

A Public Budget Hearing of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, held in Room 307 of #1 Courthouse Plaza thereof on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Donnellan, Acting County Manager  
Stephen A. MacIsaac, County Attorney  
Hope L. Halleck, Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010 BUDGET.**

The Board held a duly advertised public hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 10:03 p.m. at which 71 persons testified on the proposed County and Schools expenditures budget for FY 2011 which begins July 1, 2010.

**TWO-MINUTE SPEAKERS:**

Andrea Walker spoke about affordable housing.

Mark Blacknell spoke about bike lanes in the Master Transportation Plan.

Ronald Musselwhite spoke about senior adult affordable housing.

Erik Gessel spoke about the Cherrydale Library.

Nicholas Evans, Board President of Doorways for Women and Families, spoke about shelter for families in crisis.

Sam Gatewood with ASPAN spoke about homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing.

Kari Galloway of the Friends of Guest House spoke about women in crisis who need shelter.

Julie Kashmanian, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Williamsburg Middle School, spoke about theater at the Encore Stage and Studio.

Susan Korfanty spoke about affordable housing.

Kathleen Sibert, Executive Director of ASPAN, spoke about year round shelter.

Carol Felker spoke about year round emergency shelter.

Susan Arnold spoke about year round emergency shelter, domestic violence and homelessness.

Kathryn Hunter of the Aurora Hills Senior Center (AHSC) Advisory Council spoke about AHSC being the only program for seniors within walking distance of a metro station.

Emma Violand Sanchez of NVCC and an Arlington Public School Board Member spoke about NOVA programs for young students and seniors.

Tracy Walker spoke about Doorways for Women and Families.

Miriam Gennari of the Green Party spoke about libraries.

Richard Cobb spoke about emergency shelters.

Milicent Baltimore spoke about the services provide by Doorways for Women and Families.

Patricia Donnelly of the Arlington NonProfit Network and Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia spoke about affordable housing and healthcare.

Frank Minichello of the AHSC Advisory Council spoke about the Aurora Hills Senior Center volunteers.

Nohemi Pecheco spoke about Vanguard Services jail programs.

Cara Tenuta spoke about the Aurora Hills Senior Center.

Steve Young spoke about environmental sustainability.

Tom Kornis of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee spoke about PAC.

Missy Snelling of ASPAN spoke about emergency winter shelter.

Dan Levin of the AHSC Advisory Council spoke about the Aurora Hills Senior Center.

Jennifer Buckley spoke about the Madison Creative Preschool.

Mary Agee spoke about Northern Virginia Family Service.

Norman Hill spoke about Community Residences and the ARC of Northern Virginia.

Michael Gessel of the Citizens for Cherrydale Library spoke about Cherrydale Library.

Fabiola Mamani spoke about Project Family.

Mike Rowling of the Arlington Police Beneficiary Association spoke about public safety pay and benefits.

Dave Green of the Arlington Police Beneficiary Association spoke about police pay and market rate adjustments.

Brynn Bennett of the Arlington Police Beneficiary Association spoke about pay rates for Police Officers and job requirements.

Ken Dennis, President of the Arlington Police Union, spoke about Police Officer pay, loss of officers and job benefits in other jurisdictions.

Nury Marquez of the Hispanic Committee of Virginia spoke about funds for safety net providers to prevent homelessness.

Scott Bauer of the Energy and Environment Conservation Commission spoke about the Fresh Aire Initiative.

Nydia Ferrufino of Project Family spoke about free programs about baby care for first time mothers of children from 0-15 months.

Michael Nardolilli of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust spoke about preserving open space.

Rosa Navas of Project Family spoke about on the job training for parents.

Norton Beckerman of Arlington Senior Adult Programs spoke about the programs offering seniors a connection to life.

Trisha Freeman spoke about the Arts budget.

Marion Jordan spoke about the conservation interpretation programs.

Janet Irwin spoke about a one-time investment to repair the stage and lights at Lubber Run Amphitheater.

Shareen Dodini of the Madison Center Cooperative Playgroup spoke about the program preparing children for preschool and allowing mothers to network.

Ruth Gordon spoke about maintaining hours and operations at the Madison and Gulf Branch Nature Centers.

Duke Banks of the Friends of Gulf Branch Nature Center spoke about the Gulf Branch Nature Center.

Andres Tobar Executive Director of the Shirlington Employment and Education Center spoke about supporting the Center.

Ricardo Montonero spoke about supporting Project Family.

Carol Skelly of the Community Services Board (CSB) spoke about core client services.

Jenette O'Keefe spoke about the Community Services Board best practices services in substances abuse programs.

Tom Quinn of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) spoke case management services in Arlington.

Richard Wakefield spoke about case management services for those with severe mental illness at the Friends of Clarendon House.

Peter Dehaven, a Member of the CSB Clubhouse Program, spoke about the outreach team.

Clyde Mazyck, a Member of Clarendon House, spoke about the psychosocial staff.

Dennis Manning, President of Community Residences, spoke about being the father of a 24-year old son with schizophrenia and the services he and his son received from the CSB when they were in crisis.

Keith Whyte spoke about substance abuse programs.

Benjamin Hubbert, a Senior at HB Woodlawn, spoke about periodicals, books and hours at the libraries.

Gene Kendall, President of Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, spoke about his agency providing services to Arlington citizens.

Kristin Langlykke of Executive Director of Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services Inc., spoke about citizens without access to care.

Van Newstrom, Consumer Member of the Community Services Board, spoke about wait times for screening for services.

Beatriz Zaloom spoke about Project Family and opportunities for early education.

Shari Crandall, Executive Director of Bowen MaCauley Dance Program spoke about the program.

### **THREE-MINUTE SPEAKERS:**

Shelley Wade of the Aurora Hills Branch Library spoke about the Board's support last year, and using volunteers and changing the schedule to keep the Library open and not cut programs.

Maria Isabel Hoyt of LULAC Council 4606 spoke about LULAC programs.

Charles Rinker of the Arlington New Directions Coalition spoke about affordable housing.

Robert Atkins spoke about rat infestation.

Edwin Fountain of the Arlington Heritage Alliance and Friends of Gulf Branch spoke about Gulf Branch Nature Center.

Willie Jackson-Baker of the John M. Langston Civic Association spoke about Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources programs.

Gail Dennis spoke about senior citizens programs and senior centers.

Sylvia Zwi of Project Family spoke about the Latino population and parent and family education.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, at 10:03 p.m., the Board recessed until the March 24, 2010 Budget Hearing.

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JAY FISETTE, Chairman

ATTEST:

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