with two final thoughts. First, this closure really highlighted the need for us to have a bigger conversation regarding the gaps for child care and services for youth

[02:26:18] in our community. And we look forward to working on that together. And second, I'm proud to live and work in a county where our nonprofits, government agencies, and philanthropy all come together when there's a need for the families in our community. Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next is Jennifer Montgomery, followed by Nicole Morris, followed by Andreas Ubray, followed by Kassel Kanser. Hello, Jennifer. Hi. Happy 4th of July. Hello to everyone. My name is Jennifer Montgomery. I am the immediate past chair of the Loudoun Human Services Network and

[02:26:54] I am here this evening to speak on behalf of the network. The LHSN is a coalition of 50 human service non-profits serving the residents of Loudoun County. LHSN is in support of the staff's request to provide an exception to Loudoun County's eligibility criteria for the ARPA Child Care Fee Reduction Program, that's a mouthful, to include low-income families. We've all been very concerned about the families and children who were being served through in-med summer and after-school programming, access to good quality child care is essential for working families. According to the United Way Alice reports, the median yearly cost for school-age child care in Loudoun County

[02:27:33] is around \$9,300 a year. In fact, a recent analysis found that among household costs, including housing, transportation, and groceries, child care prices have historically grown the fastest out of essential household costs, and they're only continuing to grow. As Nicole mentioned, LHSN hosted a successful resource fair last week for the families, and we were really pleased to have several county partners alongside of us, helping to stitch up the hole left in the safety net by NMED's closure. We're grateful to the funders with the community foundation, Hunter Women Strong, Claude Moore, and now we're appealing to the county to help amend the

[02:28:08] eligibility requirements and to supply emergency funds to help support the summer camp and after school needs. No one sector can fully address the child care issue, but by working together in a collaborative multi-sector approach, nonprofits, the government, and the private sector, we can make a difference for the families in Loudoun this summer and beyond. Thank you. Thank you. Next we have Nicole Morris, followed by Andreas Ubra, followed by Kansal Kinser, followed by Taj Bhatt.

[02:28:38] Hi. Good evening, Board of Supervisors. My name is Nicole Morris, and I reside in Sterling. I'm the executive director of Women Giving Back, a nonprofit also located in Sterling. But today I come here on behalf of the Loudoun Human Services Network, where I serve as the vice chair.

[02:28:54] As you heard from my colleagues, Loudoun Human Services Network is a coalition of more than 50 nonprofits committed to serve vulnerable county residents. The closure of InMed was a shock and a loss to the nonprofit community, but also to the Latino community in Sterling and Leesburg.

[02:29:14] Shortly after hearing about the closure of InMed, the Community Foundation of Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties and the Loudoun Human Services Network formed a special task force of service providers and funders to fill the most immediate service gaps for the families that would be impacted by this closure.

[02:29:34] On behalf of the LHSN, I am here to support the staff recommendations on item four to allocate \$200,000 of the ARPA child care fee and also to provide an exception to the eligibility criteria for the in-med families.

[02:29:52] The \$200,000 of ARPA to go toward Northern Virginia Family Services, who has taken on the displaced in-med staff to help with the transition of services for the in-med families. These are staff members that the in-med families have trusted and have developed a relationship with them.

[02:30:13] So this, for Northern Virginia Family Services to take on NMED is a great impact to the Sterling and Leesburg families that they've been supporting all these years. I want to thank the county staff, especially Megan Cox, for turning around this recommendation so quickly and for participating in the meetings as well and really trying to get a good understanding of what the needs are during the last month or so.

[02:30:47] We are so proud of the strong collaborative network of nonprofits that came together, faith-based organizations, and the government partners to ensure that these families are given the services that they need for the summer and beyond. Thank you.

[02:31:03] Thank you. Next we have Andreas Ubra, followed by Kansal Kansara, followed by Taj Bhatt. Hi, everyone. My name is Andres Uribe, and it's an honor to be here. I want to say I appreciate and thank you for considering helping the families of Inman out as well as my fellow staff members.

