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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday January 26, 8 PM, Walt Whitman Middle School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

- Approval of Secretary's Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Co-Chairmen's Report on Board Actions

### PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

### NEW BUSINESS

- Member Association Representatives' Time
- MV Supervisor's Time
- Other Elected Reps and Public Time

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## MINUTES

Minutes of the Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 21, 2004 (date a result of upcoming holiday)

**Attendance.** Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Newington, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor – North.

The Council was called to order at 8:05 p.m., Al Bornmann presiding. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were reviewed and accepted into the record. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. It was noted that the Treasurer's Proposed 2005 Budget appears on page 6 of the December 2004 *Record* (hereafter, *Record*) and the Year to Date budget appears on page 8 of the same issue. The reports were accepted into the record.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance** Chair George Bauer noted that the Committee did not meet in December, although an agenda had been published. The Fairfax County budget will be delivered on February 28 and the schedule for two upcoming meetings will be confirmed.

The Co-Chair noted that, as stated in the *Record*, the next meeting of the **Consumer Affairs** Committee will be January 26, not January 4.

**Education** Chair Judy Harbeck said that the Committee may develop a follow-up resolution concerning the Board of Supervisors' funding of Phase I of the administrative building consolidation plan. The Chair noted the Committee's disappointment and belief that this vote overlooked cost savings inherent in the original business plan/schedule.

MVCCA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR GALA: SATURDAY, APRIL 23D, FT BELVOIR GOLF CLUB  
PLEASE SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MVCCA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: SEE FORM

MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING WILL INCLUDE PRESENTATION BY FAIRFAX COUNTY CONSUMER AFFAIRS OFFICIAL HAL WAGNER

SUPERVISOR HYLAND'S TOWN MEETING IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, MT. VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE, THERE ARE TWO FEBRUARY MEETINGS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 2/2 AND 2/22

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The Co-Chair referred the Council to the **Environment** Committee's minutes in the *Record*.

**Health and Human Services** Chair Louise Cleveland distributed a brochure on emergency preparedness and reported on suggested ways to communicate and coordinate during an emergency, noting special concern for the most vulnerable citizens. Red Cross representatives are available to meet with community groups on this and other issues.

**Planning & Zoning** Chair Diane Donley referred to the Committee's minutes in the *Record*.

The Co-Chair referred the Council to the **Public Safety** Committee's minutes in the *Record*.

**Transportation** Chair Frank Cohn called attention to the next-to-last paragraph of the Committee's minutes in the *Record*. The Mount Vernon Country Club approached the Committee to suggest running golf tournaments to collect a \$50,000 proffer toward sidewalks on the north side of Old Mill Road. Co-Chair Bergsagel noted that the Council could place notices of such tournaments in future issues of the *Record* and encourage participation, but to do more than that would be a conflict of interest.

**Fairfax Federation** representative Pat Rea discussed a presentation by the head of the State Department of the Environment and noted that of the 90 employees assigned to cover Northern Virginia, half have been with the agency less than a year.

**Published Items.** The Co-Chair noted that the actual election of Board and Committee Representatives differed from the statement published in the *Record*. The Bylaws forbid Co-Chairs of Committees. He noted that the revised Bylaws dated August 7, 2002, reference a possible "Authorized Representative" for a Committee but do not mention the concept of Co-Chairs. The Bylaws can be amended. Discussion of the issue followed. It was noted that the Board holds the Committee Chair responsible for actions of the Committee; it is possible to have a Co-Chair at the Committee level, however.

**Resolutions.** The **Lorton Arts Center Plan Review** resolution, which had been returned to the Environment Committee to revise language and incorporate a friendly amendment and was republished in the *Record*, passed 24-0-0. Co-Chair Bornmann stated that the three Co-Chairs had reviewed the **Co-Chair/Education** Committee resolution in order to submit it to the Board of Supervisors meeting in time for its vote. The Council approved this action 14-1-0. A motion was offered to **review the Bylaws** concerning the Committee Co-Chair question; a voice vote was requested. The motion passed 15-0-0.

