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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday February 23, 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 Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations Meeting, Wednesday, January 26, 2005

**In Attendance.** Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Olde Mill Condos, Potomac Valley – Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, River Towers, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Wayneood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessinton, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor – North.

The Council was called to order at 8:04 p.m., Co-Chair Mack Rhoades presiding. The minutes of the previous Council meeting were reviewed and accepted into the record. The Treasurer's report was accepted as it appears in the January 2005 *Record* (hereafter, *Record*).

### SPEAKERS

Co-Chair Rhoades stated that the planned agenda would change in order to accommodate Supervisor Gerry Hyland's schedule.

**Elected Representative's Visit.** Supervisor Hyland introduced his new aide, Brett Kenney, a former intern in his office and an Iraq War veteran. The Supervisor then addressed a number of current issues.

**18<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting.** Planned for February 5, this year's meeting will include an area for elected representatives (Congressmen and State Senators and Delegates) and civic association representatives to encourage them to get information and provide feedback.

**Old Mill Road.** The replacement for Woodlawn Road through Fort Belvoir will be four lanes wide and may take four to six years to complete.

**Westgrove Park.** A public hearing will be held February 28 on future use for this old sewage treatment plant, which is a former county facility.

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

PLEASE NOTE, THERE ARE FOUR MARCH MEETINGS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE: 3/1, 3/2 3/4, 3/8

MARCH 1ST IS THE FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENT OF DUES FOR 2005. VOTING AND RECORD DELIVER WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ASSOCIATIONS NOT PAID UP.

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*Woodrow Wilson Bridge.* The first span is scheduled for completion in 2006; the second in 2008. The Route 1 improvements should be complete in 2009.

*Kings Crossing.* The developer has an option to buy out the adjacent mobile home park for additional residential construction. Current plans call for 90 percent residential/10 percent retail/no office space. This is not even close to the original plan of 50/50 commercial/residential. The fast-food restaurants along Route 1 would remain under the current plan.

*Wegman's.* This high-end grocery chain is looking for a Richmond Highway location.

*Westmoreland House.* This property across Huntington Avenue from the Metro station will become condominiums, not rental. Construction will mean elimination of the existing parking lot. A meeting is planned with Hoffmann representatives to discuss a temporary parking lot for Metro commuters on adjacent land that has been vacant for years.

*Riverside Park Apartments.* The California owners of this three-building complex will spend \$80 million on renovations, which will cause rents to increase by \$400 per month. During construction, the owners will offer current tenants accommodation at two other comparable buildings in Alexandria.

*Ourisman Dodge Parking Garage.* The owners have agreed to include the trail in their plans.

*Cut-through Traffic Issues.* The County is evaluating what sort of traffic calming devices might make sense on Fordson, Shields, and Fairview Roads, where drivers travel to avoid Route 1.

*County Budget.* The County budget will be released on February 28. Double-digit assessment increases are expected (again) in the Mount Vernon District. Not enough Federal funds are provided to meet requirements of the No Child Left Behind initiative.

*Future Lorton Healthplex.* Inova says it needs the former Lorton School site, which is now used for school bus storage. If the School Board can find a replacement location for the buses, it will surplus the site and Inova can buy it.

*Mount Vernon Hospital.* The hospital will remain in operation. The Supervisor complimented and credited Health and Human Services Chair Louise Cleveland for this success.

*Fairfax County Parkway.* Construction on the \$91.5-million project to complete the parkway will start this summer.

*Board of Zoning Appeals.* Supervisor Hyland outlined the Cochran case and status of the Board of Zoning Appeals issue. Lively discussion ensued. The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors have postponed consideration of the ZOA to allow more public input and review.

**Invited Guest Speaker.** Consumer Affairs Chair Queenie Cox introduced Cal Wagner of the County's Consumer Protection Division.

Mr. Wagner explained that his division provides education and outreach for about 1800 organizations. Mandatory organizations are tied to State laws, which give associations the power to enforce their own rules, which are legally established by a declaration recorded in county land records under the Property Owners Act and the Condominium Owners Act. These organizations include homeowners associations and condominium associations. Authorities, rules, covenants, etc., are legally binding obligations that run with the land no matter how many times it is sold.

Civic/community/voluntary associations have no power to enforce laws or regulations and thus no enforceability. With voluntary associations, a developer may have recorded a covenant, but the successor organizations have no authority to enforce it except to go to court. Most such covenants have been paralleled by County zoning ordinances. It is important to note that a mandatory association – even if it has long been dormant – is liable for what happens on common ground. A voluntary membership association may not be liable for a similar incident, but is obligated to appear in court to defend itself. State law holds that association Directors and Officers are protected from personal liability but not for the obligation of self-defense.

COAF Chair Queenie Cox thanked Mr. Wagner for his time and informative presentation. Co-Chair Mack Rhoades requested Committee Chair reports (in reverse alphabetical order).

## COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

**Transportation** Chair Frank Cohn said there will be a meeting on February 6 to discuss sidewalks along Old Mill Road.

**Public Safety** Chair Dallas Shawkey said the next meeting will be February 10 at the Governmental Center.

**Planning & Zoning** Representative David Dale referred to Committee minutes as published in the *Record*.

**Health and Human Services** Chair Louise Cleveland said the next meeting will be on February 1, not February 5 as shown on the calendar on page 8 of the *Record*.

**Environment** Chair Jim Davis mentioned the stormwater utility fee/tax and upcoming hearing. Grant money is available to communities that want to add curbside stormwater stencils.

**Education** Chair Judy Harbeck said the Committee will review the proposed budget in preparation for the February 22 meeting with the Budget & Finance Committee.

**Consumer Affairs** Chair Queenie Cox said the next meeting will be February 1.

**Budget & Finance** Chair George Bauer noted that the schedule for the Committee's several upcoming meetings appears in the *Record*.

**Fairfax Federation.** Judy Harbeck, speaking for Federation Representative Pat Rea, encouraged Council members to join the Federation, as the Board of Supervisors appears to pay a lot of attention to Federation opinion.

Co-Chair Al Bornmann encouraged Members to submit Citizen of the Year nominations. Information on the annual Gala, scheduled for April 23, will be published next month.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Planning & Zoning.** The Lorton Town Center (Wachovia Bank) resolution passed 27-0-0. The Route 1 Rail Transit Study resolution passed 2600.

The **Environment** Committee resolution was tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Planning & Zoning** Representative David Dale elaborated on plans (mentioned by Supervisor Hyland) for **King's Crossing**. He noted that the **Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation appearance recommendations**, which were originally aimed at business owners, are now intended for property owners as well, and also address safety issues in addition to appearance. He distributed the as-yet unpublished, non-regulatory resolution, Good Neighbor, Smart Business Appearance Recommendations, that came from the SFDC, not through the P&Z Committee. A two-thirds vote is needed so that Supervisor Hyland can present it at the upcoming Town Meeting, which will take place before the next P&Z meeting. Vote to consider this resolution passed 24-0-0; it was approved 25-0-0.

**NEW ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS**

The Council recognized **Joe Gilliland, new President of Potomac Valley-Riverbend**, and **Dillon Lee, new President of Mount Zephyr**.

**ORGANIZATION TIME**

Earl Flanagan encouraged Council members to review what may be in association covenants to evaluate potential liability. He encouraged members to attend the Transportation Summit on March 14.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

The Budget & Finance Committee met on February 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. In attendance were representatives from Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mt Vernon Civic Association, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sec. IV, Wessington Homes and Williamsburg Manor. Additionally, Judy Harbeck, Education Chair, attended for part of the meeting.

In order to prepare for our joint meeting with the Education Committee on February 22nd, we briefly examined the FY 2006 Proposed Budget for the Fairfax County Public Schools. Our only observation at this time is that the presentation of the budget is in an improved format that prioritizes the School Budget by line item. Judy Harbeck explained that there are two major reasons for requesting a 9.7% increase over the county guideline of 6.7%. Firstly, Fairfax County has an increasing percentage of students for whom English is a second language (ESOL) and this puts upward pressure on the budget by increasing the number of required teachers for special needs. We attribute the high ESOL to the economic health of our area. Secondly, the School Budget request was increased as a result of the changing requirements for the school system. Judy explained that the purpose of the school system is no longer simply to provide a basic education to all residents (input), but to produce students with a minimum and uniform standard of achievement (output). Judy points out that this mandate, which has evolved over the last several years, is much more expensive to accomplish.

The committee briefly discussed the County's Low Income Housing initiative. The committee feels that this subject warrants further study and we will request consultation from the Housing Department of Fairfax County. The proposed salary augmentation for the magistrates was reviewed and the committee is in favor of the proposed salary augmentations for the magistrates.

The bulk of our time was spent examining tax relief for senior and disabled citizens. Phyllis Evans produced a revealing survey of tax relief programs offered by area municipalities. We are in favor of a resolution supporting increased tax relief but we need to evaluate what the added cost would be to the county. We endeavor to produce a resolution on this matter in time for consideration by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the FY 2006 Budget. We noted with interest that the current tax relief system is biased against individuals who have saved for their retirement to produce their income in their retirement years, while it favors those who receive a retirement benefit as cash flow throughout their retirement years. The following table serves to illustrate this bias:

**Tax Relief Scenarios**

Retirement Savings	"Income" from Retirement Savings based on earning 4.5% on Assets	Earned Income	Pension Income and / or Social Security	Total "Income"	Amount of Fairfax County Tax Relief
0	0	40,000		40,000	100%
0	0	0	40,000	40,000	100%
240,000	10,800	0	12,000	22,800	0%
340,000	15,300	0	12,000	27,300	0%
340,000	15,300	0	24,000	39,300	0%
622,222	28,000	0	12,000	40,000	0%

