

April 9, 2019

# BOS BRIEF

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Tuesday's Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting marked the next and one of the **most important steps** in the Board's annual budget process. **We heard from many of you in the community regarding your budget funding priorities for FY 2020.** Your priorities ranged from funding our schools to increasing affordable housing options, economic development efforts and enhancing public parks. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your thoughts and concerns with the Board. We have **one more day of public hearings** and you can still [sign up to speak](#), or [submit video](#) or [written comments](#) to have your voice heard! To learn more about the proposed budget, read the [FY 2020 Citizens Guide to the Budget](#).

This year, in addition to **fully funding schools**, funding Board priorities such as Diversion First, Gang and Opioid Prevention Efforts, **Early Childhood Initiatives**, **South County Police Positions** and Special Education Graduates, the Board took decisive action to **mitigate the effects of climate change** on our environment. Two Board Matters presented at this week's meeting moved these efforts forward. Chairman Bulova's Board Matter introduced a new **Joint County Board and School Board Environmental Task Force** and Supervisor McKay's Board Matter (which I joined) proposed a budget consideration item to add **additional staff to the new Energy and Environment Department** to support a **Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)**, as called for in my February 5, 2019, **Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter**. Read more about these Board Matters below.

An additional important Board Matter at Tuesday's meeting called for the Board to accept the report of the **Embark Housing Advisory Group** and directed staff to prioritize and implement, or further develop, the **strategy options** put forth in the report. It is important that the County remain focused on **preserving and increasing affordable housing options on the Richmond Highway Corridor**, particularly with the arrival of Amazon HQ2 and the implementation of the Embark Richmond Highway Plan.

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

1. Public hearings on the **Proposed FY 2020 Budget** continue through **Thursday, April 11**. You can still [submit your priorities](#) to the Board for consideration.
2. Approved amendments and modified proffers for the **Wesley Housing Development**.
3. Approved relocation of the **Belleview Precinct polling location to Martha Washington Library**, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, due to extensive renovations at Belle View Elementary School.

Please be sure to scroll to the end of this Brief to **see upcoming events and important information** in the District!

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors April 9, 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.

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## The Board also designated:



**April 2019 Child Abuse Awareness Month**



**April 2019 Sexual Assault Awareness Month**



**April 8 - 12, 2019 Public Safety Telecommunications Week**



**April 22 - 26 Community Development Week**



**May 2019 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month**



**May 2019 Together in Teal Ovarian Cancer Month**

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To view the April 9, 2019 Board Package [click here](#).

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## Administrative Items

### The Board authorized public hearings:

- To amend the **County Tree Conservation Ordinance** to permit the imposition of **civil penalties for violations** of the Ordinance, in the same way civil penalties are imposed for violations of zoning ordinances. The **Planning Commission hearing** will be held on **May 8, 2019**, and the **Board hearing** will be held on **June 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 12 - 22 of the Board Package.*
  - To amend the **County Zoning Ordinance** to make several minor revisions, including permitting a **solar collection system as an accessory use** to any residential or non-residential structure and clarification of **items that can be sold at a garage/yard sale**. The **Planning Commission hearing** will be held on **May 16, 2019**, and the **Board hearing** will be held on **June 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 41 - 51 of the Board Package.*
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## Information Item

**Info 1:** The Board was informed of the Consolidated Plan Certification for the **Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) Moving to Work Plan** for Fiscal Year 2020. The Moving to Work Plan articulates the FCRHA's mission to serve the **housing needs of low-income and very low-income households**, and the FCRHA's **strategy for addressing those needs**. *The full item can be read on pages 296 - 297 of the*

## Board Matters

### Ides of Bark Dog Festival

On March 24, more than **three hundred dogs and five hundred of their human companions** attended the Ides of Bark event on a gorgeous day at **Grist Mill Park** in the Mount Vernon District. The Ides of Bark is a **dog festival** that is aimed at **bringing the community together**, enjoying the day with four-legged friends, and learning **valuable information about pet care**. As someone who appreciates the joy that a dog can bring, and understanding the **importance of community gatherings**, we continue to celebrate the Ides of Bark each year.

This year, participants received many treats from **local canine businesses**, watched demonstrations by the **Fairfax County Police Canine Unit**, learned pet care and pet CPR from pet technicians, and even had the opportunity to participate in a **canine obstacle course**. This amazing community event could not have happened without the **incredible support of our Mount Vernon Community Coordinator, Shirley Short**, also Barbara Nugent, Philip Hagar, Jennifer Braun and the rest of Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Police Department, The Fairfax County Fire Department, local dog park groups, Channel 16 and **our wonderful vendors**.

**My sincerest appreciation** goes out to everyone who helped makes this a successful event and I **encourage other Board members** to do the same in their district.

