

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
February 24, 2015

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 5:15 p.m., in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Frank J. Thornton, Chairman, Fairfield District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Vice Chairman, Varina District
Richard W. Gloyer, Brookland District
David A. Kaechele, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
J. Thomas Tokarz, Deputy County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, Deputy Clerk to the Board/Administrative Assistant
Joseph A. Casey, Ph.D., Deputy County Manager for Administration
Jane D. Crawley, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Tamra R. McKinney, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Thornton called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the two items on this special meeting agenda and noted that he would be asking the Board to add a closed session item later in the meeting

Virginia Capital Trail Update

Mr. Vithoukas introduced Beth Weisbrod, Executive Director of the Virginia Capital Trail Foundation, and recognized her for her tireless efforts to promote the Virginia Capital Trail project during the past eight years. Mrs. Weisbrod began her presentation by sharing photos and reviewing a map highlighting the progress of the trail project. She noted that the 2015 UCI Road World Championships, which will be held in the Richmond region in September, are an exciting opportunity for the County and will be a great way to showcase the trail. The starting line for the elite men's and women's team time trials has been moved from Rocketts Landing to Lewis Ginter

Botanical Garden. Mr. Foster clarified for Mrs. O'Bannon that portions of Route 5 and Osborne Turnpike will still be used for the UCI Championships.

Mrs. Weisbrod continued her presentation by explaining the trail's configuration, naming opportunities, signage, and grant-funded trailheads. She also reviewed the economic impact of bicycle infrastructure investment and trails in Northern Virginia, North Carolina, Maryland, and Georgia. Mrs. Weisbrod next discussed the results of a Virginia Capital Trail Foundation survey and trail data collected by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). She concluded her presentation by highlighting how Henrico County and the Richmond region can maximize the economic impact of trail visitors, what the County and region can do to celebrate the completion of the trail, and the Foundation's Cap2Cap fundraising event scheduled for May 9 that will begin at Rocketts Landing in eastern Henrico.

Neil Luther, Director of Recreation and Parks, reviewed a diagram depicting a proposed ten-foot-wide asphalt trail and trailhead with expanded parking that will be located in Dorey Park. The Dorey Park trail will be approximately 1.53 miles long and will be constructed by the County in two phases. It will connect to the Virginia Capital Trail and will be funded by federal Transportation Alternative Program grants administered by VDOT. The first phase is scheduled for construction in spring 2015.

Mr. Nelson thanked Mrs. Weisbrod, Mr. Luther, Public Works Director Steve Yob, and Transportation Development Division Director Todd Eure for their hard work on the Virginia Capital Trail project. Mr. Nelson noted he has personally ridden the trail by bicycle with Mrs. Weisbrod. He and Mrs. Weisbrod discussed the timing and format of a grand opening ceremony that will be held after the trail is completed in the Varina area. At Mr. Nelson's request, General Services Director John Neal provided an update on the status of bicycle racks that are planned for the new Varina Area Library. Mr. Luther and Mr. Nelson responded to questions from Mr. Glover and Mr. Kaechele regarding the alignment, right-of-way, and anticipated completion date for the proposed Dorey Park trail. Mr. Thornton thanked Mrs. Weisbrod for her presentation and remarked that he looks forward to more discussion on a grand opening event for the Henrico portion of the Virginia Capital Trail.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:53 p.m. and reconvened at 5:59 p.m.

Demographic Profile and Trends for Henrico's Aging Population

Mr. Vithoukias recognized Mrs. Crawley, County Planner Seth Humphries, Planning Director Joe Emerson, Adult Services Supervisor Susan Umidi, and Assistant Social Services Director Shawn Rozier. Mrs. Crawley advised that she had worked closely with Mr. Silber on the presentation of this item, which involved a joint effort of the Departments of Social Services and Planning. Mr. Humphries narrated the first portion of the presentation, which was titled *Demographic Profile and Social Trends for Henrico's Aging Population*. County Planner Erin Puckett distributed a copy of the presentation to the Board.

