

A Recessed Meeting of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, held in Room 307 of #1 Courthouse Plaza thereof on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 3:03 p.m.

PRESENT: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman
BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman
JAY FISETTE, Member
MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member
CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member

ALSO PRESENT: RON CARLEE, County Manager
STEPHEN A. MacISAAC, County Attorney
AUBRYN BEDNAR, Acting Clerk

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COUNTY BOARD RECESSED MEETING

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COUNTY BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

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I. COUNTY BOARD REPORTS

The Chairman announced that he and Ms. Hynes attended a "sneak peak" of the new Fire Station No. 5. This new fire station is in the Aurora Highlands neighborhood and the fire fighters have now moved in. The fire station has multiple bays for the fire apparatus and we were able to tour the work and living areas. This is an excellent new home for our professional fire fighters. Fire Station No. 5 will hold an Open House on Saturday, April 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Chairman announced donations from neighbors for Greenbrier Park. Greenbrier Park was recently renovated and the budget did not allow for the replacement of exercise equipment that had been located around the old Greenbrier track. A group of neighbors, headed up by Mr. Richard Barry, took it upon themselves to raise funds to replace the equipment. The Chairman acknowledged their generous gift of \$2,775 to Arlington County. This gift will pay for three chinning bars, a sit-up bench and an incline sit-up bench for the new Greenbrier Park, and they should be ready for your Spring workout. Mr. Richard Barry announced there were approximately 35 donors to this project and explained that the project came about because there are many daily users of the equipment. Mr. Barry was joined by Mr. Witfield Russel and Mr. Jerry Williams.

The Chairman announced that the County Board will hold two public hearings next week: Budget Hearing: Tuesday, March 25; and Tax Rates Hearings: Thursday, March 27. Both public hearings will be held right here in the County Board Room at 7:00 p.m. Please come and share your feedback with us on the County Manager's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 budget. Individuals can sign-up in advance for the Public Hearings. The advanced sign-up process begins today, March 18. Visit the County homepage at www.arlingtonva.us (click on County Board Meetings under Local Government) to sign-up online. You can also call County staff at 703 228-3130 to sign up in advance. Advance online sign-up will end: March 24 at 5:00 p.m. for the Budget Public Hearing; and March 26 at 5:00 p.m. for the Public Tax Rates Hearings. After that time, individuals may register to speak the evening of the hearings beginning at 6:00 p.m. Visit the Information Desk on the 3rd floor outside the Board Room the night of the hearing to sign-up to speak.

The Chairman announced that Arlington's AIRE team is promoting Earth Hour on March 29 to help fight global warming. We will be joining 60,000-plus individuals and 40,000-plus business around the world that have committed to taking one simple action to fight global warming by turning off their lights for one hour on March 29th at 8:00 p.m. The purpose of this global campaign is to bring awareness to global warming and prove that even one person can make a big difference. When this campaign first hit Sydney, Australia last year, the city

saw a 10.2% reduction in energy consumption, equivalent to taking 48,000 cars off the road for a year. Join this important effort and turn your lights out on Saturday, March 29 at 8:00 p.m.

The Chairman announced that every year Arlington Public Libraries encourages everyone in the community to participate in a community-wide reading program. This year, the Arlington Reads 2008 program will focus on immigration issues. The program embraces the joy of reading, community dialogue, and the celebration of our diversity. Please join us at the Arlington Reads kick-off, where we will be joined by Mrs. Hong Le Webb, Senator Jim Webb's wife. The event will take place at the Central Library, April 13, at 2:00 p.m.

The Chairman reported on FitArlington and the Arlington Spring Invitational soccer tournament which took place March 1 through 9. The Arlington Soccer Association hosted 192 teams, with more than 3,000 players and their families from the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. The mission of the Arlington Spring Invitational is to provide a first-class preseason competition for top-level travel club teams as they prepare for premier level tournaments, state cup, and league play. Arlington County has the highest concentration of synthetic grass fields in the country. Exclusive use of these fields allowed the competition to take place in rain and shine. The tournament was sanctioned by US Youth Soccer, and has become one of the most competitive youth soccer tournaments in Virginia. The Chairman congratulated all the athletes.

