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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday May 25th, 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

The April Meeting's minutes will be presented at the next meet.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on April 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. In attendance were representatives from Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon Civic Assn, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Stratford Landing, and Williamsburg Manor.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

Congressman Tom Davis (R-11th district) chaired a hearing in the U.S. House Government Reform Committee in March to gather information regarding the adequacy of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995. This law, according to Davis, "was designed to restore balance to the federal system...[by] ensuring informed decisions by the Congress and the Executive Branch about the effects of federal mandates on other levels of government and the private sector." BOS Chairman Gerry Connolly testified that the financial impact on Fairfax County of compliance with federal mandates is significant. In FY 05 Fairfax County paid \$543 million to comply with federal statutes and regulations, \$148 million of which was reimbursed by the federal government. In his estimate, this represents about 20 cents of the property tax rate.

While the federal government will clearly not pay for full compliance with all federal mandates, Davis is looking to amend the UMRA during this Congressional legislative session in order to ease the burden on local governments. As he stated, "If the federal government is not responsible in the imposition of federal mandates, we will be heaping additional costs upon our state and local governments that will inevitably displace and replace worthy and important state and local programs."

Rachel Carter, of the Mt. Vernon Civic Association, has volunteered to spearhead an effort to support this legislation if it means relieving some of the fiscal pressures on the county's budget and therefore, pressure on the taxpayer. She has made contact with Congressman Davis' staffers and has outlined a general strategy of contact to be made with the BOS, local and state legislators and federal

The Co-chairs have invited Jeff Smithberger, Director of Security for a major banking institution in the National Capital Area, to speak on the subject of Identity Theft, thanks to the Consumer Affairs Committee.

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representatives and senators. At the June meeting she will have more specific detail about the timing and the committee will also consider formulating a resolution.

Allowable Assets to Qualify for Tax Relief

Jim Mengenhauer of the Potomac Valley / Riverbend Association presented a study of tax relief received by individuals in the various income brackets that determine different levels of tax relief allowed in Fairfax County. His presentation calculated the amount of income that assets would produce if one were to convert their assets into income by purchasing an income annuity. His presentation confirms what we believe to be the case with regard to assets allowed to be held by an individual and receive tax relief in the lower income bracket. Individuals receiving income under \$40,000 and having less than \$240,000 in assets other than their home are allowed to receive 100% tax relief in Fairfax County. We have previously expressed that we do not believe that \$240,000 in assets in excess of one's home and one acre of land is sufficient to produce an income of \$40,000. MVCCA has passed a resolution supporting the allowable assets to be held by a tax payer and still allow one to qualify for tax relief to be increased the state allowed maximum of \$340,000. We have not previously considered reducing the assets for individuals in the higher income brackets that allow one to qualify for tax relief. Jim's study shows that there is an argument to reduce the allowable assets in the higher brackets for individuals wishing to qualify for tax relief.

Federal Funds in Fairfax County

Celia Boertlein provides this useful link to the U S Census Bureau that lists the Federal Funds received in Fairfax County in 2003: <http://harvester.census.gov/cffr/index.html>. (Please note that you can query by geography, program, or agency). This link shows that in 2003, Fairfax County received \$14,791,349,708 in total direct expenditures or obligations from the Federal Government.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Our focus will be to follow up on our strategies of persuading legislatures, both U.S. and Virginia, to take a close look at unfunded mandates and their financial impact on state, county and city budgets.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs committee met on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School. Representatives: Mt. Vernon Civic, Mt. Vernon Lakes H/COA, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley/River Bend, and Stratford Landing.

The Committee was asked to review the documents posted on the Solid Waste Management Program Task Force's (SWTF) website in advance of the meeting. The Committee had four major concerns: 1) Although stated in the SWTF's November 30, 2004 minutes that the "draft report would be available for public review and comment prior to presentation to the Board of Supervisors," it was not made available; 2) customer service; 3) SWTF expanding its charter beyond the authorization of the Board of Supervisors; and 4) SWTF

discussion on the "Consequences of the County Getting Out of Direct Waste Collection in Sanitary Districts."