[02:31:23] To say we were shocked and sad doesn't know just explain our feelings. Every day, we love our job and met and helped the families who depend on us. For weeks, I've been sad and angry, but more than that, determined to make a difference.

[02:31:45] My team of staff never knew or had anything to do with the ending, and we only care about the families. Over the last week, it has been heartwarming to see how many organizations got around us to support us.

[02:32:06] Today, we came back from a full day of camp on the last week's Stafford account and also sold the art for the children this weekend in a winery. The families of Edmet are still the biggest part of my life.

[02:32:24] As a Latino, there is a gap of need in Loudoun County. I love where I live, and I will do anything I need to do to support and keep this family safe and develop to connect to this resource. Thank you so much. Thank you.

[02:32:41] Next we have Kansal Kansara, followed by Taj Bhatt, followed by Vendu Matawan. Good evening, everyone. My name is Kansal Kansara. I live in Leesburg, and I'm here to reiterate the need of cricket grounds considering the growing demand of cricket as a sport.

[02:33:08] Historically speaking, like up until Civil War, and you can search it up on Wikipedia as well, cricket was a pretty popular sport in the United States. And then even George Washington and Abraham Lincoln played or watched the cricket match.

[02:33:25] The first international match was here in the United States. It was played in New York. So fast forward almost 200 years. I moved here. I'm living here since about 17 years, and now our next generation is ready to play cricket.

[02:33:41] We have about 60 adult teams in Loudoun County Cricket League, and we have, practically speaking, two real cricket grounds in the region. The others are hybrid, which are either converted or other sports are being played, and cricket is a second priority.

[02:33:59] So considering 60 teams and not a single youth league here in our county or run by LCCL or PRCS, we do need more cricket grounds. We can have at least another 60 teams just of youth cricket and not counting the adult leagues.

[02:34:21] We had 102 teams registered. Each team has about 30 players. So we have 60 teams out of those 102 teams. we still have about 1,200 players left out who are not playing, and we are not counting youth in this at all.

[02:34:39] If we had the youth league, there would be another 60 teams. Right now, the next generation, speaking of myself, my son plays cricket. He's a 7-year-old, and he loves cricket. We have to travel two hours to Maryland to play the cricket. So if the game is at 9 o'clock, we have to wake up at 6 o'clock or maybe 5 o'clock, at 6 30 and one and a half hour two hour drive to bowie to play cricket for youth and that

those young kids we have to take them to play there and it's not fair to them and that's far that's why we do need more grounds here so our kids can play here thank you for uh giving me a opportunity to

[02:35:17] speak here thank you very much thank you next we have taj but followed by vendu matawan followed by Takar Khalid. Good evening, gentlemen.

[02:35:36] First of all, thank you to the committee for giving me the opportunity to speak here. My name is Taj Bhatt. I am president of American National Cricket League, which is registered in Leedsburg and is a nonprofit organization.

[02:35:53] There's been a lot of talk about cricket ground in Loudoun County, and I think Loudoun County has done a lot of good work in previous years to bring a lot of grounds here. But I think the issue is more than the cricket grounds at this point.

[02:36:14] What I'm trying to do is I will try to explain you a little bit of structure here, what's going on in Loudoun County. And that will slightly explain to you guys, to the committee that why do we need more cricket grounds at this point.

[02:36:31] So right now we have three kinds of crickets which are going on in Loudoun County. One is the tennis ball leagues, then we have youth leagues, and then we have tournaments which are basically done on the weekends or whenever there's no scheduling conflict with the tennis ball leagues and the youth cricket leagues.

[02:36:58] So Loudoun County runs its own tennis ball league, which has about 70 plus teams at this point. And all the grounds which we have right now in Loudoun County, they are pretty much booked up for that league.

[02:37:14] In addition to the tennis ball league and the youth league, there are three additional hardball leagues um which are which are played in the area and that's where um that's where a lot of uh scheduling conflicts are coming up we we the hard for the for the hardball leagues uh county has been unable to give us uh scheduling where we where we can run our leagues uh during the season which starts in april and and sometime in september so um in addition to the grounds we we we county

[02:37:54] does need to figure out a scheduling conflict where they can provide more time to the hardball leagues so they can come in and run their league in Loudoun County. And most of the players for all these three leagues, which are around here, most of the players, they live in Loudoun County area.