**Elected Representative's Visit.** Delegate Kris Amundsen spoke of issues to be addressed in the upcoming session of the House of Delegates. Key concerns are transportation, reimbursement rates for Medicare. The Governor will propose a \$824 million transportation package – the largest in the Commonwealth's history. The Governor will propose a dedicated source of revenue for transit and a State match of local funds to enable redirecting of certain Federal funds to localities. Delegate Amundsen plans to look at ways to help State schools become more efficient in their business practices so that

more funds can be earmarked for the classroom. She responded to questions from the floor concerning : the road through Fort Belvoir (no change, although Congressional delegates are urging a faster schedule); completion of the Fairfax County Parkway (VDOT wants the County to resolve lingering engineering issues); and State Medicare reimbursement levels (which are much too low and will be addressed in the upcoming session).

**Co-Chairs' Time.** Co-Chair Mack Rhoades asked the Council to **review the proposed 2005 (online) calendar** and submit any corrections/changes to him asap.

Treasurer Phyllis Evans urged Associations to **pay their 2005 dues**.

The meeting **adjourned** at 9:10 p.m.

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet this month. Our next meeting will be in February as listed below. Our budget review process will begin on February 21st when the Proposed FY 2006 Fairfax County Budget is made available. Gerry Hyland and Tony Griffin have gain agreed to meet with us in March and we wish to call these informative meetings to your attention as all members of dues paying MVCCA civic associations are encouraged to attend.

Schedule of meetings for our committee:

Date	Time	Topic / Speaker	Location (Walt Whitman Middle School)
Wed, Feb 2	7:30 p.m.	Tax Relief	Conference Room
Mon, Feb 21	7:30 p.m.	Budget Delivered	Conference Room
Tues, Feb 22	7:30 p.m.	School Budget Mario Schiavo	Library, Tentative with Education Committee
Tues, Mar 1	7:30 p.m.	Gerry Hyland	Conference Room
Wed, Mar 2	7:00 p.m.	Tony Griffin	Conference Room
Fri, Mar 4th	7:30 p.m.	Board Input	Conference Room
Tues, Mar 8th	7:30 p.m.	Resolution Prep.	Conference Room

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

In lieu of a meeting with Committee members, Consumer Affairs is presenting a guest speaker, Cal Wagner, to the Council during its general membership meeting on Wednesday, January 26th. For more information about the guest speaker, please see either the special write-up that appears elsewhere in this month's *Record* or the December 2004 *Record*.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 1st at Walt Whitman Middle School at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room.

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## EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on January 5, 2005, at 8 pm in the library at Whitman Middle School. The following associations were represented: Sulgrave Manor, BHTCA, PVRB, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Williamsburg Manor North, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor, Stratford Landing, Hollin Hills, Riverside Estates, William H. Randall Estates, Mt. Vernon Farms. Co-chair Mack Rhoades also attended.

The speaker was Dr. Calanthia Tucker, Assistant Superintendent for Cluster IV, who discussed the progress of Cluster IV schools in meeting performance standards required under the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs) to achieve and retain accreditation and under the national No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA) to meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). As a preliminary matter, Dr. Tucker noted that although her title has changed, her responsibilities are the same; the title change was made in part to better reflect the nature of her position by using nomenclature more commonly used in education circles.

Dr. Tucker was able to report truly excellent progress in the testing performance of our highly diverse Cluster IV schools: both high schools (Mt. Vernon and West Potomac) and both middle schools (Whitman and Sandburg) are fully accredited and although four elementary schools have not yet reached full accreditation, all made progress and one (Riverside) missed by only one point. Twelve schools also made AYP (which requires performance across subsets of students in addition to school-wide performance) and no schools in Cluster IV were required under NCLBA to offer transfer because of performance.

In an unusual move, the Fairfax Education Association recognized the efforts and achievements of Cluster IV schools at a dinner for principals held at the Mount Vernon Country Club.

Among the programs Dr. Tucker discussed as critical to continued success were: mathematics vertical teaming (teachers from varieties of grade levels work together to assure concepts are addressed at appropriate levels to facilitate student progress through the entire math curriculum); curriculum mapping (staff and teachers develop a grade-level plan for the introduction, teaching and review of concepts through the school year to assure all test-required concepts are adequately covered by all teachers by the test date and year end); Professional Learning Communities (teachers, both by grade level and throughout the school, interact as a team to exchange information and ideas and to provide support, advice and assistance to each other, in order to optimize the performance of each teacher and each student); Young Scholars and Target 3 Summer Institutes (programs to address the achievement gap by providing enrichment activities to underachieving disadvantaged students); and Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) and Prevention Action Resolution (PAR) (programs to teach class management and behavioral management techniques to achieve an orderly, well-regulated classroom while reducing the need to rely on frequently counterproductive techniques such as suspension). Dr. Tucker also mentioned the importance of a variety of community involvement programs including Community in Schools, Community Computer Labs, Woodlawn ES's Urban League Partnership, and various "summits" and meetings she has hosted with members of the business, health and human services, and property management communities to address interactions with families and schools.

