

**COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
October 27, 2015**

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, at 5:30 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. Glover, 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
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk to the Board
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 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the items listed on the agenda for this special meeting, noting they were all informational.

Presentation of Holiday Tree Ornament and Update on The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen

Mr. Vithoukas informed the Board that the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) sent a request in June to all counties, on behalf of the Executive Mansion, requesting handmade holiday ornaments from local artists depicting unique features about their localities. The ornaments will be displayed during the month of December on the Executive Mansion's 2015 holiday tree, which is themed "Celebrating Virginia's Localities." Cristol Klevinsky, Management Specialist in the County Manager's Office, reached out to The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen to help find a local artist who could create an ornament for Henrico County to contribute to this special project. Center President K Alferio and Visual Arts Manager Lauren Hall recommended Scarlett Sams.

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Ms. Alferio, who thanked Mrs. Klevinsky for reaching out to the Center. Ms. Alferio introduced Ms. Sams, who is a Glen Allen resident and has been an artist for over 30 years. Ms. Sams has illustrated two books; won several awards for her works in graphite, pen and ink, acrylics, and watercolor; and currently teaches courses in pen and ink illustrations and portrait painting at the Center. Ms. Alferio mentioned the challenge of designing a six-inch ornament describing a unique and memorable feature of Henrico County. She noted the ornament showcased Henrico County's historic Mountain Road corridor, including the Center, Walkerton Tavern, and Meadow Farm at Crump Park. Ms. Alferio presented a piece of original art work to the Board from which the illustrations on the ornament were derived.

Ms. Alferio took this opportunity to provide a quick update on Center activities and distribute information packets to the Board that contained program brochures, a list of sponsorship opportunities, financial statements, and a strategic plan. She reviewed upcoming Center Season performances and 2nd Stage concerts; recent changes in the Center's brochures, brands, and logo; and the Center's rental program, which provides an important revenue stream. After noting a news sales person will be joining the Center's staff in November, Ms. Alferio introduced the Center's new Visual Arts Manager, Lauren Paul, and explained Ms. Paul's responsibilities. Ms. Alferio continued her update by reviewing recent changes to the Center's gift shop and commenting on the Center's relationship with Regency Square mall, including a new "pop-up" shop that will operate there during the holiday season and the placement of artwork in empty storefronts created by local students. She mentioned the Center's variety of classes, galleries, and outreach programs and announced the Center has received a grant from Altria employees that will allow it to offer a summer camp for students who participate in the County's Police Athletic League (PAL) program. Ms. Alferio also referred to the Center's partnership with the Children's Museum. She thanked the Board and Mr. Vithoukas for supporting the Center by offering a vision and resources. She concluded her presentation by updating the Board on a poster child story featuring a troubled Henrico teenaged student who found his voice through art at the Center and was recently accepted to the Chicago Institute of Fine Art.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Thornton thanked Ms. Alferio for her fervent commitment and visionary leadership and for partnering with the PAL program to ensure children from different backgrounds throughout Henrico County are exposed to art.

J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Update

Mr. Vithoukas recognized Dr. Gary Rhodes, President of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College who in turn introduced the Chairman of the Reynolds Community College Board, Stephen Baril, and the following three Henrico County representatives on this board who were present: Fred Babik, Rick Rush, and Goldie Settles. Dr. Rhodes also introduced Joe Schilling, Director of Communications and Special Assistant to the President. Mr. Baril thanked the Board of Supervisors for being a partner with the College and for its support. Mr. Babik thanked the Board of Supervisors for appointing him to the Reynolds Board.

Dr. Rhodes, who is in his 14th year as President of the College, distributed a one-page brochure containing Reynolds facts, Henrico quick facts, and a summary of the College's partnerships with Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) and community relations efforts within Henrico County.

