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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 8 PM, Mount Vernon  
Governmental Center, Community Room

## 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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## PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday June 22, 8PM, Mount Vernon  
Governmental Center, Community Room

## MINUTES

**Organizations Represented:** Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood - Potomac, Cross Pointe, Gum Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, River Towers, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, William H. Randall, Williamsburg Manor North

**Opening Remarks.** The meeting began at 8:05 p.m., Co-Chair Al Bornmann presiding. The May minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as submitted. The planned agenda was revised to permit Supervisor Gerry Hyland to speak first.

### ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE'S TIME

Supervisor Hyland discussed several issues:

**Base Realignment and Closing Commission (BRAC).** The proposal to move 18,400 additional personnel to Fort Belvoir presents an awesome challenge. Three years ago, a proposal was made to move 15,000 people to a facility at Route 1 and Telegraph Road; this was scrapped because of transportation issues. The BRAC implementation report is due to the Department of Defense by August 15. Supervisor Hyland met with the Virginia Congressional Delegation on the issue. Of the personnel proposed to be moved to Fort Belvoir, 8,400 are with the National Geospatial Agency, now in Bethesda and Reston. Maryland's Senators want this group to move to Fort Meade.

**Woodlawn Road Replacement.** The Federal Highway Administration study zeroed in on Old Mill Road. The IMP Building, which is at a difficult intersection, presents a problem. Woodlawn Plantation may exchange land with the Army to permit realignment of both the Woodlawn Gate entrance to Fort Belvoir and the Woodland Plantation entrance.

**Fairfax County Parkway.** Issues with the Environmental Protection Agency may be resolved, and the final construction plan goes to bid in November or December.

**Congratulations to all our Mount Vernon District Students who are graduating this Summer of 2005! The Officers, Directors, and Members of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations salute you!**

# T H E COUNCILminutes

**Route 1 and Fort Hunt Road.** The police are helping with this bottleneck.

**Lukens Lane Rezoning.** This project has been deferred so it can be reviewed by the Environment and Recreation Committee (see Resolutions later in this issue of the *Record* (hereinafter the *Record*)).

**King's Cross Site.** Another iteration has been presented that is not even close to the 25 percent residential that was expected. The project is supposed to be 50 percent commercial.

**Lorton Healthplex.** Preliminary designs will be completed in four to six weeks for a 50,000 to 70,000-square-foot facility focusing on imaging and outpatient surgery. It will be part of Mount Vernon Hospital.

**Mount Vernon Hospital Improvements.** The hospital is considering adding two stories (30 rooms) and expanding its rehabilitation facility and its imaging area. A total of \$50 million is projected for this expansion. A temporary administrator has been appointed.

**Mental Health Detention Hearings.** If these hearings are held in Fairfax rather than Mount Vernon, police transport is a significant issue.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance** - Chair George Bauer said the committee is on hiatus for the summer. The next meeting is September 7.

**Consumer Affairs** - Chair Queenie Cox referenced the Committee's minutes published in the *Record*. No meeting was held this month because of lack of attendance. Association Presidents are encouraged to send representatives to Committee meetings. Queenie will present the Committee's resolution on the Solid Waste Task Force.

**Education** - Chair Judy Harbeck referenced the minutes as published in the *Record*. The Committee will work with the Budget Committee on the unfunded mandates issue.

**Environment and Recreation.** - Chair Jim Davis referenced the minutes as published in the *Record*.

**Health and Human Services** - Chair Louise Cleveland said Committee members attended two task force meetings rather than a regularly scheduled Committee meeting. The Committee will monitor many relevant issues over the summer.

**Planning and Zoning** - Chair David Dale referenced the minutes as published in the *Record*. One resolution was not published in this month's *Record*.

**Public Safety** - Chair Dallas Shawkey referenced the minutes as published. Training in crisis intervention will take place June 6-10.