The committee also asked Dr. Tucker whether she had any feedback from the FCPS team which, according to news reports, was to study programs used in the Richmond school system, since Richmond appears to be having greater success in raising African-American student achievement than FCPS. Dr. Tucker indicated she had not received any information but would welcome good ideas from any source.

The NOVA/George Mason College Program, described by Dr. Dale at the October 2004 Parent Advisory Committee meeting, was also discussed. The committee was surprised and disappointed to learn that, at least initially, this program (which was described as increasing the opportunity for high school students to obtain college or professional credit beyond the current AP/IB limited and college-specific availability by granting actual NOVA or GMU transcript credit for certain courses) will be available only to a select group of disadvantaged students with the goal of encouraging college attendance. The committee will further explore this development.

The committee also briefly discussed the upcoming school and county budget process and particularly the need for local schools to continue to receive the additional resources needed to maintain and improve academic progress. The committee recognized that while excellent progress has been made, continued advancement will still be an uphill battle due to the diversity and mobility of our school population and the constant upward movement of the required pass rates.

February meetings: February 2, 2005, 8 pm Whitman MS library—budget discussion

February 22, 2005, 7:30 pm Whitman (room TBD)—Joint meeting with Budget & Finance, FCPS budget presented by Mario Schiavo, Acting Budget Director

## ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met Wednesday, Jan. 5, Room E-114, 7:30 PM.

Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon CA, Mt Vernon Manor (also MVCCA Co-chair Bergsagel), Mt Vernon on the Potomac, Mt Zephyr, Potomac Valley/ River Bend, Springbank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sulgrave Manor and Wessynton.

The Committee wrote a resolution to the Planning and Zoning Committee's **Ourisman Dodge application (SEA 87-V-106-2)** See resolutions.

A report on the **Little Hunting Creek (LHC) Watershed Management Plan** can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty-watersheds.net](http://www.fairfaxcounty-watersheds.net). Go to documents, then documents and finally documents to see the Little Hunting Creek (LHC) Watershed Management Plan. This document will also be available at the Supervisor's office and the public libraries. There is a meeting of the LHC Steering Committee at the South County Center on January 19.

The committee discussed the current rezoning at the **Tasos Development and the old Groveton School site (Groveton Heights)**. It is noted that all of the outfall water from these sites will

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be routed through the Little Hunting Creek Watershed in the Mt Vernon District.

The **Adequate Outfall requirements** are currently being examined County wide by industry/ county staff. Should these requirements become more effective (or “adequate”), the Mt Vernon District would benefit from net gains in water quality/quantity. As it is now, this watershed would be sanctioned for not meeting water quality goals established by the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance. This is scheduled to happen around the year 2010.

Other projects in the immediate vicinity also would contribute to this watershed’s degradation should the Adequate Outfall requirements not change.

The Committee was informed that a **Storm Water Utility Fee Task Force** will be giving recommendations for Storm Water Program Funding. The Committee asked the chair to secure an informed speaker from this Task Force for the February meeting.

## Statistic to Know:

**1" of rain upon 1000 sq' of impervious surface will produce 600 gallons of storm water**

Next meeting: Feb.2, 7:30 PM, Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

H/HS Committee met Jan. 4 with 11 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Spring Bank, Stratford on Potomac-Sec.4, Sulgrave Manor, Wessynton, William Randall Estates. MVCCA co-chair Mack Rhoades was present.

Seven guest resources contributed valuable information and insight to our discussion of affordable housing, the issue identified repeatedly since September 2000 as our most difficult human services concern in Mount Vernon/Region I. (Awareness has been growing countywide and in the entire metro region.) Participants included executive directors of 3 nonprofit agencies (Ann Goergen of Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia or HCSNV, Shannon Steene of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, and Pam Michell of New Hope Housing), conveners of 2 citizen advisory groups (Anne Andrews for Route One Task Force for Human Services and Kristin Rosenthal of the Citizen Advisory Board for Mount Vernon Community Mental Health Center), Robert Trimble representing the interfaith group Ventures in Community(VIC), and county Director for Human Services in Region I Ken Disselkoen.