He narrated a Prezi presentation titled *Reynolds & Henrico County, Partners in Student Success and a Vibrant Community*. Dr. Rhodes pointed out Reynolds served 18,408 credit students in the 2014-15 academic year and 23 percent of Reynolds students are first generation college students. Dr. Rhodes began his presentation by addressing falling math and science achievement, our two Virginias in terms of educational attainment on a nationwide scale; the qualified worker shortage in predominantly "middle skill" positions; the Virginia Community College system's one strategic goal, i.e. tripling the number of credentials awarded in the commonwealth; Reynolds' partnership programs with Henrico County and its public schools; and Henrico quick facts. He pointed out 6,467 Henrico residents attended Reynolds during the 2014-15 academic year, with 537 of them earning a degree or certificate. During this time, 630 recent HCPS students were enrolled at Reynolds. Dr. Reynolds responded to a question from Mr. Nelson regarding the college destinations of students from the Reynolds Advance College Academy's first graduating class in 2015. He and Mr. Nelson also discussed the Virginia Community College system's guarantee transfer program to Virginia four-year colleges. Mr. Nelson noted his son is enrolled in the Reynolds Advance College Academy's second Henrico campus, which is based at Highland Springs High School.

Dr. Rhodes continued his presentation by reviewing recent facility renovations on Reynolds campuses, the 12 different art collections that have been placed in Reynolds buildings, Reynolds' mission to ensure that everything it does leads to preparing individuals for life and careers, and the 10,064 employees and 629 companies served by the Virginia Community College Workforce Alliance. He concluded his presentation by sharing photographs highlighting Reynolds students working in a mobile laboratory and attending graduation ceremonies. Dr. Rhodes responded to questions from Mr. Kaechele pertaining to the Reynolds Advance College Academy campus located at J. R. Tucker High School, which graduated its first class of 34 students in May. At Mr. Thornton's request, Dr. Rhodes elaborated on the type of skills workers will need in 2020, especially those who will be employed in mid-range jobs. Mr. Thornton thanked Dr. Rhodes for his informative update and for what he and his staff are doing for the region.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:19 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 p.m.

Tuckahoe Creek Park Update


Mr. Vithoukas recognized Neil Luther, Director of Recreation and Parks, who narrated a slide presentation on Phase I development of Tuckahoe Creek Park. Mr. Luther began his presentation by providing a brief history of the County's acquisition of the property for this park. He noted the County received seven parcels that were donated between 1980 and 1991. They totaled about 240 acres, most of which were wetlands. Funds designated for the park from bond referenda approved in 1989 and again in 1990 were not used. Several attempts to develop a larger swath of land suitable for parking, access to the creek, and other amenities were unsuccessful. Staff resumed discussions of developing the park in February 2013 with a focus on developing only one parcel and subsequently held four community meetings to determine the best use for the property. Nearby residents expressed a desire for a neighborhood park with a focus on passive recreation where they can walk and fish. Subsequent to these meetings, the Division of Recreation and Parks crafted a concept plan for a 525-foot boardwalk trail along the creek and wetlands that will be accessible to people with disabilities and include sitting areas. The park will not include a

parking lot or boat ramp. The Board adopted this plan in September 2013 and awarded a contract for architectural and engineering services in February 2015. Construction of the park's first phase, which will include about 20 acres along the creek at the end of Ridgefield Parkway, is slated to start in December and be completed in April 2016. Most of the project will be funded by a \$349,495 Federal Highway Administration grant distributed by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. During his presentation, Mr. Luther showed the Board several aerial photographs and maps of the park area. He reviewed the four bids received by the County for construction of Phase I of the park and offered background information on the company that was selected as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Mr. Luther answered questions from the Board concerning future points of access to the park, the limits on park infrastructure, development stipulations contained in the grant, and the location of a natural gas pipeline in the vicinity of the park property.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoukas briefly reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting. He informed the Board there were no Manager's Comments, one resignation paper and one appointment paper relating to The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen Foundation Board of Directors, and only four items on the general agenda, including award of a construction contract for Phase I of Tuckahoe Creek Park. Mr. Vithoukas further advised no one had registered in advance to speak during the public comment period.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia