

July 27, 2021



This week's Board meeting was a busy one. We recognized those who have **passed away in our community**, as well as **celebrating major anniversaries**; approved acceptance of **grant funding for electric busses** and a project funding agreement to **build a new CSX Railroad Bridge at Richmond Highway**, endorsed recommendations from the **Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways Study** and held public hearings on **two District SSPA projects**, to name a few. **More information** about Board actions can be found

below.

The Board endorsed **Preliminary Design Plans** for the community-supported 6 travel lanes, 2 BRT lanes, bike and pedestrian trails for the **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project**. However, the Board identified that the **proposed intersection designs were not acceptable**. As we have discussed and I have advocated for many years, **Richmond Highway is our "Main Street"** and must be designed and built to **support our residents, businesses and communities**. I am committed, as I know you are, to making sure that it is **designed and built right**. I will **continue our community engagements** with VDOT and FCDOT until it is. In the Action Item below, you can read the **exemptions that were included in this endorsement**. [Watch my comments to the Board...](#)

Sadly, this past weekend, the body of **Lorton resident Emily Lu** was found in the Laurel Hill area. **Brian George Sayrs Jr.**, 25, of Woodbridge, was charged with second degree murder and felony concealment of a body. He is **being held at the Adult Detention Center without bond**. Sayrs Jr. was a **tenant at Ms. Lu's home** at the time of her disappearance. Jennifer Ball, Ms. Lu's only daughter, described her mother as a **"very giving and kind" person**. Ms. Lu was originally from Taiwan, but had lived in Fairfax County for **more than 30 years**. She worked in **computer science** before retiring. After retirement, Ms. Lu worked at the Home Instead Senior Care in Annandale, **helping elderly clients through the pandemic**. We are all **very grateful to the Fairfax County Police (FCPD)** for their persistence and outstanding work in tracking down the case leads, identifying a suspect and **ultimately getting a confession**. FCPD's Major Crimes Bureau, with your help, has been **highly successful in solving and arresting** these perpetrators.

We also recently lost **beloved Mount Vernon resident Dr. Douthard R. Butler**. Dr. Butler had an especially accomplished career. He **retired from the US Army** in 1985 as a Colonel with a wide range of experience in executive planning management and general administration. He was a **past president of the Mount Vernon Rotary Club** and has held various leadership responsibilities with the District and Rotary Foundation. Dr. Butler earned his public administration doctorate from **George Mason University** in 1992 and taught there as an **Adjunct Professor in the School of Policy, Public and International Affairs**, and served as the **Associate Athletic Director for Community Relations** until his retirement in February 2017. He was also a **former member of the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber**, which said, "His recognitions and awards are too numerous to list and reflect a **lifetime of service and commitment**."



Additional Meeting Highlights:

1. Advertised public hearings for the **FY 2021 Carryover Review** and a **Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance**. [Learn more...](#)
2. Extended approvals for **temporary outdoor dining and fitness activities** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Deferred the decision on the zoning ordinance amendment with regard to **revisions to state code re: HODs and River Farm**. Read more about this below.
4. The Board appointed **Christina Jackson** as [Fairfax County's Chief Financial Officer](#), effective Monday, September 13.

The Board also recognized **Ourisman Automotive of Virginia for their 100th Anniversary** and **Walt Whitman Middle School for its 60th Anniversary**.

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,



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

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors July 27, 2021 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.

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To view the July 27, 2021 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 13: Approved acceptance of **grant funding** for the **Department of Family Services** for the Return to Earn Grant Program to **help Virginians transition back to work**. These funds will be used to help **bring unemployed workers back into the workforce** while also helping employers fill vacant jobs.

Item 16: Approved acceptance of **grant funding** for the Health Department to implement **"The Stronger Partnership, Stronger Community: Using Health Literacy to Increase Resilience (Stronger2)"** program. This funding will help **increase vaccination uptake** as well as build capacity in culturally appropriate **health literacy programs and practices** among providers and community-based organizations which will **facilitate systemic changes** over time in the **County's healthcare delivery system**.

Item 17: Approved acceptance of **grant funding** for the purchase of **four electric transit busses and three charging stations** for the West Ox Road Bus Garage. The grant funding will cover **75% of the cost** for these purchases. The vehicles are the **first zero emission buses for the Fairfax Connector**. It is expected that FCDOT will put the buses in service in **late 2022**.