[02:38:11] They're in Sterling, Ashburn, and all around the area. Thank you, sir. Your time is up. But if you have more comments, you can please email us or give your comments to the clerk, and we'll get your full comments. So thank you. I'm sorry, yeah, I didn't hear you, sir. Your time is up. Okay. If you have more comments, you can leave them with the clerk or send us an email.

[02:38:29] All right, thank you. Thank you, sir. Thank you. All right, next we have Vandud Matawan, followed by Takir Khalid, and our last speaker, Sadiq Devalad. And forgive me if I'm pronouncing your names incorrectly.

[02:38:45] Good evening. My name is Vinod Motwani. It is a little bit of a tongue twister, I can imagine. And I live in Ashburn, and I play cricket in the Loudoun County Cricket League. Five is the number of cricket fields we have in Loudoun County, of which three are dedicated cricket fields.

[02:39:03] The other two are available for cricket only when other sports like soccer are not being played on them. Zero is the number of batting cages we have available for cricket practice. Sixty is the number of teams that play in the Loudoun County Cricket League, which is an adult league.

[02:39:20] 42 is the number of teams that registered for the fall league of the Loudoun County Cricket League. 42 is the number of teams that will not be able to play in the Loudoun County Cricket League in this fall. Zero is the number of youth teams that play in Loudoun County.

[02:39:36] And 1100 is the number of youth players that played in the Washington Cricket Youth League in 2022, in the fall of 2022. So obviously we need to build more cricket fields. There was a meeting recently in Middleburg, and one of the concerns of the Middleburg residents was that there would be 200 cars per game, and that number is actually inaccurate.

[02:40:01] There are 11 players per team, two teams, that makes it 22 players, two umpires, that's 24 people that go to a game. Assuming no one carpools and everyone drives on their own, that's 24 cars per game.

[02:40:17] Three fields means 72 cars at the most. And we all wish that our spouses and kids would come and watch us play. But they all seem to be happy just to have us out of the house. So we get almost no spectators for any of our games to add to the traffic.

[02:40:37] So the weekend farmer's market, in fact, at Gilbert's Corner attracts a lot more people. And I love that farmer's market. I go there all the time. So hopefully we're not talking about shutting that down because of the traffic issues we have. Just one last thing. We have a lot of baseball fields in Loudoun County.

[02:40:54] If you've been around, especially Brambleton West Park, which is also where the Cricket League actually started in 2009 with five teams. And we've grown to a state where we have 102 teams signing up now. So hopefully, you know, maybe some of those fields can be converted to cricket fields. You know, that would help solve the problem as well, because a lot of those fields I see are not utilized anymore.

[02:41:14] Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you. Next, we have Takir Khalid, followed by Sadiq Trivaldi. Good evening. My name is Taukir Khalid. I live in Breminton, Virginia, and I'm here to kind of talk about the growth of cricket.

[02:41:34] I'm representing the Virginia cricket, which is primarily focused on the youth cricket growth in this Loudoun County area. And again, you know, taking it further, what Vanood just said about the number of teams, number of grounds available and all that kind of a thing.

[02:41:52] I don't want to go into repeating those numbers and figures on the ground, players and all that kind of a thing. What the problem we are facing at this point of time, the lack of fields. In last recent years, Loudoun County went ahead and built a Hanson Park.

[02:42:12] And the, well, how should I put it out there that they end up putting a 12 soccer fields, you know, four baseball diamonds, but only one cricket field. So demographically speaking, there is a huge community from Southeast Asia who born with cricket.

[02:42:34] You know, whenever kids start kind of walking, we end up giving them cricket bat and cricket ball. So it's just like a baseball or American football for our kids. So basing on that, our kids love to play

cricket, what their parents grow up playing and watching on TV and all those kind of things.

[02:42:55] So we are requesting that county to look into it to providing us more cricket field for our youth ahead. I want to bring attention on one of the area where the Loudoun Cricket League started.

