

A Regular Meeting of the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, held in Room 307 of #1 Courthouse Plaza thereof on November 19, 2019 at 3:00pm.

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COUNTY BOARD RECESSED MEETING

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I. COUNTY BOARD BUSINESS AND REPORTS

• County Board Reports

Christian Dorsey issued a proclamation in recognition of Small Business Saturday.

Christian Dorsey shared an update on APAH's Gilliam Place affordable housing project.

Christian Dorsey shared an update on the status of the new Harris Teeter/CENTRO project.

Christian Dorsey shared an update on the installation of a new Body Scanner machine at the County Detention Center.

Christian Dorsey shared an update on ongoing Housing Arlington Community Conversations.

Christian Dorsey highlighted the "Learn from this Place" event hosted by the Halls Hill community.

Libby Garvey gave a presentation on a recent trip to Aachen, Germany as part of the County's Sister Cities partnership.

Erik Gutshall provided a summary of the recently released Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices Annual Report and highlighted several key findings therein.

Katie Cristol shared an update on the County's response to a recent Executive Order concerning Refugee Resettlement and reaffirmed the County's commitment to welcoming refugees.

Katie Cristol provided an update on plans for the Columbia Pike Library and plans for shared use with APS.

Matt de Ferranti thanked the Manager and County Staff for efforts on the Mental Health docket.

• Appointments

On a motion by CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair, the Board made the following appointments:

Arlington 100th Anniversary Steering Commission

Appoint Frank Bellavia for a term ending December 30, 2020

Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission

Reappoint Alexandra Rothenburger for a term ending November 30, 2020

Reappoint Michelle Santuoso for a term ending November 30, 2020

Citizens Advisory Commission on Housing

Appoint Charles Sims for a term ending November 30, 2023

Appoint Laura Saul Edwards for a term ending November 30, 2023

Commission on Aging

Reappoint Carl Brooks for a term ending September 30, 2022

Reappoint Sophie Shen for a term ending September 30, 2022

Reappoint Martha Villanigro-Santiago for a term ending September 30, 2022

Commission for the Arts

Reappoint Marsha Semmel for a term ending June 30, 2020

Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee

Reappoint Diane Duston for a term ending November 30, 2022

Joint Facilities Advisory Commission

Reappoint Cristina Diaz-Torres for a term ending November 30, 2021

Park and Recreation Commission

Reappoint David Howell for a term ending November 30, 2021

Designate Sergio Enriquez as Vice Chair

Partnership for Children, Youth and Families

Appoint Kim DeBlauw for a term ending November 30, 2021

Appoint Ann Marie Douglass for a term ending November 30, 2021

Sports Commission

Appoint Ryan Schaefer for a term ending November 30, 2021

Reappoint Steve Severn for a term ending September 30, 2021

Transportation Commission

Appoint Darren Buck for a term ending November 30, 2022

Marymount Student Appointees (non-voting members)

Commission on the Status of Women

Appoint Nehal Abouelnor for a term ending November 30, 2020 (student non-voting member)

Environment and Energy Conservation Commission

Appoint Frederick Blemanno for a term ending November 30, 2020 (student non-voting member)

Historical Affairs and Landmark Review

Appoint Ozge Kocak for a term ending November 30, 2020 (student non-voting member)

Human Rights Commission

Appoint Guamaral Erkhembayar for a term ending November 30, 2020 (student non-voting member)

Information Technology Advisory Council

Appoint Jocelyn Diaz-Gonzalez for a term ending November 30, 2020 (student non-voting member)

Park & Recreation Commission

Appoint Ryan Gormley for a term ending November 30, 2020 (student non-voting member)

Partnership for Children, Youth and Families

Appoint Madeline Vazquez-Pena for a term ending November 30, 2020 (student non-voting member)

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows:
CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member – Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

- Regional Reports

Christian Dorsey shared an update on the Connected DMV initiative, an effort towards increased and intelligent between DMV localities and public, private, and federal partners

Erik Gutshall shared an update from the Virginia Association of Counties, and provided a summary of the association's work on issues of importance to the County

Matt de Ferranti shared an update on the work of the COG Human Services Policy Committee concerning equity and sustainability

- County Manager Reports

- Update on the County's Racial Equity Program (GARE) Cohort
- Presentation on the installation of Interpretive Signage at the Clarendon War Memorial
- Presentation on the recent water main break at Chain Bridge and the County's response
- Annual presentation on the County's preparations for winter weather events
- Update on the Residential Permit Parking (RPP) Program Review

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CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair, seconded by Erik Gutshall, Member, the County Board convened a closed meeting, as authorized by Virginia Code 2.2-3711.A.3, 7 and 8 for the following purposes:

Discussion of five matters involving the acquisition of real property for public purposes where in each instance discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the County's negotiating strategy and bargaining position;

Consultation with the County Attorney and necessary staff concerning the legal bases for the approval of density and height through the special exception process for properties zoned CO Crystal City, including granting bonus density and height, and any limitations that may exist, based upon the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan, sector plans, and other land use plans and policies of the County Board;

Consultation with the County Attorney concerning the terms and conditions of an agreement with the City of Alexandria for maintenance of bridges connecting the City and the County; and

Consultation with the County Attorney concerning Case No. CL19-1081 pending in the Circuit Court of Arlington County.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member – Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING DISCUSSIONS

A motion was made by CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair, seconded by KATIE CRISTOL, Member, by a vote of 5 to 0 by roll call, the voting recorded as follows:

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Mr. Dorsey	Aye
Ms. Garvey	Aye
Ms. Cristol	Aye

Mr. Gutshall Aye
Mr. De Ferranti Aye

the Board certified that, at the just concluded closed session: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Chapter 37, Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia; and (2) 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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II. CONSENT ITEMS (Items removed from the Consent Agenda on Saturday, November 16, 2019).

5. U-2833-95-4 Use Permit Review for governmental facilities (the Arlington County leaf storage and mulch pile); located at 4634 and 4712 26th St. N. (RPC #03-063-006; -008).

Following a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by KATIE CRISTOL, Member, seconded by LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair, to renew the subject use permit subject to all previously approved conditions and one (1) amended condition, with no further scheduled County Board review.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member – Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

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Approved Conditions (note: Conditions #1-6 were struck by Board action in 1996):

7. The site shall not be used as a surface parking area following completion of recycling activities for the year.
8. The hours of operation shall be limited to the hours between 7: 00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Access to the recycling center by the public for fill dirt, leaf mulch, and wood chips shall occur during daylight hours, seven days a week, twelve months a year from early March to mid-October, weather permitting.
9. Any use of the site for short-term storage shall be preceded by advance written notification to the neighborhood advisory committee. The written notification shall describe the need for storage, the type of items needing to be stored, and the manner and the term of storage, including the length of time. The County agrees to make every effort to minimize the use of this site for storage purposes.
10. The County agrees to facilitate the establishment of a neighborhood advisory committee to include representatives of the community, and to address any concerns of area residents related to the recycling facility.
11. The site shall be used for leaf storage and transfer beginning in late October of each year. Leaf transfer operations are scheduled to be completed by the end of February of each year, weather permitting
12. The paved portion of the site shall be thoroughly cleaned after all leaves are transferred at the end of each leaf collection season.

25. Resolution of support for NOVA Parks application to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 NVTA Six Year Program (SYP) Update for regional transportation funding.

Following a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Member, seconded by CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair, to adopt the below resolution supporting NOVA Parks' application to the NVTA for the FY 2024 and FY 2025 SYP update for regional transportation funding.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member - Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

In addition, the Board directed the County Manager to determine the data and analyses that NOVA Parks must submit to substantiate the safety and levels of service concerns along the subject stretch of the W&OD Trail, and initiate a process with NOVA Parks to determine both the appropriate level of public engagement for the project along with the information that must be developed and presented that should include, at minimum, analyses of the 3 proposed cross sections compared to "no" or "limited" build alternatives, and plans to address environmental stewardship including impact on vegetation, flood risk management, erosion and natural habitats.

The adopted resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NOVA PARKS' APPLICATION TO THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND FISCAL YEAR 2025 SIX YEAR PROGRAM UPDATE
FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
FOR THE WASHINGTON AND OLD DOMINION TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, NOVA Parks ("NOVA Parks", formerly "Northern Virginia Regional Parks Authority") has submitted funding applications to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority ("NVTA") for projects as part of the FY 2024 – FY 2025 Six Year Program Update; and

WHEREAS, \$5,646,000 of these funds will be requested for the Washington & Old Dominion Trail ("W&OD") Improvements (TransAction Project Title and ID: Arlington Regional Trail Network, 72); and

WHEREAS, the W&OD Trail Improvements are geographically located in Arlington County; and

WHEREAS, NVTA requires that project applications located in a specific jurisdiction require a resolution of support from the governing body of that jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the W&OD Trail Improvements will enhance trail capacity, safety, and convenience for users, expand non-motorized travel capacity, expand local and regional travel choices and connectivity, and improve first-mile / last-mile access to the East Falls Church Metrorail station, and