The Committee decided to prepare a resolution upon receipt of SWTF's recommendations. To ensure accurate information is used for the resolution, the Committee secured Jeff Smithberger, Director of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling for the Council's general membership meeting on May 25th. Members of the Council are encouraged to attend this meeting to resolve any concerns or questions you may have about the trash and recycling services in your neighborhood. Mr. Smithberger also assisted the SWTF during its deliberations and may be able to answer questions about the SWTF's recommendations during his presentation.

The next meeting will be June 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room. The Committee will be composing a resolution on the SWTF's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. So, if you would like your comments/concerns incorporated, make sure you attend the Council meeting on May 25th and the COAF's meeting on June 7th or contact your representative or Queenie before June 7th. The resolution will be presented to the Council's general membership for an action and a vote on June 22nd.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on May 4, 2005, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Stratford Landing, Hollin Hills, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Williamsburg Manor, Waynewood, Sulgrave Manor and Potomac Valley Riverbend. Also attending were Ruth Woods, Assistant Principal, and Beverly Wong, Teacher, Whitman Middle School.

Pat Fege, FCPS's Co-ordinator for English/Language Arts K-12, together with Terri Rubin, Middle School Language Arts/English Specialist, and Jenn Beach, High School Language Arts/English Specialist, gave a presentation on writing and grammar instruction with specific reference to SOL and revised SAT testing requirements.

The committee had been concerned that a perceived de-emphasis of formal grammar instruction had been detrimental to all students but particularly to those who did not come from a literacy-rich background and therefore had insufficient internalization of the structures and forms of standard English to produce satisfactory written and spoken product.

Ms. Fege, however, reassured the committee that FCPS, as well as other jurisdictions, have re-emphasized grammar instruction including the use of grammar texts and exercises and have increased teacher training in that regard. She noted that one reason for the pendulum swing away from the kind of explicit rote instruction most remember from years past was that studies showed that exercises and diagramming alone did not clearly translate into better writing product, which was the end goal. This led to some of the problems the committee noted and the pendulum has now swung back to include explicit instruction, but in the greater context of teaching students to produce written product which clearly communicates its

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ideas according to the conventions of standard English, as well as teaching students to identify and correct their own and others' errors.

As is the case with some many areas today, instruction is also driven by the demands of the SOLs, both as to content required and the form of the exam. In that regard, Ms. Fege et.al. shared some sample multiple choice questions from various grade levels and some examples of student writing judged satisfactory or better according to the SOL testing rubrics. The committee and the presenters also discussed the types of skills expected at each developmental level and the SOL grading process, particularly in the context of balancing form and creative substance.

Following the presentation, the committee briefly discussed other matters including the need for increased representation on various Superintendent and School Board committees where our area now seems to be underrepresented—particularly the Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee (MSAOC) and the Superintendent's Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC). The Chair was asked to pursue the matter and report back. Final FY2006 budget matters, FY2007 budget preparations and the 2005 bond issue will be discussed next month.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2005, 8 pm Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met Wed May 3, 7:30 PM in Room E-114 Mt Vernon High School Attending were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Middle Valley, Mt Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor

The chair revealed the reasoning behind the County requirement for **new development to demonstrate 40% phosphorus removal**. This 40% figure was determined by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board in 1993, as an adequate figure for general pollutant removal to attain water quality standards. Many assumptions made then, have significantly changed for the worse. Many experts (federal, state and local) agree that a higher percentage of phosphorus removal would be necessary to attain water quality requirements. To attain standards for sedimentation, the experts say, a reduction in peak flow for new and redevelopment is necessary.

The Committee has drafted a resolution, that, County Staff realizes attainment of water requirements will take a more concerted effort to remove phosphorus and reduce peak flow during rain events.

Currently, Fairfax County requires *40% phosphorus removal and no net increase in peak run-off for the 2 year storm event. A 50% removal rate for new development and no net gain of peak flow for the 10 year storm* would provide a significant step toward improving our waters.

Precedent has been established in the Occoquan Watershed (our drinking water supply), for 50% phosphorus removal. The Committee agrees that increasing phosphorus removal and reducing peak flow for all development and re-development will be necessary to reach goals.

Currently Fairfax County Committees for Adequate Outfall and Low Impact Development tools are being "negotiated" for inclusion in the Public Facilities Manual.