**Transportation** - Chair Frank Cohn referenced the minutes as published. The wrong version of a Committee resolution was inadvertently published in the last *Record*. The published resolution was sent to the Public Safety Committee for consideration. The one that should have been published was distributed; it was coordinated with the South County Federation.

**Fairfax Federation** - Representative Judy Harbeck said the West Nile virus is still an issue in the County. There is a need for better preparation for emergency situations such as hurricanes.

## BOARD MEMBER TIME

Al said that Fort Belvoir will hold July 4th festivities this year on the west side of Route 1. Dallas noted that sobriety checks will continue, with a special watch for under-age drinkers at parties.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Planning & Zoning

**Lukens Lane** - The P&Z Committee had supported this "as published." Because the proposed project has changed, the Committee no longer supports the plan.

**Linden Hills** - This resolution is unpublished. Extensive discussion followed on this project, which is on the old "Rose Property" at Telegraph Road and Route 1. The Council voted 18-1-0 to table the resolution to the P&Z Committee for discussion at the next Council meeting.

### Transportation

**Pedestrian Safety** - The Council voted by acclamation to accept the distributed resolution that was inadvertently not published in the *Record*. The South County Federation and the South Springfield Alliance participated in development of this resolution. The resolution passed 2000.

### Consumer Affairs

**Solid Waste Task Force** - This resolution opposing privatization of County services passed 21-0.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

**Tim Sargeant**, Chairman of the **Laurel Hill Project Advisory Citizens Oversight Committee**, made a presentation on the status of this proposed project for the former Lorton Reformatory and Penitentiary site. The County has authorized funding for documentation of 136 colonial-revival style structures on 512 acres that may be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. If the National Park Service accepts the application, the project could be eligible for tax credits. National Register status would help ensure that the county moves forward with architectural standards and guidelines. The Reformatory was founded in response to a commission on prison reform established by President Theodore Roosevelt. The possible Cold War Museum site is not part of the proposed historic district.

**Earl Flanagan** gave an update on the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, of which he and Tom Hook are members. The Corporation has a new executive director, Lara Fritts, who was with the economic development agency of Rockville. The Corporation reflects and represents planning and zoning, economic and community development, and other interests. The Corporation used funds from a 1988 bond referendum to landscape the median and install mast-arm traffic signals along Route 1 from the Beltway to Fort Belvoir. The Corporation still has \$400,000 left from the bond issue.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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## BUDGET AND FINANCE

*There was no meeting for this month.*

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

*There was no meeting for this month.*

## EDUCATION

*There was no meeting for this month.*

## ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met at 7:30, Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School without benefit of electricity. The Committee energized the room anyway. Attending: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village (2), Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon on the Potomac, Mt Vernon Civic, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington and three interested residents.

The **Lukens Lane RZ 2003- MV-030 resolution** (passed in Planning and Zoning Committee on Monday) was discussed and reaffirmed unanimously by the Committee. This resolution is intended to supercede the Lukens Lane resolution passed by the General Session MVCCA from February 2005.

The February 2005 resolution did not oppose this development as presented, however the new resolution opposes this development because of lack of information. No substantive information has been provided by the developer about these environmental issues:

- 1) Possible increase and effects of offsite water conveyed by piping to a conservation easement to be "undisturbed"
- 2) Effects of subsurface water proposed to drain on the surface from dwelling foundation pumps
- 3) Verification and mapping of acknowledged fill on subject property
- 4) Possible presence of wetlands on subject property

The developer asked for a deferral of the Environment and Recreation Meeting. The developer had been informed of the MVCCA's Committees meetings and the forth coming resolution on July 7 at an on site meeting. The developer chose not to show up at E and R MVCCA Committee meeting.

The Committee was informed of an **infill projects in Hollin Hall Village**. No provisions for a projected increase of storm water, in an already overburdened and sometimes flooding area, is at issue. Residents question the legality of subdivision of R-3 zoned lots to establish six buildable lots per acre. Thus a defacto R-6 zoning could result.