### **Include Animal Shelter Donation in Rabies Mailer** *(Joint with Supervisor Kathy Smith)*

In the spirit of **supporting our animal friends**, I wanted to acknowledge the wonderful work done by the coordination between **Fairfax County Animal Shelter** and the **Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter**, a nonprofit partner.

Thirteen years ago, The Friends Group was started with a single idea: to help take care of the **major medical expenses for pets** at the Animal Shelter. In their initial year, they **provided \$10,000 of support**. [Continue reading...](#)

#### **Action**

*Directed the staff to include the animal shelter donation flyer in the rabies mailer that goes out in December 2019, as well as in the annual dog license mailers.*

### **Montebello Condominium Association Recognition**

The Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association has received **two honors** from the **Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute**. The awards, **Community Association of the Year** and overall **Communicator of the Year** were presented on Saturday, February 23, 2019, in recognition of the excellent commitment Montebello has made to **vision and communication**. [Continue reading...](#)

#### **Action**

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to prepare a proclamation signed by the Chair and myself, commending and congratulating the Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association.*

### **Budget Consideration Item for Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan** *(Joint with Supervisors McKay, Foust and Gross)*

In response to the February 5, 2019 **Fairfax Green Initiatives Board Matter**, staff provided a presentation on energy and climate action planning at the April 2 meeting of the Board's Environmental Committee, which included a **framework and requirements** for developing a **Community-Wide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)**.

In order to engage with residents and businesses to create and implement a CECAP, staff indicated that **two additional positions and \$276,749** would be required. In addition, staff anticipates that additional **one-time funding for contractual support** for community engagement and plan development would be required.

#### **Action**

*Directed \$276,749 and two positions for Energy and Climate Planning be added as a*

Consideration Item for the FY 2020 Budget. I further move that a consideration item for contractual support for the development of a Community-Wide Energy and Climate Act Plan be prepared for the FY 2019 Carryover Review.

## **Embark Housing Advisory Group Report (Joint with Supervisor McKay)**

The Board of Supervisors chartered the **Embark Housing Advisory Group** in 2018 in order to facilitate a more **focused policy discussion** of the issue of preservation and **housing affordability in the Richmond Highway Corridor** in light of the Embark Comprehensive Plan amendment. The main challenge for the advisory group was to **recommend proven housing policies** to help ensure that the anticipated **new development and investment** in the coming decades serves the needs of the Corridor's long-time low and moderate income residents, and **preserve its racial and economic diversity**. [Continue reading...](#)

### **Action**

- *Accepted the recommended principles contained in the Report of the Embark Housing Advisory Group and direct staff to prioritize and implement, or further develop, the strategy options put forth in the report.*
- *Directed staff to explore the applicability of the principles and strategies contained in the report to the areas outside of the Corridor boundary so as to consider the impact of encouraging greater density in those areas and the potential resultant effects on stable residential neighborhoods.*
- *Requested these findings be discussed at a future Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee meeting.*

## **United Community Ministries Celebrates 50 Years (Joint with Supervisor McKay)**

United Community Ministries (UCM) of Alexandria is **celebrating 50 years of service** to our community.

UCM is a nonprofit organization that **lends a helping hand** to those in need throughout the Richmond Highway Corridor. The organization started with one employee and a \$7,000 budget. Today, it has grown into a **widely-known, successful nonprofit** that provides food, clothing, financial assistance, health education, employment services, and emergency assistance to children, youth, and families in need. It provides these services through the **Stepping Stones, Forward Steps, and Healthy Families programs**. [Continue reading...](#)

### **Action**

*Directed a proclamation be prepared and signed by the Chair, and Supervisors McKay and Storck, for presentation to the directors and volunteers of UCM outside of the Board room in celebration and appreciation of their 50 years of service to our community.*

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## **Public Hearings**

### **Permit a Home Child Care Facility - Maria Del Pilar Chavez Casalino/Pili's Daycare**

Approved a **daycare operation with 10 children and extended hours**. County Staff proposed 11 development conditions to **maintain safety and low impact on surrounding properties** such as: proper ingress/egress, limited drop-off hours and location and no exterior signage. This property is located at **8477 Kitchener Drive**, Springfield, 22153.

### **Mobile and Land-Based Telecommunications Policy Plan**

Approved the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Mobile and Land-Based Telecommunications Policy Plan, to **allow security enhancements to an existing electrical substations**.

### **Relocate the Polling Location for the Belleview Precinct**

Approved relocation of the **Belleview Precinct polling location** to **Martha Washington Library**, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, due to extensive renovations at Belle View Elementary School.

### **Amend the Uses, Proffers and Conceptual Development Plan for Wesley**

## **Housing, Previously Approved for Mixed-Use Development, to Permit Mixed-Use Development and Associated Modifications to Proffers and Site Design with an Overall Floor Area Ratio of 2.99**

Approved **minor zoning amendments and waivers** to support the project, as well as proffer modifications to include **funding for partial utility undergrounding and a future bike lane**. This property is located at the intersection of **Biscayne Drive and Huntington Avenue**.

