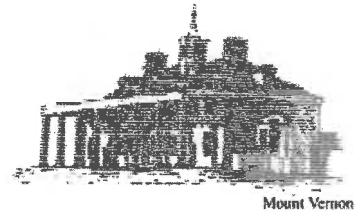




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Recognition of Irma Clifton
May 21, 2019

Few people have given so much to preserve the history of their community as has Irma Clifton. A Lorton native, Irma lived until recently in the home her parents purchased in 1944. She attended Lorton School and Mount Vernon High School, the only high school in the eastern part of Fairfax County at the time. Her many years of sharing information, especially through her writings, about the area have preserved history that otherwise would be lost. After working for 25 years at the D.C. Correctional Facility at Lorton, formerly a Progressive Era Reformatory, and over time home to the imprisoned suffragists, a former Nike missile site, and Laurel Hill, a plantation house built in the 1700s, Irma spent many years working to preserve the history of this unique complex. When the prison closed, Irma was appointed by Supervisor Gerry Hyland to serve on the committee charged with determining how the prison property, now owned by Fairfax County, would be used. During the prison closing and for many years after, she was on the scene preserving artifacts for posterity. She had previously rescued the DC Court log books containing names, offenses, and sentences of the prisoners who served time at the “Occoquan Workhouse”, and negotiated to have the books containing suffragist names kept at Lorton. She also rescued numerous artifacts and boxes of legal documents signed by Frederick Douglass as the first U.S. Marshall for D.C. She later worked at The Chronicle community newspaper, writing many historical articles for the paper and other media outlets. She has served on the Fairfax County History Commission and the South County Federation.

Irma founded the Lorton Historical Society (LHS) and her knowledge of all the approvals required for changes on historical properties was invaluable. All of the historic articles found on the LHS website were written by Irma and she is especially proud of initiating the National Register of Historic Places process to add and preserve the prison buildings and the brick kiln from being demolished. This eventually led to the Workhouse Arts Center, where she served as the first president of the Lorton Arts Foundation. Later, Irma became the first curator of the Prison Museum at the Workhouse, which included a section on the suffragists imprisoned there for picketing the White House in 1917; and served as chair of the Workhouse Prison Museum Operating Committee. Thanks in part to her efforts, the Lucy Burns Museum was dedicated in its own building earlier this year at the Workhouse and will open to the public in coming months. She was instrumental in preserving the steps of the now demolished frame building where suffragists and other women prisoners were housed. As a result, they were moved to the grounds of the Sewall Belmont house, now the Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality National Monument.

Naturally, when the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (now NOVA Parks) was interested in including a feature about the suffragists, Irma’s longtime interest in the suffragist movement led her to volunteer with the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Committee. The Committee continues to plan for the installation of a memorial in the NOVA Parks’ Occoquan Regional Park, which occupies part of the original prison grounds and includes the preserved

brick kiln. Irma joined the Interpretation and Design Committee, writing several sections of the historical text and guiding historical aspects of the project. She made the Court record books with suffragist entries available for review by members of the Interpretation and Design Committee, coming to the Workhouse Museum two separate times for that review.

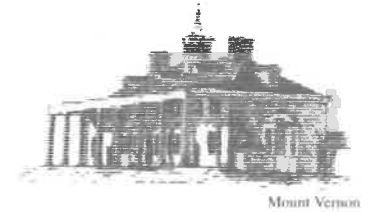
The citizens of Fairfax County owe much gratitude to Irma Clifton for her love of the Lorton area, the prison and suffrage history; as well as her commitment to preserve this important national history for future generations.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, without objection, I ask that a proclamation be signed by the Chair and myself to be presented to Irma Clifton on June 6, 2019 at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Gala where Irma will be honored.