### **Affordable Housing: How can we work toward a healthier housing mix?**

*Residents, whether homeowners or renters, are aware of rising housing costs in our area, especially since 2000, as assessed property values (and taxes) and rental rates rise by double-digit percentages annually, much more quickly than income from wages or pension cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs). Yet we may not connect with the “collateral damage” among local low-income working families. Already, many with low-to-moderate income jobs, who provide services here in local schools, hospital, fire stations, day care, or group residences such as nursing homes (as well as many local businesses)*

must travel long distances to do so. Others, especially in very low-wage, no-benefit jobs, struggle one paycheck away from a crisis and may become part of a large and varied group “at-risk” of homelessness. Simultaneously, human service programs—even for cost-effective crisis intervention and prevention—lose dollars (by about 5% a year) while “emergencies” place demands on other more expensive publicly supported responses: from schools, to courts and jails, to emergency health (and mental health) care. Regional job growth, paradoxically, is producing longer commutes, unsustainable growth in our congested traffic, and increasing pressures to provide quality services. Fairfax County, with 23% of the region’s population, now has just 12% of its affordable housing. Countywide, 15,000 affordable units are needed by 2010 (by one “fair share” metro regional model), to put employees nearer jobs and maintain a socially and economically healthy mix.

*Though Mount Vernon/Region I residents may assume we have a large share of the county’s “affordable housing,” in fact our supply is volatile and fast disappearing, according to local human services agencies. As the “market” for residential property near the Route One Corridor escalates, it drives up the cost of building new homes and the incentive to sell or convert existing rental units. Federal policymakers—in a badly mis-timed cost-cutting move—are reducing many Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs that direct funds to states and localities. For example, Fairfax County administers 3,168 vouchers that subsidize rent, limiting annual cost to 30% of household income. (Agencies expect that formula to change, by March, to 40%.) In 2005, those who depend on these vouchers can expect a smaller subsidy toward a higher rent. Both those now in shelters and hoping to “transition” into subsidized programs and those who hope to “graduate” soon to market-rate housing are being caught in a bottleneck; and those who long to enter such programs find themselves stranded on expanding wait lists. Nonprofit agencies, like Good Shepherd and New Hope, that deploy public and private charitable resources to reduce and prevent homelessness offer a warning: strategies effective in the past—limited emergency assistance, sub-leasing to tenants while enabling them to build credit, counseling and training in an array of self-help tools, etc.—are no longer enough. The gap between available wages and the cost of renting shelter is expanding too fast, forcing the agencies to look for partners that can purchase affordable housing before it vanishes entirely and to advocate public/private partnerships to build new units. HCSNV estimates that to afford a market-rate 3-bedroom apartment (for a family with male and female children), a Fairfax County household now needs about 5 times the minimum wage, or roughly \$59,200/yr. Will they find many vacancies, even at \$1,480/month?*

*Which kinds of “affordable housing” are most needed, to relieve the bottleneck and enable more people to live with more independence? The annual “point-in-time” count of homeless persons, though it has remained steady from year to year (roughly 2,000 countywide), suggests that the demographic mix is changing: 58% are now families with children. (The 2004 count does not include the many families “doubled-up” temporarily with others or now on shelter wait lists of 3 months.) More than 1/3 of the countable homeless are children under 18. Among adults, 40% of singles and 65% of those with children are working. These rough counts indicate the presence of some distinct groups who could achieve a much better, more stable life with the opportunity for appropriate kinds of “affordable” shelter. Single-resident occupancy (“SRO”) rooms and efficiency apartments, nearly impossible to find now, would give many young, single*

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workers a foothold. Many other single adults in county emergency shelters, with mental illness and/or a history of substance abuse, may accept stabilizing treatment, become better able to hold jobs, and move successfully toward more independent living when appropriate housing is achievable, perhaps in SROs in a cluster with access to public transportation and supportive services. Families with access to well-managed units, in neighborhood settings with supportive services, achieve better education for their children and better job skills for themselves. And we should not forget the growing ranks of frail elders and other persons with disabilities that limit their income, who need safe, well-managed affordable dwellings with access to supportive services. A wise community will make room for young and old, and a fiscally prudent community will note the unacceptable cost of failure to do so. A recent Lewin Group study compares the moderate per day costs—in 9 American cities, from Atlanta to San Francisco—of placing people in “supportive housing” versus the documented costs of “serial” homeless persons who make recurrent trips to jails, prisons, or of course emergency care in hospitals. Supportive housing costs the public far less, annually, and has been demonstrated to reduce other costs of urban services by millions.