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Our budget review process will begin on February 28th when the Proposed FY 2006 Fairfax County Budget is made available. Gerry Hyland and Tony Griffin have again agreed to meet with us in March and we invite all dues paying MVCCA members to attend these informative meetings (highlighted below). The schedule of upcoming meetings for our committee is:

Date	Time	Topic / Speaker	Walt Whitman Middle School
Feb 22	8:00 pm	School Budget/Andy Hawkins	Library, with Education Com
Feb 28	7:30 pm	Budget Delivered	Conf Room
Mar 1	7:30 pm	Gerry Hyland	Library
Mar 2	7:00 pm	Tony Griffin	Lecture Hall
Mar 4th	7:30 pm	Board Input	Conf Room
Mar 8th	7:30 pm	Resolution Prep.	Conf Room

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, February 1st at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room. Representatives: Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Stratford Landing, and our welcomed regular Lee District resident from Mt. Vernon Lake.

The Committee discussed the presentation of the guest speaker selected for the MVCCA January meeting. Based on feedback from attendees of that meeting, the speaker, Cal Wagner, provided an interesting and informative presentation. Most would have preferred that Mr. Wagner had more time for Q&As and plan to contact him about issues specific to their homeowners association.

The Committee discussed three major issues:

1. *Joint meeting with Health & Human Services Committee (HHS)* - based on an invitation from HHS, we plan to attend the HHS Committee meetings on Enabling Communities and Caregiving in lieu of our monthly meeting for that particular month.
2. *Guest speakers* - the Committee decided to provide guest speakers for the Council as a part of its "consumer" awareness service to the members of MVCCA instead of for its Committee only. The main reason is to disseminate the information to widest audience available and to be cognizant of the guest speaker's time and distance of travel. Upon approval by the MVCCA Co-Chairs, we plan to provide a guest speaker for April to discuss identity theft since the March meeting is usually dedicated to discussions about the Fairfax County Budget.
3. *Solid Waste Task Force (SWTF) recommendation on residential trash services* - the SWTF was created by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to address certain residential trash issues. SWTF will be providing the BOS its recommendation(s) on/about May 2005 about residential trash services. The Committee discussed two major issues that were of interest to their communities: i) the use of paper vs. plastic bags; and ii) the number and frequency of trash trucks in their neighborhoods. Committee members discussed their concerns and experiences associated with quality services from both the private haulers and County. Concerns included a lack of receptacles, having more than one private hauler in a community that resulted in having a trash truck in its community 5-days a week and the seamless quality service provided by the County that gives the appearance that the service is free because no significant problems were identified residents enjoyed the freedom of not having an "extra"

bill, although they do pay for County service. Information, including the SWTF draft recommendation may be reviewed on the SWTF's website [www.solidwastetaskforce@fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.solidwastetaskforce@fairfaxcounty.gov). It was requested that any suggestions, concerns and/or comments about the SWTF's recommendation be transmitted through the Mt. Vernon District's SWTF appointee.

After being provided information about a) Gerry Hyland's 18th Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, February 5th at the Mt. Vernon HS in the Little Theater; b) Congressman Jim Moran's discussion on the Future of Social Security to be held at Edison HS on Monday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m., guest speaker: Barbara Kennelly, President and CEO of the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare; and c) MVCCA's Gala to be held on Saturday, April 23rd at Ft. Belvoir at the Golf Club, the Committee discussed each event to include plans to attend each event.

One attendee provided the following information about the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute that may be of interest to other communities:

The 2005 Conference and Expo will be held on Saturday, March 5th from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW, Washington, DC. Various topics will be discussed including Roles, Responsibilities, and Duties of Community Association Leadership; Ethics for Community Association Leaders; and Amending Your Governing Documents. For more information including the conference and expo schedule, contact WMCCAI on 703-750-3644 or visit their website <http://www.caicd.org>.

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

## EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on February 2, 2005, at 8 pm in the media center at Whitman MS. The following associations were represented: Mt. Vernon Farms, Hollin Hall Village, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor North, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Mount Vernon Civic, Hollin Hills and Randall Estates.

The main purpose of the meeting was to take an informal look at the proposed FY2006 School Budget in order to be better prepared for the February 22, 2005, joint meeting with the Budget & Finance Committee where Mario Schiavo, Acting FCPS Budget Director, will present the budget to both groups.

The Chair also reported on a presentation by Superintendent Dale to the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations which touched on the budget as well as other issues.

At the Federation meeting, Dr. Dale indicated that he did not believe the action of the Supervisors in postponing approval of Phase 2 of the administrative consolidation would have any negative effect on the cost or efficacy of the plan, noting that the Phase 1 bonds had sold at a lower than predicted interest rate resulting in significant debt service savings.

