

June 23, 2020



Dear Neighbors,

At Tuesday Board of Supervisor's meeting, the Board approved the **County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2021 - 2025**, as discussed at the [June 2 Budget Policy Committee meeting](#). We also took action to further support those **struggling financially** during the COVID-19 pandemic, by **reducing late payment penalties for real estate and personal property taxes** for tax year 2020.



In addition, the Board approved revisions to County Personnel Regulations including **adding six weeks of paid family leave** as a type of leave that can be used for Family and Medical Leave. I strongly **support additional family leave** for our County employees and also believe it is **important that we identify ways to enable all employers** to universally provide this benefit, **particularly smaller businesses**.

This week we **re-instituted Board Matters** at our meetings and passed two of significant note. One was a joint Board Matter between myself, Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor John Foust to provide **additional support** for those **struggling to pay rent and mortgages** in the wake of COVID-19. This involves a **Housing Partnership Pledge, Emergency Rental Assistance** and additional flexibilities. A second Board Matter **directed the Fairfax County History Commission** to prepare a report listing a **full inventory of Confederate street names, monuments and public places** in the County and on County-owned property. This inventory of names and their history will **inform discussion** of the appropriateness of these names and **renaming considerations**. I **fully support doing this research** and considering future action.

Three Additional Meeting Highlights:

1. **Authorized a public hearing** to consider County Code amendments to align with the General Assembly's 2020 SB 838 that **prohibits discriminating in employment** "on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran". The County already **has much of this codified**, but this would expand our existing code.
2. Authorized [four Capital Improvement bond referendums](#) for the November 3, 2020, general election: **parks, libraries, human services and transportation**.
3. Approved **FY 2020 financial year-end processing**.

You can read more about my Board Matters, the **latest COVID-19 information** and **upcoming community meetings** below.

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Storck".

Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors June 23, 2020 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.

All presentations, recognitions and Board Matters were postponed.

To view the June 23, 2020 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

Item 2: Approved an **additional 24 months for commencement of construction** for the **Artis Senior Living Facility in Lorton**. The **site plan has been approved** and **architectural plans** for building permit issuance have been **submitted**, however, additional time is needed to **secure bonds** and **establish escrow** for the site requirements. In addition, **if new regulations** are put in place for **senior living facilities due to COVID-19**, the plans may need to be re-worked as **COVID-19 could radically change operations** and possibly design. *The full item can be read on pages 73 - 83 of the Board Package.*

Item 9: Authorized the advertisement of a **Public Hearing** on amendments to the County Code relating to **animal control and care**. **Proposed changes** include:

- Permit wildlife rehabilitators, exhibitors and other individuals **with valid permits** from Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to **possess wildlife in the County**.
- Revise the **definition of wild or exotic animal**.
- Revise **rabies control provisions**.
- Revise provision related to **traveling animal exhibitions**.
- Remove provisions related to **euthanizing wildlife** at the County's animal shelter.
- Update the **animal shelter's fee schedule**.

The hearing will be held on **July 14 at 4:30 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 123 - 159 of the Board Package.*

Item 11: Authorized the advertisement of a **Public Hearing** on amendments to the County Code related to **County employees and personnel administration**. This amendment adds **additional protective categories** to the existing County Code to **prevent County government employment discrimination** on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran. The hearing will be held on **July 14 at 4:30 p.m.** *The full item can be read on pages 171 - 176 of the Board Package.*

Action Items

Item 3: Approved revisions to the County Personnel Regulations to align definitions and to **add six weeks of paid family leave** for County employees. *The full item can be read on pages 195 - 262 of the Board Package.*

Item 4: Approved **four bond referenda** on the **Fall 2020 Bond Referendum totaling \$441 million**. These bond funds, if approved, would be used to pay for the County's share of the **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Capital Improvement Program** (\$160 million); and capital improvements and replacement of **existing County facilities** associated with Parks and Park Facilities (FCPA \$100 million and NVRPA \$12 million), Libraries (\$90 million), and Community Health and Human Services Facilities (\$104 million). The Bond Referendum will be on the **November 2, 2020, election ballot**. *The full item can be read on pages 263 - 290 of the Board Package.*

Board Matters

Housing Partnership Pledge and Emergency Rental Assistance - Joint with Chairman Jeff McKay and Supervisor John Foust

As we continue to address the **impact of COVID-19** and the associated impact on employment in our community, **low and moderate income families** in particular are increasingly at risk of **falling behind on rent and mortgages**, and eventually eviction and even homelessness. While the steps the County, our housing authority, our nonprofit partners, and our community are taking are **making a critical difference**, the time has come to look at **additional steps** we can take to sustain and **even expand these efforts** in the coming months.

Action

- Directed staff to develop a **Housing Partnership Pledge**. Similar to work done in Chicago, we plan to convene leadership from our landlord and lender community to develop a pledge to provide **relief for borrowers and tenants** impacted by COVID-19, asking them to **voluntarily defer actions** such as foreclosures and evictions, and providing **grace periods** for payments.
- Directed the Department of Housing and Community Development, in partnership with other appropriate County agencies, **develop new guidelines for Emergency Rental Assistance**, to provide for a requirement that landlords receiving such assistance certify that, in exchange for accepting the payment on a renter's account from the County, they will work in good faith to help the tenants **maintain their housing** and will contact the County prior to filing a legal action. In addition, we should explore asking landlords receiving emergency rental assistance to **waive late fees** dating to April 1.
- Requested that the Redevelopment and Housing Authority explore what **additional flexibilities** it may have in its programs to provide emergency rental assistance.

Expedited Processing for PCA/CDPA/FDPA Avention Holdings I, LLC.

The pending application Proffer Conditions Amendment/Conceptual Development Plan Amendment/Final Development Plan Amendment PCA/CDPA/FDPA 2000-MV-046 is an application to **amend the proffers and conditions**, the **conceptual development plans**, and the **final development plans** associated with rezoning application RZ-2000-MV-046. The Applicant, **Avention Holdings LLC**, proposes to amend the proffers approved pursuant to RZ 2000-MV-046 in order to permit application of **remaining multifamily residential units** available under the Comprehensive Plan for this area. This application is scheduled to go before the **Planning Commission** for a **hearing date of July 8, 2020**.

The proposed **multifamily building** will be **seven stories** and contain up to **379 multifamily units**. The proposed building design **compliments the existing multifamily structures** to the south of the Property, while being respective of nearby single-family uses. It also promotes a **contemporary urban design** adjacent to the Huntington Metro Station.

The plan **promotes use of transit** (Metrorail and bus), other high-occupant vehicle commuting modes, **walking, biking and teleworking**, all to reduce automobile trips. The Applicant has proffered a Transportation Demand Management Plan, has an outlined dedicated **Sustainable Design Plan** for the buildings, an Invasive Species Plant Management Plan, **tree preservation and soil remediation** to satisfy cultural requirements for trees, shrubs, and groundcovers.

Finally, this project **will create 44 workforce dwelling units** in this development, furthering the County's goal of providing more affordable housing.

Action

- Authorized expedited processing of the pending Proffer Conditions Amendment/Conceptual Development Plan Amendment/Final Development Plan Amendment PCA/CDPA/FDPA 2000-MV-046 for a Board of Supervisors hearing date of July 28, 2020.

Public Hearings

Reduction in the Late Payment Penalty Ordinances for Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes for Tax Year 2020

Approved temporary-ordinance amendments to **reduce the late payment penalty rate from 10% to 5%** and provide additional relief during COVID-19 conditions to taxpayers who are unable to make timely **Real Estate tax and Personal Property tax payments** for tax year 2020. Also, the additional **late payment penalty of 15%** for tax year 2020 Personal Property tax payments **past due more than 30 days is temporarily eliminated**. The ordinance changes take effect immediately. The Department of Taxation

Administration (DTA) also intends to **eliminate other administrative fees** for tax year 2020 – these changes do not require ordinance changes. *The full item can be read on pages 314 - 318 of the Board Package.*

Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

1. **Kenneth Heyman** (Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board)
 2. **Roberta Kelley Dean** (Barbara Varon Volunteer Award Selection Committee)
 3. **Lanita Thweatt** (Human Services Council)
 4. **Pete Sitnik** (Transportation Advisory Commission)
 5. **Joseph Cammarata** (Water Authority)
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Upcoming Land Use Cases

Planning Commission

July 8, 2020: The Applicant, **Aventon Holdings LLC**, proposes to amend the proffers approved pursuant to RZ 2000-MV-046 in order to permit application of **remaining multifamily residential units** available under the Comprehensive Plan for this area. The proposed **multifamily building** will be **seven stories** and contain up to **379 multifamily units**, including **44 workforce dwelling units**. The proposed building design **compliments the existing multifamily structures** to the south of the Property, while being respective of nearby single-family uses. It also promotes a **contemporary urban design** adjacent to the **Huntington Metro Station**. The Board of Supervisors Public Hearing will be held **July 28, 2020**. [Project zoning webpage...](#)