WHEREAS, NOVA Parks' application will advance the County's transportation vision and goals for this area as set forth in the Master Transportation Plan Bicycle Element.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia ("County Board") hereby supports the NOVA Parks application to the NVTA for \$5,646,000 for the W&OD Trail Improvements (TransAction Project Title and ID: Arlington Regional Trail Network, 72).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT following a NVTA funding award for the subject project application to NOVA Parks, the County Board:

- (a) directs the County Manager to initiate a process to engage NOVA Parks on determining an appropriate level of public engagement for the project;

(b) requests that NOVA Parks engage with the County Board and residents potentially impacted by the project at major project development milestones; and

(c) further requests that NOVA Parks present the finalized concept design to the County Board and residents for final comment and opinion prior to the Board's consideration of an NVT A Standard Project Agreement (SPA) and associated documents for the project.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2019.

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III. REGULAR HEARING ITEMS

43. **Request to authorize advertisement on the County Boards Own Motion a public hearing of the County Board to review the use permit for live entertainment at Purple Ethiopian Restaurant and Lounge (U-3438-16-1); located at 3111 Columbia Pike (RPC# 25-012-043, -044, -055).**

Following a duly advertised public hearing, a motion was made by LIBBY GARVEY, Vice-Chair, seconded by KATIE CRISTOL, Member, to adopt the below resolution to authorize advertisement of a public hearing "On the County Board's Own Motion" to review the use permit for live entertainment at Purple Ethiopian Restaurant and Lounge at the December 14, 2019 County Board meeting.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member – Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

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RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE COUNTY BOARD ON DECEMBER 14, 2019 TO REVIEW A USE PERMIT (U-3438-16-1) LOCATED AT 3111 COLUMBIA PIKE (RPC# 25-012-043, -044, -055) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL LAND USE PLAN, THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND CONVENIENCE AND GOOD ZONING PRACTICE.

The County Board of Arlington County hereby resolves to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on December 14, 2019 for the County Board to review a use permit (U-3438-16-1) for live entertainment at Purple Ethiopian Restaurant and Lounge located at 3111 Columbia Pike (RPC# 25-012-043, -044, -055) in accordance with the General Land Use Plan, the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience and good zoning practice.

44. **Presentation of Financial Results & Closeout for the Fiscal Year (FY) ended June 30, 2019.**

Following a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made by KATIE CRISTOL, Member, seconded by LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair, to adopt the FY 2019 County government appropriation resolution shown on Attachment 1A, amend the FY 2020 County Budget by approving the appropriations in Attachment 2, and allocate of remaining balances from FY 2019 be directed to legally restricted and priority areas identified by the County Board as shown on Attachment 1B.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member – Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

A motion was then made by MATT DE FERRANTI, Member, seconded by ERIK GUTSHALL, Member, to amend the FY2020 County Budget to allocate \$1 Million in Emergency Anti-Displacement Contingency Funding to augment the existing \$933,000 previously allocated and appropriated to the

Department of Human Services in FY20 for Emergency Assistance for housing, utilities and “Daily Need” emergency services required to prevent eviction (such as transportation and medical assistance). A friendly amendment was then made to reduce the allocation to \$500,000 in Emergency Anti-Displacement Contingency Funding.

The Board Directed that The additional \$600,000 shall be used to prevent dislocation of Arlingtonians due to rent pressures and housing needs, consistent with the existing appropriation, and that in proposing his FY21 budget in February 2020, the Manager shall also report to the County Board on the status of the FY20 Emergency Assistance funding; available data on rent trends in Market Rate Affordable and Committed Affordable rental housing; and whether additional funds may be needed ahead of the start of Fiscal Year 2021 in July 2020.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member – Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

[#44-Staff Presentation](#)

[Board Report #44 \(Posted 11-14-2019\)](#)

[#44-Letters from the Public \(Updated 11-14-2019\)](#)

45. Financial & Budget Forecast and Budget Guidance for Fiscal Year 2021

Following a duly advertised public hearing, at which there were speakers, a motion was made CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair, seconded by KATIE CRISTOL, Member, to adopt the County Board’s Budget Guidance for Fiscal Year 2021.

The motion was adopted and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, the voting recorded as follows: CHRISTIAN DORSEY, Chair - Aye, LIBBY GARVEY, Vice Chair - Aye, KATIE CRISTOL, Member – Aye, ERIK GUTSHALL, Member - Aye, MATT DE FERRANTI, Member - Aye.

