

Commentary

Editor's Notebook: Checking in on the Virginia Hospital Center expansion plan

by SCOTT McCAFFREY, Sun Gazette Newspapers

You can't say that this week's meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Arlington on Wednesday wasn't timely. It featured Adrian Stanton of Virginia Hospital Center, offering up the 4-1-1 on the proposed expansion plan.

(Stanton gave a just-the-facts-ma'am presentation, without undue spin, and offered some of the reasons that the county government and neighbors have voiced concern about parts of the proposed project.)

The whole shebang is slated to come before the County Board in late September. Stanton suggested that some of the concerns being raised can be worked on, but others are financially untenable for the hospital.

Odds favor, maybe by a 9-to-1 margin, that some version of this plan gets through the governmental wringer after tweaks. Will everybody come out satisfied? Odds are NOBODY will come out completely so. But it'll probably get done.