On the subject of the budget, Dr. Dale indicated that the January proposed budget represented a much more collaborative effort among

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school staff and school board members to identify priorities and target resources to those priorities. He also said that he and his staff, as well as school board members, had been meeting on a regular basis with the Board of Supervisors and staff to arrive at a greater mutual understanding of the needs of the schools and the resources and other priorities of the county as a whole. In particular, Dale noted that the system had been asked to present scenarios based on various transfer percentage increases as well as information on unfunded needs or requirements and did so in the released budget.

One point Dale made, and which the committee reiterated in its discussions is that public education has become much more expensive because the public goals have changed, in part because of No Child Left Behind but also due to a recognition that the future will require not only a higher level of education but also a more universal attainment of that higher level.

Once, the main goal of public schools was to identify the few who would go on to complete high school or college while providing, at best, minimal competency to the bulk of pupils. Later the goal became providing equal access to education, but with the onus on the student to succeed and tacit acceptance that a significant number—many of them poor, minority, immigrant, or learning disabled—might not achieve at a high level.

Today, the goal, as expressed in NCLB, is that each child will have an equal outcome. Schools are now responsible to see that every child reaches or surpasses a high level of academic competency and is prepared not only to complete high school but to go on to some form of higher education. The old one-size-fits-all model is no longer adequate; equal outcome requires a high level of individualized instruction, smaller class size, highly trained teachers, special education and ESOL instruction and a myriad of other education services.

This change in public goals, coupled with the increasing numbers of students needing special services to reach those goals, is what drives the costs upward, since school-based salaries are the bulk of the budget.

The committee was generally pleased to see that the FY2006 Budget clearly attempts to target resources in the areas most likely to promote the goal of equal outcome: additional full-day kindergarten, instructional coaches to assist schools and teachers in tailoring effective instruction and assistance in test evaluation. All of these items have been mentioned by parents and teachers as priority needs in our area's diverse schools.

The 3% COLA for teachers and staff was viewed as minimally appropriate and would not change Fairfax's mid-range salary ranking among local jurisdictions, nor would the budget as a whole change Fairfax's mid-range per pupil cost ranking in the area. Some important items which did not receive funding and were of concern to the committee included universal full-day kindergarten, additional class size reduction, faster replacement of out-dated (5+years) computer equipment, and a change to a later start time for high schools. The committee noted that the last item (later start time) should receive further review both as to potential effectiveness and actual cost to implement.

The committee also considered a resolution which would have asked the school board to consider various proven environmental practices in the construction of the new administrative building(s) but it was

decided that such a resolution was beyond the scope of the committee and should come first from the Environment and Recreation Committee.

Next meetings: 2/22/05, 7:30 pm, Whitman library (Joint with Budget&Finance)  
Presenter: Mario Schiavo, acting FCPS Budget Director  
3/2/05 8:00 pm (approximately) following T. Griffin presentation at 7:00 pm, Whitman library

## ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, 7:30 PM Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School. Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon Civic, Mt Vernon Manor, Potomac Valley/ River Bend, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor and Scott St Clair, from Dept of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES), Storm Water Maintenance Division.

The Committee listened to a presentation from Jane Kelsey, representing Ourisman Dodge and the application for Special Exception Amendment SEA 87-V-106. Primary issues included the planned Major Paved Trail, along Cameron Run/ Hunting Creek and the improvement of Storm Water management for water quality and quantity.

The Committee heard about the intricate wranglings between Ourisman, Fairfax County reviewers and VDOT. VDOT has appropriated an "aerial easement" over part of the Ourisman Dodge property. The Committee is adamantly agreed that a trail should be along Cameron Run, however, the VDOT aerial restriction could affect placement of the trail. **ONLY with the help of VDOT**, can this important segment of trail be executed. The MVCCA will see if VDOT's proclaimed policy of "pedestrian friendly" really exists. Vegetative screening, open space, sand filtration adequacy and at least a 10% reduction in phosphorus and storm water quantity is also at issue. There are many environmental "tools" from which to choose. The Committee agreed that every feasible facility be examined to practicably reduce pollutants into Cameron Run be made on this redevelopment site.

**Scott St Clair**, director of Storm Water Maintenance, presented the **Storm Water Utility Fee Task Force's** findings to date. In March 2005, this Task Force (also known as: **Community Needs Assessment**) will recommend a guaranteed source of funding for Storm Water needs to the Environment Committee of the Board of Supervisors. The coming water quality requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Agreements has made this necessary. Two guaranteed sources of funding have been identified.  
1) As part of the real estate tax, storm water needs would have a set amount of funds to spend each year on storm water needs that must measurably improve our run-off.  
2) As a user fee, guaranteed funding would be calculated and paid by property owners in relation to the amount of run-off. Example: 2000 sq feet of impervious surface on \_ acre lot would be a determined rate, 4000 sq feet of impervious surface on \_ acre would be double that. The exact formulae have not been revealed, yet.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

H/HS Committee met Feb. 1 with 10 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Stratford on Potomac-Sec.4, Sulgrave Manor, and Wessinton. Two local members of citizen advisory groups were also present: Kris Rosenthal, president of the Citizen Advisory Board for the Mount Vernon Community Mental Health Center, and Molly Lynch, one of Mount Vernon's two representatives to the county Human Services Council.