Authorized public hearings on:

- Amending County Code to add protections that explicitly **prohibit discrimination** in public employment **based upon military status**. Public hearing will be **September 14, at 4:30 p.m.**
- Amending County Code **anti-discrimination and fair housing statutes** to change "status as a veteran" to **"military status" as a protected class**, as well as adding language making clear that **requests for accessible parking** are to be treated as requests for a reasonable accommodation. Public hearing will be **September 14, at**

4:00 p.m.

- County and Schools' **FY 2021 Carryover Review** to Amend the Appropriation Level in the **FY 2022 Revised Budget Plan**. Public hearing will be **October 5, at 10:30 a.m.** [Learn more...](#)
- Establishing a **Disposable Plastic Bag Tax**. Public hearing will be **September 14, at 4:30 p.m.** [Learn more...](#)

Action Items

Item 1: Approved a plain language **explanatory statement** for the **2021 School Bond Referendum** for improvements to public schools, planned to be held in conjunction with the November general election. Besides English, the **County translates** these statements into **Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean**. *The full item can be read on pages 281 - 285 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Approved a **project funding agreement** for the **CSX Railroad at Richmond Highway Improvement Project**. As a part of the effort to **improve Richmond Highway** from I-495 to Prince William County, this project **lowers Richmond Highway and increases the bridge span** to eventually accommodate **six travel lanes, Bus Rapid Transit, as well as bike and pedestrian facilities**. The estimated cost of the project is **\$49.2 million**. The County share of the cost is **26 percent, or \$12,792,000**. *The full item can be read on pages 310 - 317 of the Board Package.*

Item 10: Endorsed the **recommendations proposed** as part of the **Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and LongTerm Planning Study** and authorized a **Comprehensive Plan amendment** to incorporate those recommendations into the Transportation Plan Map and Area Transportation Plan maps and text. *The full item can be read on pages 780 - 796 of the Board Package.*

Item 12: Approved the **expenditure of \$10,000,000** of ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds; and authorized the County Executive to administer the **Active and Thriving Community Grants Program** to meet program objectives. This grant program was developed to help address and mitigate the **negative economic impacts of the COVID-19** public health emergency on **small businesses and community-based organizations**. The specific small business and non-profit sectors are: **Child care programs** (center based and family child care); **Community-based organizations** providing key health and human services; **Youth programs** in athletic organizations; **Out-of-school time programs** for youth grades K-12; and **Outdoor community pools** owned by Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations, and Apartments/Condominiums, as well as community membership-based pools. *The full item can be read on pages 808 - 820 of the Board Package.*

Item 13: Authorized the Department of Transportation to apply for **funding in the amount of \$3.2 million** and adopted the project endorsement resolution for **VDOT's FY 2023-2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funding Program**. Four projects are included in this request, including an **\$800,000 grant request for Mason Neck Trail (Pohick Bay Park Entrance to Route 1)**. *The full item can be read on pages 821 - 826 of the Board Package.*

Item 14: Approved an addition to Action Item No. 17 in the 2016 establishment the **Police Civilian Review Panel**, and approved a related amendment to the Panel's Bylaws to **authorize the appointment of an Executive Director for the Panel**. The Executive Director will **report directly to the Board of Supervisors**. Among other duties as assigned, the Executive Director will **review and summarize Police Department investigations** before the Panel commences its review. Further, the Executive Director will **provide administrative support** for the Panel's work. *The full item can be read on pages 827 - 845 of the Board Package.*

Item 15: Endorsed **Preliminary Design Plans** (currently at 30% design completion) for the 7.4 mile **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project** from the Huntington Metrorail Station to Fort Belvoir. The County Executive's recommendation for this item was to endorse the preliminary design plans for the typical BRT cross-section indicated in Attachment 1 of the Board item in the Board Package. It also authorized the Director of FCDOT to transmit the Board's endorsement to VDOT, with the following exceptions:

- In conjunction with VDOT, continue to **evaluate if the proposed extra turn lanes** (above and beyond the typical BRT section, see Attachment 1) at the **following locations are necessary**: Shields Avenue/North and South Highway/Fuhrman Lane, Southgate Drive, Beacon Hill Road, Memorial Street, Arlington Drive, Boswell Avenue,

- Sherwood Hall Lane, Ladson Lane, Buckman Road/Mt. Vernon Highway, Sacramento Drive/Cooper Road and Jeff Todd Way/Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway.
- Direct staff to **return to the Richmond Highway BRT Executive Committee** with additional information regarding the above listed intersections and **obtain their approval before finalizing the BRT design.**
 - Continue to **work with Dominion Power and Woodlawn Plantation** to minimize impacts to the plantation property.
 - **Incorporate the design refinements** under evaluation for **Boswell Avenue** as presented on the June 30, 2021, virtual meeting.
 - Continue to work with VDOT on the **corridor-wide speed study** to evaluate **lowering of the speed** on Richmond Highway from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles. Lowering the speed limit **may impact certain design issues**, including the need for **Federally mandated sound walls**; and
 - Recognizing that community organizations are opposed to any Federally mandated sound walls, **if noise mitigation measures are required**, such as sound walls, and supported by the affected property owners and residents, staff will continue to work on the **design details of the sound walls to minimize the aesthetic impacts** of the walls.