*The solution, everyone who knows human services delivery seems to agree, is not adding many more emergency shelter beds, but adopting a public strategy to conserve decent moderate-cost housing wherever we can and to develop more (and more kinds), soon.* Useful models abound, from low-cost “SROs” (single resident occupancy) to family-sized units in well-managed garden apartments with community centers and services, in other cities and even in the 9 jurisdictions of the Washington metro area. County public policy changes—through “inclusionary zoning” and “zoning for housing choices” such as accessory apartments, “affordable housing preservation,” and identifying “dedicated funding sources” for an Affordable Housing Trust—are recommended in a recent report of the Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities. Many advocate new forms of public/private partnership, similar to what Trimble describes as a “military model” of contracting with private developers to build on publicly owned lands.

*H/HS Committee is gathering information that helps us understand and evaluate the strategies and proposals that are/will be seeking public support:*

- (1) County Supervisors have approved six proposals to increase “affordable housing,” mostly through obtaining state funds available to counties for low-cost mortgages and public/private projects (County press release, Nov. 15, 2004). Also, Board Chair Gerry Connolly has convened an “Affordable Housing Preservation Action Committee” that will report soon, to recommend new county initiatives (see Community Meetings, March 29, below). Will funding be in the proposed County Budget (published Feb. 28)?
- (2) Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, with broad membership among nonprofit agencies and commercial banks, has agreed as their first priority to support “a dedicated affordable housing fund” to be created in Fairfax County (Dec. 3 letter with 47 signatories) and to advocate “Two Cents for Affordable Housing,” one for conserving and one for producing new units.
- (3) Speaking from experience in Mount Vernon/Region I, New Hope recommends creating SROs (countywide, in sites near jobs and public transportation), Good Shepherd seeks partners to conserve remaining “affordable” units or build new ones, and VIC members are considering how best to renew local interfaith interest in and support for housing for very low-income people, which led many

years ago to opening here the county’s first shelter for the homeless, as well as starting programs sheltering victims of domestic violence and seeking to prevent eviction and homelessness.

## Planning Mount Vernon Hospital’s future

*[MVCCA has stated its position in two Resolutions, “Public Support for Saving Mount Vernon Hospital,” July 2003, and “Public Support for the Southeast Health Planning Task Force Recommendation,” July 2004, MVCCA Record. Also in The Record are key developments, in monthly H/HS Reports (July 2003—present). In October 2004, Inova Health System announced their management staff’s recommendation to the Board of Trustees that Mount Vernon Hospital remain at its present campus and a new healthplex be located near the Lorton Road exit of I-95. The Record archive is on our web site: [www.MVCCA.org](http://www.MVCCA.org).]*

Public meetings of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force, held quarterly, (see below, March 3) provide community updates on Inova’s planning to enhance services and facilities in our area.

## Community meetings—open to the public

**Tuesdays, Feb. 1 and March 1, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee**, considers “How will the Fairfax County Budget FY2006 match needs with resources, in health and human services?” Molly Lynch, MV rep to the countywide citizen advisory Human Services Council, and Ken Disselkoen, county Human Services Director for Region I, are our guest resources for this annual review, with special attention to services in our area, 7:30 p.m., IMVH Conf. Room C. H/HS Chair Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151.

**Thursday, March 3, Southeast Health Planning Task Force** meets to hear reports on Inova’s planning for Mount Vernon Hospital, a Lorton Healthplex, and related issues, 7 p.m., South County Center 2nd flr Conference Room, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Anne Andrews, Chair, 703/780-1773.

**Tuesday, March 29, Route One Task Force for Human Services** focuses on “Conserving Affordable Housing,” with Board of Supervisors Chair Gerry Connolly presenting initiatives recommended by a citizen task force, 7 p.m., South County Center, Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM, and in attendance were representatives from the following 17 civic associations: Bellehaven Terrace, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Marlin Forest Marlan Heights, Montebello Condominiums, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Newington, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Wellington Heights, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, and Williamsburg Manor. The Committee heard four land use cases.

The first case was a presentation by the Fairfax County staff of the out-of-turn Plan amendment S04-CW-T1 concerning the intersection of Richmond Highway and Kings Highway; the changes would remove the currently planned grade-separated interchange and remove add connector roads. The Committee did not vote on this OTPA since the current version had not been presented to Spring Bank; a specific key term was not defined nor its implications clearly understood; the new language did not address previous concerns; and finally, comment from the Transportation Committee is desired. Discussions will be held before the next meeting.