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Workhouse Campus Proffer Flexibility Phase I
Zoning Application Filing Concurrence and Authorizations
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In 2002, as part of a land exchange with the federal government, Fairfax County acquired the property known today as the Workhouse Arts Center, a 50+ acre portion of the former Lorton Reformatory complex. In 2004, the Board approved a rezoning of the site to the PDC District with proffers submitted by the Lorton Arts Foundation (LAF) to create an arts center with additional leisure and entertainment uses that were intended to encourage the adaptive reuse of the historic site.

The mix of uses currently permitted at the Workhouse Campus by the proffers includes: museum/cultural center (including gallery and exhibitions), theater, music barn, performing arts/event center, office, residential-multifamily, eating establishments (currently defined as restaurants), commercial recreation, ballfield, school of special education, retail and other accessory uses.

Recent amendments to the Zoning Ordinance have embraced the inclusion of innovative uses as complementary contributors to vibrancy in mixed use PDC Districts. Craft beverage production and small-scale production are two such innovative uses. Since these two uses were not defined at the time the proffers were created in 2004, they are not currently permitted at the site. As a similar example, the first minor variation application approved by this Board was for a proposal to add the craft beverage production use to the list of uses permitted at Commonwealth Centre, a PDC District within Sully District. Similarly, the opportunity to establish such uses within any of the existing or planned structures at the Workhouse Campus merits consideration.

In October 2018, this Board established the Workhouse Campus Steering Committee to focus on recommendations to accelerate implementation of the long-term vision of establishing the Workhouse Campus as a destination of choice providing a wide variety of arts and community building experiences with unique economic development opportunities. On February 28, 2019, the Workhouse Campus Steering Committee voted to endorse increasing flexibility in the existing proffers applicable to the Workhouse Campus by adding craft beverage and small-scale production uses to the list of permitted uses. This recommendation recognizes that a more comprehensive review of the existing proffers that apply to the Workhouse Campus will also be necessary given the age of the proffers, current trends and other factors. This Board Matter allows consideration of an initial action that can serve as an incentive for accelerated economic development at the site.

Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors:

- Concur in the filing of a minor variation request to consider adding craft beverage and small-scale production to the list of permitted uses within the existing or proposed buildings on County-owned property located in the PDC District at Tax Map 106-4 ((1)) 58.
- Authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute the minor variation statement on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the property owner.
- Authorize and direct the Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, or his designee, to serve as the agent of the Board of Supervisors, and the Co-Applicant, as may be needed, to assist the Workhouse Arts Foundation (WAF) during the processing of the minor variation request.

This motion should not be construed as a favorable recommendation of the request by the Board and does not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards. This action in no way prejudices the substantive review of the request.



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**Lorton Community Center Project Staff Designee Clarification
May 21, 2019**

The Lorton Community Center was approved as part of the Human Services and Community Development Bond Referendum in November 2016. The proposed facility includes space for the Lorton Senior Center currently operating in leased space and the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC). The site for the Lorton Community Center has been identified adjacent to the Lorton Community Library at 9518 Richmond Highway, which is located at Tax Map 107-4 ((1)) 34. The facility will provide a broad array of services, programs and activities for individuals of all ages and abilities throughout the community and complement the services provided by the Lorton Community Library.

Per my Board Matter of July 31, 2018, County staff is concurrently processing the Special Exception Plan Amendment for the Lorton Community Action Center, the determination under Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia, and the related site and building permits.

My Board Matter also designated specific individuals to act as agents on the Board's behalf for all actions associated with these applications. County staff changes require the Board Matter to be revised to designate Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Neighborhood and Community Services staff for the Lorton Community Center project act on behalf of the Board as its representative agent.

Therefore, Madam Chairman, without objection, I move that the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Neighborhood Community Service staff be designated to act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors as its representative agent for the Lorton Community Center project.

These motions should not in any way be construed as a favorable recommendation on any application or plan by the Board of Supervisors, and do not relieve the applicant from compliance with the provisions of any applicable ordinances, regulations or adopted standards, and in no way prejudice the substantive review of the applications and/or plans.