

August 8, 2017 Note to Acting County Executive Kirk Kincannon on the Washington Post interest on the Springfield Community Resource Center that would respond to the need for space of seniors in the Burke/West Springfield area -- and requested for years by the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center without Walls (BWSSCWoW):

Good Morning Mr. Kirk Kincannon.

Congratulations on your appointment as Acting County Executive as of September 2017. I thought I should inform you of the Washington Post (Antonio Olivo) request for information about the need for space of the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls.

I sent him two photos (attached) of the overcrowded situation in Pohick Library and that we have waiting lists for seniors who could not be registered in several classes.

I understand that Tony Olivo talked with Chairman Sharon Bulova who commended BWSSCWoW as a creative and innovative way to creating capacity for a need, but that eventually Fairfax County should fill the need with a real Center for seniors in the Burke/West Springfield area

I also sent WP - Tony Olivo information about the parallel options being considered by NCS that were explained to me by Chris Leonard and Evan Braff during a phone conversation.

1. Springfield Community Resource Center in the Capital Improvements Plan for 2024 bond referendum that might be moved up to 2020 and if such a decision were to be made, we would need a feasibility study by 2018 for the Springfield Community Resource Center.

(The County Executive moved up Sully and Lorton Centers to 2016 from the initial 2020 referendum plan.)

2. 2020 bond referendum for the Park Authority that we discussed last year that might include space for the BWSSCWoW programs.

Chris Leonard mentioned during the phone call that he would discuss this with you so I thought I should inform you of the Washington Post interest in the need for space of the seniors in the Burke/West Springfield area.

Thank you very much for your support of the seniors in the Burke/West Springfield area and the request for space of the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls.

Best Regards. Cora Foley

On Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:08 PM, Corazon Foley <corazonfoley@yahoo.com> wrote:

I just talked to Tony Olivo and mentioned that we tried to get funding to pay the churches so we could maintain/expand facilities using the same arrangement of the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) but did not succeed.

I suggested that he might want to interview Supervisor Herrity who is the leader for Springfield for programs to assist seniors in the Burke/West Springfield area. I mentioned that I met with Supervisor Herrity who said he supported a full-fledged Springfield Senior Center.

In response to his query about my campaign in 2015, I noted that my goal was to publicize the need for a permanent facility for the Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls -- and I focused on the Pohick Regional Library renovation as an opportunity.

I am very grateful to Chairman Bulova for arranging the flooring upgrade of Pohick Library Conference rooms and the reservation of those rooms for BWSSCWoW fitness programs.

Tony Olivo plans to observe the Pohick Library BWSSCWoW program next Thursday and interview some of the participants.

On Wednesday, July 5, 2017 12:11 PM, Corazon Foley <corazonfoley@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good Morning Supervisor Patrick Herrity.

I was informed that Marlae Schnare is on vacation until July 18th so I am writing directly to you because your leadership is key to the funding of the long-term project for the bricks-and-mortar Springfield Community Resource Center in the Capital Improvement Projects (page 191).

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2018/advertised/cip/cip.pdf>

Springfield District Community Development - Springfield Community Resource Center (new) \$16 million Springfield

I would appreciate your thoughts on the interview with Washington Post Antonio Olivo:

1. The Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BWSSCWoW) has provided needed fitness programs for seniors in the Burke/West Springfield area and the demand has continued to grow with rising waiting lists for several programs.

2. The Pohick Library renovation with safer flooring has provided critically needed space for two popular fitness programs (with waiting lists) - thanks to the leadership of Chairman Bulova.

The Washington Post asked to observe a BWSSCWoW program and I plan to invite him to the Pohick Library program in July.

https://patch.com/virginia/burke/new-safer-floors-installed-burke-west-springfield-center?utm_source=newsletter-daily&utm_medium=email&utm_term=community%20corner&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_content=article-topstories&utm_slot=1

3. The long run challenge is to build a bricks-and-mortar senior center to address the needs of the rapidly growing senior population in the Burke/West Springfield area. Two possibilities are:

a.) The Capital Improvements Plan (page 191) lists the Springfield Community Resource Center, a multipurpose facility that would include senior programming. It is listed for the 2024 bond referendum although it might be possible to move it up to 2020 -- and this would require conducting a feasibility study for costs and facility location.

Springfield Supervisor Herrity is the leader for the Springfield Community Resource Center project.

We are requesting that Supervisor Herrity would include a half-million dollars feasibility study in the next budget. Decision on the 2020 referendum would be made in 2018 so there is time for such a feasibility study for the Springfield Community Resource Center in the Burke/West Springfield area.

(Note: The Lorton and Sully Senior Centers were originally planned for 2020 but were moved up to 2016.)

b.) The 2020 bond referendum would include the Park Authority planning for South Run Rec Center improvements, particularly of the field house. Discussions with the Park Authority could be made on the possibility of expanding the space to include a senior center -- similar to the arrangement for the Wakefield Senior Center.

Thank you very much Supervisor Herrity for your leadership in the Springfield Community Resource Center that would include a full-fledged Springfield Senior Center in the Burke/West Springfield area.

We would like to meet with you on this issue at a time most convenient for you and we would very much appreciate your thoughts for the Washington Post interview on BWSSCWoW funding needs.
Best Regards. Corazon Foley.

On Wednesday, June 28, 2017 5:34 PM, "Olivo, Antonio"
<Antonio.Olivo@washpost.com> wrote:

Hi Cora,

I've finally gotten around to the project I mentioned about services for the elderly in Fairfax. I want to include the Center w/o Walls and talk to you about the need for more funds, via referendum or however else.

I'm best reached at 202-290-6028.

Thanks and I hope all is well,

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