



## Mount Vernon Advisor BoS BRIEF

March 8, 2018

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The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors meeting held on March 6, 2018**. We have included items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's website. 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.](#)

## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR STORCK

At Tuesday's **Board of Supervisor's (BOS) meeting** the Board approved the publication of the **County Executive's proposed budget for FY 2019, which is based on a tax rate of \$1.155 per \$100 of assessed value. This is an increase of 2.5 cents** over the current rate of \$1.13. Advertising the tax rate at a maximum increase of 2.5 cents means that when the Board adopts a final budget and a final tax rate on May 1, **the tax rate can be the same as or lower than what was advertised, but not higher.**



The County Executive's Advertised Budget provides a **revenue increase of \$192.32 million**, or 4.69%, over last year's budget. It recommends a **general fund transfer to our County Schools of \$2.26 billion**, which is a 4.38%, or \$95.10 million, increase over the current budget. The proposed operating transfer **meets the School Board's request**, after accounting for an anticipated increase in State revenues. The **top priority for the Schools' FY 2019 Budget is teacher salaries and benefits**. The Advertised Budget also begins to **address increased school capital needs**, with the an annual increase of **\$25 million in School bonding authority**. Other County priorities in the Advertised Budget include **South County police positions, Diversion First, gang and opioid prevention efforts, early childhood initiatives and employee compensation.**

**I support the Board's advertisement of the proposed budget and advertised maximum tax rates**, as they allow us to fully fund our schools, compensate our County employees and continue to provide the services our residents have come to expect. Over the coming months, the Board will review the County Executive's proposed budget. We will **hear public comment and discuss together** how to strike the right balance between **keeping taxes affordable for our residents, while maintaining the high quality services** for which our County is known.

I encourage you to **get involved** in the budget process by **sharing feedback, ideas and suggestions** regarding the tax rate and budget priorities. Please join me and **Mount Vernon School Board Member Karen Corbett Sanders** on **Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.** at [Walt Whitman Middle School](#) for the Mount Vernon **District Budget Town Hall**. We will be joined by **County Executive Bryan Hill and County Chief Financial Officer Joseph Mondoro** to **inform our community about the proposed budget, listen to your feedback and further explain the budget process.**

There are many other opportunities in the coming months to **provide your feedback** including **submitting written testimony** and **speaking** at the **budget public hearings** on **April 10, April 11 and April 12** at the Fairfax County Government Center. Sign up [here](#) to speak. Written testimony can be submitted to [derktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:derktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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

1. [Board of Supervisors Advertises Maximum Real Estate Tax Rate of \\$1.155.](#)
2. County recertified as a **Certified Crime Prevention Community** by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.
3. Confirmed the **local emergency declaration**, effective March 2, 2018, throughout the County because of the severe weather event.



At the BOS meeting, I presented **several important Board Matters** to advance projects in the Mount Vernon District. Two land use matters will **accelerate the development process** for the proposed **Huntington Crossing development and 8800 Richmond Highway**. A third matter advances an initiative for our District to pilot a **Volunteer Management System** to further **engage our residents** in our Boards, Authorities and Commissions. You can read more about these Board Matters and my Joint Board Matters below.

The Board also proclaimed:



March 2018 as Women's History Month



March 2018 as Arab-American Heritage Month



March 2018 as Alternative Dispute Resolution Month



March 19-26, 2018 as Restaurant Week

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

To view the March 6, 2018 Board Package [click here](#).

**Admin 4:** The Board authorized the **advertisement of the FY 2019 Budget** and a **real estate tax rate for FY 2019 of \$1.155 per \$100 of assessed value**. The FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan is balanced based on this Real Estate Tax rate, which is an increase of \$0.025 over the current rate for FY 2018. This **gives the Board flexibility during our deliberations** on the FY 2019 budget. While we can lower any advertised tax rate, we cannot impose higher tax rate without advertising the higher rate. If approved as advertised, the **average Fairfax County real estate tax bill would increase by \$268 annually**. The balanced budget as advertised will **fully fund County Schools and maintain the high quality services** for which Fairfax County is known.

**Resources:**

- [FY 2019 Advertised Budget](#)
- [FY 2019 Budget Process Timeline](#)
- [Citizen's Guide to the Budget](#)
- [Video: How Our Budget is Built in Fairfax County](#)

*The full item can be read on pages 53 - 74 of the Board Packet.*

## ACTION ITEMS

**Action 2:** The Board approved the **Calendar Year 2018 Forest Pest Management Program**. Program actions include **monitoring, outreach programs, surveys, management plans and control programs** for Gypsy Moths, Fall Cankerworms, Emerald Ash Borers, Thousand Canker Disease of Walnut Trees, Sudden Oak Death Disease, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Asian Longhorned Beetles, Spotted Lanternflies, Beech Bark Disease and Forest Health Initiatives.

*The full item can be read on pages 110 - 142 of the Board Packet.*

**Action 3:** The Board approved the **annual submission of the Disease Carrying Insects Program (DCIP)**. Program actions include **surveillance programs, insect testing, community outreach and education programs to protect residents** from mosquitoes, West Nile virus, Zika virus, other mosquito-borne diseases, ticks, Lyme disease, other tick-borne illnesses and other disease-transmitting insects of public health importance.

*The full item can be read on pages 143 - 200 of the Board Packet.*

## BOARD MATTERS

### 1. Board Matter: Expedited and Concurrent Processing of NRP Huntington, LLC RZ/FDP 2018-MV-006

The Zoning Evaluation Division recently accepted RZ/FDP 2018-MV-006 on behalf of **NRP Huntington, LLC**. The rezoning and final development plan applications propose the construction of approximately **62 multifamily units** known as **Huntington Crossing**, near the Huntington Metro Station. The rezoning application will implement the adopted Plan recommendations in a **key, transit-oriented location**.

#### **Action**

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

### 2. Board Matter: Mount Vernon District Pilot with Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) and the Volunteer Management System

The Volunteer Management System (VMS) has been a **very effective citizen recruiting tool** for many events in the District and countywide. As a result, my office has been working with Patti Stevens and the Office of Public Private Partnerships to find **new ways to reach District residents to engage them to participate in our Boards, Authorities and Commissions (BAC)**. We are preparing to be the first Board office to participate in the pilot of the VMS system to identify and post opportunities. District staff and any other BOS office that express interest in the pilot can be trained to use the tool to post their opportunities. The system also provides a process to log and track BAC volunteer hours. **This is another positive step forward with improving our public engagement**.

#### **Action**

*Directed OP3 to continue to coordinate this effort with the Department of Information Technology and other agencies to launch this pilot, train the appropriate staff and provide a status update to the Board by the end of the year to share the progress and efficacy of the pilot.*

### 3. Board Matter: Comprehensive Plan Amendment: 8800 Richmond Highway

This **8.14 acre property located along the north side of Richmond Highway immediately west of the Woodlawn Community Business Center** is largely within the 100-year floodplain of Dogue Creek. A substantial portion of the site has been disturbed with fill in the floodplain. Over the past five decades, the site has hosted a range of industrial and commercial uses. Today, a welding operation and several trailers remain on the site.

Currently, the Comprehensive Plan indicates that the site is planned for private open space. A request has been made for the **Comprehensive Plan to be amended to provide for the consideration of residential use on the properties**, including the disturbed portion. A rezoning application, RZ 2016-MV-018, and an associated Special Exception application, have been submitted for a **town house development**.

#### **Action**

- *Evaluate an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for residential uses up to 8 dwelling units per acre. Particular elements to be considered by the Plan amendment include evaluating the proposed density for the ability to: achieve full parcel consolidation; conformance with Policy Plan guidance that addresses disturbances to Environmental Quality Corridors (EQC), including the demonstration of circumstances meriting disturbance to the EQC; and that mitigation/compensation measures would be provided to result in a net environmental benefit to*

the parcels and net benefits relating to most, if not all, of the EQC policy that are applicable to the proposed disturbances. Furthermore, the proposed redevelopment of the property would need to be consistent with VDOT's proposed widening of Richmond Highway.

- Consistent with Board policy for concurrent processing of plan amendments and rezonings in revitalization districts, RZ 2016-MV-018 should be processed in an expedited manner with the Plan Amendment.

[Click here](#) to see the full Board Matters.

### 1. Joint Board Matter: New Business Experience Partner “BizEx”

I joined Supervisor McKay in a joint Board Matter to **ensure community awareness of BizEx**. BizEx, is a **first-stop for people who want to establish or grow a small business in the County**. Partnering with the Economic Development Authority (EDA) and staff from planning and development agencies, BizEx provides individualized attention to constituents who may need guidance as they enter the regulatory process. In order to ensure the success of small businesses, we need to educate prospective small business owners about our processes and make sure they have a personal point of contact if they have questions.

#### **Action**

*Directed the Office of Public Affairs to advertise BizEx to ensure community awareness of this resource.*

[Click here](#) to see the full joint Board Matter.

### 2. Joint Board Matter: 45th Anniversary of Mount Vernon-Lee Enterprise

I joined Supervisor McKay in recognizing the **45th Anniversary of the Mount Vernon-Lee Enterprise (MVLE)**, a not-for-profit organization that **works with residents with disabilities across the County and Northern Virginia**. MVLE has **connected these residents with job training and employment opportunities**, allowing them to be part of our workforce and growing our economy at the same time. Through MVLE, countless residents with disabilities have been able to **provide for themselves and contribute to their communities**. MVLE's work has touched the lives of many, and is a great force for good. We are very thankful for the last 45 years, and look forward to a bright future powered by their successes.

#### **Action**

*Present a certificate to the MVLE Executive Board in celebration of its 45th anniversary outside of the boardroom at a future date.*

[Click here](#) to see the full joint Board Matter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **TONIGHT!** Local Ladies - Suffragists in our back yard

Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

#### [Lorton Library](#)

Celebrate International Women's Day with local historian, Alice Reagan, from the Lucy Burns Museum at the Workhouse Arts Center as she discusses the role the Lorton Prison played in the Suffragist movement in the early 1900's. Teens and Adults.