Middle Valley CA presented to the Committee information about a proposed rezoning. This case was also presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Issues about drainage divides and storm water management persist with the current plan. The Committee will recommend that the number of units be reduced to the current zoning allowance.

Next meeting June 1, 7PM Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

H/HS Committee met May 3, with 15 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Gum Springs, Hollindale, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Potomac Valley/River Bend (2), Randall Estates, Stratford on Potomac, Stratford on Potomac-Sec.4, Sulgrave Manor, Wessynton, and Williamsburg Manor. MVCCA co-chair Mack Rhoades was present. Additional participants were our 3 invited guest resources, Human Services Council rep Molly Lynch, for a total of 21.

Enabling communities and healthy choices among youth

Among county human services, the Community and Recreation Services Department occupies a special niche, connecting local organizations to available athletic facilities, offering programs for persons of all ages with disabilities, and putting individuals in touch with community-based group activities (for seniors as well as, our May H/HS focus, *youth and teens*). Therapeutic Recreation and Teen Division Supervisor *Evan Braff* supplied good information (including the Department's program brochure, now available on the web and printed in 5 languages, and recently released outcomes of a "Protective and Risk Factors" survey conducted among county youth). He described the Department's effort to match 105 staff and many "portable" programs with evolving community needs and resources. (For example, RecQuest, a countywide school-aged recreation program, is offered locally in combination with the computer learning resources at Gum Springs Community Center. Kids there have made their own games and even bested Thomas Jefferson's club in a robot-building contest.) Two years ago, recognizing that "low attachment to the community" among many teens (40% or more) was confirmed in survey research locally as well as nationally, the department reorganized its teen services, to support neighborhood drop-in centers (such as places for basketball) with transportation to "hub" Teen Centers that can offer larger, more varied programs. Braff hopes to keep improving outreach to teens, through neighborhood groups and churches.

Region I Director for Human Services *Ken Disselkoen* contributed his experience with real situations underlying reported "risk factors": pressure from "bullying" and threats, "binge drinking," and other pressures related to "suicidal" feelings. He notes that countywide concern about gang recruitment should not distract us from better attention to teen depression and substance abuse: suicidal behaviors

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and drunken driving are claiming more lives than gang violence. He emphasizes that the same strategies, to raise “protective factors” and strengthen kids in making good choices, are effective in reducing high-risk behaviors of all kinds. One example is training in “resiliency” and “refusal” when encountering threatening situations, through “Get Real about Violence,” a program that can be offered for age groups from 5th grade to teens under 18. (With two weeks’ notice to organize staffing, any community group can provide a space and schedule a program for 10-20 kids.) “Get Real” has also been offered, in Spanish as well as English, to adults in connection with parent nurturing classes. Building good relationships in communities, especially apartment complexes, and leadership among youth as well as adults is the goal.

Recreation Specialist *Ryan Brookes* described the past years’ outreach and growth of appealing programs at the Hideaway Teen Center on Richmond Highway (and the nearby ISA-Gym), including upcoming summer plans for Tuesday-Saturday nights and weekly field trips. Also, many teens (ages 12-18) enjoy the opportunity to earn community service recognition, for volunteer activities such as helping to clean up waterways, in the form of “dollars” credited toward their fees for center activities. The center is drawing 40-50 weeknight participants during the school year, with weekend and summer participation of 100+. One dance attracted more than 300 well-behaved, enthusiastic participants. Any individual or community association donations to the “Mount Vernon Teen Center Gift Fund” will be carefully directed to scholarships (for field trips) or equipment, or other designated purposes, promises Brookes: phone 703-704-6223.

Seeking to provide a safe environment and healthy, attractive activities for children, during afterschool hours is the mission of RecPAC, under the County Park Authority. Coordination among county park, human services, and school services led to this summer’s plan to offer RecPAC programs at 62 elementary school sites, from 11:30 a.m. (immediately following summer school hours) to 4:30 p.m., with lunch available. (See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recpac/locations for sites throughout MV District.) Braff emphasized that this program, which requires registration and sliding-scale fees, does not “fill up” or turn children away for lack of family income. A large percentage in Mount Vernon District elementary schools are eligible for reduced fees or scholarships, available through Human Services funding, and staff are deployed (in the proper ratio) for as many children as register at each site.