This increase in density would permit for **increase in impervious surface** within the lots building envelope. Common practice has been, for 62 years, to develop only in a manner consistent with R-3 zoning. The Committee's interest lies in the fact that Chesapeake Bay waivers are being administratively granted by County Staff for these infills..

The Committee was informed that **the Washington Farm United Methodist Church** wants to expand facilities, plus establish a

Montessori School for 60 children in the Mt Vernon Civic Association area. The Church is located at Old Mill Road and Mt Vernon Memorial Highway. The Church is allowed in the neighborhood by Special Permit. The Church is proffering to meet County minimum storm water management requirements in their plans. **The project is scheduled to be heard at Board of Zoning Appeals on August 9.**

Next meeting: September 7, 7:30 PM Room E-114 Mt Vernon High School

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Committee met July 5, despite our awareness that most members would be out of town, in order to review recent developments concerning mental health care and other issues emerging in this new Fairfax County Fiscal FY2006. Participating in a lively discussion were representatives of Collingwood on Potomac, Potomac Valley-River Bend, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac, and Wessynton, joined by our invited guest Kristin Rosenthal, president of the Mount Vernon Community Mental Health Center Citizen Advisory Board.

As we plan our focus for upcoming meetings, the opportunity for citizen input into the County's Comprehensive Plan coincides with opportunities for citizen involvement in several much-needed "strategic planning" efforts in human services. These ongoing efforts (and the crises that propel them) include: (1) anticipated announcement of plans for the future of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and a Lorton Healthplex (see below, Sept. 1), (2) a state-level "Integrated Strategic Plan" that needs to address Northern Virginia's regional issues in delivering services for mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse, (3) the County's "Long Term Care Initiative" (see below, Sept. 29), and (4) Task Force development of County guidelines and "targets" for new initiatives in affordable housing. Each impacts many people and essential services in our community.

Discussion centered on the long-predicted regional shortage in licensed Psychiatric Beds, which is now upon us. Mount Vernon Hospital is the only facility in Northern Virginia to have enlarged its Psych unit (by 7 beds), while 51 beds have been eliminated elsewhere, in recent months, with proposals to close even more. The difficulty in placing severely disturbed patients is straining the capacity of hospital staff, the resources of police and sheriffs (who spend massive staff hours holding and transporting persons under court orders to distant facilities for evaluation and stabilization), and of clients and families hoping for residential or in-patient treatment near their communities. And as regional population grows (by about 100 persons a day), access to health insurance with mental health coverage declines, increasing the pressures. It is clear that enlarging the capacity of "community" services, which assess and monitor and treat clients outside hospital Psych departments (and jails), is an essential part of any solution. Meanwhile, the success of the promising "jail diversion" program for nonviolent offenders will also require enhanced assessment and treatment programs. The Northern Virginia Regional Strategic Planning Partnership has now summarized its "Projections of Inpatient Psychiatric Beds and Community Mental Health Services Needed through 2020 in

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Northern Virginia,” specifying the gaps in community services—for children/adolescents, adults, and older adults—that statewide planning must address.

The committee also resumed its discussion of the loss of “affordable housing” (of many kinds) and its ripple effects—such as the bottleneck in “transitional housing” that now affects discharge from crowded homeless shelters, jails, and hospitals. Currently, at least three different kinds of affordable housing programs are attracting supporters in our area: “supportive SRO’s” (efficiency apartments with counseling and referral to services available) for low-income single adults, “magnet” housing for public service employees of low-moderate income, and low-cost “home ownership opportunity” for households just above eligibility for the county’s programs for subsidized rent (and especially for residents being displaced from a local mobile home park). To be continued.

H/HS continues to welcome your suggestions of service issues that impact Mount Vernon citizens and deserve placement in our agenda for fall.