The second case was Special Exception Amendment SEA 87-V-106 for Ourisman Dodge on Richmond Highway to build a four-story parking garage to replace the parking spaces lost due to the new

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Richmond Highway – I495 intersection. There was concern about the tree cover waiver and the trail waiver. The Committee voted to not oppose this SEA. However, since there were some unresolved issues, the Council Board did not vote on this resolution. It has been published in the expectation that these issues will be resolved before the Council general meeting.

The third case was rezoning request RZ 2004-MV-031 for Ivy Development to build eight single family homes on 3 acres at 8711 Alban Road. The site plan includes considerable open space with sidewalks that connect to new and existing trails. Currently, the only waiver being requested is on the implementation of storm water management; rather than creating a pond the developer is hoping to use bio-retention techniques. This presentation was for information only as the developer is still working with the adjacent communities. The fourth and final case was Proffered Conditions Amendment PCA/FDPA 1996-MV-037 in Lorton Town Center for Wachovia Bank. The change would allow the bank to have drive-in banking lanes. The lanes would be hidden from Lorton Station Road. The Committee voted to not oppose this PCA.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM. Then next meeting is Monday, February 7, 2005 at 7:30PM in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Walt Whitman Middle School.

*Note from the Chair: The Committee had concerns about the lack of inclusion of the trail planned for Cameron Run, the desire to have vegetation under the beltway ramps, and assurances that the land under the ramps would not, in the future, be reverted to parking spaces. After communications with Jane Kelsey representing Ourisman Dodge, I believe these issues have been resolved; I have added 'Whereas' clauses 5, 6, and 7 to reflect this. Ourisman Dodge does not object to the trail and expects a route can be found for it but at this time of VDOT construction and the lack of a connecting trail the exact location is unknown. Ourisman Dodge agrees to add planting under the beltway ramps, but it may be a challenge finding plants that will both thrive and be acceptable to VDOT. Ourisman Dodge is required to have a truck turn-around; it will probably enter the easement area, but that will be the only non vegetated area on the SE plat. If in the future they wanted to add parking spaces under the ramp they would need to once again submit a SEA. – David Dale*

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hall, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The chair began with an update of several ongoing committee items. The committee was provided with an updated copy of the Budget Committee's schedule of meetings for review of the upcoming Proposed Fairfax County Budget for FY 2006. A copy of the revised budget request from the Chief Magistrate was also reviewed. The chair gave a brief review of the pay for commonwealth attorneys and sheriff's deputies, who are also state employees paid by the state. The final group of state employees to be reviewed was the public defenders.

The public defender office is headed by Joanmarie Davoli. There are currently 21 public defender attorneys. Their mission is to provide legal services to defend indigent persons against criminal charges. The court determines whether a person is indigent. There are not enough public defenders to represent every person who qualifies. In some cases the court will appoint attorneys to represent charged persons. Further, when there are charges against gangs, public defenders

frequently cannot represent all of the members because there will usually be members testifying against one another. The following are the case load statistics for the public defender's office during 2004:

Adult Felony	2,557
Adult Misdemeanor	5,058
Adult Appeals	5*
Juvenile Felony	107
Juvenile Misdemeanor	675
Juvenile Appeals	1*
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(\*There is no central system in place yet to track appeals.)

This is an average of 407 cases per public defender. The office has only two investigators. They have only very limited support for research. A starting attorney is paid only \$40,000 a year. Administrative support personnel start at \$22,000.. There is no pay supplement provided to them by Fairfax County as it provides to the commonwealth attorneys and sheriff's deputies. As a result turnover is high. The average time an attorney stays in the public defenders office is two years. Of the five administrative positions it has, they have only been able to fill four.

A brief on the progress of the Delancey St. replication effort was provided. There have been some concerns about the \$500,000 grant that Representative Moran obtained in the Department of Justice Appropriations Bill for FY2005 as seed money for the replication. The grant is not to Fairfax County. Rather, it is to OAR of Fairfax County which is a nonprofit organization that is not a Fairfax County government entity. The Director of OAR is Carla Taylor. She and her board of directors are developing a plan for the replication in conjunction with the Fairfax County Community Criminal Justice Board working group. The committee reviewed portions of the draft 2004 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan applicable to the Mount Vernon District. In conjunction with Channel 16, the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee (FJLEPC) has developed a video entitled 'Shelter in Place' which will begin airing on Channel 16 in January. This will be one avenue of information to Fairfax County residents concerning how to prepare for and survive a catastrophic chemical, biologic, or other incident in the County.