The Chairman announced that earlier this month, Arlington County hosted a FitArlington Health & Wealth Fair at Arlington Mill. This was a great event to energize people to take care of themselves physically and to take care of their finances. Ms. Favola and I attended the event, along with more than 100 participants.

The Chairman was honored to be the honorary Chair of the March Mania basketball tournament to benefit the Red Cross on Saturday, March 8. The event has a number of sponsors, including Arlington County. The Chairman was gratified to see fitness and community volunteering combined in this wonderful way.

The Chairman reported that on Saturday, March 8 the Arlington Home Ownership Fair took place. Ms. Favola and the Chairman attended this event at Patrick Henry Elementary School. More than 200 people came to the event to learn about home-buying, home-financing, and County and State programs available to assist low-and-moderate-income-first-time home buyers.

The Chairman announced that Arlington's Community Role Models program has been selected as a winner in the 2008 Acts of Caring Awards as one of the top county volunteer programs in the country. The awards program is sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo), in partnership with Freddie Mac, and recognizes county-sponsored volunteer programs that enhance or preserve the quality of life. This program was launched in 2004 to engage Arlington's youth adults in volunteering and other civic activities. To date, more than 1,300 participants have taken advantage of Community Role Models' online services and worked for community non-profit agencies seeking volunteer assistance. These individuals not only provide valuable services but also develop the leadership skills of the greater Arlington community. Many of the Community Role Models volunteers and staff will attend the awards ceremony, which will take place April 10 on Capitol Hill. The Chairman Congratulated the Community Role Models and gave thanks to the excellent staff at the Department of Human Services and the Volunteer Office.

The Chairman announced that due to George Towner Jr.'s outstanding 35-year history of volunteerism and leadership to Arlington County and the parks and recreation programs he earned the coveted 2007 Bill Thomas Park Service Award. This award is the highest honor given to parks and recreation volunteers. Mr. Towner served as chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission in the 1970s. From 1979 to 1997 he represented Arlington in the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Since 1997 he has been a member of Arlington County's Sports Commission. Mr. Towner also founded the Arlington Soccer Association, which has supported thousands of Arlington youth with varying interests, abilities, and backgrounds pursue their enthusiasm for soccer, fair play and sportsmanship. The Chairman congratulated and thanked Mr. Towner for his many years of service to the Arlington community. The formal awards ceremony will be held next week. Mr. Towner asked that the Board share this award with him for all of the work they have done to help develop soccer fields and programs.

The Chairman invited Ms. Linda Dunphy from Doorways to present a gift to the Board.

Ms. Linda Dunphy presented a gift to the Board for investing in the rebuilding of the Freddie Mac Foundation family home. Vice Chairman Favola led the charge in securing the property. Ms. Dunphy invited all members to visit the home and thanked staff for all of their work on the project.

The Vice Chairman spoke about the Triennial Census that the school system is undertaking. Schools had a kick-off last week where Ms. Hynes represented the Board. This is a very important effort. This census is mailed to each household in the County and the purpose is to ascertain the number of children in the household. The results from the census determine the funding formulas that the State uses to pass money to the County for our public school system and is critical for Federal funding. The Vice Chairman encouraged everyone to fill out the simple form.

The Vice Chairman presented the Arlington County Federal Legislative Policy Priorities Document and stressed that the document is a live document that is constantly evolving. The context of this document is very much focused on the relationship of the Arlington County government to the Federal government.

On motion by BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman, seconded by CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, the Board approved the Arlington County Federal Legislative Policy Priorities Document.

[Arlington County Federal Legislative Policy Priorities Document](#)

Mr. Zimmerman presented a proposed County Board policy statement regarding consideration of general land use plan amendments unanticipated by previous planning efforts. Mr. Zimmerman requested that the statement be submitted to the Planning Commission for full review before being considered for final action by the County Board.

On motion by CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member, seconded by MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, the Board approved that the proposed County Board policy statement regarding consideration of general land use plan amendments unanticipated by previous planning efforts be submitted to the Planning Commission for its discussion and input and returned back to the Board before the Board considers a final action.

[Policy Statement Regarding General Land Use Plan Amendment Requests](#)

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II. [APPOINTMENTS](#)

On motion by J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman, and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, the Board made the following appointments to advisory groups:

Housing Commission

Appoint Kathleen McSweeney

Park & Recreation Commission

Appoint Richard Epstein

Northern Virginia Conservation Trust

Reappoint Anesh Chopra

Appoint Edward Bilich

Board of Directors of Arlington Independent Media

Appoint William Brakefield

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III. REGIONAL REPORTS

Mr. Zimmerman spoke about the February 29 court ruling in the case involving regional taxes that the General Assembly had assigned to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority in order to fund the regional transportation program. That ruling invalidated the taxes and the Authority is no longer able to move forward with the program which was about \$3 million a year. The General Assembly and the Governor are going to have to get together and provide a revenue funding option. The problem has been made more acute by the fact that State funding has taken a bad beating at the same time with the decline in the economy. It is expected that the Governor will call a special session of the General Assembly some time this Spring. Mr. Zimmerman recommends individuals contact General Assembly Members and the Governor to let it be known that something needs to be done about this problem. Mr. Zimmerman also announced that the Transportation Planning Board will meet tomorrow. On the agenda is a report on value pricing (congestion pricing) which is a way of referring to the idea of variable tolling of freeways. The results of the study can be found on the TPB website. Finally, opening day for the Nationals is coming and we urge you to use Metro.

Mr. Fisette reported on the Metropolitan Air Quality Committee at the Council of Governments. On the agenda there were three items: 1. the approval of a State implementation plan dealing with our air quality; 2. complications presented by the Mirant Plant; 3. the Wise County proposed coal fire plant. The committee did approved the State implementation plan and as part of that adopted a resolution. The committee went on to acknowledged concerns with the Mirant Plant and took some steps formally to call on DEQ to establish an implementation work group to perform air quality analysis around the plant. The timeline is somewhat flexible but with the goal of developing the methodology in eight months and then applying that methodology within the next six months. The Council on Governments Climate Change Steering Committee asked the Air Quality Committee and Council on Government Board to look into Wise County coal fire plant. The committee drafted a signed letter to the Commonwealth of Virginia Air Pollution Control Board asking that alternatives be explored before a permit is authorized. This County Board went on record in December stating its opposition to the plant. The Council of Governments Board also took up a resolution regarding the power plant in Wise County. Mr. Fisetite highlighted that the power plant would be a 668 mega watt power plant. Kansas and Florida have rejected permits for coal power plants because they are the dirtiest form of energy production. Finally, on April 29, 2008 there will be a pedestrian safety workshop at the National Press Club from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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IV. COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

The County Manager announced the kick-off of emergency preparedness for tornados. Please sign-up for Arlington alerts so that we have a mechanism to communicate with people when there is an emergency.

CLOSED MEETING: CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING DISCUSSIONS

On motion by J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman, seconded by BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, the Board met in a closed meeting from 4:37 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., as authorized by §§2.2-3711.A.3 and 7 of the Virginia Code, for the purposes of discussing three matters involving the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in public would adversely affect the bargaining and negotiating position of the County, and for the purpose of consultation with the County Attorney and staff concerning the County's authority to regulate snakes.

On motion by Mr. Tejada, seconded by Ms. Favola and carried by a vote of 5 to 0 by roll call, the voting recorded as follows:

Member & Vote

Mr. Tejada - Aye
Ms. Favola - Aye
Mr. Fisetete - Aye
Ms. Hynes - Aye
Mr. Zimmerman - Aye

the Board certified that to the best of each member's knowledge that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE HEARD BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M.

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CONSENT ITEMS (ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008)

The Board heard nine speakers on the consent agenda items removed at the March 15, 2008 Regular Meeting and then took the following actions on those items:

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4. SP #231 SITE PLAN REVIEW: CONVERSION OF RETAIL SPACE TO DENTIST OFFICE: 2250 CLARENDON BLVD. (COURTHOUSE, RPC #18-004, -066, -068, 18-005, -040).

On motion by BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman, seconded by JAY FISETTE, Member and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, after a duly advertised public hearing, the Board deferred the site plan review to the April 19, 2008 meeting.

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16. AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE ON PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES.

On motion by CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member, seconded by MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, after a duly advertised public hearing, the Board approved the advertised proposed amendments to the ordinance on precincts and polling places, as follows: (1) move the polling place for the Fairlington Precinct 012 from the Fairlington Villages Community Center, 3005 S. Abingdon St., back to its permanent location at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St.; and (2) move the polling place for the Overlee Knolls Precinct 017 from Walter Reed School, 1644 N. McKinley Road, to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Blvd., while Walter Reed School is under reconstruction.

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17. APPROVAL OF NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS.

On motion by JAY FISSETTE, Member, seconded by CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISSETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, the Board approved traffic-calming projects as recommended by the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee for the following streets: (a) North Kensington Street from Lee Highway to 22nd Street North; (2) 15th Street North from North Glebe Road to North Utah Street; and (3) North Vacation Lane from Lorcom Lane/North Monroe Street to North Pollard Street.

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- 20. [REQUEST TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 27. "C-3" GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS TO MODIFY THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION SITE PLAN REGULATIONS FOR PROPERTIES DESIGNATED "MEDIUM DENSITY MIXED-USE" AND WITHIN THE "CLARENDON REVITALIZATION DISTRICT" ON THE GENERAL LAND USE PLAN TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM DENSITY FROM 4.0 FAR TO 3.0 FAR; REMOVE THE 0.25 FAR DENSITY PROVISION FOR BUILDING PRESERVATION AND OTHER DENSITY ALLOWANCES; INTRODUCE USE MIX REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING A MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF COMMERCIAL USES ON SOME BLOCKS; MODIFY THE MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE A MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT \(IN FEET\) AND A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FLOORS FOR ALL BLOCKS; MAINTAIN THE EXISTING TAPERING REGULATIONS; INTRODUCE NEW STEPBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FRONTAGES WHEN BUILDING HEIGHTS EXCEED 60 FEET; MODIFY COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISH A MINIMUM STRUCTURAL CLEAR HEIGHT FOR RETAIL USES OF 15 FEET; MODIFY THE STANDARDS FOR STREETSCAPES; MODIFY THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS WITH RELIEF FOR SMALL SITES AND FOR BUILDINGS IDENTIFIED FOR PRESERVATION; MODIFY URBAN DESIGN REQUIREMENTS; AND ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH THE GOALS AND POLICIES SET FORTH IN THE ADOPTED 2006 CLARENDON SECTOR PLAN FOR THE CLARENDON METRO STATION AREA.](#)

On motion by CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member, seconded by MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Vice Chairman - Aye, JAY FISSETTE, Member - Aye, MARY HUGHES HYNES, Member - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Member - Aye, the Board adopted the resolution (attached to the County Manager's February 25, 2008 report) to advertise public hearings by the Planning Commission on April 7, 2008, and the County Board on April 19, 2008, on the ordinance (attached to the County Manager's February 25, 2008 report) to amend, reenact, and recodify the provisions in Section 27 of the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency with the goals and policies set forth in the adopted 2006 Clarendon Sector Plan for the Clarendon Metro area.

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COUNTY MANAGER REPORT: UPDATE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

The County Manager and Ms. Patricia Carroll, State Legislative Liaison, provided the County Board with an update on the General Assembly Legislative Package.

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ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, at 8:09 p.m. the Board adjourned the meeting.

J. WALTER TEJADA, Chairman

ATTEST:

AUBRYN BEDNAR, Acting Clerk
Approved: April 19, 2008