Many of these items **address the concerns** brought up by the MVCCA, Gum Springs, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber and other neighborhood associations **regarding the amount of turn lanes proposed in the VDOT design.** The County Executive's recommendation **provides flexibility** to continue to refine project design to reduce turn lanes and minimize impacts. *The full item can be read on pages 846 - 855 of the Board Package.*

Supervisor Storck Board Matters

Proclamation Recognizing Walt Whitman Middle School for 60th Anniversary - Jointly with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Rodney Lusk

Walt Whitman Middle School **opened on September 5, 1961** with an enrollment of 1,066 students at the **site on Old Mount Vernon Road** that is now Mount Vernon High School. In 1973, it was decided this location would be better for Mount Vernon High School, so **Whitman traded places with the high school**, moving to the Richmond Highway location that is now known as **Original Mount Vernon High School.** With the closing of Fort Hunt High School and the merger of Stephen Foster and Bryant Intermediate Schools **in 1985**, Whitman was moved again to its **present location on Sherwood Hall Lane.**

When it opened, Whitman was one of the **first original 11 intermediate schools** opened by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Intermediate schools were created to **ease the transition from elementary school to high school** by providing students with a specialized program of study geared to the **specific needs of their age group.**

Although **boundaries and locations have changed** over the years, the basic premise that contributes to the success of the school is the **commitment to meet the needs of the child in the middle.** The school has implemented many innovative programs, practices, and strategies to address the **school's changing demographics** and students with special needs.

In 2018, Whitman became FCPS' **first Community School.** The program's goal is to **leverage community resources**, combining them with an **integrated focus** on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement to lead to improved student learning, **stronger families**, and an **overall healthier community.**

Action

Directed proclamation be signed by the Chairman, myself and Supervisor Lusk to be presented to Walt Whitman Middle School, to take place outside of the board room, recognizing the school for its 60th anniversary.

Proclamation Recognizing Ourisman Automotive of Virginia for their 100th Anniversary - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor Rodney Lusk

Ourisman's story started in 1921 when **Ben Ourisman**, a DC local and only 18 years old, opened his first car dealership, **Ourisman Chevrolet.** With hard work and perseverance, Ben **created a successful business** and went on to open a second store in Anacostia. By the late 1940s, Ben Ourisman's Automobile stores were **two of the most**

successful dealerships in the country. When Ben passed away in 1955, the business leadership was safely in the hands of **his son, Mandell Ourisman**, who then expanded the organization with **two of his sons and his step-son.**

Mandell's sons expanded the business into the **greater Washington, D.C.** metropolitan area. **Danny Korengold, started locations in Virginia** when he opened Ourisman Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram **in 1978 on Richmond Highway.** He has since opened Ourisman Ford Lincoln in 1982, Ourisman Fairfax Toyota in 1989, Ourisman Chantilly Toyota in 2002, Ourisman Chantilly KIA in 2009, and Ourisman Chevrolet Buick GMC in 2010. **Three of these dealerships are located on Richmond Highway** and a **fourth, Ourisman Kia, will open this fall.** The Ourisman name may be recognized nationally, but locally Ourisman is known for their **commitment to community and their community leaders.** A life-long resident of the Groveton area, **Michael Bennett joined Ourisman in 1983,** and is now a Partner and their Chief Financial Officer. Michael serves on the Board of Directors for Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services and has been involved with the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce for over 40 years. Also, under his leadership, the **Ourisman dealerships on Richmond Highway employ more than 600 people.**

Action

Directed proclamation be signed by the Chairman, myself and Supervisor Lusk to be presented at a future date to Ourisman Automotive of Virginia, recognizing them for 100 years of service.

Semiquincentennial Anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States of America - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay

Pursuant to a prior Board Matter jointly presented by myself and Chairman Jeff McKay in October 2020, Fairfax County **established a seven person Work Group** charged with **providing recommendations** to the County Board of Supervisors for the preferred approach for **organizing and leading County-wide efforts** for an inclusive observance, celebration, and **commemoration of the semiquincentennial anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States of American.**

Action

Directed:

- *The County Executive, with support from the Department of Planning and Development, to take the following steps in furtherance of the implementation of recommendations contained in the previously approved Report from the Semiquincentennial Work Group.*
- *That a consideration of \$20,000 be included in our Carryover discussion to be provided to Visit Fairfax as the proposed fiscal agent for the Commission efforts. This funding would support the initial work of the Commission. The requested funds will be used to establish a website, develop a marketing plan, produce promotional materials, provide matching dollars to support a Virginia tourism grant and for other administrative costs.*

[Read the full Board Matter and all the recommendations...](#)

Motion for Concurrent and Expedited Processing for RZ/CDP-2018-MV-005 (IDI/Huntington Club) - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay

The **resident owners of the Huntington Club Condominium Association** have been working for **more than fifteen years** on a plan to redevelop their condominium to resolve **long-term maintenance needs** and to take advantage of the property's proximity to the Huntington Metro Station next door. As a result, the Association has been working with its **development partner, the IDI Companies**, on the required rezoning applications and on strategies to fund the significant infrastructure needed to support the redevelopment. **Special legislation was passed** so that the **HOA could buy out owners with 80% approval** to pursue redevelopment. In 2017, **87% of the Huntington Club Condominium owners approved this project.** [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Directed:

- *Expedited processing for RZ/CDP 2018-MV-005 to establish a Planning Commission public hearing date of October 27, 2021, and a Board of Supervisors public hearing date of November 9, 2021; and*
- *Concurrent processing of site plans for development associated with RZ/CDP 2018-MV-005.*
- *County Staff to explore inclusion of the area of the Huntington Club site and the adjacent WMATA site in the areas eligible for inclusion in the EIP; explore the inclusion of the Huntington Club and WMATA sites into the potential program,*

including any ordinance amendments necessary to facilitate such inclusion; work with the applicant on the potential establishment of a service district for the application property to help facilitate the redevelopment; and report back to the Board by September 28, 2021 with its recommendations on these or other appropriate actions.

Recognizing Joe Mordoro for more than 25 years of Service to Fairfax County - Joint with Chairman McKay, Supervisor Alcorn, Supervisor Walkinshaw, Supervisor Smith, Supervisor Storck, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Palchik, Supervisor Lusk, Supervisor Herrity and Supervisor Foust

On September 10, **Joe Mondoro, Fairfax County's Chief Financial Officer**, will be retiring. Joe began with the County as a **Budget Analyst in 1995** and worked his way up to know **every in and out** of our multi-billion-dollar budget.

In his time with Fairfax County, Joe has ensured that we continue our **reputation as a well-run County** with **triple triple-A bond ratings** and steered our agencies through the lines of business process which helps shape the **County's strategic direction and priorities**. During the pandemic, Joe was a necessary voice in our **response to the pandemic** and was integral in **guiding our use of federal stimulus dollars**. I'm rarely at a loss for words, but Joe literally does and **knows everything about Fairfax County**. He has far too many accomplishments to list, and he's certainly been a **friend and a calming voice** for decades. I know we'll all miss him.

Action

Directed recognition Joe Mondoro for his service, contributions, and accomplishments in his time in Fairfax County Government. I also move that the Office of Public Affairs prepare a proclamation for presentation at a future Board meeting, when it is appropriate to do so.

Public Hearings

Decision Only: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Historic Overlay Districts – State Code Revisions

As a follow on motion at the Board's approval of the **Historic Overlay District for Wellington at River Farm**, the Board directed **staff to analyze SB 1457** and hold a public hearing on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to **grant the Architecture Review Board (ARB) additional authority** to hear and decide applications for any proposed subdivision—including any subdivision plat, plan, or construction plan—of any parcel or parcels within an **HOD whose district-specific regulations require such ARB approval**. Of the 14 HODs in the County, this amendment only **applies only to the Wellington at River Farm HOD**. The proposed amendment would **require ARB approval of any proposed subdivision** in the Wellington at River Farm Historic Overlay District (WHOD).

I have been **very involved with these additional protections** for the HOD since **Senators Scott Surovell and Adam Ebbin** and I first discussed this option **six months ago**. County staff has done **wonderful work fast tracking these changes** and we are very near their adoption. **Deferral of our final vote to September** provides the additional time needed for **public input and completion of our work**.

Proposed Plan Amendment 2021-00007, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Located on Huntington Avenue, West of Metroview Parkway

Adopted a Comprehensive Plan amendment for several parcels located on the north side of **Huntington Avenue**, south of Cameron Run, west of Metroview Parkway and east of Robinson Way, to **achieve additional residential development**. The Plan currently recommends mixed-use development at a 2.0 to a 3.0 floor area ratio (FAR) with residential use not to exceed one-half of the total development and other conditions. The amendment permits up to an **additional 360,000 square feet of residential** or some combination of residential and nonresidential uses would be recommended if certain conditions are met. The Board also adopted the Planning Commission amendment that **adds guidance for residential development** to exceed one-half the total development if conditions related to first and, to the maximum extent feasible, second floor community-serving uses, flexibility for the **inclusion of universal design in the residential units**, and provision of urban parks and recreational spaces are met. This Comprehensive Plan Amendment was part of the **South County Site-Specific Comprehensive Plan Amendment (SSPA) process**.

Proposed Plan Amendment 2021-00006, 2806 Popkins Lane, Located on Popkins Lane, West of Bryant Town Court

As part of the **South County Site-Specific Comprehensive Plan Amendment (SSPA) process**, County staff and the Mount Vernon SSPA Task Force have been evaluating a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to **increase planned density at 2806 Popkins Lane**. After **weighing the various concerns and recommendations** of community members, groups, the SSPA Task Force, Planning Commission, the applicant and staff, I moved to **defer this decision** to allow for **more time to address community and environmental concerns** and to consider the impacts of any changes or development. We will be **working further with all parties** to see if greater support or consensus may be achievable.

Temporarily Approving Outdoor Dining and Outdoor Fitness and Exercise Activities Subject to Certain Conditions

Extended approval for **outdoor dining and outdoor fitness and exercise activities**, subject to certain conditions, thereby **temporarily suspending** the need for **individualized approvals** for such activities, and thus enabling County agencies and deliberative bodies to devote their limited resources to maintaining continuity in government.

Temporary County-Operated Hypothermia Prevention Shelters, Authorizing a Streamlined Process for Approving Temporary Modifications to Activities, Uses, and Structures in Response to the Emergency and Its Impacts, and Reducing Certain Zoning and Development Fees

Extended approval for temporary **County-operated hypothermia prevention shelters** and authorized a streamlined process for **approving temporary use modifications** in response to the emergency.

Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

- Criminal Justice Advisory Board - **Derrick Robinson**
- Library Board - **Gary Russell**

District Information & Upcoming Events

FCFRD's Backpack Drive is Back!

Join my office in supporting the **Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department's (FCFRD)** annual **backpack and school supply** distribution. My office is accepting backpack donations **until Friday, August 13**. **Monetary donations are welcome** and can be made by dropping off a check made out to the nonprofit "**Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue.**"

zMOD Community Outreach

Interested in learning more about the **new Zoning Ordinance**? Join DPD staff for a series of **lunch and learn sessions and a community meeting** on a variety of topics, including navigating the new Ordinance, **accessory living units, and home-based businesses**. The meeting information is listed below and on our [zMOD Outreach Page](#).

Lunch and Learn – Home Based Businesses

July 28, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

[Virtual – GoToMeeting](#)

Call In Number: 1 877 309 2073

Access Code: 327-204-557

Lunch and Learn – Accessory Structures and Other Residential Changes

September 8, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

TBD

Lunch and Learn – Commercial and Industrial Changes

September 15, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

TBD

National Night Out Is Back! Register Your Community's Event

National Night Out (NNO) will be Tuesday, August 3. The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) strongly supports NNO as an opportunity to **improve police and community communication**. Whether it's a simple ice cream party, or an all-out festival, NNO is an opportunity to **gather with your neighbors**, get better acquainted, and talk about issues of common concern.

What is National Night Out?

- Annual neighborhood-based **crime and drug prevention** event
- Opportunity to show **neighborhood spirit** and strengthen partnerships with local police
- Demonstrates neighborhood commitment to **fight crime**
- Observed in **thousands of communities** in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world

[Register your community's event today!](#)

Please note, if you register using a different link, FCPD will not receive notice of your event.



You're Invited!

Join SFDC **Saturday, August 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** for our first annual Summer Picnic at **Original Mount Vernon High School** featuring the Original Moonlighters Band.

There will be **live music, food trucks, local vendors, and more!** All you need is a blanket or chair and we'll provide the rest!

SFDC is still looking for **local artisans to display and sell their wares** at the Summer Picnic. **500-1000 attendees are expected** and SFDC is specifically looking for **local, handmade artisans**. [Info and registration link...](#)

This event is **free to attend!** [Please register for tickets...](#)

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