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: “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. Quarterly public meetings of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force are intended to update the community on Inova’s planning to enhance services and facilities in our area.]

In advance of the quarterly meeting (below, June 2), Task Force member Louise Cleveland hopes to receive questions, from H/HS representatives and others in the community, for Inova representatives. A strategic plan, to expand IMV hospital space, is anticipated from Inova soon, perhaps later in June.

Community meetings—all open to the public

Wednesday, June 1, Route One Task Force for Human Services focuses on outcomes of the County budget planning process and an update from state legislative representatives, 7 p.m., South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy, Rm 221C, Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.

Thursday, June 2, Southeast Health Planning Task Force, 7 p.m., South County Center, Room 221A/B, Anne Andrews, Chair, 703/780/1773. In addition to honoring retiring Inova VP and Mount Vernon Hospital Administrator Susan Herbert, the SEHP Task Force will hear reports related to locating and enhancing health services for our growing area and have an opportunity for questions and discussion with Inova representatives. Please direct your questions to H/HS Chair Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151.

Tuesday, June 7, H/HS Committee has CANCELED their June meeting. Committee members have chosen to attend, instead, the June 2 meeting of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force described above.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM. In attendance were representatives from the following associations: Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hills, Marlin Forest, Montebello Condominiums, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North. The Committee heard seven land use cases.

First, the Committee watched the movie *Reining in the Storm* about the benefits and implementation of low impact development. Techniques are available to better handle storm water run-off, specifically, to reduce the quantity, reduce the peak volume, and improve the quality. A resolution, in conjunction with the Environment and Recreation Committee, will be written to encourage the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to adopt low impact development methods into the county policy plan. The first land use case was a rezoning application to downzone the 25 acres called Bellapais [102-4-((1))-72] from R-2 to R-E. It is located along the Potomac River just south of Riverfarm. The current property owner wishes to prevent future owners subdividing and developing the property. The Committee voted to not oppose. The second case was an application to rezone the 1.1 acre property at 7804 Belvedere Drive [102-1((6)) 12 & 13] from R-2 to R-5 to build 5 single-family homes with a net density 4.5 du/ac. One home will be an ADU. Information only, no vote was taken.

The third case was a return appearance for New Hope Church. This special permit application is to permit the construction of a church at 8905 Ox Rd [106-2((1)) 7]. The Committee voted to not oppose. The fourth case was a special exception application for Commerce Bank for the construction of a new bank with 4 drive-thru lanes at 6615 Richmond Highway across from the intersection of Southgate Drive. The portion of the property that is zoned residential will not be disturbed and will serve as a buffer to the adjacent residences. Information only, no vote was taken.

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The fifth case was a special exception application for Epiphany Lutheran Church at 5501 Old Mill Road [110-1((1)) A] to amend the existing uses and upgrade the Church's facilities. The proposal includes improvements to the fellowship hall, an increase in the seating capacity of the sanctuary from 170 seats to 260 seats, more parking, and an increase in the permitted enrollment of the nursery school from 57 students to 147 students. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The sixth case was a rezoning application for a collection of properties known as Lorton Valley [113-2((2)) 1B,2,2A,3,5-15 & 113-2((1)) 17]. These 9 acres would be rezoned from R-1 to PDH-5 with a net density of 3.9 du/ac to construct 35 single-family detached homes. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The seventh case was a rezoning application for the property at 8207 Ridge Road [89-4((1)) 56,57A,69]. The rezoning is from R-1 to PDH-3 for 24 single-family detached homes with a density of 2.26 du/ac and 37% open space. There are still storm water issues to be resolved; no vote was taken.

The Planning & Zoning website www.mvcca-pz.org has related documents and links.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10PM. The next meeting is Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:30PM in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Walt Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Riverside Gardens, Sulgrave Manor, and Waynewood. We were joined by Co-chair Al Bornmann.