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 10, in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

## TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on January 3, 2005 in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were: Errol Bergsagel, Co-Chair MVCCA; Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; representative of 23 MVCCA member organizations: (Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View Condo, Berkshire, Fair Haven, Gum Springs, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park); and two interested citizens.

The Committee heard a presentation by Mr. Chris Wells, Pedestrian Program Manager, Fairfax County Department of Transportation. US #1 is considered a pedestrian fatality roadway and the Board of Supervisors has taken action to alleviate the dangers. The revised bus system, with the REX express bus, will facilitate transport to the Metro. Intersection and sidewalk construction is planned at all bus

stops to include four crosswalks at each of the 20 targeted locations. Funding for 16 miles of trail construction has been earmarked along Route #1. The first priority will be to construct safe pedestrian passage on one side of the Highway, extending existing sidewalks. Ultimately there will be a trail or sidewalk on both sides of Route #1 and pedestrian safety islands where feasible. The area controlled by Fort Belvoir is not included in current plans. A suggestion was offered to require strollers to affix reflectors. The hazard of drainage ditches next to the roadways was discussed. This problem is prevalent not only on Highway #1 but also on many secondary roads like Old Mill for example. Piping can be emplaced and the ditch filled or the ditch can be covered with a walkway on top, however its proximity to the highway may still pose a problem. The question of crosswalks in mid block was raised. Apparently VDOT has approved only a very few and is reluctant to do this elsewhere unless very stringent governing criteria are encountered. It has legal consequences since under current law crossing at intersections offers legal protection which does not convey on crosswalks in mid block.

Earl Flanagan offered a resolution to assure that all options are examined within the pending Rail Transit Study for Route #1. The resolution passed the committee in a unanimous vote of 22:0:0. A copy of the resolution can be found elsewhere in the Record.

The Chair presented an informal survey for potential pedestrian trails/sidewalk passage on Old Mill Road for the entire semi circle stretching from the Mount Vernon Highway past Lukens Lane back to the Mount Vernon Highway. Nineteen segments were identified and priority for construction established with the aim of facilitating passage to the bus stop on the Mount Vernon Highway. Since this measure is in support of an earlier resolution, the chair will draft a cover letter for signature by the MVCCA Co-Chair, transmitting the survey to VDOT for action in consonance with the proffer for sidewalk construction offered by the Mount Vernon Country Club. The measure was supported by the committee in a vote of 18 in support : 0 against : 5 abstentions. The matter of requiring traffic lights, during power failure, to revert to a blinking mode was discussed. Earl Flanagan will follow up on this matter with VDOT

Updates were provided on the following:

- Kings Crossing study - no progress so far; need to await results of Rail Transit Study
- Sherwood Hall Cut-Through; meeting pending. Correction on minutes published in last month Record reference future planning: Fordson will continue to feed into Route #1; however Boswell will feed into Fordson and will cease to feed into Route #1
- Woodrow Wilson Bridge. A response from Alexander Lee of the WW Bridge Project indicated that VDOT claims it has synchronized the traffic lights on Fort Hunt Road for every second cycle when moving from the Huntington intersection to Route #1. Commuters on Fort Hunt Road remain skeptical in view of back-ups to Country Club during morning rush hour traffic. The chair will follow up with VDOT. Also, directional sign on jug handle should face traffic coming out of the Steak House; this traffic is causing problems when turning left into Route #1 from right lane.
- Van Dorn connector (connecting Kingstown with Telegraph Road) is completed, yet not open for traffic. Chair to follow up to determine reason for delay.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2005 in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda to be announced.

## **Resolution on PCA/FDPA 1996-MV-037 (Lorton Town Center - Wachovia Bank)**

**WHEREAS**, Lorton Town Center Building "F" had been previously approved for use as a site for a drive-in pharmacy or a financial institution, but by omission, not for a drive-in financial institution, and

**WHEREAS**, The drive-in bank facility would be nearly identical in size and layout to the already approved drive-in pharmacy use, and

**WHEREAS**, The drive-in facilities of Wachovia Bank would be hidden from view from Lorton Station road by a brick wall, and

**WHEREAS**, The change in building footprint will improve the layout of the surface parking near the bank,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations does not oppose PCA/FDPA 1996-MV-037 as presented.