## Community Meetings, open to the public

**Thursday, Sept. 1, Southeast Health Planning Task Force**, 7 p.m., South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy, Rm 221C, Inova proposals for Mount Vernon Hospital and a Lorton Healthplex are due. Anne Andrews, Chair, 703/780-1773.

**Tuesday, September 6, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee**, 7:30 p.m., IMVH Room C-D. Louise Cleveland, 703-780-9151.

**Thursday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m., Route One Task Force for Human Services**, 7 p.m., South County Center, on the County’s “Long Term Care Initiative.” Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. In attendance were representatives from the following associations: Belle Haven Terrace, Engleside, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon, Montebello, Newington Forest, Mount Zephyr, Mason Hill, Middle Valley, Newington, Potomac Valley, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Spring Bank, Sulgrave Manor, Williamsburg Manor, and Wessington Homes. The Committee heard five land use cases.

The first case was Commerce Bank, tax map #93-1((1)) 0025, for a special exception to allow a drive-thru for a bank on Richmond Highway. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The second case was Chili’s, tax map #93-1 ((1)) 0026, for a by-right redevelopment to replace the Value Inn on Richmond Highway. It is adjacent to the Commerce Bank case and was heard for information only.

The third case was Huntington Mews, RZ 2004-MV-041, a consolidation of many parcels along Huntington Ave. This rezoning is for 13.45 acres from R-4 and R-8 to PDH-8 to build 85 townhouses. Commissioner Byers announced that he was deferring the Planning Commission hearing pending the Huntington community having an opportunity to vote on this new plan. No vote taken.

The fourth case was Ridge Road, RZ 2005-MV-001, a rezoning from R-1 to PDH-2 to build 22 single-family detached homes on 11 acres. The Committee voted to oppose.

The fifth case was Lukens Lane, RZ 2004-MV-030, a rezoning application previously before the P&Z and which the Council voted to not oppose. New issues were raised about storm water management and possible fill in an RPA. Committee voted to oppose. Case will also be heard by E&R and a joint resolution is expected.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm. The next Planning and Zoning meeting is Tuesday, September 6, 2005, 7:30 PM, in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor. We were joined by Al Bornmann, MVCCA Co-Chair; Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; CAPT Mike Kline, Commander, Mount Vernon Police Station; and Bob Brubaker, Metroped, Inc.

The Chair began the meeting with some information on subjects of recent Public Safety meetings. The two teams of the new Fairfax Jail Diversion Program have begun operations in the evening to help divert persons who are picked up by police because they are either drunk or high on drugs to send them to addiction services rather than jail, if those persons elect to do that. The Chair also discussed briefly the progress in solving the growing problem of the lack of mental health beds in Northern Virginia.

The subject for the evening was a review of a resolution entitled “Pedestrian Safety Resolution” which had been prepared and passed by the Transportation Committee. Since pedestrian safety is also a public safety concern, the Chair had requested that the Public Safety Committee have a chance to review it before consideration by the Council. Bob Brubaker and Capt Kline, who had been instrumental in developing the resolution were in attendance. The main concern of the resolution is how to improve pedestrian safety on Richmond Hwy. The subject was made more serious by a recent pedestrian fatality on Richmond Hwy at Highland Lane. Capt Kline, Bob Brubaker, and Earl Flanagan each reviewed the various issues in pedestrian safety along the highway. A primary issue is that Richmond Hwy between the Alexandria city line to Fort Belvoir is mostly a six lane highway with a 45 mph speed limit. Pedestrians do not have the right of way on streets where the speed limit is more than 35 mph except at marked crosswalks with streetlights when the light is green. Along Richmond Hwy there are both marked crosswalks at locations without streetlights - which give pedestrians a false sense about having a right of way - and long stretches between crosswalks. Pedestrians normally want to cross as soon as they can. They do not want to walk any distance to cross. These facts need to be recognized in the planning for pedestrian crossings safety. Safe pedestrian crossings apparently has not been as major concern as the

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existing design of Richmond Hwy has developed. The Public Safety Committee believed that the proposed resolution was too broad and needed to be more focused and include the beginning of obtaining some specific changes on Richmond Hwy. The Chair was tasked to draft a revision for consideration by both committees. Subsequent to the meeting, the Chair met with the Chair of the Transportation Committee, Bob Brubaker and Earl Flanagan to draft it. The resolution was sent to members of both committees. The accepted version is printed herein.

