



Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on December 5, 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 website](#). 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.](#)

MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT!



Please join Supervisor Storck, his staff and members of the Mount Vernon District Board, Authorities and Commissioners for a **Holiday Open House TONIGHT, Thursday, December 7, 2017, from 6-8pm!** Enjoy an evening of refreshments, get to know our staff and tour our office. As a highlight, we will be showcasing artwork from Bryant High School students. Consider supporting those in need in our community this season by bringing non-perishable food items to be donated to local nonprofits.

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR STORCK

At yesterday's Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting, I introduced an important [Board Matter](#) and motion, subsequently adopted by the Board, to send a letter **calling for complete transparency in the FBI's investigation** of the November 17, 2017, U.S. Park Police involved shooting of Fairfax County resident Bijan C. Ghasier. This tragic incident began along the George Washington Parkway and ended in Fairfax County on the streets of the Mount Vernon District. The Board letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray calls for information to be released to the public as quickly as possible, especially for the family and friends of Mr. Ghasier. While the Board is sensitive to not jeopardizing the investigation, we believe swift action is necessary to increase transparency and community confidence. Particularly, we are urging the FBI to release the Fairfax County Police in-car video that captured the incident, as soon as the FBI has completed its interviews of those involved, and not wait until the investigation is complete. [Click here](#) to view the Board letter sent to the FBI.

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

1. Supervisor Storck and the Board demand transparency and prompt release of in-car video in FBI investigation.
2. Sixteen Fairfax County employers awarded "Best Workplaces for Commuters".

3. Original Mount Vernon High School Master Planning public hearing held.
4. New Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services, Tisha Deeghan, appointed.
5. New funding grant for Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit received.



The Board recognized a record number of 16 employers who received the [“Best Workplaces for Commuters” award](#), as determined by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the National Center for Transit Research. The Best Workplaces for Commuters designation acknowledges employers who have excelled in implementing sustainable and flexible commuter programs, such as ridesharing, transit benefits, biking and walking, teleworking, alternate work

schedules and other strategies. These types of commuter programs improve mobility by reducing the number of single-occupant vehicles on the roads. The list of recognized employers can be found at the link referenced above.

At the meeting, the Board also received a presentation of [2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#), and approved the county’s overall goal of 16.4 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation in contracts supported by Federal Transit Administration program funds.

The Board also:



Designated December 4-8 as [Inclusive Schools Week](#).



Recognized the 50th anniversary of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

DEPUTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT



The Board appointed **Tisha Deeghan as deputy county executive**, effective Jan. 8, 2018. She replaces Patricia Harrison, who retires on Jan. 22, 2018.

Ms. Deeghan will be responsible for Fairfax County’s health and human services programs. Since 2014, she has served as the executive director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), which is the public agency for Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. CSB provides services for people with concerns related to mental health, substance use disorders and developmental disabilities.

I am personally pleased with this appointment as Ms. Deeghan is an excellent champion for those in need in our community. Ms. Deeghan has already been very involved with the Mount Vernon District through her support of health and human services provided at the South County Government Center.

[Click here](#) to read more.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

To view the December 5, 2017 Board Package [click here](#).

Admin 1: The Board authorized the advertisement of a public hearing regarding the conveyance of

Board-owned property to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA). Five parcels of land in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts are proposed to be transferred to the FCPA for use as public parks or storm water management. The public hearing will be held on **January 23, 2018**, at 4:30pm at the County Government Center. In the Mount Vernon District, two parcels of land located in the Rolling Woods site near Fort Belvoir will be transferred to the Park Authority. [Click here](#) for a map of the two sites.

Admin 4: The Board approved the **extension of the review period for 2232 applications** to ensure compliance with review requirements of Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia. The Mount Vernon District applicant receiving an extension is Verizon Wireless (FSA-V15-18-2). Verizon Wireless had submitted an amendment to move the location of a previously approved Distributed Antenna System (DAS) on Ingemar Court. The amendment to move the system location has been withdrawn.

Admin 5: The Board authorized the **advertisement of public hearings on proposed amendments to the parking requirements in Article 11 of the Zoning Ordinance** and fees charged for the review of parking reductions in Appendix Q. The proposed amendments streamline and add flexibility to the regulatory process by eliminating the need for some parking reductions; providing for administrative approval of some parking reductions currently requiring Board of Supervisors (Board) approval; and providing for Board approval of parking reductions ineligible for consideration under the current parking reduction provisions. Public hearings will be held on **January 24, 2018**, before the Planning Commission, and on **February 20, 2018**, before the Board, both at the County Government Center.

