

MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

July 23, 2008 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Katherine Ward.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Dale, Pat Rea, Katherine Ward; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, John Jeszenszky, David Plummer, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle. Dean Shute, Boy Scout Troop 654.

Representatives (20) from Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, River Towers, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills.

MINUTES - Approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted as published.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Having just come from the funeral for Virginia Senator Joseph Gartlan, Supervisor Hyland asked for a moment of silent recognition and then reminded everyone of Gartlan's legacy in the state legislature and in local community involvement: environmental stewardship, improved treatment of the mentally ill and disabled, and concern for dignity of all including the poor. After working tirelessly to assure the future of Mount Vernon Hospital, Gartlan was unable to attend the June 16 community task force meeting at which the chief executive of INOVA Health Systems reported that the hospital is at last operating "in the black" with enhancements underway and planned.

DRAFT MINUTES: To be submitted for approval at the
General Council meeting on Sept. 24, 2008

BOS is considering many strategies for dealing with the projected \$430 million deficit in the next fiscal year. One strategy, switching to a four-day work week for County employees (not school or safety workers), to save energy will positively impact traffic and has resulted in interest from as far away as the BBC. One question that arises is the impact on delivery of services, i.e., would fewer but longer work days meet the needs of people who need/want face-to-face meetings. Another suggestion is to use "increment financing" wherein the anticipated tax revenues from increase in real estate values would be kept "off the books, temporarily" and the monies diverted to revitalization. (**see below)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – No meeting.

Consumer Affairs – No meeting.

Education – No meeting. In September, the major focus will be budget issues.

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. Canoe trip will be August 10, leaving at 7:30 a.m., not 6:00 a.m. as previously advertised.

Health and Human Services – **Joint with PS.** Minutes as published with the exception that reference to changes in State mental health programs should read **20 years**, not 30. Virginia Sen. Toddy Puller led an outstanding panel able to describe major changes in state mental health laws and funding, particularly with respect to the process for "involuntary" treatment. The detailed report in the July Record includes many important questions from both committees that deserve careful watch during this year of implementation. The State changes, regarded as a "down payment" only, with more to come, are the most extensive since the 1988 reform legislation that owed so much to the work of Sen. Joe Gartlan. Chair Cleveland expanded on Supervisor Hyland's description of the work of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force (to which Sen. Gartlan also contributed greatly), reporting on current developments at Mount Vernon Hospital and a (delayed) schedule for completion of the Lorton Healthplex in 2011.

Planning and Zoning – Two meetings, one in conjunction with E&R and Transportation. Minutes as published. Resolutions.

DRAFT MINUTES: To be submitted for approval at the
General Council meeting on Sept. 24, 2008

Public Safety – Joint with HHS. Chair Dallas Shawkey noted that the General Assembly has taken a large and important first step to better address treatment needs and support for persons with mental illness. This will need to be observed in application so that recommendations can be made for improvement.

Transportation –Joint with E&R and P&Z, (q.v.)

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Meeting changed to August 14 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

RESOLUTIONS -

PZ/TR 2008-07 (Oppose) New Hope Church SPA 2005-MV-010 8905 Ox Road, Lorton, VA. Neal McBride reports that South County Federation opposes for the same reasons as MVCCA. **(Resolution to oppose) Passed 16-0-0**

ER/PZ/TR 2008-01 BRAC APR Nominations' Impacts

Eleanor Quigley presented a 'friendly amendment' (to be inserted after first 'resolve'), accepted by two of the committee chairs and co-chair David Dale, liaison to P&Z, (in the absence of the committee chair).

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations request that the BRAC APR Task Force and the Planning Commission and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors amend all nominations to state that any use that would degrade tree cover and increase run-off would required the offset of 100% of the lost tree canopy, contributions to the Tree Preservation Planting Fund in amounts equal to the values of the lost trees, the planting of non-exotic, non-invasive ground cover, shrubs and trees as listed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of Virginia, the use of pervious pavers and rain gardens, provision for sufficient planting space for large, shade-producing parking lot trees, and reliance on underground parking wherever possible and structured parking elsewhere.

DRAFT MINUTES: To be submitted for approval at the
General Council meeting on Sept. 24, 2008

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that building design should maximize the use of green roofs and roof top gardens, including trees, to mitigate storm water runoff, increases in impervious surfaces, and tree loss.”

Motion to eliminate from the Resolution all but the published Resolve #2 failed to receive a second. **Resolution as amended Passed 14-1-2**

Carol Coyle, Secretary

***Clarification from the Supervisor’s office:*

“On Monday, the Board of Supervisors approved a Statement of Principle that would allow the new Office of Revitalization to enter into Tax Increment Financing arrangements, pending staff and Board approval.

“Tax Increment Financing is a tool used by many other jurisdictions where the cost of a revitalization project is too high and requires public involvement to ensure that the project moves forward.

“TIF allows you to borrow money against the increase in tax revenue that the revitalization project will bring in to build public infrastructure, thus reducing the overall cost of the development.

“This will become an important tool in Fairfax County’s toolbox to attract, entice and permit construction of new revitalization projects in the County.”