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 1, in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center. There will be no scheduled meeting in August, 2005.

## TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on July 5, 2005 in the multi-purpose room at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were: Mr. Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; Ms Gale Curcio, Alexandria Gazette; and representatives of 15 MVCCA member associations (Belle Haven Terrace, Berkshire, Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park).

The meeting opened with a discussion of a fatal pedestrian accident that happened in the morning at Highland Lane on Route #1. A pedestrian attempted to cross on the marked crosswalk in front of a stopped car and was hit by another car traveling at speed in the adjacent lane. It was noted that this crosswalk had been singled out by our Committee on numerous occasions in the past, as the horrible example of how not to emplace a crosswalk, because Virginia law does not provide the right of way to pedestrians on crosswalks where speed limits are in excess of 35 MPH (Route #1 speed limit at that location is 45 MPH). Thus, the crosswalk gives pedestrians a false sense of security. What is needed, instead of a crosswalk, is a safety island so that pedestrians realize they are crossing at their own risk but need to look for a gap in traffic in only one direction until they reach the safety island. It was also noted that the Pedestrian Safety Resolution passed by this Committee at its last meeting, printed in the June Record, and referred to the Public Safety Committee for their action, addressed exactly this point. Other pedestrian safety problems, such as those on Old Mill Road were also discussed, noting that the Virginia Department of Transportation as well as the Fairfax County Department of Transportation has failed to focus on pedestrian safety.

A resolution to install a 3-way stop at the intersection of Old Mill Road and Lukens Lane was passed by the committee with a vote of 14 Yes, 0 No, and 1 Abstention. The Resolution is printed elsewhere in the Record.

A resolution to retain existing stub streets in the Huntington community to preserve pedestrian safety was next addressed by the

committee. The Chair accepted a substitute resolution provided by a Huntington community representative, while preserving the original recommended action. The revised resolution was adopted with a vote of 10 Yes, 1 No, and 4 Abstentions. The resolution is printed elsewhere in the Record.

The Committee was updated on a number of items:

- The Task Force considering the Fort Belvoir bypass has met and will meet soon again. Progress has been made with the Woodlawn Plantation to permit a widening of Old Mill Road (west side of Route #1).
- The Hybla Valley Task Force will meet for a field inspection on July 13.
- Earl Flanagan is shepherding aggressively our Comprehensive Plan recommendations through the existing administrative channels of the County. A resolution incorporating these recommendations was passed by the MVCCA at its June meeting, in an exception to the rules, due to time sensitivity, lacking a printed version in the Record. The adopted resolution is therefore printed elsewhere in this issue of the Record.
- A Handout and a CD concerning projected street closings and detours to be implemented this summer and fall, in conjunction with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Construction, were provided by the Bridge Authority and distributed by the Chair. Committee members who were absent at the meeting can request a copy from the Chair.
- Transaction 2030, a Transportation planning concept, will display its work in booths at all local community fairs.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for TUESDAY, September 6, (due to Labor Day) in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School.