Our speaker was Jeffrey Overand, Assistant Public Defender for Fairfax County. The Public Defender's Office has twenty lawyers, who are the public defenders, two investigators, two sentencing advocates, an office manager, and five secretaries. They are all state employees. The following are some statistics relative to the Public Defenders:

Office	Population	Public Defenders	Judges
Alexandria	111,000	11	6
Arlington	198,000	14	10
Fairfax County	1,048,000	20	32

In Fairfax County, there is a ratio of about one public defender per 49,905 residents. In the fiscal year 2004, the Public Defenders handled 12,190 cases or 68% of the cases where those charged were indigents. This works out to an average of just over 600 cases a year per Public Defender. Due to their caseload, this year the Public Defender had to decline handling traffic cases and adult misdemeanor cases in the JDR court. Public Defenders do not get automatic access to Police reports and evidence. They can only question and address that information when the Commonwealth Attorneys introduce it into evidence at the trial. Mr. Overand cited cases where they cannot see a police report unless the officer needs to see it for review during his testimony at the trial. With only two of their own investigators, the Public Defender's Office can do only very limited investigation.

Court appointed attorneys handled the balance of the cases. The court appointed attorneys are paid \$112 per case where the charge does not carry a life sentence if convicted. They are paid \$390 for cases where there is a felony charge with the possibility of a life sentence. They are paid \$1,095 in cases where there is a possible death penalty.

Public Defender attorneys start out at about \$38,000 per year and receive a northern Virginia cost of living allowance of about \$3,000 for a total of \$41,000 - all paid by the state. They do not get the additional pay that Fairfax County pays the Commonwealth Attorneys. If they stay long enough, a Public Defender's pay will rise to a total pay of about \$50,000. As a result there is significant turnover in that office. Most new members are just out of law school and passing the bar. It takes a year or two to become proficient enough to take a significant case on their own. When they become proficient, they then quickly become valuable as new hires for private law firms. As a result there is significant turnover in the Public Defender's Office.

These issues were the subject of the 'Spangenburg Report' to the Virginia General Assembly and Supreme Court. Virginia is second to last of the states in its support for indigent defendants. This brings in to question the number of poor who are in prison for terms that are longer than they would have been with better defense and how many are in prison when they wouldn't be with proper defense? These cases not only affect the poor adversely but cost the state money to keep them in jail.

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on May 2, 2005 in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were: Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner and representatives of 22 MVCCA member organizations: (Belle View Condo, Berkshire, Collingwood Springs, Fair Haven, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Marlan Forest Heights, Milway Meadows, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynnton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park).

Mr. Bob Brubaker, of Safe Crossing addressed an article which appeared in the Mount Vernon Gazette, pertaining to a fatal pedestrian accident. He commented that Richmond Highway is one of the most hazardous streets for pedestrians in the country and that there are more fatalities on the 4-lane part of Richmond Highway than on the parts which have 6 lanes. The difference is that there is a median on the 6 lane part which provides a pedestrian refuge. Virginia law allows pedestrians to cross anywhere as long as they do not interfere with traffic. However on highways where the speed limit is in excess of 35 MPH, pedestrians do not have the right-of-way even of painted crosswalks, away from signalized intersections. The Chair suggested that we draft a resolution incorporating all of the factors which affect pedestrian safety and propose solutions for

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adaptation by VDOT. The resolution will be coordinated with the Mount Vernon Police Commander and a finalized version will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting

Mr. Earl Flanagan noted that the Fairfax County staff had not updated the Comprehensive Plan since the last review process in '98. We will have to annotate all corrections as well as make our recommendation, hopefully by the end of June. He had coordinated corrections and recommendations with the Lorton community and will include those Lower Potomac mark-ups in our overall recommendation. He will meet with our sub-committee shortly to complete a comprehensive draft which will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

The Chair requested a sense of the Committee if the problem of the establishment of Community Parking Districts should be addressed. While communities can request parking restrictions be imposed by the County, they do not have the unilateral right to impose them; a Community Parking District would provide this with specified guidelines which must be followed. Since the Committee did not have access to the guidelines, it was decided to invite a guest speaker to the June meeting to present this topic.

In updates, the Committee was apprised that (1) There will be a public meeting in June to consider the Telegraph Road/ Beltway interchange; date to be announced by the Woodrow Wilson Bridge authority. (2) A Fort Belvoir By-pass Task Force has been formed which will include the Transportation Commissioner and the Committee Chair; the Supervisor has been requested to also include members of our sub-committee.