February and March meetings of this committee focus, annually, on emerging health and human services needs in our area and on Fairfax County planning to meet those needs in the next fiscal year. FY2006 begins July 1, 2005. The Feb. 1 meeting provided (1) an overview of steps by which citizens have input into the county's planning and budgeting for health and human services, (2) an opportunity to review the recommendations of the countywide citizen advisory Human Services Council (HSC), and (3) a summary of the recent "Recommendations of the Affordable Housing Preservation Action Committee" (AFPA) appointed to report to the Board of Supervisors.

**Public participation in county planning**

Extensive citizen involvement in the county's planning and budgeting for h/h services takes place throughout the year, through the work of volunteers on agency boards, advocates for client groups, representatives to working task forces on issues such as long-term care and affordable housing, and citizens appointed to the Human Services Council. Mount Vernon District is fortunate to have two active, community-minded representatives who dedicate many hours to long meetings at the Fairfax Government Center, throughout the year, considering testimony from county staff and from contracting agencies and others, in order to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. HSC also establishes strategic priorities and other guidelines for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool.

When the County Executive's office prepares the Advertised (or proposed) Budget, published in February for public review and comment, it is based on an estimate of "projected" or estimated revenue from all sources in balance with proposed expenditures. After holding public hearings, the Board of Supervisors meets to consider (and amend or adjust) this proposed budget and adopt a final version. Yet, even the Adopted Budget often must be adjusted, mid-cycle, when the "projected revenue" outlook changes. Thus, planning for essential delivery of human services for our most vulnerable county residents—at risk children and youth, frail elders, persons with disabilities or with severe mental illness—is intensely complex. State and federal funds (about 4-5% of county revenue) are a major resource to "Health and Welfare" programs (which are about 11-12% of county expenditure), yet review of the Advertised Budget takes place when state and federal dollars and program requirements are uncertain and subject to change. When county departments and programs are subjected to "across the board" cuts of 5%, year after year and even mid-year (*in human services, this has happened 6 times in the past 4 years*), to adapt to shortfalls in projected county revenue (from any source), the unintended consequences can place great strain on the "safety net" of services that respond to crises in our communities.

The Advertised (or proposed) FY2006 Budget will be published Feb. 28, the day before our March 1 meeting of H/HS Committee. Positions that the Mount Vernon Council adopts in March may be delivered to the Board of Supervisors and presented in the public hearings, April 6-8.

**Human Services Council recommendations**

The underlying pattern in recent years: as the numbers of people needing services rises and the complexity of delivering services in multilingual settings increases, funding remains flat or shrinks.

County planners meanwhile have sought to stretch the available dollars through redesign and consolidation of many services, through cost-recovery strategies, and also through contracting service delivery through private nonprofit agencies that demonstrate an ability to leverage volunteer and charitable resources. County pressure for defined outcomes and accountability has increased, in the view of HRC member *Molly Lynch*, to the point where most health and human services programs are rightly viewed as models of efficient management. Already cut "into the bone," these programs are now lean. Further elimination of programs, and failure to invest in effective prevention, is sure to overstrain the network of local services and increase the long-term public costs.

Speaking for the HSC's "Recommendation Regarding Development of the FY2006 Advertised Budget," Lynch noted HSC's strong support for "full funding" for several key areas—the Consolidated Community Funding Pool, current contract rate increases (necessary to maintain service capacity), and support for Long-term Care initiatives.

In analyzing a list of "potential budget and program reductions, cost-saving initiatives, and cost-recovery initiatives," HSC has singled out 8 initiatives as sound proposals that should result in some savings without adversely affecting services; 20 other items are ranked as "unacceptable reductions."

**A strategy for preserving affordable housing?**

The single "most difficult human services concern in our area" was the subject of our detailed Report in the January *MVCCA Record*, which the H/HS Committee has approved and recommends to all who are concerned with county planning issues. Our report concludes that "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." The strategy that many are now recommending for Fairfax County would require as its beginning a robust Affordable Housing Trust Fund, one with a dedicated stream of funding. Such a fund would enable the county to leverage other public and private resources and respond in a timely way to the dynamics of the marketplace.

Recently, the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, with broad membership among some forty nonprofit agencies and commercial banks, 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. Then, January 21, an advisory committee (AFPA) appointed to make recommendations to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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reported as their #1 recommendation for "immediate action": "Dedicate one penny of the real estate tax rate to the preservation of affordable housing effective in Fiscal Year 2006." This would provide, over a three-year period, the \$17.5 million/year required to reach a goal of preserving "over 1000 homes by 2007" as affordable housing. (Meanwhile, the county is losing its supply of affordable housing at what the AHPA characterizes as "an extraordinary rate," and a regional report estimates the county will need 15,000 additional affordable units by 2010, to put employees nearer jobs and to maintain an economically healthy mix.)

