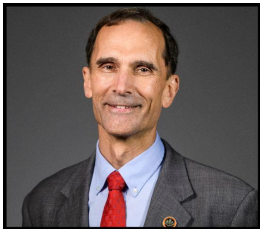


March 5, 2019

BOS BRIEF

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It was my privilege to **recognize and acknowledge Richard Bierce** for his **more than 30 years of service and dedication** to Fairfax County as an Architecture Review Board (ARB) member. As a steward of County history, Richard's **accomplishments are comprehensive**. One of his first and most indelible ARB duties was to establish, preserve and protect **13 Historic Overlay Districts** in the County. He has advocated for the **protection and care of historic buildings**, including the **Laurel Hill Adaptive**

Reuse site, the **Woodlawn and Arcadia partnership**, and the **Workhouse Arts Center**. With almost 50 years as a Historical Architect and Preservation Consultant, he has worked on projects throughout Fairfax County, the state of Virginia, and nationwide. **Thank you, Richard**, for your many contributions to **preserving, protecting and enhancing our historic buildings and sites!**



The Board authorized the **advertisement of the FY 2020 County budget**, Capital Improvement Program, and the **tax rates that are proposed to support the Proposed FY 2020 Budget**. The County Executive recommends **no increase in the current real estate tax rate** of \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value in FY 2020. The BOS has the option to **consider a lower tax rate**, but **cannot go higher** than the advertised \$1.15 per \$100, which is the **current tax rate**.

Top 3 Things You Need to Know from the BOS Meeting:

1. Recommended **no increase in the current real estate tax rate** of \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value in **Proposed FY 2020 Budget**.
2. Approved Board Matter to **further discussions** with utility companies regarding **undergrounding of utilities**.
3. Recognized **Richard Bierce for more than 30 years of service** to Fairfax County and the Mount Vernon District.

The Board designated March as **Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Month**. I was honored to recognize the **many organizations** in our County that support those in our community with **differing abilities** and support our commitment to **One Fairfax**. These organizations include **Welcoming Inclusion Network (WIN)**, **The Arc of Northern Virginia**, **the Fairfax-Fall Church CSB**, **Service Source**, **Mount Vernon-Lee Enterprises (MVLE)**, and the newest Mount Vernon service - **Pawfectly Delicious**.



The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors March 5, 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 designated:



March 2019 Women's History Month

The Board also recognized:



The three winning teams, judges and mentors who participated in the Housing Hackathon in January 2019.

To view the March 5, 2019 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 1: Approved Traffic Calming measures as part of the **Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP)**, including the addition of **one speed hump on Camden Street**. *The full item can be read on pages 7 - 10 of the Board Package.*

Item 5: Approved extensions of certain 2232 application review periods to ensure compliance with review requirements, including extending the **review period for the new Lorton Community Center to December 8, 2019**. *The full item can be read on pages 56 - 57 of the Board Package.*

Item 8: Approved **acceptance of \$393,375 in grant funding** from the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF), Preschool Development Grant Birth-Five Pilot Initiative. Funding, which originates from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will be used to **build relationships with families and early childhood programs**; measure and **increase access to high-quality early childhood programs**; and measure and **strengthen the experiences that young children, birth to five and at-risk children, receive**. *The full item can be read on pages 75 - 84 of the Board Package.*

Item 9: Authorized advertisement of April 9-11 public hearings on the County Executive's proposed [FY 2020 Advertised Budget Plan](#); [brief synopsis of this plan](#); [FY 2020 - FY 2024 Advertised Capital Improvement Program](#); and [proposed tax rates for tax year 2019](#). The **recommended real estate tax rate for FY 2020 is \$1.15 per \$100 of assessed value**, which is the current tax rate. *The full item can be read on pages 85 - 124 of the Board Package.*

The Board authorized public hearings:

- To amend and readopt County Code Section 67.1-10-2, **relating to sewer service charges**, base charges, availability charges, fixture unit charges, **hailed wastewater charges**, and amend licensing fees for sewage handlers. The hearing will be held **April 9, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.**
- To amend Chapter 4, Taxation and Finance, of the County Code to establish a **new Article 29 - Incentives to Encourage Economic Growth** which will **create Economic Revitalization and Redevelopment Zones (ERRZs)** within certain areas of the county, including the **Mount Vernon District**. The hearing will be held **April 9, 2019.**
- To amend Appendix I of the County Code, Special Service District for the control of **infestations of insects** that may **carry a disease that is dangerous to humans**, Gypsy Moths, Cankerworms and Certain Identified Pests. The proposed changes will allow **Integrated Pest Management Program** service district funds to be used to **remediate damage to trees** caused by forest pests, **including pruning or removal of trees** directly killed or damaged by them. The hearing will be held **April 9, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.**

Action Items

Action 1: The Board approved the annual submission of the **Disease Carrying Insects Program**. The program directs staff to continue **mosquito suppression strategies** (e.g., surveillance, larviciding mosquito breeding areas, and public outreach), **tick surveillance program** and public outreach, and **outreach and education efforts for other disease-transmitting insects**. *The full item can be read on pages 125 - 177 of the Board Package.*

Action 3: The Board approved the Calendar Year 2019 **Forest Pest Management Program**. The program directs staff to take several actions with regard to pest management. *The full item can be read on pages 88 - 131 of the Board Package.*

Board Matter

Underground Utilities *(Joint with Supervisor McKay)*

As this Board is aware, we've had a number of discussions about **undergrounding utilities** over the past few months. As those discussions have progressed, whether because of bills in Richmond or our work here locally, **Dominion has principally been at the table** discussing the costs associated with undergrounding. Also, as it relates to the Dominion Strategic Undergrounding project, **there have been no discussions with Verizon, Cox Cable, or other utility companies**, to our knowledge.

In order to get a clearer picture of the **cost and work associated** with a true undergrounding of utilities, it is critical to **assemble representatives and decision makers** from all of the county's utility companies to have a **broader conversation** about what it would take to do this work.

Action

Directed the County Executive to invite decision makers from Cox Communications, Verizon, Dominion Power, and any other utility partners who are impacted to our next Revitalization Committee meeting to discuss and determine costs, benefits, and the process to underground utilities in the County.

Amazon HQ2 *(Joint with Supervisor McKay)*

As this Board is aware, Crystal City was awarded **one-half of Amazon's HQ2** late last year. Although the physical structure will not be located within our boundaries, we know this announcement and new headquarters location **will still have impacts** on Fairfax County.

Action

Directed staff to:

- *Ensure that representatives from Fairfax County are attending regional HQ2 forums and keeping our Board apprised of those discussions.*
- *Evaluate when it would be appropriate for the County to host its own forum to discuss the impacts of Amazon HQ2 to the County.*

Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan *(Joint with Supervisors McKay and Hudgins)*

In June 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved Phase 1 of our **first-ever housing strategic plan**, called the Communitywide Housing Strategic Plan. This first phase led to the **creation of 25 short-term strategies** that are being implemented over the next two years. Phase 2 of the Plan includes **longer-term strategies** for developing new tools, policies, and resources to support the **production, preservation, and access to housing that is affordable to all** who live and work here.

To accomplish Phase 2, on Supervisor Hudgins' motion, we created an **Affordable Housing Resources Panel (AHRP)** of housing experts to provide recommendations on the number of **additional affordable housing units** the County should work toward developing and preserving over the next 15 years; and the **funding sources and mechanisms** by which these units should be developed. [Continue reading...](#)

Action

Directed proclamations be prepared for presentation to members of both groups at a future Board meeting and that the recommendations from the AHRP be distributed to the Board and placed on an upcoming Budget Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

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