### February 9, 2021



At Tuesday's Board meeting, we recognized County Park Authority (FCPA) Director Kirk Kincannon for his 40+ years of public service, the past six as FCPA director. Since his appointment, the FCPA has enjoyed a string of successes and enjoyed national acclaim as one of the top park systems in the nation. Personally, I have enjoyed working with Kirk. His enthusiasm and joy in all things natural mirrors mine and Kirk is a great advocate for



our parks. He will be sorely missed, but we wish him all the best in his retirement!

Successes in the District during Kirk's tenure include:

- Planning and funding for the **Mount Vernon RECenter** renovation and expansion
- Planning and construction of the Laurel Hill Central Green
- Enhancement of the **Park Authority's Resident Curator Program** to protect and revitalize historic residences

You can read more about COVID-19 updates, **upcoming community meetings** and information below.

Respectfully yours in public service,

Dan Storck

Supervisor, Mount Vernon District Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors February 9, 2021 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.

Para recibir la información de **nuestro boletín electrónico en españo**l, o **para hablar con un hispanohablante**, comuníquese con **Diego Rodriguez Cabrera** a su preferencia, por teléfono al (703) 619-4339 o por correo electrónico: diego.rodriguezcabrera@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To view the February 9, 2021 Board Package click here.

**Item 5:** Approved the installation of **"Watch for Children" signs** on **Edinburgh Drive** and **Northumberland Road.** The full item can be read on pages 38 - 39 of the Board Package.

#### **Authorized Public Hearings on:**

- The lease of County-owned properties for the purpose of installing solar facilities.
   Properties in the District include: Gum Springs Community Center (8100 Fordson Road), Newington Vehicle Maintenance Facility (6900 Newington Road), Lorton Community Center and Library (9518 and 9520 Richmond Highway) and Woodlawn Fire Station (8701 Lukens Lane).
- Proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2022 FY 2026 and One-Year Action Plan for FY 2022.

### **Board Matters**

## Thank you to Fairfax County Staff for Supporting Mount Vernon's 34th Annual Town Meeting

On February 6, 2021, I hosted the **34th Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting completely virtual** from the Channel 16 studio. This year, the town meeting theme was **"Covid Recovery and Rebounding in 2021"**.

I would like to **thank all the agencies** that were able to attend and who continue to make this tradition so successful. I would also like to thank **Chairman Jeff McKay, County Executive Bryan Hill, Mount Vernon District School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Congressman Don Beyer, <b>Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, and Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Colonel Joshua SeGraves** for their willingness to join me on Super Bowl Saturday and for providing **updates to residents on key issues** affecting the Mount Vernon District, the County, and our nation.

Thank you also to the **Fairfax County Communications Productions Division, Channel 16.** Special thanks to Director Donna Monacci, Producer Sara Prohaska, Chief Engineer Greg Smalfelt, Production Manager Patrick "Potts" Balsamo, Albee Sinayoko, Josh Bass, Kenneth Gilbert, Steve Adams, Ali Al Taweel, Mark Jung, Ben Block, Gil Caraballo and Kathi Overton; our tremendous DIT team, Kim Satterthwaite, Mike Palacios, Amante Bustamante, and Mark Leonard; and Matt Miller from GIS for their support and professionalism.

The town meeting will **air play on Cox cable channel 16** at 8:00 pm on the following dates: **February 14**, **February 20**, **and February 25**. It is also available on the Channel 16 website (coming soon) and on my Facebook Page. In addition, DVD copies are available at Mount Vernon District libraries and at my office.

Watch the District highlights "fly through" here.

### **Targeted Business Relief and Recovery Programs** - Joint with Supervisor John Foust

As we all know too well, the **impacts of COVID-19** and the public health measures needed to **address the pandemic** continue into the new calendar year with no end in sight. For now, **Governor Northam has extended his executive order** to keep in place coronavirus-related restrictions through the end of February. We can expect that the **direct economic impacts** of the coronavirus will **continue well into 2021** and that a much **longer period will be required** for our **local economy to fully recover**.

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and the County's Department of Economic Initiatives has worked with a consulting firm to **evaluate the impact of the pandemic** and to prepare an **economic recovery plan** to help guide and expedite our recovery efforts. At the Economic Initiatives Committee on November 18, 2020, we received a **briefing from staff and our consultant** on their efforts. Supervisors have now received the **draft final Economic Recovery Framework ("Framework") document**. There will be a detailed discussion of the Framework at the next Economic Initiatives Committee. Read the full Board Matter...

#### Action

Directed the County Executive to:

Direct staff from the Department of Economic Initiatives to work with the Economic

Development Authority to develop recommendations for targeted relief and recovery grants and/or programs to support Fairfax County businesses and non-profits identified in the Framework as having been disproportionally impacted by COVID-19 and the related public health mitigation measures,

- Direct that these recommendations be brought to the Board of Supervisors' Economic Initiatives Committee on March 16, 2021 for consideration, and
- Evaluate funding for these programs in the range of \$10 to \$15 million from the Economic Opportunity Reserve.

This nomination begins the established process for review by staff and the Board prior to allocation of any Economic Opportunity Reserve funds.

### **District Information & Upcoming Events**

#### **Mount Vernon Town Meeting**

Thank you for everyone who joined us for this year's virtual event! Did you miss Saturday's Town Meeting? No problem, you can still watch it on Facebook, video on demand or cable.



#### Watch on:

Facebook

Video on Demand (coming soon)

Cable replays on Cox 1016 and Verizon/Comcast 16:

- Sunday, February 14 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, February 20 at 8 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25 at 8 p.m.

More information about the Town Meeting...



### **Connect with County Leaders Podcast**

I recently had the opportunity to join **County Executive Bryan Hill** on the monthly County leaders podcast to discuss the **Mount Vernon District, Town Meeting and COVID-19 response**.

Take a listen...

## **Help Wanted: Fairfax Health District is Hiring For Pandemic Response Efforts**

The Fairfax County Health Department is hiring staff to support its COVID-19 vaccination and pandemic response efforts. Specifically, the agency is looking for Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to join its vaccination team on a part-time, temporary basis.

These individuals will **join a team of health care professionals** to administer vaccinations and perform other response roles with the **ultimate goal of stopping the spread of COVID-19** in the community.

Interested persons can apply online. The Health Department plans to hire 100 individuals. Read more...

## Fairfax County is looking for two members for the Board of Zoning Appeals

Members **meet weekly** and their duties include **making decisions on zoning cases**, **special permit applications** and more. One position will be **effective until April 15**, **2023**, and the other position will be effective for a **full five-year term**. Applications must be **submitted by Monday, March 1**, **2021**. For more details on the duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals and how to apply...

#### **FAA Conducting Aircraft Noise Survey**

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is conducting a **Neighborhood Environmental Survey (NES)**. The NES is a nationwide survey regarding **annoyance related to civil aircraft noise**. The research could potentially **inform future federal aircraft noise policies**.



The FAA is requesting public comments on the survey through the Federal Register. The **public comment period** 

**is open until March 15, 2021**. The FAA will not make any policy determinations until it has **considered public and other stakeholder input** and other research needed to improve their understanding of the **effects of aircraft noise exposure on communities**.

The webpage for Plan Amendment 2020-CW-3CP, Airport Noise Policy contains weblinks to the FAA survey and other information regarding aircraft noise. I urge Mount Vernon residents to take the survey today!



## **BRT Branding & Station Design Meetings and Survey**

To gather **additional community input** on a different topic, we have re-opened our **station design survey**, and will keep it open **through March 1**. On this survey, we are seeking **community input on two station design concepts** for the BRT system. These concepts were originally presented to the community at two meetings in November 2020.

The surveys are brief. We show images for each of two station design concepts and then ask questions about the concepts. We also seek **input on community "charm," or features that respondents would like to see** reflected in the final station design.

Branding Survey (English); (Español) Station Design Survey (English); (Español) Meeting Recording (English); (Español) Watch the meeting and take the survey... In celebration of Black History Month, Fairfax County and Cox Communications present:

# **A Virtual Black History Program**

February 19, 7 to 8 p.m.

Explore Black History in Fairfax County and honor black perseverance and resiliency with remarks and entertainment by:



**Jeff McKay** Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Bryan Hill Fairfax County Executive



Lynnette Clark Field Operations Director Cox Communications



Professor Mark Hopson Director of African and African American Studies at George Mason University



Gloria Addo-Ayensu, MD Director of Health for Fairfax County



Dumi RIGHT Hip-hop artist



Musical selections from

**Amber Iman** 

The Hamilton Brothers



Friday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. on Fairfax County Government Channel 16.

LIVE STREAM

Fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/live-video-stream

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Alfred Street Baptist Church and more!

For questions or feedback, contact paul.woods@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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