The one-penny initiative is recommended as a critical first step. The H/HS Committee plans an ad hoc meeting in February, to draft a more detailed response to the AFPA's 12 recommendations, for consideration by MVCCA members in March.

## Planning Mount Vernon Hospital's future

[MVCCA's position is stated in two Resolutions published in the MVCCA Record and available on our web site: [www.MVCCA.org](http://www.MVCCA.org): "Public Support for Saving Mount Vernon Hospital," July 2003, and "Public Support for the Southeast Health Planning Task Force Recommendation," July 2004. 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.]

Public meetings of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force, now held quarterly, provide a forum for updates on Inova's plans to enhance services and facilities in our area. Next meeting: see below, March 3.

## Community meetings—all open to the public

### Tuesday, 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? (Part 2)" 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 of county planning, 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 (Fairfax County) Health Planning Task Force** quarterly meeting will 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. Chair Anne Andrews, 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 the Affordable Housing Preservation Action Committee, 7 p.m., South County Center, Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.

**Wednesday, March 16, Community Lunch Series** presents information on "access to county health programs," 12-1 p.m., South County Center. Maria Franco-Nativi, 703 704-6700.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM, and in attendance were representatives from the following 17 civic associations: Engleside, Huntington, Montebello Condominiums, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Potomac Valley-River Bend,

Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wellington, Wessynnton, and Williamsburg Manor North. The Committee heard three land use cases.

The first case was rezoning RZ 2004-MV-031 by Ivy Development of 3.1 acres at 8511 Alban Road from R-1 to PDH-3. They seek to build 8 single-family homes for a net density of 2.6 units per acre. The only waiver being requested is on the implementation of storm water management; rather than creating a pond the developer wants to use more advanced bio-retention techniques. The committee voted to not oppose this rezoning.

The second case was rezoning RZ 2004-MV-032 by Cranford Street LLC of 9 acres in Lorton Valley from R-1 to PDH-5. They seek to build 38 single-family homes on public streets connected or aligned with current residential streets. This presentation was for information only; the development plan may change.

The third case was a rezoning RZ 2004-MV-030 by Luken Company of 3.7 acres at 8800, 8804, and 8810 Lukens Lane from R-2 to R-3 cluster. They seek to remove one of two existing houses and construct six houses clustered around a public cul-de-sac leaving a substantial portion of the property, including floodplain and RPA areas, undisturbed. The committee voted to not oppose this rezoning.

The committee also discussed the Ourisman Dodge SEA application and the desire to make sure that a trail is included in the plan. The previously passed resolution to not oppose the SEA will be brought forward to the Council only if the trail issue is resolved satisfactorily. The Planning and Zoning website is at [www.mvcca-pz.org](http://www.mvcca-pz.org). The meeting adjourned at 9:20PM. Then next meeting is Monday, March 7, 2005 at 7:30PM in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Walt Whitman Middle School.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The subject for the evening was gang activity in Fairfax County. Our speaker was Capt. Deborah Burnett from the Fairfax County Police. She is the Commander, Youth Services. She brought with her Sgt. Ken Bresson of her office. MPO Greg Bender, the Mount Vernon Gang Coordinator also attended. Our new Mount Vernon Police Station Commander, Capt. Michael Kline joined us and participated. There are estimated to be between two and three thousand gang associated members in the county. In 2004, there were 1288 gang related cases in Fairfax County. These cases were primarily concerned with property destruction or graffiti. The following are the gangs known to have operated in the county:

- \* Mara Salvatrucha (MS13) primarily Salvadoran members
- \* South Side Locos (SSL) members a mixture of whites, blacks, and latinos
- \* Crips - in the West Springfield area
- \* Bloods
- \* 18 in the Herndon/Reston corridor th
- \* Tiny Rascal Gangsters (TRG) now operating underground

# THE COMMITTEE reports

\* Folk Nation

\* People Nation

The Fairfax County Police Gang Investigation Unit has two supervisors and 8-10 investigators. They review and follow-up on all reported gang activity, conduct intelligence gathering, interact with federal, state, and local law enforcement activities, and assist in other criminal investigations. The Prevention and Outreach Coordinator develops informational posters and coordinates the Gang Resistance, Education and Training (GREAT) program. The Crime Analyst Program supports anti-gang activity through mapping gang member residences, gang-related events, density mapping, layering of data, and conducting analysis. It greatly assists by extracting usable intelligence from gang-related data.

Each Police Station is assigned a Station Gang Coordinator. In addition to collecting gang-related data, they review county gang reports, and work with station officers. They also attend monthly gang coordinator meetings. The Police Station areas are further into Patrol Service Areas (PSA). Officers are assigned to each area. They conduct proactive patrols, establish contacts with citizens and citizen groups, and develop new initiatives to deal with gangs.

The Northern Virginia Regional gang Task Force receives funding from the Federal Government through the efforts of Representative Frank Wolf. It creates public service announcements, poster, and brochures in English and Spanish.

To assist in addressing local efforts, there is at least one Crime Prevention Officer assigned to each Police Station. There is also a School Education Officer (SEO) who is responsible for elementary school efforts. He/she conducts gang awareness presentations for all fifth graders. Each middle and high school has a School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned full time to assist with safety and security. The Chair reported that there had been an error made at Channel 16 video production office resulting in the inadvertent deletion of many video productions. Among them was the deletion of the Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee's (FJLEPC) video entitled 'Shelter in Place.' The producers are working to reconstruct the video. They expect completion in March.

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Our speaker will be Joanmarie Davoli, the Director of the Fairfax County Public Defenders Office.

## TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on February 7, 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; representatives of 17 MVCCA member organizations: (Belle Haven Terrace, Berkshire, Hollin Hall, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Woodland Park); and three interested citizens.

The Committee was briefed by Mr. Douglas W. Hansen, Senior Transportation Planner, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) concerning traffic calming programs available within the County. All such implemented programs are voluntary and based on community support. Fairfax County ranks between 4th and 6th routinely as the most congested area in the whole country. About 90 roadways in the county have physical traffic calming devices which range from speed humps to speed tables and chokers and raised crosswalks. Enforcement will hold down speeds, but tickets end up going mostly to persons residing in the neighborhood. Multiway stop signs are not designed to hold down speed and will only be installed at locations with over 600 cars/day; approval of corner property owners must also be obtained. Roads are classified as: Local Residential (roads within the neighborhood), Collector (roads that lead out of the neighborhoods), Minor Arterial (moves traffic from one point in county to another; e.g. Sherwood Hall Lane, Old Mill, Fort Hunt) and Major Arterial (Route #1, Braddock, Route #236, etc.). Minor and Major Arterial Roads are not eligible for traffic calming devices. While FCDOT has responsibility for neighborhood traffic management, this must be accomplished within Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) policy guidelines. Ultimate responsibility for traffic management rests with VDOT.

A resolution entitled "Sidewalks on Old Mill Road" designed to conform with the co-sponsorship requirement for the collections of proffer money by the Mount Vernon Country Club, through a yearly golf tournament, to construct sidewalks/trails on Old Mill Road. Contingent on Mr. Hyland's agreement to serve as Honorary Chair for the proposed "First Annual Mount Vernon Community Golf Tournament" and some further additions designed to speed up the construction process, the resolution, which is printed elsewhere in the *Record*, was approved by a vote of: 13 for : 2 against : 1 abstention.

Mr. Earl Flanagan submitted a resolution to assure widest public participation in the periodic process to solicit changes for the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. The resolution, printed elsewhere in the *Record* under the title of "Changing the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan" was approved by a unanimous vote of 13 : 0. Mr. Flanagan then briefed on matters presented during the Supervisor's Town Hall Meeting.

The Chair noted that all monthly Vice Chair positions have not yet been filled. As a priority, a Vice Chair is needed for the month of September; someone please volunteer.

The Committee was advised that the Supervisor is in the process of forming a Task Force to examine the options concerning traffic calming on Morningside Drive. The Sherwood Hall Cut-Through Task Force has ruled out the blocking of streets, but an on-site study is underway to determine the need for traffic calming devices.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2005 in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. A guest speaker will address the topic "Woodrow Wilson Construction Impact"; other agenda items to be announced.

# THE COMMITTEE resolutions

## Resolution on RZ 2004-MV-031 (Ivy Development at 8511 Alban Road)

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**WHEREAS**, Ivy Development has applied for a rezoning of 3.1 acres from R-1 to PDH-3 at 8511 Alban Road, tax map 99-03-01-03, and

**WHEREAS**, Ivy Development has work diligently with the adjacent community, Springfield Oaks, to resolve their concerns, and

**WHEREAS**, Ivy Development has agreed to provide additional planting for screening and buffering, and

**WHEREAS**, Ivy Development and Springfield Oaks have an agreement on sharing recreational facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, Ivy Development has agreed to provide sidewalks and trails to connect into Springfield Oaks, and

**WHEREAS**, Springfield Oaks endorses this development plan as presented, and

**WHEREAS**, The only waiver being requested is a waiver of storm water quantity and this waiver is being sought only to allow building a better storm water management system using an extended enhanced bio-retention facility with the same or greater capacity as current regulation requires,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations does not oppose RZ 2004-MV-031 as presented.

