

LRSP-2009-03: Mount Vernon Government Center

WHEREAS, the MVCCA is participating in the Area Plan Review 2009-2010,

WHEREAS, the Long Range and Strategic Planning Committee of the MVCCA has facilitated numerous charrettes and gathered input from community stakeholders and MVCCA members,

WHEREAS, nominations for the Area Plan Review Comprehensive Plan have been formulated,

WHEREAS, the Long Range and Strategic Planning Committee has spent the past several months reviewing the current Comprehensive Plan as applicable to the Mount Vernon Magisterial District and adjoining areas and has recommended a change nomination to that Plan for the Area Plan Review 2009-2010, such nomination containing the following features:

Mount Vernon Hospital and Government Center Nomination Overview

Nomination:

Mount Vernon District Campus: Incorporating the existing Mt Vernon Government Center, Mount Vernon Hospital, Fire Station, Library, Walt Whitman Middle School, Gas Station, Burke and Herbert Bank, Nursing Facility and Medical Offices

Location:

Quadrangle of Sherwood Hall Lane, Parkers Lane, Hinson Farm Road and Holland Road, as well as adjacent properties on North side of Sherwood Hall Lane and East side of Parkers Lane

Vision Overview:

Create a "green" Campus incorporating and connecting the Mount Vernon Government Center with the Mount Vernon Hospital and the surrounding area. To expand the green space, provide structured parking in support of hospital, government center and medical offices. The expanded green space, attention to environmental concerns and with walking paths and bike paths will provide a Campus-like atmosphere. While the existing neighborhood bank and service station should be allowed to continue, on a long-term basis, should they give up their business, they can be replaced with retail space, a restaurant or café in support of the local workforce and visitors to the Campus. Additionally, it is hoped that an increased ability for local governmental services can be placed into an expanded Government Center to facilitate court appearances for the citizens of the Mount Vernon District.

Conditions:

- * Increase the FAR from .35' to .50', to permit the expansion of retail facilities, an upscale restaurant/cafe and increased governmental services.
- * Connect structured parking by means of walkways and bike paths with the Hospital and Government Center, as well as other adjacent facilities.
- * Create a transportation hub to service hospital and government center.
- * Ascertain need for traffic mitigation caused by projected modest traffic increase due to future expansions.
- * Satisfy the requirements posed by the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Management Plan.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Co-Chairs of the MVCCA are hereby directed to prepare and submit a Comprehensive Plan change nomination which incorporates the foregoing features.