

# Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF



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#### Sign up for the Mount Vernon Advisor

The following are highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on September 26, 2017. We have included items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule section on the County's webpage. 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.

# A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR STORCK

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, and to kick-off the meeting, the League of American Bicyclists recognized Fairfax County with a bronze level 2017 Bicycle Friendly Community award. This award caught my attention simply because there is not a week that goes by that I am not advocating and pressing for better, sooner, safer trails and sidewalks. One of my key priorities as Supervisor is improving the district's quality of life and opportunities for outdoor enjoyment by having a complete trail system that enables walkers, hikers, bikers and paddlers to enjoy our scenic beauty, historic landmarks, and natural areas. My next community event on November 4 is the 2nd Annual Tour de Mount Vernon, a 30-50 mile bike ride that I am leading, providing a fun event highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of our existing trails, as well as our many cultural and environmental benefits. I hope you can join me!

I had the honor of recognizing our Fort Hunt Little League Majors AII-Star Baseball team and the Fort Hunt Boys Rugby team with a prodamation for winning the state championships in their respective sports. As a parent and former youth sports coach for almost 20 years, I know the hours, sweat, and tears that these athletes, coaches and parents had to put in to be the best to achieve this success. Congratulations again to these amazing, hardworking boys on their incredible accomplishments!

Recognition of Fairfax County by the League of American Bicyclists with a bronze level 2017 Bicycle Friendly Community Award



Recognition of the Fort Hunt Little League Majors All-Star Baseball team for winning the State Championship.



#### The Board also designated:

- October 2017 as Head Start Month is Fairfax County
- October 2017 as Disability Employment Awareness Month in Fairfax County
- October 2017 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Fairfax County
- October 8-14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week in Fairfax County

# **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Please use the following link to view the September 26, 2017 Board Package: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/bdagenda/2017/sept26-board-package.pdf

**Admin 3:** The Board authorized Fairfax County staff to advertise a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance expanding the West Potomac Residential Permit Parking District, District 36. This was a request that we received from the community and will help to address the parking issues on Harvard Drive that arise from West Potomac High School students parking there during school. For more information, please review pages 35-38 of the Board Package.

Admin 5: The Board authorized Fairfax County staff to advertise a public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment regarding minor modifications to approved zoning and other related changes. The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment includes changes that will provide new flexibility for consideration by the Zoning Administrator of additional minor modifications to approved rezoning, special exceptions, and special permits. The amendment also creates anew process for the Board of Supervisors' consideration, without a public hearing, of minor variations to proffered conditions. For more information, please review pages 41-96 of the Board Package.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

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**Action 1:** The Board approved the Director of the Department of Transportation to sign the Project Agreement for Use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds to continue ride sharing and transit marketing activities in FY2018. For more information, please review pages 97-103 of the Board Package.

# **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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Info 1: The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) prepared its biannual report to the Board of Supervisors on transportation projects and activities within the county, called the "Fairfax County Transportation Status Report." The report includes an update on all active projects, including those projects in the Third Four-Year Transportation Program for FY2013 Through FY2016 and the Transportation Project Priorities (TPP) for funding for FY2015 through FY2020. For more information, please review pages 104-246 of the Board Package.

# **BOARD MATTERS**

1. Supervisor Storck's Board Matter on Saunders B. Moon Senior Citizens Club - Request for Proclamation and Presentation

#### **Background**

This year marks the 52nd anniversary of the Saunders B. Moon Senior Citizens Club, formed in 1965 as a private non-profit organization, and as an organization fighting against poverty in Gum Springs, VA. The Club has led an active and impactful role in the development of the Gum Springs community, and has been awarded the Gum Springs Community Service Award multiple times for its dedication and service to the community.

#### **Proposed Action**

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I ask, with unanimous consent, that the Office of Public Affairs invite the Saunders B. Moon Senior Citizens Club and Mattie Palmore to come before the Board of Supervisors to be recognized with a proclamation commending and congratulating them on their 52nd anniversary.

2. Supervisor Storck's Board Matter on Airplane noise from DCA South Flow – MWAA Working Group Recommendations

#### Background

In October 2016, I presented a Board Matter requesting that the Board of Supervisors contact the Washington Metropolitan Airport Authority to encourage them to implement a DCA Fly Quiet Program and to create a working group that would work on addressing the negative impacts of the newly established NextGen system at Reagan National Airport, and the increase of airplane noise in and over the Mount Vernon communities. In April 2016, I brought forth my second Board Matter requesting that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chairman, on behalf of the Board to send a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority (MWAA)

and our congressional delegation to express our concern about the adverse impact the NextGen system has had on our residents. I am pleased to report that the MWAA working group has come forth with recommendations to improve the departure procedures at Reagan National Airport, which have been presented for consideration to the Federal Aviation Administration. They are as follows:

#### To summarize:

- The FAA initiated what is called the ".41 process" for developing a new south flow departure procedure based on the recommendation to move the GPS waypoints to the center of the Potomac River.
- The FAA has already completed one technical forum in August and will have another one in September and October, after which they will present a new south flow departure procedure to the MWAA Working Group on October 27.
- The MWAA Working Group and the FAA will review and fine-tune the new procedure and the FAA will also complete some flight testing and assessments between November 2017 - March 2018.
- In April 2018, the new procedure will be finalized and the FAA will then proceed to conduct public and elected official outreach. Barring any unforeseen events, the new procedure is to be implemented November 2018.
- While the FAA is trying to address departing flights with this plan, they have not addressed the
  procedures for flight arrivals, which also contribute a significant amount of noise and disruption to
  residents with their very low altitudes and flight arrival paths.