## **Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Re: Zoning for Wireless Telecommunications Infrastructure**

Approved the zoning ordinance amendment to **comply with new Federal and State Regulations** on wireless telecommunications infrastructure.

## **Proposed County Code Amendments Re: 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**

Approved amendments to allow **service district funds** to be used to **remediate damage to trees** caused by forest pests, including **removing damaged trees** when indicated.

## **FY 2020 Effective Tax Rate Increase**

The County Executive recommends that the Board of Supervisors **maintain the real estate tax rate** at the FY 2019 level of **\$1.150 per \$100 of assessed value**. Action on the tax rate is recommended to take place on May 7, 2019, as part of the **annual adoption of the tax rate resolution**, after the public hearings on the [FY 2020 Advertised Budget Plan](#) beginning on April 9, 2019, and the Board markup on April 30, 2019. The public hearing will **continue through April 11** and the public record will remain open for [written public comment until April 30, 2019](#).

## **Proposed Amendments County Code Relating to Sewer Service Charges, Base Charges, Availability Charges, Fixture Unit Charges, Introduction of Charges for Hauled Wastewater and License Fees for Sewage Handlers**

A public hearing was held for these **proposed amendments to the County Code**. The amendments will be voted on as **part of the Budget approval process**.

## **County Executive's Proposed FY 2020 Advertised Budget Plan, the Advertised Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 (CIP) (With Future Fiscal Years to 2029) and the Current Appropriation in the FY 2019 Revised Budget Plan**

The Budget public hearing will **continue through April 11** and the public record will remain open for [written public comment until April 30, 2019](#).

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## **District Information & Upcoming Events**

### **Richmond Highway Urban Design Survey**

County staff is developing the **Urban Design Guidelines** for the Richmond Highway Corridor and want to hear from you! **Pedestrian-friendly streetscapes** and building design ideas will help to define the **future character of the Richmond Highway Corridor**. [Take the survey...](#)

### **Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation has launched a **second online survey** to discuss the long-term study on **future improvements for the Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield parkways**. The study, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Transportation, will determine what improvements should be incorporated into the **County's Transportation Plan** and what improvements are put into place along the corridor through 2040 and beyond.

**Public input plays a key role at every stage of the study.** Last November, more than 200 people attended meetings to learn about the study and provide feedback on their ideas for the future of the Parkways. **Over 15,000 people responded to an online survey**, and as a result, **one future strategy – tolling on the parkways – was eliminated** from consideration because of the overwhelming response against tolls. Take the survey...

#### Events:

- Apr 9-11: [Board of Supervisors Public Hearings on Budget](#)
- Apr 11: [2019 Economic Outlook Summit](#) – 7:30 a.m.
- Apr 11 & 12: [Fairfax County Job Fair](#) 4 p.m.
- Apr 13: [Potomac River Watershed Clean Ups](#)
- Apr 13: [Second Saturday Art Walk: Cherry Blossom Bonanza!](#) – 6 p.m.
- Apr 13: [Next Reflex Dance Collective: The Green Light Speakeasy](#) – 7:30 p.m.
- Apr 14: [Grit and Wit of Women, fundraiser for the Suffragist Memorial](#) - 3 p.m.
- Apr 16-June 14: [Solarize Fairfax Program](#)
- Apr 20: [Mason Neck State Park Shoreline Clean Up](#) – 9 a.m. – noon
- Apr 20: [Fix-It Clinic](#) – 2 p.m.
- Apr 27: [Jeff Todd Clean Up](#) – 8 a.m.
- Apr 27: [Hollin Hills Earth Day Celebration & Community Walk](#) – 9 a.m.
- Apr 27: [2019 Teen Job Fair - Mount Vernon](#) – 10 a.m.
- Apr 27: [Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout](#) – 10 a.m.
- Apr 27: [Trap, Neuter and Return \(TNR\) Community Cat Training](#) – 10 a.m.
- Apr 29-30: [DMV2Go Hollin Hall Senior Center](#) – 9 a.m.
- Apr 30: [Board of Supervisors FY 2020 Budget Mark-up](#) – 10 a.m.
- Apr 30: [BeWell Health Fair](#) – 11:30 a.m.
- Apr 30: [50+ Employment Expo](#) – 10 a.m.
- May 4: [Crime Solvers Community Shred](#) – 8:30 a.m.
- May 4: [Hope and Health Festival](#) – 11 a.m.
- May 5: [Reduced Cost Rabies Clinic](#) – 12 p.m.
- May 5: [Community Meeting: Mount Vernon RECenter Renovation](#) – 6 p.m.
- May 8: [Solarize Fairfax Information Session](#) - 7:30 p.m.

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