[02:43:12] The Loudoun Cricket Country League started with five teams in spring 2009 and games were played on the Breminton West Park baseball fields. LCCL has now grown to 60 teams with 42 teams on a wait list.

[02:43:30] When Bremerton West Park was undergone improvement, we asked if we could get a couple of cricket fields there since the park was historically significant for the cricket league. But PRCS had other plans.

[02:43:47] Can we convert all four of the Bremerton West baseball fields to cricket fields? that would give us four more cricket fields in the Breminton area and preserve the history of Loudoun Cricket County League. Let me finish with this. We need to build more cricket fields in Loudoun County.

[02:44:05] Thank you. Thank you, sir. Appreciate it. Next, we have Sandeep Durrell, who I believe is our last speaker. Good evening, everyone. My name is Sandeep Duwala. I live in Aldi, and I play Loudoun Cricket League.

[02:44:21] So I just want to reiterate what Vinod and Takir has requested about the additional cricket grounds. And I don't want to go with the numbers because we have already talked about it. And there are five is a number of cricket fields in the county, of which only three are dedicated cricket fields.

[02:44:44] And there are 60 teams playing for Loudoun County, and each team has a roster of 25 players. And there are 1,100 number of youth players playing Washington Youth Cricket League. And I have two sons, 11-year-old and a 13-year-old, who play cricket.

[02:45:05] And their dream is to play for USA Cricket team one day. And in Loudoun County, there are three cricket academies training youth kids from five years to 17, 18-year-old. They are all getting trained.

[02:45:22] And they're playing active cricket, but again, they have to travel all the way to Maryland to play their games on the weekends. We do have a couple of beautiful fields in Loudoun County, but they are dedicated to the adult cricket, not for the youth cricket. So what we lack here is dedicated cricket fields, high quality cricket fields for youth cricket, so that they can play, they can continue with their passion, and live the dream of playing for USA cricket one day.

[02:45:52] So I just want to finish and emphasize that we need to build more cricket fields in Lauderdale County. Thank you. Thank you, and thank you to all our speakers who came out and spoke to us today regarding issues that are near and dear to your heart. We really appreciate it. All right, next on our agenda, we have item number four, recommendations to support families displaced by in-med closure.

[02:46:18] Staff, for that item, want to come forward, please? Good evening. All right, want to give us the presentation?

[02:46:41] when you are ready. Well thank you to Vice Chair, excuse me, Vice Chair Sains and members of the board. The purpose of this item is to provide staff recommendations to offer temporary support for the families negatively impacted by the in-med closure. As you are all aware, in-med ceased services on June 7th and has closed its sterling location. This item provides the board two recommendations. The first is to

amend eligibility criteria for the ARPA child care fee reduction program to include families making 80 percent AMI or below and authorize staff to support summer

[02:47:15] camp funding for families negatively impacted by the NMED closure. The second is to reallocate \$102,453.33 from the Human Service Nonprofit Grant Program to Legacy Farms and Independence Center of Northern Virginia. For the summer camp recommendation, the board passed the ARPA a child care fee reduction program on February 21st, 2023, as part of the remaining \$7.5 million allocation from the state and local fiscal recovery funds. Currently, the fund has \$1 million allocated to support families who are in the gap between the 85% state median income, which is the expanded

[02:47:54] child care subsidy program, and 80% area median income in Loudoun County for child care services. Staff recommend that the language approved on February 21st be amended for this one-time use to support the families whose services were displaced as a result of the in-med services session.

[02:48:11] Based on staff's analysis and communication with former in-med staff, multiple nonprofits, and others, we are recommending that \$200,000 be reallocated and distributed to Northern Virginia Family Services to support up to 100 slots for an average of two weeks for summer camp and a small amount to support coordination and registration for families.

[02:48:36] Currently, NVFS is employing four former in-med staff to transition families to other services. And staff have requested a detailed budget from NVFS that outlines the number of slots, weeks, and coordination needed. NVFS will coordinate services in summer camps for the displaced children and work with summer camp providers in cases where additional slots may be required.

[02:48:59] Additional camps or additional camps may need to be set up. There are also bilingual services that may need to be provided for camps that don't have bilingual staff. The Human Service Nonprofit Grant Funding Recommendation is based on the April 18, 2023 board recommendation for funding for the amount of \$102,453.33 to be granted to NMED.