## LUKENS LANE RZ-2003-MV-030 RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, a proposal has been made by Luken Company, L.C. for construction of seven single family dwellings, including Rezoning of 3.71 acres from R-2 to R-3 Cluster, located on three parcels along Lukens Lane, in the Mt Vernon District; and

**WHEREAS**, 45% of the subject property is 100 year flood plain, Resource Protection Area and Environmental Quality Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the preamble of Appendix 4 of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan 2003 Edition, Land Use Section, Policy Plan states that "the reduction of the impact of storm water runoff and erosion" is "fundamental to the preservation of our Quality of Life, the primary goal of Fairfax County's policies and priorities" and subparagraph 4 of Appendix 4 states that "No cluster development should be considered when the primary purpose of the clustering is to maximize density on the site"; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal is not compliant and in violation of Appendix 4 since 7 single family dwellings is the absolute maximum possible density and the proposal increases impact of stormwater runoff and erosion as explained below; and

**WHEREAS**, the common border length with Old Mill Road contiguous properties, offered on the proposed plan, is 18.3 feet longer than the total length when individually recorded deeds of contiguous properties are added together; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to resolve the border dispute to determine if Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance No. 2-421 applies (if the total area is below 3.5 acres, a difference of 9,212 square feet, a Special Exception would be required); and

**WHEREAS**, developer has offered an undisturbed conservation easement in the 100 year flood plain, Resource Protection Area, and Environmental Quality Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, conveyance of storm water by pipe extension from a 15 inch pipe at Lukens Lane into the flood plain ( approx. 100 feet, as per the proposed plan) will exacerbate "headcutting" of the currently eroding swale; and

**WHEREAS**, this pipe installation will remove any infiltration benefit from this area, that arrives from almost seven acres east of Lukens Lane and from the subject property, and change storm water runoff from generally sheet flow to source point discharge, thereby increasing the impact of stormwater runoff and erosion in violation of Appendix 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the necessary cleaning of debris and detritus from the outfall of this pipe into the undisturbed conservation easement, render it disturbed and can not be undisturbed; and

**WHEREAS**, there is the possibility of existence of wetlands and historic filling of the subject property at locations where wetlands are suspected; and

**WHEREAS**, the developer has not determined the extent of such fill nor noted that any wetlands determination has been made; and

**WHEREAS**, if wetlands are found to exist on subject property, a 100 foot buffer from the wetlands may impact the locations of proposed dwellings and their number; and

**WHEREAS**, if illegal fill exists on subject property within the flood plain, Resource Protection Area or Environmental Quality Corridor, there may be a legal requirement to restore filled areas to pre-filled conditions; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association requests that the Board of Supervisors disapprove RZ -2003-MV-030.

## THREE-WAY STOP AT OLD MILL ROAD/LUKENS LANE INTERSECTION

**WHEREAS**, Old Mill Road is a narrow, winding collector road with ditches at both sides, linked at two ends with the Mount Vernon Memorial Parkway;

**WHEREAS**, The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has recognized the hazards of the road to pedestrian and vehicular traffic and has reduced the speed limit on the road from 35 MPH to 25 MPH in the recent past;

**WHEREAS**, The most dangerous location along Old Mill Road is at the T-intersection with Lukens Lane, another collector road, where the curving Old Mill Road restricts sight distance significantly for traffic on Old Mill Road, or stopped at the Lukens Lane stop sign intending to enter Old Mill Road to travel in either direction, as well as at a blind entrance to a private residence at the intersection;

**WHEREAS**, The problem at the T-intersection is aggravated by the fact that, in spite of a 15 MPH speed restriction at that location, and regardless of sporadic police enforcement actions, traffic continues to speed along this blind curve on Old Mill Road past the Lukens Lane intersection;

**WHEREAS**, The problem at the T-intersection will be further aggravated by a cluster development scheduled for construction, exiting approximately 100 feet from the intersection onto Lukens Lane;

**WHEREAS**, The closest organized citizen association, Mount Vernon Manor, has recommended to VDOT to erect 3-way stop signs at this hazardous intersection to provide safety on Old Mill Road and to traffic entering Old Mill Road from Lukens Lane.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT**, the Mount Vernon Supervisor request VDOT to install 3-way stop signs at the intersection of Old Mill Road/Lukens Lane