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) has resumed meeting, but agendas for July are not currently available. [Meeting dates and agendas as they are posted...](#)

COVID-19 Updates

[Fairfax County Reduces Penalties for Late Car and Real Estate Tax Payments](#)

[Temporary Shelter Available During COVID-19](#)

[3 Steps to Stay Safe From COVID-19 If You Are 60+](#)

[Protect Your Tenant Rights During COVID-19](#)

[Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps — Providing Critical Assistance to the COVID-19 Response](#)

Forward Virginia: Phase 3

This week, Governor Northam announced **Virginia will enter Phase 3** of reopening on **July 1, including Northern Virginia**. View Phase 3 guidelines in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#). Governor Northam's **presentation outlining Phase 3** can be found [here](#).

Key changes:

- **Non-essential businesses, restaurants,** and beverage services **may fully reopen.**
- **Entertainment venues** may open at **50% capacity.**
- **All open facilities** must continue to **maintain physical distancing practices** and **enhanced cleaning and disinfection** practices.
- **Gatherings of up to 250 people** will be allowed.
- **Teleworking** is still **strongly encouraged.**
- **Face masks** are still **required.**

Schools

FCPS announces [Plan to Return to School](#). [Message from the Superintendent...](#)

Get Help, Give Help

- **A Place to Stand** is a non-profit organization **assisting families** from our community, particularly from Mount Vernon High School, with **food and hygiene**

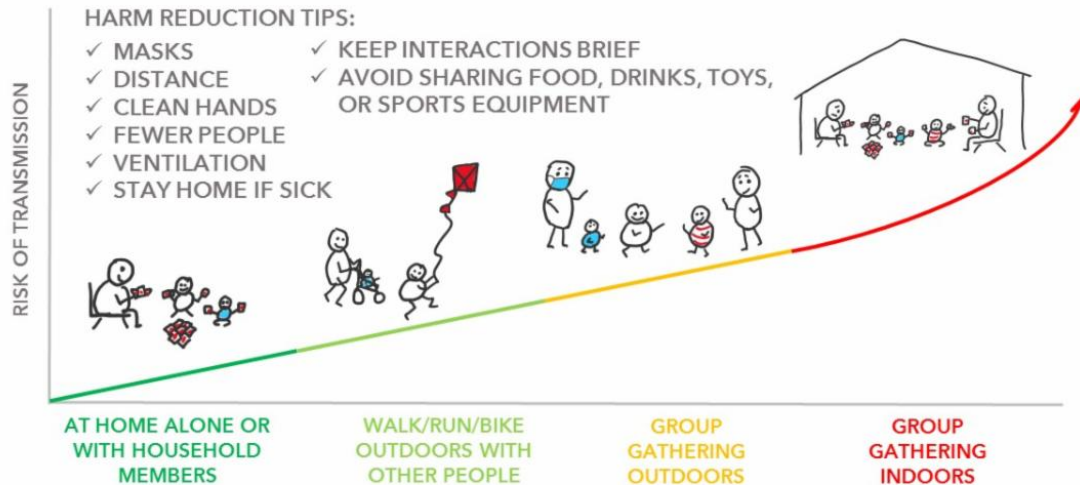
needs. [Learn more...](#)

- For more, visit our [Get Help, Give Help](#) webpage.

Other News

- Metro announces [Updated Recovery Plan](#).
- Based on strong demand, Fairfax County Public **Library's curbside pickup services** have [expanded to Saturdays](#).
- The **Workhouse Art Center's Outdoor Community Market** starts this Saturday, June 27.

REDUCING RISK OF CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION



@JuliaLMarcus, @EpiEllie, + Jonah Saffran

Credit: Tweet from Julia Marcus, PhD, MPH @JuliaLMarcus

District Information & Upcoming Events

FREE Community Immunization Clinic

June 25 at 2 p.m.

Gerry Hyland Governmental Center, 8350 Richmond Highway

[View the flyer...](#)

Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) Community Meeting

June 29 at 7 p.m.

A **virtual community meeting** will be held to provide updates on the **OMVHS Renovation and Adaptive Reuse** project. The County **completed the master planning process** and hired an architecture & engineering consultant to **start the design process** to renovate the historic OMVHS building. The overarching vision for this project is to leverage the former high school to **build communities of opportunity**, create career pathways, **connect different generations** and better integrate residents into the economy.

To **attend the virtual meeting**, please [email DPWES](#). Meeting sign-on **instructions will be sent** to you by return email; or **call the Building Design and Construction Division** administrative office at 703-324-5800, TTY 711.

[View the meeting flyer in English and Spanish...](#)

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