[02:49:25] With the succession of services, NMED's grant is now unallocated. According to the board's approved process of proportional allocation based on application scores, Staff recommend that the next highest-scoring organizations be allocated those funds. Those organizations are Legacy Farms and Independence Center of Northern Virginia.

[02:49:45] The table on page 7 presents those recommended allocations. The recommendation preserves the board's approved process for the Human Service Nonprofit Grant Program and allocates funds according to that process. So with that, we will take any questions.

[02:50:01] Okay, Ms. Brixman. Thank you, Vice Chair Sains. So, this caught my attention, of course, because I've been worried about this issue for a really, really long time. And, you know, that was the reason I brought the child care initiative.

[02:50:20] So, you answered one of my questions. This is just for the first million that we were talking about. That first million, were we thinking it would be expended after the child care needs assessment? So, the first million is allocated, and we are working on a competitive grant program for nonprofits to administer those funds.

[02:50:41] Okay. So you were working on a grant program, so now you're taking \$200,000 out of that grant program. Yes. That's the recommendation. Okay. And another question I had is the programs that are

going to replace the programs that EdMed was offering.

[02:51:00] And by the way, it's heartbreaking that they shut down. Part of my concern when I was reading this was that the families don't have to go all over the county to access services. So I think you're looking at, they were looking at YMCA over there in Great Falls Chase, which sounded good.

[02:51:21] Are families going to have to travel a lot? And then my second question was, will the, excuse me, programming be culturally appropriate with language? And it sounds like you've hired four people at least so that there will be some continuity in the language and the cultural sensitivity to the patrons.

[02:51:45] But are they going to have to be driving all over to access services? So I can answer the first question. As a result of the task force meetings for the nonprofits hosted by LHSN, we are working with the YMCA to secure and other organizations.

[02:52:02] but specifically they are mentioned in the item for locations that are closest to Sterling. So the transportation will be less of an issue. Okay, all right, that's really good to hear. And then we're allocating some funds now that won't be allocated to them through our grant process.

[02:52:23] That's about \$102,000, I think you said. Why can that not be used to plug the holes in the sinking ship? I have a feeling it's because of our grant process rules. Yes. So with our grant process, because it was a competitive application process, our recommendation would be to go to the next highest scoring eligible organization.

[02:52:50] Okay. And then do we have any other unallocated funds because NMED has closed down? Were there any other unallocated funds that weren't spent that are going to be coming back to the county that we'll have to reallocate? so we are working with the county attorney's office on that and we have not discovered that there are any funds that we would receive back as a result of in meds closure most of the funds were expended okay and we are working with the county attorney's office on that okay all right

[02:53:24] um i i'm supportive of this obviously i mean we have to put out the fire and keep the boat afloat I'm going to have a motion after this motion so that staff can go look at a way to replenish that one million for the grant process because I believe that the ARPA funds well I can say this in my motion but we're not progressing if we're just plugging holes in a ship right so I want to keep that money there to for the progress thank you okay thank you Ms. Umstead thank you and thank

[02:54:00] you for coming up with a solution um i'd like to follow up the one supervisor brisbane's question about um expended funds you said that the funds that had been allocated or given to in med had been expended you did not say whether it was in compliance with the original source requirements the federal requirements is that something the county attorney is looking into uh we are looking

[02:54:35] into that but according to staff reports and communication logs the um in med is is fully compliant with the federal arpa regulations and they have expended the fiscal year 23 allocation without receiving the 24 allocation very good thank you okay thank you all right seeing no other comments well actually I have one you know this is kind of a hard hard one but you never foresee when somebody will close their doors but is there any

[02:55:10] mechanism that staff is thinking about or procedures to maybe try to prevent something like this or get a more heads up if something like this was to happen again where an organization closed doors

right away I'm part of our goal and we have this with the human services nonprofit grant program is to ensure that the county is not providing more than 30% of an organization's operating costs.