(3) The problem of recent increased traffic congestion with major back-ups from the Fort Hunt/Route #1 intersection during both rush hours has surfaced and has been reported. To alleviate the problem, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge authority has paid for the employment of Fairfax County Police at the intersection during critical hours. Committee members were asked to monitor the situation to ascertain if the placement of the police will alleviate the problem. The problem is being aggravated by drivers who do not wait in line but cut-in as they reach the intersection.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, June 6, 2005, at 8 PM in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda to be announced.

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Resolution on Rezoning of Bellapais Property

WHEREAS, The current owners of the 25.1 acre property, tax map 102-4-((1))-72, known as Bellapais, wish to prevent future development on their property, and

WHEREAS, The current zoning would permit as many as 49 additional homes, contrary to the owner's wishes, and

WHEREAS, The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a Comprehensive Plan amendment to reduce the recommended density, and

WHEREAS, The rezoning application would change the zoning from the R-2 district to the R-E district, and add restrictive proffers to limit future building to one dwelling, and

WHEREAS, The land is environmentally sensitive,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this rezoning application, as presented.

Resolution on Special Permit for New Hope Church

WHEREAS, New Hope Church has filed a special permit application SP 2005-MV-010 to construct a new church facility at 8905 Ox Road, and

WHEREAS, The building would have a sanctuary seating for 685 people, and

WHEREAS, The building would have childcare facilities for 244 children, and

WHEREAS, Adequate parking, access, and landscaping would be provided, and

WHEREAS, Storm water run-off will be adequately handled on-site and includes some low impact methods, and

WHEREAS, No waivers are being requested, and

WHEREAS, The adjacent property owners do not oppose this permit application,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this special permit application, as presented.

Resolution on Special Exception for Epiphany Lutheran Church

WHEREAS, Epiphany Lutheran Church has filed a special exception application SE 2005-MV-005 to improve their existing church facility at 5501 Old Mill Road, and

WHEREAS, The improvements include changes to the fellowship hall, additional parking spaces, and expanding the childcare to both a morning and afternoon session, and

WHEREAS, They have agreed to implement the county staff recommendations for a trail along Old Mill Road, and

WHEREAS, Storm water run-off will be adequately handled on-site and includes conservation easements, and

WHEREAS, No waivers are being requested,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this special exception application, as presented.

Resolution on Rezoning of Lorton Valley

WHEREAS, The owners of the 9 acres known as Lorton Valley, tax map numbers 113-2((2)) 1B,2,2A,3,5-15 & 113-2((1)) 17, have filed an application to rezone the properties from R-1 to PDH-5 to construct 35 single family homes, and

WHEREAS, The effective density would be 3.9 du/ac which is within the Comprehensive Plan density range, and

WHEREAS, The roads, sidewalks, trails, and open space will connect with the adjacent communities and contribute to a sense of community, and

WHEREAS, Storm water run-off will be adequately handled on-site, and

WHEREAS, No waivers are being requested,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose this rezoning application, as presented.

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

For period from January 1, 2005 through April 14, 2005

	Budget 2005	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
Balance Beginning Period		\$2,868.84	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,653.00	\$3,936.00	-\$717.00
Record Subscriptions	\$480.00	\$345.00	-\$135.00
Gala Income	\$3,475.00	\$0.00	-\$3,475.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,608.00	\$4,281.00	-\$4,327.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$4,508.00	\$1,484.60	\$3,023.40
Administrative	\$389.00	\$407.61	-\$18.61
Gala	\$2,743.00	\$315.19	\$2,427.81
Web Site	\$690.00	\$270.00	\$420.00
Membership	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
Record Postage	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,805.00	\$2,577.40	\$6,227.60
Balance Ending Period 4/14/05		\$4,572.44	

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR
FOR JUNE 2005**

MVCCA Board-MVGC-SUPV Thurs, June 9, 8:00 pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
7/5 T 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
6/7 T 7:30	COAF	WWMS-PCR	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
6/1 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS MC	George Bauer	703.768.1774
6/1 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
6/1 W 8:00	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
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