



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of June 17, 2008**

DATE: June 5, 2008

SUBJECT: Proposed Name for the Arlington Assisted Living Residence

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve naming the Arlington Assisted Living Residence (formerly called Oak Springs) the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residence.

ISSUES: The Board is being requested to rename the Arlington Assisted Living Residence the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residence.

SUMMARY: The Chairs of the Community Services Board, Commission on Aging, Commission on Long Term Care Residences and Disability Advisory Commission have recommended to the County Board that the Arlington Assisted Living Residence be named the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residence in honor of a remarkable public servant who represented Arlington County in the Virginia House of Delegates for 24 years and was known for her commitment to the human services field. It was determined that the naming of the facility would be incorporated into the implementation plan prior to the opening of the new program, in consultation with the Volunteers of America (VOA), the Penrose Civic Association, the Arlington County policy for naming facilities and the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board. All stakeholders have unanimously agreed to the proposed name change.

BACKGROUND: The Arlington Assisted Living Residence is a partnership between the VOA and the Department of Human Services (DHS). This project has been in development for several years and will provide affordable housing and assisted living services to 52 low-income individuals over the age of 55 who have mental, cognitive and/or physical disabilities. The construction costs are funded with a \$4.8 million grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) made in 2005 and \$1.7 million grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services awarded to the DHS in 2007. DHS is completing a procurement process to select an operator for the facility, which is expected to be concluded by year end. The County Board approved VOA's site plan proposal in July 2007. Efforts are underway to start construction by early fall of 2008. Occupancy is expected by December 2009.

DISCUSSION: Mary Marshall represented Arlington County in the Virginia House of Delegates for 24 years. As a legislator she focused on improving human services, modernizing policies on aging and nursing homes, and had a strong interest in improving treatment of persons

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with disabilities, including mental illness and intellectual disabilities. She was known as a champion for these vulnerable and underserved populations and effectively represented their interests and needs over the course of her long legislative career. Naming the assisted living residence for Mary Marshall is a fitting tribute to her many years of dedicated service to Arlington County. At its February meeting, members of the Penrose Civic Association unanimously endorsed naming the facility the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residence. At their March meeting, members of the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board unanimously found the proposed name to be appropriate and suitable.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.