[02:55:36] So we want to make sure that we incorporate that with all of our grant programs, inclusive of any type of additional CDBG, ARPA funding, and so forth. Okay, and do we have any more details to share about what happened here in this case?

[02:55:54] No, we don't. The only information that we have relative to their closure is basically what they stated, And it was due to financial reasons. Yes, go ahead, Mr. Buffington. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[02:56:10] The reason I ask is because you just mentioned that 30%. Currently, are we providing more than that? Is this going to be a huge change going forward? No, for our human services nonprofit grant process, that requirement is already there.

[02:56:26] Okay. We want to make sure that we include that for inclusive of all different grant programs that we administer. Thanks. Okay. Seeing no other commentary, I will go ahead and read the motion. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve amended eligibility criteria for the ARPA Child Care Fee Reduction Program to include families making 80% AMI or below and authorized staff to support summer camp funding for families negatively impacted by NMAC closure.

[02:56:53] I further move that the Board of Supervisors approve the reallocation of \$102,453. 33 from the Human Services Nonprofit Grant Program to increase Legacy Farmers Grant funding by \$35,760 and fund Independent Center of Northern Virginia Incorporated the amount of and \$66,693. 33.

[02:57:24] All right, motion made by myself, seconded by Supervisor Umstead. No questions, no commentary. All in favor of the motion, please say aye. Aye. Any opposed? Motion passes 8-0-1 with Chair Randall absent. Thank you, and I believe, Ms. Brisbane, you have a motion?

[02:57:40] I do. Thank you, Vice Chair Sains. I move that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to evaluate the need to replenish funds reallocated from the ARPA Child Care Fee Reduction Program and include this as part of the discussion of the FY 2023 fund balance.

[02:57:59] Motion made by Supervisor Brissman, second by Supervisor Umstead, Ms. Brissman. Thank you. So as I started to say earlier, we absolutely need to work on affordable, quality, reliable childcare for all of our families in the county.

[02:58:18] And what this motion does is it puts back the money, hopefully later. We'll have to vote on it again when staff comes back with a solution to put that \$200,000 back into the fee reduction program. The idea behind the initiative that I put together for the ARPA funds and with NACO was to have progress on child care, not to put out fires.

[02:58:44] And I believe that is the reason the Biden administration put that provision in the ARPA funding. so that we could do pilot programs and think of creative ways to help our families get back to work. And I've probably said this a million times, but two-thirds of the people who lost their jobs during COVID were women, mainly because of child care issues. Child care now costs more than college every year. We rely on our school system instead of quality child care. We patch it together with our families. Um, we have a lot of women who aren't in the workforce because they don't have

[02:59:24] affordable quality, reliable childcare. So it is an issue that hopefully we are all now well aware of. And, um, I look forward to staff coming provided that my colleagues agree. Um, I look forward to staff

coming back to, uh, tell us how to replenish that million dollar fund because my heart broke a little bit when this money was coming out of it um so i you know i'm not saying we don't need to obviously i voted yes we need to do this those families need the support but um

[02:59:54] i'd like to see the program funded as it was originally proposed thank you all in favor please say aye aye any opposed motion passed 801 01 with chair ran off the dice i believe that is our last action item of this evening.

[03:00:16] Thank you. So now we'll go into board comments and disclosures. Supervisor Letourneau. Thank you, Chair Sains. Disclosures on June 26th, my staff met with Mark Baker of Bowman and David Buxbaum of TA Realty to discuss ZCPA 2022-0011 Loudoun West. In terms of regional updates, I'm sure you saw Metro's fiscal cliff discussion that I kind of previewed last time we were here. We've since rolled all that information out. I think at some

[03:00:51] point we may want to have a full kind of board discussion about this so everybody can be fully aware of it, but essentially it's a \$750 million fiscal cliff. It rises to about a billion dollars. One interesting piece of it is that at the beginning of COVID, due to the uncertainty that all the governments had and the fact that Metro was receiving assistance, we saw much less ridership, We actually provided relief on the subsidy that each jurisdiction paid.

[03:01:22] So that total amount equals about \$200 million of the \$750 million fiscal cliff. And it did result in us accelerating that cliff a little bit more. So we've certainly begun working on this problem.

[03:01:40] Surveyser Turner, I don't know if you're planning on attending to VTC, but Randy Clark's going to be there tomorrow night for a pretty robust discussion on this. and I'm sure he's going to make his way through the region and have engagement with all the different board members, but I'm happy to talk to everybody here about all of that.

[03:01:56] And finally, we definitely do need more cricket pitches. I've had some discussions with Steve Torpy about it. Obviously, I'm aware of the discussion happening regarding one particular location, but it's a broader problem. It is not just cricket.

[03:02:12] We also have shortages of other sports as well, and there is a need even for baseball fields in the part of the county that was being discussed, especially in the spring season. So it's across the board. Hopefully we can address that.

[03:02:28] I think it's only in recent times that we've even begun building cricket fields here, and we definitely should and should look for some ways to do that. I have a few ideas of some property that maybe we can pursue. So just wanted to acknowledge the speakers on that topic.

[03:02:46] And speaking of child care, I'm going to go relieve my wife from picking up a kid since we're ending early. So, I mean, no disrespect to anybody, but I'm going to head out. All right. Thank you. Ms. Glass. Thank you, Vice Chair Sains. I have one disclosure.

[03:03:03] On Monday, June 26th, I met with Matt Holbrook of St. John's Properties to discuss the Ashburn Crossing development for a regional update. attended NVRC on June 22nd and we had as one of the presenters our own buddy riser who is the who's the chair of North Virginia educate at economic development Alliance and he had discussed the role of EDA for Northern

[03:03:36] Virginia and actually their budget is \$250,000. So different localities give the money and so what the purpose is is that Northern Virginia competes with other regions of the country regarding economic development and we are trying to bring in our businesses here and so that is a way that they do it, that they all work together so that we can have a better economy in our region.

[03:04:09] So it was very informative. I also went to the Anasuda Community Kitchens at Dulles Town Center where they had a ribbon cutting. I'm excited that this nonprofit will serve as a resource to those who are in need of food. It was just a wonderful event and glad to be a part of that.

[03:04:45] Last week also held two town hall meetings for Ashburn Village and Ashby Ponds. I had really good discussions with the communities about their issues and we discussed the different projects that were going around in their areas.

[03:05:02] And I received a lot of feedback from the community. And that's it. Thank you. Mr. Kusher. Thank you, Chair. In terms of mandatory disclosures, on June 15th, I met with Mark Baker and David Buxbaum about the Loudon West application.

[03:05:19] And on June 22nd, I met with Walsh Kalushi about the Hidden Wood Assemblage rezoning application. I just want to wish everybody back from a great holiday weekend. And I thought I'd share just a little bit of history, a little quote from John Adams. It was on July 3rd, 1917, excuse me, 1776.

[03:05:38] He wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail, telling her that our new nation has finally declared its independence. As he discussed the significance of the event, he said the following, I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.

[03:05:55] It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore.

[03:06:13] You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost us to maintain this declaration and support and defend these states.

[03:06:29] Yet through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that end is more than worth all the means. And that posterity will triumph in the day's transaction, even although we should rue it, which I trust in God we shall not.

[03:06:50] I remember these words as I walked along the multiple parades that I went to this past weekend, the last two weeks actually, both, and was able to attend a number of fireworks displays and met with a lot of different constituents and a lot of folks and made me really proud to be in Lyon County and to be an American.

[03:07:10] Okay, thank you. Ms. Amstead. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm just going to limit it to disclosures. I have one required disclosure. I had a June 28th meeting about the Hiddenwood assemblage rezoning with Mike Romeo of Walsh-Colucci and a group of Hiddenwood residents.

[03:07:32] And that is all. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Buffington. No required disclosures and no comments. Okay, thank you. Ms. Prisman. Thank you, Vice Chair Sains. By way of disclosures, I ran into Colleen Gillis and Mike Majestic on June 27th. I had a few light conversation about Cascades Marketplace.

[03:07:55] I also had a call with Mike Majestic from Willard Retail on June 23rd about Cascades Marketplace application. I attended the National Association of Counties, Healthy Counties Advisory Board, where we talked about housing as a health care issue.

[03:08:13] We kicked off the Algonquian Parkway Multimodal Feasibility Study over at DTCL, and it was amazing. Parks and Rec was there. We had some community stakeholders there, including Bike Loudon.

[03:08:31] We had the consultant there that's getting to work on the study, and VDOT was there, so it was really, really fruitful, and once again, I left there thinking how awesome our staff is and how we're going to get the job done right, even if it takes longer than we often would like, but it's going to get done right, and I'm really excited about moving forward with that.

[03:08:53] I had a town hall last week, a community dialogue to combat hate with the NAACP and ADL of Washington, D. C. , and we had conversations about threats, intimidation, racist, anti-Semitic hate speech, flyers, all of the above.

[03:09:16] Christian Yohannes from the NAACP is a young man and shared with us his experience in Loudoun County Public Schools, which right now are experiencing a higher rate of hate speech. One thing that stuck with me about the conversation was that ADL tracks these things and they know for a fact that the speech leads to violence. The spraying of swastikas on community infrastructure leads to violence. The leafletting from the KKK eventually leads to violence.

[03:09:57] So it was a very moving conversation with the community, and I recommend anyone going to their websites. I think I put it in my newsletter last week if you are interested in seeking out more information. Had a great time yesterday at Claude Moore Park. Again, Parks and Recs knocked it out of the park no pun intended but um the event was fantastic um got to talk with some of the park managers and you know there was great food trucks and two stages and a band and it was really the place was filling up by 11 a.m um so that was really fantastic um lastly i had the opportunity

[03:10:35] to sit in for chair randall at the um cog board of trade meeting um recently and of course we talked about metro at length um it was it's cog members and then and then leaders in in businesses and there were some large business businesses represented there so we had long discussion about metro but then we also had a discussion about safety and also about about guns and the lead business leaders also agreed that we have an issue with gun violence in our nation and i asked

[03:11:12] the business leaders, could you, even if you don't talk about legislation, even if you don't talk about an assault weapons ban, could you put out a statement from your business that you are also concerned just about the gun violence in general? Because you just said it, they just said it right there at the table. They're also concerned about it. So we'll see. We'll see if that happens. I just hope it happens because it is an economic issue, right? It's an economic issue, if you have a lot of gun violence in certain areas, then businesses aren't going to want to

[03:11:48] locate there. Employees aren't going to want to live there. And it's a health care issue, and obviously it's a safety issue. On that note, so far this year, we've had 356 mass shootings, a couple over July 4th weekend, I'm sure you heard. We've had 21,932 total gun deaths, 9,656 were homicide.

[03:12:13] 12,276 were suicide. This includes 142 children under the age of 11 and 776 between the ages of 12 and 17. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Turner.

[03:12:29] Thank you, Mr. Chair. On Thursday, June 22nd, my staff met with Colleen Gillis from Cooley LLP to discuss the application for North Star Square. On Thursday, June 29th, my staff and I met with Colleen Gillis and Molly Novotny from Cooley LLP as well as Angela Rassus and Eric Anderson from Toll Brothers to discuss the application for North Star.

[03:12:49] Later that day, my staff met with Ron Meyer from RMA LLC to discuss the application for Belmont Innovation Campus. Just one interesting note, I read the declaration, or one of the supervisors read the Declaration of Independence yesterday on the Leesburg Courthouse, and one of the sponsors said that the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in the United States after it was passed was on August 12th in 1776 from the steps of the Leesburg Courthouse, which I thought was pretty interesting.

[03:13:20] That's all I have. Thank you, Mr. Chair. All right, thank you. Mandatory disclosures. My staff and I met with representatives from Walsh Colucci and the residents of the Hiddenwood Assemblage for their application on June 26.

[03:13:38] And on June 28th, my staff and I met with the Loudon West applicants for their application that will be coming in front of us shortly. And as I always say, thank you to those who took the time to come and speak to us about the issues that are pressing and near and dear to your heart.

[03:13:53] You could have been anywhere else with us, but you chose to be with us for those brief moments. We really do appreciate it. And that is all I have for today. So with that, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.



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