Admin 6: The Board authorized a **public hearing to consider amending Chapter 82, Article 5 of The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia** (Fairfax County Code). Changes being considered include code revisions to allow certain residential parking restrictions adjacent to governmental property; to update the pay for parking sections of the code to reflect current and future technologies; to prohibit habitation in vehicles; and to prohibit maintenance of vehicles in the public right-of-way, except for emergency repairs, such as fixing a flat tire or changing a battery. The public hearing will be held on **January 23, 2018**, at 4:30pm at the County Government Center.

ACTION ITEMS

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Action 7: The Board authorized the Director of the Department of Transportation to sign eight Project Agreements between Virginia's Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and Fairfax County for FY 2018 transit operating and capital assistance. **Under this agreement, the Mount Vernon District will receive a grant for \$1,360,000 to support bringing Bus Rapid Transit to Richmond Highway.** For more information, please refer to pages 461-494 of the Board Package.

Action 11: The Board approved a resolution authorizing the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) to apply for regional transportation funding, federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding for FY 2018 – FY 2023, and FY 2024, respectively. Applications for both regional and federal funding will be submitted through the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA). **Proposed Mount Vernon District projects include Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit, Richmond Highway CSX Underpass and Richmond Highway Widening (Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road).** For more information, please refer to pages 527-541 of the Board Package.

BOARD MATTERS

1. Transparency with the Federal Bureau of Investigation Regarding the November 17, 2017, Shooting of Bijan C. Ghaisar.

Background

On November 17, 2017 the U.S. Park Police were involved in a shooting, which resulted in the tragic death of Fairfax County resident, Bijan C. Ghaisar. This incident occurred along the George Washington Parkway in the Mount Vernon District, and is currently under investigation by the FBI. I have been contacted by many Mount Vernon District residents who have raised several questions. As we know, Fairfax County Police officers were at the scene. They did not fire their weapons and are considered witnesses to this shooting, which is currently under investigation by the FBI. As Chairman Bulova indicated in her press release, we all deserve to know what happened, especially the family and friends of Mr. Ghaisar. Our Board needs to urge the FBI for complete transparency during this process.

Proposed Action

Therefore, Madam Chairman, I move that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chairman, on behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, to send a letter to the FBI expressing our concern about this

incident, demanding complete transparency, and urging the FBI to release the in-car video once their interviews are complete.

PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT IMPACT THE MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

Public Hearing on the First Interim Agreement: Master Development Plan Between the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia and The Alexander Company and Elm Street Development

The Board received public comment on the First Interim Agreement with the Developer for development of a Master Development Plan for the [Original Mount Vernon High School](#) redevelopment project. If approved, The Alexander Company and Elm Street Developers will work with the community to develop **the long-term Plan for the overall 42-acre site**. The Master Developer will be responsible for creating and sharing a community outreach and engagement plan. Public comment about the First Interim Agreement will remain open until the Board vote scheduled for January 23, 2018. Comments can be sent to the Clerk of the Board at ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov. There will be many additional future opportunities for providing community input throughout the Master Planning process.

Public Hearing on Proposed Plan Amendment 2016-CW-4CP, Office Building Repurposing

The Board approved **changes to the Comprehensive Plan to more easily allow vacant office buildings to be reused for other purposes**. The new appendix establishes guidance for considering uses other than those envisioned by the adopted Comprehensive Plan for vacant office buildings in mixed-use centers, such as Tysons Urban Center, or in industrial areas. Office repurposing projects in this category will need zoning approval by the Board and opportunities for public input will occur as part of the development review process. These changes will allow for the adaptive reuse of vacant and/or underutilized office buildings in the Mount Vernon District for alternative uses such as residential or institutional uses.

Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to The Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia, Chapter 82, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article 5, Sections 32, 32.1, 32.1.a, and 32.2

The Board approved changes to Sections 82-5-32, 32.1, 32.1.a, and 32.2 of the county code related to the **removal, immobilization and disposition of vehicles unlawfully parked on private or county property**. These changes are intended to aid enforcement issues and encourage better working relations with tow companies.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Four Mount Vernon residents were reappointed to the following:

1. Earl Flanagan (Planning Commission) / Walter Clarke will be appointed April 1, 2018
2. John Harris (Civil Service Commission)
3. Stephen Keat (Economic Advisory Commission)
4. Jay A. Jupiter (Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees)