## Resolution on RZ 2004-MV-030 (Luken Company at 8800 Lukens Lane)

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**WHEREAS**, Luken Company has applied for a rezoning of 3.7 acres from R-2 to R-3 cluster at 8800, 8804, and 8810 Lukens Lane, tax map 110-01-01-(40, 41, 42), and

**WHEREAS**, The development plan includes a public cul-de-sac road with sidewalks that connect to the sidewalk on Lukens Lane, and

**WHEREAS**, The extensive RPA and floodplain area will not be disturbed by construction and will remain vegetated, and

**WHEREAS**, No waivers are being requested,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations does not oppose RZ 2004-MV-030 as presented.

## CHANGING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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**WHEREAS**, changes to the Fairfax County Comprehensive plan (CP) only occurs every four or five years unless requested as out-of-turn planning amendments by any of the Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens of the Mount Vernon District and the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) have always proposed such changes since the CP was completely revised in the late 1980\_s; and

**WHEREAS**, the nominations of the MVCCA and other citizens have always been reviewed by a Task Force of local citizens to hear the nominators and advise the Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner and Supervisor as to the merits of the nominations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) announced in its Newsletter No. 1, in the Fall of 2004 that they intend to update Transportation Policies and Recommendations in the CP during 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCDOT has decided to forego written nominations from citizens and organizations such as the MVCCA and only consider comments of the public that are submitted to their website; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCDOT has decided to forego hearings before a Task Force appointed by Supervisors regarding proposed staff changes and public comments;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT** by the MVCCA, that Planning Commissioner John Byers, Transportation Commissioner Earl Flanagan and Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland take whatever steps are necessary to assure that the public continues to have the opportunity every four or five years to submit written nominations on forms provided by the County with proposed changes to the Fairfax Comprehensive Plan; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, THAT** that Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland continue to appoint a Task Force to review nominations of proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan for the purpose of advising the Planning Commission and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

## SIDEWALKS FOR OLD MILL ROAD

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**WHEREAS**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) passed a resolution at its May 2003 Council Meeting which recognized that the Mount Vernon Country Club (MVCC) was providing a proffer in the amount of \$50,000 in cash and an additional \$50,000 derived in five yearly increments from the proceeds of yearly golf tournaments, for the purpose of constructing sidewalks on Old Mill Road, and

**WHEREAS**, the passed resolution also indicated that the MVCCA would co-sponsor the golf tournament events, and

**WHEREAS**, the MVCC will conduct its first golf tournament on Sep 12, 2005, which will be designated as the: "First Annual Mount Vernon Community Golf Tournament", and

**WHEREAS**, the need for sidewalk construction on Old Mill Road is urgent, due to the existence of dangerous conditions at many locations along the road, but the needed construction will prove to be expensive, thus making the success of the pending first charitable event vital; and

**WHEREAS**, the MVCCA intends to publicize this events in its official Record publication and intends to urge member civic associations to do so as well, in order to assure significant community-wide participation; and

**WHEREAS**, a well known public figure is needed to provide the necessary official recognition and support for this event.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: THAT** the Mount Vernon Supervisor, the Honorable Gerald W. Hyland is urged to serve as Honorary Chair for the First Annual Community Day at the Mount Vernon Country Club and assure that the proffer money be used solely for construction of sidewalks/trails on Old Mill Road and as soon as it becomes available.

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

For period from January 1, 2005 through February 10, 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	\$2,646.00	-\$2,007.00
<i>Record</i> 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>\$2,841.00</b>	<b>-\$5,767.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
<i>Record</i> Expenses	\$4,508.00	\$463.80	\$4,044.20
Administrative	\$389.00	\$281.61	\$107.39
Gala	\$2,743.00	\$0.00	\$2,743.00
Web Site	\$690.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
Membership	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
<i>Record</i> Postage	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$8,805.00</b>	<b>\$845.41</b>	<b>\$7,959.59</b>
<b>Balance Ending Period 2/10/05</b>		<b>\$4,864.43</b>	

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**  
**FOR MARCH 2005**

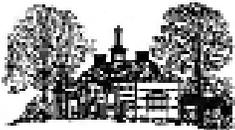
**MVCCA Board-MVGC-SUPV Thurs, March 10, 8:00 pm**

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
3/1 T 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
3/1 T 7:30	COAF	WWMS-PCR	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
3/1 T 7:30	BUDG	WWMS MC	George Bauer	703.768.1774
3/2 W 7:00	BUDG	WWMS LH		
3/4 F 7:30	BUDG	WWMS CR		
3/8 T 7:30	BUDG	WWMS CR		
3/2 W 8:00	ENVR	MVHSE114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
3/2 W 8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
3/3 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
3/7 M 8:00	TRANS	WWMS MC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
3/7 M 7:30	PL/Z	WWMS LH	David Dale	703.765.8247

**Note:** The joint meeting on 2/22 of Budget & Finance and Education is at 7:30 not 8 as stated in the Budget & Finance minutes.

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