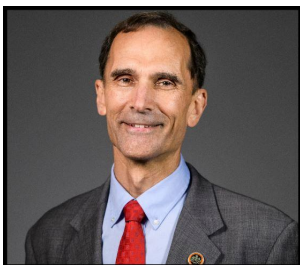


October 16, 2018

BOS BRIEF

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The Board of Supervisors (BOS) began the day by recognizing **October as Disability Employment Awareness Month**. As we strive for **inclusion in the County**, it was noted that although our employment rate is very low, it **remains a challenge** for those with disabilities to get jobs and to receive accommodations to **perform their jobs**. We need to do more to **encourage employers to hire people of differing abilities** to allow them to contribute to our economy, **reach their full potential** and **live more fulfilling lives**. The skills of those with disabilities are a critical part of the County's efforts to **build an inclusive and strong economy**, while the talents and contributions of these same individuals are **vital to the strength** of the County's **workforce and future prosperity**.

The BOS received a [report](#) on the **progress achieved** on the over two hundred **recommended actions** of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission conveyed to the BOS, in October 2015. The **independent assessment** by seven former members of the Commission, informally known as the *Implementation Group*, highlights the **significant progress** made by the Fairfax County Police Department, while recognizing more is both possible and necessary. The report begins by noting that the **County maintains an excellent police department**, and that we are fortunate to have **high-caliber police personnel** protecting us daily.

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

1. Approved a **Standard Project Agreement** (SPA) with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for **\$250M in funding** for the **Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit** (BRT) Project.
2. Approved a **minor height variation** for the WashREIT Riverside Apartments.
3. Amended County Code to **limit fleet vehicle** parking in public right-of-ways.

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

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors October 16, 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.

The Board proclaimed:



October 2018 as Disability Employment Awareness Month



October 27, 2018 as VolunteerFest Day



October 2018 as Cyber Security Month

To view the October 16, 2018 Board Package [click here](#).

Administrative Items

The Board authorized public hearings:

- On a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that would allow **hedgehogs, chinchillas and hermit crabs** to be considered **commonly accepted pets**.
- To consider proposed amendments to the **ordinances for the Fairfax County Employees', Uniformed and Police Officers retirement systems** for the purpose of **changing certain benefit provisions** with respect to employees hired on or after July 1, 2019.

Action Items

Action 1: Approved a **Standard Project Agreement (SPA)** with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) to secure **\$250 million in funding** for the implementation of the [Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit \(BRT\)](#) project, which aims to **increase transit ridership** along the corridor and lead to the **future Metrorail extension to Hybla Valley**. *The full item can be read on pages 177 - 203 of the Board Package.*

Action 2: Approved a modification to **reduce the application fee** for mobile and land based **telecommunication facilities** from \$16,375 to \$6,200, to conform with new Virginia codes. *The full item can be read on pages 204 - 206 of the Board Package.*

Action 3: Approved a **minor height variation** for the WashREIT Riverside Apartments. This will allow the **clubhouse rooftop amenities** on both buildings to be **approximately 7 feet higher** than the originally approved plans and will have **minimal impact** on adjacent properties. *The full item can be read on pages 230 - 241 of the Board Package.*

To read the full Board Matters, [click here](#).

Board Matters

Environment Expo: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time

The Mount Vernon District will host its **first Environment Expo on Saturday, November 10, 2018** from 8 a.m. – noon at Walt Whitman Middle School. The Expo will feature an **Exhibit Hall** with a variety of County agencies, service providers and **educators**, informational and hands-on **workshops** and **screenings of the film "Hometown Habitat"**. The goal of the Expo is to **educate and inform** residents on environmental challenges that we all face on a daily basis, including ones that are **unique to the Mount Vernon area** given our proximity to water and the many industrial facilities nearby. We want attendees to **LEARN, ENGAGE, and ACT!** For more information, [visit](#).

Action

Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise the 2018 Environment Expo.

Joint Board Matter

Recognition of Martha Faconer - Joint with Supervisor McKay

Martha Faconer (better known locally as "**Ms. Martha**") has spent the last **35 years serving** the County's **homeless and low-income individuals and families** for New Hope Housing and its predecessor, Route One Corridor Housing. [Read the full Board Matter...](#)

Action

Present Ms. Faconer with a proclamation.

Public Hearings that Impact the Mount Vernon District

Amendments to the Fairfax County Code Chapter 82, Article 5, Section 19 - Fleet Vehicles

Based on last month's public hearing and subsequent **clarifications of the definition** of fleet vehicles, the Board approved amendments that will **limit fleet vehicle parking** in public right-of-ways. This generally **does NOT apply to individuals** parking work vehicles near their homes.

Rezoning to Permit Public Use of Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services Building on Lukens Lane

Deferred due to the rescheduling of the Planning Commission public hearing to November 15. **The Board public hearing will be December 4 at 3:30 p.m.**

Rezoning to Permit Commercial Uses, Waiver of Minimum Lot Size and Increase in Office Percentage for the Lafayette Building

Deferred due to the rescheduling of the Planning Commission public hearing to October 25. **The Board public hearing will be November 20 at 3:30 p.m.**

Lease County-Owned Property at the I-95 Landfill to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Approved the lease space on a **radio tower** at the **I-95 Landfill** to the **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)** for the provision of telecommunications services for its **emergency safety network**.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 17: [2018 Congressional Candidate Forum - 8th District](#) – 7 p.m.
- Oct 20: [Financial Wellness Clinic](#) – 9 a.m.
- Oct 20: [First Time Home Buyer Class](#) – 10 a.m.
- Oct 20: [Public Safety Career Fair](#) - 10 a.m.
- Oct 24: [Is Bankruptcy Right for You?](#) – 6:30 p.m.

- Oct 24: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Meeting – 8 p.m.
- Oct 27: Tour de Mount Vernon – 8:30 a.m.
- Oct 27: Community Shred Event – 8:30 a.m.
- Oct 27: Semi-Annual Drug Take Back Day – 10 a.m.
- Oct 27: STEM FEST – 2 p.m.
- Oct 27: Lorton Library Trunk or Treat – 11 a.m.
- Oct 27: Lt. Stecco Memorial Blood Drive – 3 p.m.
- Oct 29: VDOT Richmond Highway Widening Public Information Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 31: Embark on Opportunities – 7:30 a.m.
- Nov 3: Secure Document Shredding Event Rescheduled in South County – 8 a.m.
- Nov 10: Environment Expo: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time – 8 a.m.
- [And more!](#)



Opportunity to Serve

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors created the **Police Civilian Review Panel**. The mission of the Panel to **enhance police legitimacy** and to **build and maintain trust** between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County Police Department. You can read more about the Panel here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel/about-us>

If you would like to be considered for future appointment to the nine-member panel, please send me a resume or bio and a brief note explaining why you'd like to be appointed. Send email to: MtVernon@FairfaxCounty.gov

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