A motion was then made by KATIE CRISTOL, Member, seconded by MATT DE FERRANTI, Member, to amend section 3A of the proposed guidance to include a third option to increase funding for the Affordable Housing Investment Fund by at least \$9 Million above the FY2020 level of \$16 million through the use of ongoing and one-time funds.

The amendment was accepted without objection.

[#45-Staff Presentation](#)

[#45-Letters from the Public \(Posted 11-18-2019\)](#)

The adopted Budget Guidance for Fiscal Year 2021 reads as follows:

FINAL DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY MANAGER FOR PREPARATION OF THE FY 2021 BUDGET

The County Board directs the County Manager to prepare a FY 2021 budget that is balanced and reflects current economic conditions, while honoring the County’s vision as a “diverse and inclusive world-class urban community with secure, attractive residential and commercial neighborhoods.” The budget should provide for long-term financial sustainability; preserve the County’s triple-AAA bond rating; and fully fund all debt, lease and other contractual commitments including those “subject to appropriation” in the base budget.

Current economic conditions and trends inform the budget forecast for FY 2021 and suggest that the County will see revenue growth consistent with or slightly above historical trends. As more is known about economic conditions and expenditure pressures, the County Manager shall update the County Board and the community in a timely manner, so that the Board may revise this direction to reflect changes in the revenue forecast.

The County Manager is further directed to:

1. Propose a balanced budget that assumes no increase in the General Fund tax rates and considers real property tax rate reductions as a tool to balance the impacts of significant year-over-year increases in property assessments. Proposed program or service enhancements should be funded by increased revenue including fees or reallocations.
2. Prepare proposals for long-term efficiencies and improvements in service delivery that will continue beyond FY 2021; proposed changes in service delivery should be in line with adopted County plans and policies.
3. In the area of affordable housing:
 - a. Include options to increase funding for the Affordable Housing Investment Fund by at least \$3 million and \$5 million and \$9 million above the FY 2020 level of \$16 million through the use of ongoing and one-time funds.
 - b. Include recommendations for how an increment of new AHIF funds *or* other Housing funds can be used to support the housing needs of residents making <30% AMI. Such recommendations may include a set-aside for achieving deeper affordability in new CAF projects in FY 2021; loans to refinance (and “buy down” affordability levels) in existing CAFs; and changes to Housing Grants formulas and/or eligibility to serve more residents making <30%.
 - c. Develop proposals for funding, staffing and policy approaches to 1) better monitor trends in rents in Market Rate and Committed Affordable apartments 2) support low-income residents facing housing instability as a result of significant increases to rents and/or utilities. Such proposals may include counseling and tenant services; increased emergency assistance through the County’s eviction prevention fund; legal services; and/or outreach specialists embedded within County agencies, on site (and in partnership) with Arlington Public Schools or within another community partner.
4. Develop a strategy to allow the County to fund or facilitate the purchase of property that may become available and when a closing date will not allow for traditional AHIF or CIP review processes if said property can facilitate the County’s affordable housing and community facilities goals.
5. Provide funding consistent with the Revenue Sharing Principles and apply the County/School revenue allocation reflected in the FY 2020 budget (53% County / 47% Schools).
6. Finally, considering several recent and ongoing initiatives, the Manager should:
 - a. Implement directives from the County Board’s [Equity Resolution](#).
 - b. Submit, along with the Proposed FY 2021 budget (February 2020), a review of the StormwaterWise Landscape program and any recommended changes.
 - c. Explore opportunities to deploy flood sensors and report to the Board on best practices for flood warning systems and identify potential locations in the County as part of our emergency response / life safety notification efforts.
 - d. Submit an update on the ongoing review of potential alternative funding approaches for the Stormwater programs – specifically analysis of the pros and cons of continuing the ad valorem tax for such programs or the alternative approach of a fee based on impervious surfaces as well as the possibility of bond financing for capital investments as appropriate.
 - e. Continue with compensation and staffing adjustments adopted in April 2018 and encompassed within the Pay Philosophy adopted in July 2018.
 - f. Continue maintenance of existing infrastructure by providing funds to maintain the State of Good Repair as outlined in the adopted CIP.

- g. In recognition of the Housing Arlington Initiative and the significant number of development applications across the County, submit with the Proposed FY 2021 Budget analysis and options for increased staffing to expand the capacity of the County departments to process anticipated: new and amended site plan applications; special GLUP studies and other similar ad-hoc planning requests; and zoning ordinance amendments, including comprehensive and condensed review scope.

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IV. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Without objection, at 11:04 PM, the County Board Meeting of November 19, 2019 was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Christian Dorsey, Chairman

Kendra Jacobs, Clerk
Approved: