

A Public Budget Hearing of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, held in Room 307 of #1 Courthouse Plaza thereof on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jay Fiset, Chairman
Christopher Zimmerman, Vice Chairman
Barbara A. Favola, Member
Mary Hynes, Member
J. Walter Tejada, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Donnellan, Acting County Manager
Hope L. Halleck, Clerk

The Board held a second duly advertised public hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. at which 58 persons testified on the proposed County and Schools expenditures budget for FY 2010 which begins July 1, 2010.

TWO-MINUTE SPEAKERS:

Nina Janopaul, President of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, spoke about the Affordable Housing Investment Fund.

Noah Simon spoke about operating hours at Central Library.

Sara, Max, Tim, representing the Partnership Teen Network spoke about the Teen Website.

Erin Harms of the Signature Theater spoke about Arts in Schools.

Kevin Kelly of the ECDC spoke about the enterprise arm of the development group.

Johnny Watson spoke about Doorways for Women and Families and year-round shelter.

David Murphy spoke about blacksmith skills and Friends of Gulf Branch Park.

Vicki Stottlemeyer spoke in support of the Police and Fire Departments.

Norman Hazur spoke about emergency winter shelter.

Bonnie Wear spoke about a grant for Scott Brannon for jobs for the mentally ill.

Sharon Wentlant spoke about a grant for Scott Brannon for jobs for the mentally ill.

James Edgar of Community Resources of America spoke about a grant for Scott Brannon for jobs for the mentally ill.

Scott Brannon, member of the Community Services Board, spoke about a grant for Community Resources of America for jobs for the mentally ill.

Dennis Du-Fore spoke about a grant for Scott Brannon for jobs for the mentally ill.

Hugh McGee spoke about a grant for Scott Brannon for jobs for the mentally ill.

Mark Nation spoke about a grant for Scott Brannon for jobs for the mentally ill.

George Hardman, of Community Resources of America, spoke about a grant for Scott Brannon for jobs for the mentally ill.

Carolyn Beaumont spoke in support of the Gulf Branch and Long Branch Nature Centers.

Amy Beaumont spoke in support of the Gulf Branch and Long Branch Nature Centers.

Frances Connell of the Ethiopian Community Development Council spoke about the social services provided to newcomers.

Paul Evans of AFAC spoke about the increase in number of families served in the past year.

Michael Carleton of Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) spoke about OAR's programs.

Sara Bailey of the Alliance for Housing Solutions spoke about their programs.

Fernando Burbano spoke about limiting taxes.

Jim Olivetti spoke about the Nature Centers, tree planting and invasive plant control.

Alex Robertson of the Arlington County Tennis Association spoke about the growth of the program in the past year.

Peter Olivere spoke in support of district policing, libraries and the nature centers.

Kirit Mookerjee spoke about BRAVO, the Green Party and the safety net.

Dana Danze of the Lee Arts Center spoke about the Lee Arts Enterprise Center and the pottery and print making studio.

David Danze of the Lee Arts Center spoke about Arts in Art at the Lee Arts Enterprise Center.

Jim Morris spoke about the Madison and Aurora Hills senior centers.

Michael Perkins of Greater Greater Washington spoke about Metro, fare increases and service cuts.

Patricia Schnell spoke about Madison Playgroup at Gulf Branch.

Joanne Hutton, Master Naturalist, spoke about the Natural Resources Program.

Jim Feaster of NCAC, spoke about upcoming \$12 million bond funding.

Bruce Cameron spoke about old firehouses being used for storage.

Penelope A. Everline spoke about people with disabilities relying on transit.

Kent Rogers spoke in support of the Fire Department.

Ronald Cheich spoke about the Lee Civic Association and Gulf Branch Nature Center.

Jen Bensaid spoke about the Parent 2 Parent program for parents with children with disabilities.

Mark Haynes spoke about parks and natural resources and invasive plant removal.

Matt McCracken of the National Alliance of Mental Health spoke about mental health services.

Werner Miranda spoke about metro funding.

THREE-MINUTE SPEAKERS:

Caroline Haynes Mark Haynes spoke about parks and natural resources and invasive plant removal.

Michael Dowell of the Aurora Highlands Civic Association spoke about the library and senior centers.

Mike Staples spoke on behalf of the of the Arlington Professional Firefighters and Paramedics Association.

Milton Nelson of the Aurora Hills Senior Center spoke about senior programs and the use of the fire house.

Jim Burke of the Arlington Interfaith Council spoke about Emergency Shelter and increases to the safety net.

Lorne Peterson spoke about the arts, natural resources, nature centers and invasive plant removal.

William Burt spoke about the Aurora Hills Library.

Burt Bostwick of the Friends of the Gulf Branch Library spoke about the library.

John Carten, President of the Lyon Village Citizens Association spoke about Community Police District 2.

Bernard Berne spoke about the parks mowing budget and amount of natural areas in County.

Mary Van Dyke spoke about VCE and energy issues, resource management and invasive plant removal.

Ken Bass, President of the Arlington Soccer Association, spoke about youth soccer fees.

Edwin Demone spoke about the Gulf Branch Nature Center.

On a motion by CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Vice Chairman, seconded by BARBARA A. FAVOLA, Member and carried by a vote of 5-0, the voting recorded as follows: JAY FISETTE, Chairman - Aye, CHRISTOPHER ZIMMERMAN, Vice Chairman - Aye, BARBARA A FAVOLA, Member - Aye, MARY HYNES, Member - Aye, J. WALTER TEJADA, Member - Aye, the Board concluded the public hearing on the proposed expenditures budget for County and Schools Fiscal Year 2011 and carry-over consideration to the April 24th County Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, at 9:10 p.m., the public hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget was adjourned.

JAY FISETTE, Chairman

ATTEST:

HOPE L. HALLECK, Clerk
Approved: October 23, 2010