Mr. Humphries began the presentation by sharing trends and projections relating to population, adult housing, income, poverty, households, disabilities, and employment. He offered the

following demographic summary regarding Henrico County: the population is aging, on a regional and local level; the characteristics of these older groups are also changing; and as compared to previous years, today's older populations are working later in life, living alone more often, and increasingly likely to rent and/or live in attached or multi-family housing although single-family housing still captures the majority of older households.

Ms. Umidi narrated the second portion of the presentation, which included an overview of current County human, supportive, and public safety services that are provided to the elderly; important partnerships providing senior services through Senior Connections (the Capital Area Agency on Aging) and the Virginia Commonwealth University-TEAM Henrico (Together Every Adult Matters); citizen service inquiries made by Henrico residents through Senior Navigator, a statewide online resource guide for seniors and their families; statewide and regional age wave planning efforts through such groups as the Older Dominion Partnership and the Greater Richmond Age Wave Planning Coalition; Richmond regional data for seniors pertaining to housing, transportation/mobility, financial stability, caregiving, and chronic disease; and a regional plan for age wave readiness that focuses on engaged, livable, stable, and well communities. Ms. Umidi cited the following challenges in senior living: the large number of elderly residents who are experiencing cognitive difficulty, ambulatory difficulty, vision and/or hearing loss, loss of self-care ability, and barriers to independent living; elderly residents who are experiencing dementia or Alzheimer's disease, where caregiver support is essential; and an increasing number of grandparents raising their grandchildren and seeking support from the Department of Social Services. She concluded the presentation by citing the primary objective in navigating the future for older adults, which is maximizing opportunities to enhance their quality of life and helping them remain as independent as possible. This objective can be addressed through a County-wide and community-wide response; increased partnerships with service providers, health care providers, and the business community; exploring the development of County-wide information and referral while also promoting and coordinating services; and identifying needs and planning accordingly.

Mr. Glover pointed out that the County's Department of Social Services offers tremendous support to the County's older population. He also cautioned that population increases should be taken into account when looking at increases among various statistical indicators. Mr. Glover referred to a report from the early 1980s on the "graying of suburbia" that compared the Richmond metropolitan region with the Davidson County/Nashville, Tennessee metropolitan area. He questioned how Henrico and other localities in the region responded to the report after it was released. Mr. Vithoukas clarified that the main purpose in bringing forth this current presentation was to identify a number of touch points the County has with the elderly population and to illustrate that the County's elderly population is growing at a faster rate than its school-aged population. Mr. Thornton commented that these types of reports show that localities face similar problems and challenges. Mr. Vithoukas remarked that the Board will also hear some of the information contained in the presentation during the legislative budget reviews in March.

On motion by Mr. Glover, seconded by Mr. Nelson, the Board approved going into a closed meeting at 6:35 p.m. for consultation with the County Attorney pertaining to actual litigation styled *Robert S. Reynolds v. Douglas A. Middleton*, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Frank J. Thornton	
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Patricia S. O'Bannon	

On motion of Mrs. O'Bannon, seconded by Mr. Kaechele, the Board approved going out of the Closed Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Frank J. Thornton	
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Patricia S. O'Bannon	

On motion of Mr. Glover, seconded by Mrs. O'Bannon, the Board approved the attached Certificate of Closed Meeting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Frank J. Thornton	
Tyrone E. Nelson	
Richard W. Glover	
David A. Kaechele	
Patricia S. O'Bannon	

Mr. Vithoukias did not review the regular meeting agenda items due to the lateness of the hour. In response to a question from Mrs. O'Bannon, he advised that a Henrico High School Advanced Placement government teacher had signed up to address the Board during the public comment period in regards to traffic safety concerns at the school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Frank J. Thornton

 Chairman, Board of Supervisors
 Henrico County, Virginia