

December 4, 2018

# BOS BRIEF

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At our previous Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting, the BOS **heard from many citizens** regarding the changes being considered for the **retirement system**. The County has been **engaging with employees and County residents** for over a year, as it considers **minor changes to our pension plans** to ensure their long term **balance and sustainability** for our current and future workforce. Along with a majority of our Board, I remain **committed to continuing** our County's defined benefit pension program. This **benefit is of value** to our employees and helps attract and retain the **stable, motivated workforce** for which Fairfax County is known.

At yesterday's meeting, the **BOS approved changes** to the Employees', Uniformed and Police Officers Retirement Systems for **employees hired on or after July 1, 2019**. These changes include **eliminating the pre-Social Security Supplement** from the Employees' and Uniformed systems and **eliminating the 3 percent calculated retirement annuity increase** for all three plans. I **supported the former** change, but not the latter. Unfortunately, none of the changes we considered get to the **core of my concerns** regarding our retirement plans. I strongly believe our **employees should have more flexibility** in choosing how they save for their retirement, based on their own unique family circumstances. I will continue to work with my colleagues to **seek solutions** that address our ongoing financial challenges, provide more **options and flexibility** for employees and to **maintain a sustainable defined benefit pension program**.

The BOS adopted the **2019 Federal and State Legislative Programs**. In preparing this package, the Legislative Committee considered the County's **legislative needs and opportunities**. **Key priorities include:**

- Global Climate Change/Environmental Sustainability Initiatives
- Reducing Environmental Contamination from Plastic and Paper Bags
- Funding for Economic Success
- Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention
- Pedestrian Safety and Access to Transit
- Mental Health and Public Safety Initiatives

The Board also received a presentation from **former Board Chairman** and current Secretary of the Electoral Board **Kate Hanley** on the 2018 Midterm Elections.

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

1. Approved changes to the **Employees', Uniformed and Police Officers Retirement Systems** for employees hired on or after July 1, 2019.
2. Appointed Mount Vernon resident **Stephen W. Kulinski**, AIA, to the **Architectural Review Board**.
3. Approved County comments to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on its recently released **Draft Environmental Assessment** on the **Richmond Highway Improvement Project**.

I moved two **Board Matters** to expedite District development projects for **Wesley Housing** in Huntington and for **Panera Bread** in Lorton. I also recognized **Bill and Jan Vaughn** for their 25 years of service to the residents of the Mount Vernon District

through their **incredible Christmas lights artistry**. Last week, the Vaughan's **won the season premier of the ABC's Great Christmas Light Fight**, receiving \$50,000 and a trophy for their labor of love to the community.

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 December 4, 2018 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 recognized:**



**Fairfax County employers selected as "Best Workplaces for Commuters" by the County Department of Transportation and the National Center for Transit Research**



**The Fairfax County Park Authority for receiving national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies**

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To view the December 4, 2018 Board Package [click here](#).

### **Administrative Items**

#### **The Board authorized public hearings:**

- On a proposed amendment to designate **two new mobile food vending zones** that would allow for **mobile food vending** from authorized public streets within the Dranesville and **Mount Vernon Districts**. The hearing will be held **February 5, 2019**, at 4:00 p.m.
  - On a proposal to **abandon a portion of Cinder Bed Road**. The hearing will be held **January 22, 2019**, at 4:30 p.m.
  - On a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that would allow **hedgehogs, chinchillas and hermit crabs** to be considered **commonly accepted pets**. The hearing will be held **January 22, 2019**, at 4:00 p.m.
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### **Action Items**

**Action 2:** Endorsed a **transportation project list** for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) **funding for FY 2025**. The **two top priority projects** submitted to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for funding allocation are the **Richmond Highway Widening** (Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road) for **\$10 M** and the **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** for **\$13 M**. *The full item can be read on pages 327 - 331 of the Board Package.*

**Action 7:** Approved County comments to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on its recently released **Draft Environmental Assessment** on the **Richmond Highway Improvement Project** (Mount Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road) project. *The full item can be read on pages 369 - 377 of the Board Package.*

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## Information Items

**Info 2:** Received a report on the [FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report](#) (CAFR). *The full item can be read on pages 399 - 401 of the Board Package.*

**Info 4:** Received an annual [update](#) on the **Economic Success Strategic Plan**. The Fall 2018 Update has a variety of **stories and highlights** that demonstrate the fundamental **themes and strategies** of the Plan in action. The Update includes the **Actions Tracker** that provides an **update of each of the actions** detailed in the Plan, including a progress description for each. *The full item can be read on page 404 of the Board Package.*