#### **Proposed Action**

Therefore, I move the Board authorize staff to write a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors to MWAA and to the FAA in support of the MWAA working plan. The letter must also include a request that the FAA establish a specific schedule and deadline to begin addressing the equally important issue of airplane noise for arrival procedures, which is independent of the new departure plan.

# 3. Supervisor Storck's Board Matter on Economic Development Support Fund Nomination for Mount Vernon

#### Background

The Mount Vernon District is home to a number of historic landmarks that can be better leveraged to create a tourism destination in Fairfax County. These are important locations that can serve to support and expand the hospitality and service industries that cater to tourism and hospitality.

Some of the heritage sites include: Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, Woodlawn and the Pope-Leighey House, the future National Army Museum, Gunston Hall, and the Workhouse Arts Center. Currently, these sites market their sites independently. The EDSF investment would provide funding for the County to facilitate an area-wide historic tourism plan to create additional visits and create the Mount Vernon Cultural Corridor as a destination for residents and tourists in the National Capital region.

#### **Proposed Action**

Therefore, Madame Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors:

- Direct the County Executive to prepare an initial project evaluation for the use of the Economic Development Support Fund for the creation of the Mount Vernon Cultural Corridor.
- Direct the County Executive that no funds from the EDSF will be used until the Board has approved the funds.

# **Mount Vernon District Land Use Cases**

#### Public Hearing on PCA B-715 & RZ 2015-MV-015 (L&F Bock Farm, LLC)

The Board approved PCA B-715 and RZ 2015-MV-015 to remove 4.38-acres from the original rezoning RZ B-715 to permit the area to be rezoned to the R-8 District and allow for 35 townhouses to be erected at the south side of Hinson Farm Road and west of Parkers Lane.

The applicant, Bill and Valerie Bock, originally came before the Board on September 20, 2016, with an application for four 4-story independent living facilities with 128 units dedicated to seniors 55+. The decision was deferred to October 18, 2016, November 1, 2016, and ultimately February 14, 2017. Due to community concerns over the proposed density and building height, the Board passed a motion remanding the application back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing to permit the applicant to amend the application in order to address community concerns.

The current plan for 35 townhouses has the support of the Mount Vernon Council, the Planning Commission, Williamsburg Manor North, and all covenants on the property have been released. Although, the horse farm will be missed, much of the property will be kept as-is, and I want to thank the Mount Vernon community for their civic engagement on this land use case.

Thank you to Bill and Valerie Bock for providing a bucolic setting for budding horse riders and for your commitment to community service.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Support the South County Marching Stallions on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm for "The Twilight Rock n Run 5K, 1 Mile Glow Walk and Kids Fun Run." This is a family-oriented evening run with music to benefit the South County High School Band.

All events begin on South County High School's campus and will end in the school's stadium. The 5K race is on a paved, mostly flat course that goes past Laurel Hill Golf Club and South County Middle School. The overall top male and female, as well as the top 3 runners in 5 age categories and fastest team will receive awards!

To register go to: www.schsbands.org.



October 5th, 2017 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

# **Fairfax County Government Center**

12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax, VA 22035

# Fairfax County's Annual Reverse Tradeshow

2017 Theme: Growing & Securing Your Business in Uncertain Times

- Network with Fairfax County departments and their large contractors
- · Discover marketing and business fundamentals that can help grow your company
  - · Explore alternative options for funding your business
  - · Learn how to properly and effectively pursue work with Fairfax County

Learn more and register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpmm/vendorforum/



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### COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

Support your local Crime Solvers Program while disposing of your personal and financial documents securely! Shredding helps prevent identity theft. Tax-deductible donations accepted to benefit Fairfax County Crime Solvers. Swing by and drop off your papers for a suggested donation of \$5 per bag/box. Papers will be shredded on-site. All shredded materials are recycled to help protect the environment.

Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

**Mount Vernon District Police Station** 

2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria.

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# **ABSENTEE VOTING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**

#### Click Here to Apply Online for an Absentee Ballot

- 1. Your absentee ballot is counted on election night and your vote is included with the reported results.
- 2. There are 20 <u>valid reasons to vote absentee</u> in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections <u>list</u> to see if you are eligible.
- 3. There are two ways to absentee vote, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first <a href="https://check.gov/check
- **4.** You can <u>apply for an absentee ballot online</u> by accessing your Virginia Voter Record. You will need your **Social Security Number** and information on your **Virginia Driver's License** to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.
  - What you need to know about the <u>Upcoming November 7 General and Special</u> <u>Elections</u>, including candidates

November 7 - Absentee Voting In-Person at the Government Center
Fairfax County Government Center - 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Conference Rooms 2/3

- Sept. 22nd thru Oct. 13th: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri., 8:00 am -4:30 pm, Thur. 8:00 am -7:00 pm
- Monday, Oct. 9th, Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED
- Beginning Oct. 16th thru Nov. 3rd: Mon. thru Fri., 8:00 am -7:00 pm
- Saturdays: Sept. 30th, Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and Nov. 4th: 9:00 am 5:00 pm

#### November 4th is the last day to absentee vote in-person

November 7 - Absentee Voting In-Person at Mount Vernon Governmental Center 2511 Parkers Ln., Alexandria, 22306

#### Dates and Times:

- Beginning Oct. 16th thru Nov. 3rd: Mon. thru Fri., 3:30 pm 7:00 pm
- Saturdays: Sept. 30th, Oct. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and Nov. 4th: 9:00 am 5:00 pm

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