## **ROUTE #1 RAIL TRANSIT STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) recommends on page S-5 of the 2001 Capital Beltway Corridor Rail Feasibility Study that "feasibility studies for all rail projects in the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan should be performed." and that "these studies would be used to validate rail projects, establish priorities, and compare cost benefits;" and

**WHEREAS**, Subsequent \_Transportation Recommendations\_ on page 62 for Route #1 in the Fairfax County, Virginia Comprehensive Plan for the Mount Vernon Planning District state: "Subject to appropriate studies, consider rail extension to Hybla Valley with a possible later extension to Fort Belvoir;" and **WHEREAS**, Subsequently, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) in August 2001, the Senate Joint Resolution 64 of the 2002 Virginia General Assembly, and the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation in May 2003, all call for developing a plan for short and long-term transit improvements in the Route #1 Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, The MVCCA by resolution in January 2004 requested that Mount Vernon District Supervisor Hyland insist that any light rail proposals be deleted from WMATA proposals for transit on the Route #1 Corridor until a Route #1 Rail Feasibility Study, recommended by the SFDC and Virginia General Assembly comparable to the Beltway Rail Study, has been completed; and **WHEREAS**, The Virginia Department of Transportation's Route #1 Location Study Steering Committee on June 23, 2004 recommended deferring action on Route #1 improvements between Fort Belvoir and the Capital Beltway until a rail transit study is completed; and

**WHEREAS**, The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has recommended that the Virginia General Assembly fund such a study; and

**WHEREAS**, The alternate designs developed by the MVCCA for Route #1 have in the past improved designs developed by VDOT consultants and provided superior levels of service.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the MVCCA that Senator Toddy Puller and Delegate Kris Amundsen request that any studies called for by the Virginia General Assembly for extending rail transportation to Hybla Valley and Fort Belvoir along Route #1, include the comparative merits and costs of alignment for heavy rail, light rail and monobeam/monorail, as recommended by the MVCCA and be in consonance with proposals delineated in the Capital Beltway Corridor Rail Feasibility Study and be conducted in coordination with MVCCA representation.

## **County Trail on Ourisman Dodge Property**

**WHEREAS**, Ourisman Dodge on Richmond Highway has applied for a Special Exception Amendment to place a parking garage on their property

**WHEREAS**, the proposal states that no trail is planned for subject property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Trails Map 2002 has a major paved trail included along the south side of Cameron Run, located on the subject property, and

**WHEREAS**, MVCCA approved placement and sizing of all trails currently on the County Wide Trails Map 2002, and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Mt Vernon Council of Citizens Association ask that SEA 87-V-106-2 not be heard by the Fairfax County Planning Commission, nor the Board of Supervisors until reviewed by the Transportation and the Environment and Recreation committees of the Mt Vernon Council.

**MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS**  
**Treasurer's Report**

For period from January 1, 2005 through January 13, 2005

	Budget 2005	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
<b>Balance Beginning Period</b>		<b>\$2,868.84</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Dues	\$4,653.00	\$1,992.00	-\$2,661.00
Record Subscriptions	\$480.00	\$195.00	-\$285.00
Gala Income	\$3,475.00	\$0.00	-\$3,475.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$8,608.00</b>	<b>\$2,187.00</b>	<b>-\$6,421.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Record Expenses	\$4,508.00	\$0.00	\$4,508.00
Administrative	\$389.00	\$0.00	\$389.00
Gala	\$2,743.00	\$0.00	\$2,743.00
Web Site	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
Membership	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Postage	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$8,805.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,805.00</b>
<b>Balance Ending Period 1/13/05</b>		<b>\$5,055.84</b>	

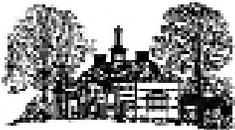
**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**  
**FOR FEBRUARY 2005**

**MVCCA Board-MVGC-SUPV**  
**Thursday, February 10, 8:00 pm**

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
2/5 T 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
1/26 T 7:30	COAF	MVGC	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
2/2 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS CR	George Bauer	703.768.1774
2/22 7:30				
2/2 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE-114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
2/2 W 8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
2/22 7:30				
2/10 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
2/7 M 8:00	TRANS	MVGC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
2/7 M 7:30	PL/Z	WWMS LH	David Dale	703.765.8247

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