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## Board Matters

### Authorization for Expedited and Concurrent Processing of the of Wesley Huntington Landlord, LLC

Wesley Huntington Landlord, LLC (**Wesley Housing**) is currently requesting minor modifications to a previously approved **mixed-use development** proximate to the Huntington Metro Station. Specifically, the property identified as Fairfax County Tax Map Reference 83-1 ((8)) 92A, 92B, 93A, 93B, and 94A is currently **approved for up to 139 multifamily dwelling units** and up to 3,534 square feet of retail use. The Applicant now proposes to **retain the existing approved development option** and provide a **new option to construct up to 126 multifamily dwelling units** and up to 7,500 square feet of office use. [Continue reading...](#)

#### Action

*Directed:*

- *The Director of the Zoning Evaluation Division to **expeditiously process the pending application** submitted by the Applicant.*
- *The Director of the Department of Land Development Services to accept for **concurrent and simultaneous processing** any site plans, building plans, architectural drawings, or other drawings as may be necessary in conjunction with applications filed on behalf of the Applicant.*

### Authorization for Concurrent Processing for Panera, LLC

**Panera, LLC** is currently processing two zoning applications identified as PCA 1999-MV-025-06 and SE 2018-MV-025. The applications propose to construct a **restaurant with drive-through and 1,000 square feet of retail use** in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of **Lorton Road and Lorton Market Street**. The Subject Property has long been vacant and this proposal represents a significant opportunity to **improve the site** with a high-quality, community-serving use. Given the timing associated with the contract on the Subject Property, the Applicant plans to submit a site plan and building plans as soon as possible. Accordingly, the Applicant seeks concurrent processing.

#### Action

*Directed the Director of the Department of Land Development Services to accept for **concurrent and simultaneous processing** any site plans, building plans, architectural drawings, or other drawings as may be necessary in conjunction with applications filed on behalf of the Applicant.*

### Recognition for Collingwood residents, Bill and Jan Vaughan

For over 25 years, **Bill and Jan Vaughan** have brought their **incredible Christmas lights artistry** to the residents of the Mount Vernon District. Community members begin seeing the Vaughan's preparing their displays in August, months before, the big reveal during the holidays. Last week, the Vaughan's **won the season premier of the ABC's Great Christmas Light Fight**, winning over competitors from Texas, Florida, and Mississippi. They were awarded \$50,000 and a trophy for what they consider a labor of love.

My **sincerest appreciation** goes out to the Vaughan's for **bringing the community together** annually and making this a **holiday tradition** for all.

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## Public Hearings

### Rezone from R-2, R-20 and HC to R-20 and HC to Permit Public Use

This property is located on the East side of Lukens Lane approximately 600 feet South of its intersection with Richmond Highway and is planned for the **new Woodlawn Fire Station**. The public hearing was **deferred to January 22, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.**

### Proposed County Code Amendment to Change the Street Address for the Current Belvoir Precinct Polling Location

Approved changing the street address for the current Belvoir Precinct Polling Location **from 6900 Newington Road to 8201 Cinder Bed Road**. This is an **administrative change of address**, not a location change, based on renovations and road improvements in the area.

### Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Continuing Care Facilities, Adult Day Care Centers, and Related Provisions

Approved a zoning ordinance amendment to **create flexibility to permit continuing adult care facilities** to provide wrap-around services for seniors within one facility.

### Proposed Amendments to The Code of the County of Fairfax (Code) and the Public Facilities Manual (PFM) Regarding the "PFM Flex Project," a Fairfax First Initiative to Improve the Speed, Consistency and Predictability of the County's Land Development Review Process

Approved proposed amendments to County Code and the Public Facilities Manual regarding the **"PFM Flex Project"**. This effort is a result of goal three of the **Strategic Plan for Economic Success** in the County: **to improve the speed, consistency, and predictability of the land development review process.**

### Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Small-Scale Production Establishments

Approved a zoning ordinance amendment to facilitate building repurposing and accommodate emerging land use trends, the proposed amendment defines a new use: **Small-Scale Production Establishments**. The amendment **extends the ability to have an establishment for production, processing, or manufacturing** to most commercial and planned development districts and the light industrial district, but only in accordance with the proposed use limitations.

