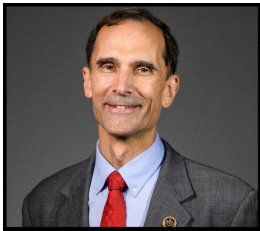


June 25, 2019

BOS BRIEF

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Tuesday's Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting opened with a rousing performance by the **U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps**. This presentation marked the Board's designation of June 22 - 29, 2019, as **Army Week** in the County. The relationship between the U.S. Army and Fairfax County is **important and integral to both organizations**, and it has been a pleasure to **collaborate with Garrison Commander Col. Michael Greenberg**. As the **largest employer** in the County, **Fort Belvoir is a valuable partner** to the Mount Vernon District. In addition to being a good neighbor, Fort Belvoir provides a **large community hospital**, the location for the **Eleanor Kennedy Shelter**, and we look forward to the opening of the **National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) in 2020**. As we continue to look for ways for the **community, County and Garrison** to work together, **Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSA)** are one way we can do this and also **increase support for local businesses**. A **special thank you to all who serve**, and their families who support them.

The Board recognized the **50th Anniversary of the Fairfax County History Commission** and received its [Annual Report](#). The Mount Vernon District is well represented on the Commission by local historians and residents **Glenn Fatzinger, Sallie Lyons and Anne Barnes**. These individuals also serve the District and preserve our history through the **Mount Vernon History Commission**. Among other things, the Commission regularly hosts historic events, including "**Historic Huntley**" this **Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 2 - 4 p.m.** [More information...](#)



The BOS also recognized **Charles "Chuck" Murray** for his years of service as General Manager of the **Fairfax Water Authority**. Not only is Chuck **nationally known** throughout the water industry, but he is largely responsible for the **Vulcan Quarry project** which has assured a **quality water supply for the County** into the next century. Chuck led the **10 year process** and oversaw the many varied details to bring this **complex project to fruition**.

During the meeting, the Board approved a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC)**. The MOU includes two substantive changes:

- SFDC will **promote development opportunities** along the Richmond Highway Corridor, with particular emphasis on those areas being **incentivized for reinvestment and economic growth**.
- SFDC will pursue the **attraction of new businesses** to the Corridor, especially retail supportive of new development, and actively work to **promote and retain existing businesses**.

Their efforts, along with **many other partners**, are key to the **redevelopment of Richmond Highway** as part of the Embark Plan.

The Board authorized the **Fall 2019 Fairfax County School Bond Referendum** totaling \$360M in school improvements. Three schools in our area will benefit from this funding - **West Potomac HS, Hybla Valley ES and Washington Mill ES**. Addressing the

overcrowding issues at our schools is crucial to a quality education for our children, however, **I am not supportive of making our large schools even larger.** I urge the School Board to look at **redrawing school boundaries or adding new schools** to address these overcrowding issues. **I strongly support** the School Bond Referendum and I ask that you **vote** in favor of it this fall so that we can continue to **improve our school structures.**

Top 5 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. 2019 School Bond Referendum supports improvements to **West Potomac HS, Hybla Valley ES and Washington Mill ES.**
2. Approved MOU with the **Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC).**
3. Approved adding **Civil Penalties for violations** of the Tree Conservation Ordinance.
4. Relaxed restrictions on **Farmers Markets, community gardens and residential gardens.**
5. County entered agreement to **test autonomous vehicles** in the Mosaic District.

Respectfully yours in public service,



Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events and important information** in the District!

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors June 25, 2019 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

The Board also recognized and designated:



June 22 - 29, 2019 as Army Week



July 2019 as Parks and Recreation Month



Recognized the Business Emergency Operations Council and designated September 2019 as Preparedness Month

Administrative Items

Admin 6: Approved an **extension of the review period** for the **Mount Vernon RECenter**. This is an **administrative action** as more time is needed for a full review of the project. *The full item can be read on pages 135 - 136 of the Board Package.*

The Board authorized public hearings:

- To acquire land for **sidewalks, crosswalks and curbs along Quander Road** from West Potomac High School to Emmett Drive. The **Board hearing** will be held on **July 30, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 39 - 42 of the Board Package.*
- To acquire land for an **eastbound left-turn lane on Silverbrook Road at Southrun Road**. The **Board hearing** will be held on **July 30, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 43 - 46 of the Board Package.*
- Proposed amendments to **change the department name** from "Department of Planning and Zoning" or the "Office of Comprehensive Planning" to "**Department of Planning and Development**" in several chapters of the County Code. The **Planning Commission hearing** will be held on **July 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.** The **Board hearing** will be held on **July 30, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 137 - 148 of the Board Package.*
- Proposed amendments to the provisions related to long-term maintenance of **stormwater management facilities, illicit discharges and enforcement** in the [Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance](#) and [Stormwater Management Ordinance](#). This is largely administrative, but also allows **violations to be processed more expeditiously**. The **Planning Commission hearing** will be held on **July 24, 2019**. The **Board hearing** will be held on **September 24, 2019**. *The full item can be read on pages 153 - 155 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Action 2: Approved a four year **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC)**. The MOU which will be in effect until June 30, 2023, includes **two substantive changes**:

- SFDC will **promote development opportunities** along the Richmond Highway Corridor, with particular emphasis on those areas being **incentivized for reinvestment and economic growth**.
- SFDC will pursue the **attraction of new businesses** to the Corridor, especially retail supportive of new development, and actively work to **promote and retain existing businesses**.

The full item can be read on pages 163 - 169 of the Board Package.

Action 4: Authorized the **Fall 2019 Fairfax County School Bond Referendum** totaling \$360M in school improvements for the **November 5, 2019 general election**. Three schools in our area will benefit from this funding - **West Potomac HS, Hybla Valley ES and Washington Mill ES**. *The full item can be read on pages 200 - 207 of the Board Package.*

Action 5: Approved the **FY 2021 and FY 2022 updated funding categories** for the **Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP)**, including adding a **Food and Nutrition category** to encompass a more holistic view of needs within the County's food system. *The full item can be read on pages 208 - 214 of the Board Package.*

Action 13: Authorized the Department of Transportation to apply for a **\$25 million federal grant** for the **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project**. Based on the funds approved by the Commonwealth last week, the **BRT now has half of its funding secured**. *The full item can be read on pages 298 - 301 of the Board Package.*

Action 14: Approved the Department of Transportation to sign standard project agreements with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), to include funding for the **widening of Richmond Highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road**. *The full item can be read on pages 302 - 396 of the Board Package.*

Action 14: Approved the authorization process for a **non-public safety agency to operate an unmanned aircraft** system under the [Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft System Program](#). *The full item can be read on pages 397 - 453 of the Board Package.*

Public Hearings

Virginia Department of Transportation Six-Year Secondary System Construction Program for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2025 and FY 2020 Budget

Approved the **Virginia Department of Transportation's Six-Year Secondary System Construction Program** for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2025.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Community Gardens, Farmers Markets, Gardening as an Accessory Use and Related Changes

Approved a zoning ordinance amendment to **expand the locations** for **community gardens, farmers markets and home gardens**.

Amendment to the Fairfax County Tree Conservation Ordinance to Add Civil Penalties and Other Changes

Approved an amendment to the **County Tree Conservation Ordinance** to permit the imposition of **civil penalties for violations** of the Ordinance, in the same way civil penalties are imposed for violations of zoning ordinances.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Approved an amendment to the **County Zoning Ordinance** to make several minor revisions, including permitting a **solar collection system as an accessory use** to any residential or non-residential structure and clarification of **items that can be sold at a garage/yard sale**.

Amendments to the County Code: Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Approved housekeeping changes to the County Code on motor vehicles and traffic, including **prohibiting the use of handheld devices** while driving in a **highway work zone**, punishable by a **\$250 fine**.

Amendments to the Police Officers Retirement System Ordinance

Approved amendments to the **Fairfax County Police Officers Retirement System** regarding **spousal options**.

Alterations to the Following Small and Local Sanitary District for the De-Creation/Re-Creation of Small and Local Sanitary Districts of Vacuum Leaf Collection Service

The public hearing on changes to small and local sanitary districts for **refuse/recycling** and/or **vacuum leaf collection services** was **deferred to July 16, 2019**. This will impact residents in the **Marthas Road area**, from whom we have received a petition to stop leaf collection services. A survey of the community shows 67% in favor of stopping services. To share your opinion, whether pro or con, [testify at the public hearing](#) or [submit written testimony](#).

District Information & Upcoming Events

Free Summer Meals for Kids

Now that school is out of session, the nearly 30% of Fairfax County students who receive **free and reduced price lunches** during the school day can find a **free, nutritious meal** at a number of locations including **select schools and community centers** from **June 17 through Aug. 23**. Meal services (breakfast and/or lunch), service hours and eligibility may vary depending on the location. All meals will be served at **no cost to all children under 18** without discrimination. [Learn more...](#)

Workhouse Fireworks
Saturday, June 29, 5 p.m.
Workhouse Arts Center

This Saturday, Workhouse Fireworks will race skyward and **illuminate the Northern Virginia landscape** in an expertly-choreographed display of **pyrotechnic light and thunder**. Launched from the historic, 55-acre campus, one of the **region's largest pre-Independence Day fireworks show** celebrates the history of this amazing nation and honors the courage and sacrifice that have made America a **beacon of hope and freedom** around the world. A **nearly 30-minute fireworks show** follows our Rizer Pavilion musical performance by the [US NAVY BAND SEA CHANTERS](#) and will dazzle visitors with an incredible display of **vibrant colors, bright lights, and ground-shaking explosions**. [Read more...](#)

The Workhouse is looking for volunteers to help with the Fireworks Celebration! Volunteers get a **free t-shirt and free parking** to see the Fireworks. Per vehicle charge for the Fireworks is \$30 at the door, \$25 online in advance. [Sign up here...](#)

CANCELLED: Lorton July 4 Parafest

Events:

- [Summer Library Events](#)
- [June Arts Events](#)
- [Farmers Markets](#)
- [Mount Vernon Nights FREE Public Concert Series](#)
- June 29: [Historic Huntley](#) - 2 p.m.
- June 29: [Workhouse Fireworks](#) - 5 p.m.
- July 4: [Special Declaration of Independence Reading in Historic Pohick Church](#) - noon
- July 6: [South County Office of Elections Satellite Service](#) - 10 a.m.
- July 9: [South County Federation Meeting](#) - 7:30 pm.
- July 13: [Kingstowne Library 2nd Saturday Book Sale](#) - 10 a.m.
- [And more...](#)

A poster for a Disability Inclusion Conference. The background is a dark, blurred image of a large indoor event space with many people. In the top left corner, a light blue box contains the text 'JUNE 29, 2019'. Below this, the text 'INCLUDING ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN COMMUNITY LIFE' is written in white. The main title 'DISABILITY INCLUSION CONFERENCE' is in large, bold, white letters. Below the title, it says 'Come discuss inclusive employment, creative housing initiatives, social opportunities and more! Coffee and light breakfast provided'. At the bottom, the location '12000 GOVERNMENT CENTER PKWY FAIRFAX, VA 22035' and time '8:30AM - 12:30PM' are listed. There are two logos: the Fairfax County logo on the left and 'The Arc Northern Virginia' logo on the right. At the very bottom, it says 'Hosted by The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors & The Arc of Northern Virginia' and 'For ADA accommodations, please call 703-324-2321 TTY 711'.

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