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## Upcoming Events

- Dec 6: **Mount Vernon District Holiday Open House** - 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 6: **Written Off Documentary Screening** - 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 7: **FCCPTA's Education Survey Closes**
- Dec 8: **Laurel Hill Park Clean Up** - 9 a.m.
- Dec 8: **Urban Design Guidelines Workshop - Richmond Highway Corridor** - 10 a.m.
- Dec 8: **Workhouse Arts Center Winterfest & Second Saturday Art Walk**
- Dec 10: **Police Civilian Review Panel 2018 Public Forum** - 7 p.m.
- Dec 11: **South County Federation Meeting** - 7:30 p.m.
- Dec 12: **FCDOT Public Meeting: Lorton & Silverbrook Roads Intersection** - 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 13: **Mary Thonen Richmond Highway Beautification Awards and Open House** - 4 p.m.
- **And more!**

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## Board Appointments

Mount Vernon residents were appointed or reappointed to the following:

1. Stephen W. Kulinski, AIA (Architectural Review Board)
  2. Anne Barnes (History Commission)
  3. Kim Larkin (History Commission)
  4. Sallie Lyons (History Commission)
  5. Linwood Gorham (Park Authority Board)
  6. Brendan Harold (Police Officers Retirement System Board of Trustees)
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### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

**WHEN: Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**WHERE: 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306**

[More Details...](#)

*As part of the Open House our office is collecting donations for:*

### **Refugee Coat & Blanket Drive for Syrian Refugees 2018**

The **Mount Vernon District office** will again be a **drop-off site** for the NOVA Relief Center's **Blanket & Coat Drive**. Over the last several years, NOVA Relief has sent over 100,000 blankets and coats to Turkey and Lebanon. This year, **NOVA Relief Center** is accepting donations to distribute to three camps in Jordan: Mafraq, Jerash and Irbid.

You can help **make this event a success** by making and collecting donations, giving **gently used blankets and/or coats**, and by **volunteering**. Donations will be accepted from **November 9 - December 7, 2018**. [Read more and donate...](#)

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### **Urban Design Guidelines Workshop - Richmond Highway Corridor**

The County is creating **Urban Design Guidelines for the Richmond Highway corridor**. The Guidelines provide details on many of the recommendations described in the Embark Comprehensive Plan including the **appearance and function** of streets, parks and plazas, and **other elements of the public realm**. To kick this project off, the County **invites everyone in the community** to participate in an **Urban Design Workshop** to share their design ideas for Richmond Highway.

#### **Event Details:**

Saturday, December 8, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Walt Whitman Middle School Cafeteria, 2500 Parkers Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306

For more information, [visit](#).

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### **Public Feedback Sought on Proposed Improvements to Fairfax Connector Service**

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is requesting **public feedback** on proposed Fairfax Connector service changes to **existing routes 161/162 (Hybla Valley Circulator)**, [321/322](#) and [699](#), and on the establishment of **new routes 308 and 467**. The proposed changes aim to increase ridership and to **enhance customer experience** through improved connectivity, on-time performance and service reliability. FCDOT will host outreach events on the proposed changes. Closest to Mount Vernon:

**Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, from 6:00-8:00**

[Key Middle School](#), 6402 Franconia Rd, Springfield

Transit Connection: Fairfax Connector [Route 310](#)

The meetings will include a [presentation](#) at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed changes. Fairfax Connector representatives will be on hand to answer questions and take feedback from attendees.

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## Consolidated Community Funding Pool Survey

The County is seeking public input in an effort to validate **community priorities** for committing County funds to address **human services needs**. The County's Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) is an allocation of funds earmarked by the BOS to be administered to **local nonprofits and community-based organizations** as an investment in programs and services that fill identified needs within communities across the County. Funding is awarded on a two-year cycle.

In preparation for the next funding cycle of the CCFP (FY 2021 – 2022), the County is conducting a **community feedback survey** to gather community insight and comments regarding the current **CCFP priority areas**:

- Housing
- Literacy/Educational Development/Attainment
- Financial Stability
- Health
- Support/Community/Social Networks
- Positive Behaviors and Healthy Relationships

**We encourage residents to participate in this effort.** [Click here](#) to take the survey online. **Paper copies are also available** at the County's Community Centers and 8 Regional Libraries. Additional information is also available [here](#).

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## Short-Term Lodging in Fairfax County

As many of you know, the Board approved **limited short-term lodging (STL) amendments** that took effect **October 1, 2018**. In the month of October, the Office of Planning and Zoning received **21 applications for STL uses** and only a handful of complaints. For the first month of enforcement, the Department of Code Compliance (DCC) utilized an '**outreach and education**' approach, providing information to the potential STL operators and requiring them to obtain a STL permit, if appropriate. Starting in **November**, the DCC has begun **enforcement of standard protocol**. It will continue to provide outreach and education, but will now **investigate complaints** on properties that may or may not have STL permits issued. [Information on STL regulations...](#)

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