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY

**WHEREAS**, the Huntington Community was designed in 1947 with stub streets to create a walkable community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huntington Community infrastructure is designed to protect the health, safety, welfare and general well being of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huntington Community desires to protect and preserve the aesthetic qualities of the community by approving the design of subdivision features and improvements; placement, installation and maintenance of public and private roads in order to preserve the value of property and to encourage the most appropriate use of land within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has suggested that the opening of one or more stub streets in the Huntington Community to serve as interparcel connection for vehicular traffic would be beneficial to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, there is overwhelming opposition to the opening of stub streets within the Huntington Community in view of pedestrian safety concerns.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT**, the Mount Vernon District Supervisor intercedes with FCDOT to prevent the opening of stub streets for vehicular interparcel connection within the Huntington community.

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY RESOLUTION (REVISED)

**WHEREAS**, it is unacceptable that the number of pedestrian fatalities on Richmond Highway in Fairfax County is the highest in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, in the past, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has not placed sufficient emphasis on pedestrian safety; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is presently available to support pedestrian safety measures, including \$7 million approved by the voters in the recent \$155 million bond referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, poor Engineering designs have contributed to the Richmond Highway fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, pedestrians prefer to cross Richmond Highway by the most direct route rather than walk extended distances to reach a crosswalk, and

**WHEREAS**, under Virginia law, a vehicle is not required to yield to a pedestrian attempting to cross on a painted crosswalk on a highway where the speed limit is in excess of 35 MPH, such as on Richmond Highway, unless stopped by a traffic signal; and

**WHEREAS**, a painted crosswalk across Richmond Highway, where the speed limit is 45 MPH, provides a false sense of security to pedestrians, because vehicles

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retain the right of way, unless stopped by a traffic signal; and

**WHEREAS**, many painted crosswalks on Richmond Highway, do not have a median or safety island and fatalities have occurred in these areas; the situation is particularly dangerous at Highland Lane; and

**WHEREAS**, no safe crossings are available for pedestrians on long stretches of Richmond Highway, even at some bus stop locations or at the Herbert Harris (new Engleside) Post Office; specifically, no safety island exists to facilitate a less dangerous crossing; and

**WHEREAS**, the speed limit on Route #1 in Woodbridge is 35 MPH and in the city of Alexandria is 25 MPH, while it is 45 MPH or higher in other areas of Fairfax County; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax County sponsored a 'Walkable Communities Workshop' that provided criteria for solutions to pedestrian access problems which are applicable to Richmond Highway.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mount Vernon Police Station Commander will assist the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) in identifying locations on Richmond Highway that are dangerous for pedestrians to cross; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, VDOT implement immediately a pilot project that provides safe pedestrian crossings at locations to be designated by the MVCCA with the assistance of the Mount Vernon Police Station Commander, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, VDOT advise the MVCCA whether a 35 MPH speed limit is appropriate on Richmond Highway, North of Fort Belvoir, and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County elected representatives to the Virginia General Assembly ensure appropriate funding and request that VDOT implement design improvements identified in the pilot project.

## RESOLUTION ON COMMERCE BANK - 6615 RICHMOND HIGHWAY

**WHEREAS**, Commerce Bank has filed for a special exception to build a bank with a drive-thru facility at 6615 Richmond Highway, and

**WHEREAS**, this redevelopment is by-right except for the drive-thru facility, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be limited visual impact on Richmond Highway, and

**WHEREAS**, the neighboring community does not oppose this application,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations opposes this special exception application, as presented.

## RESOLUTION ON RIDGE ROAD - RZ 2005-MV-001

**WHEREAS**, application RZ 2005-MV-001 has been submitted to rezone 11 steeply sloped acres from R-1 to PDH-2 to build 22 single-family homes, and

**WHEREAS**, the plans do not justify the PDH designation since they do not enhance the use of the land, and

**WHEREAS**, there is significant negative potential impact on adjacent neighbors due to storm water runoff and inadequate buffers, and

**WHEREAS**, yard sizes are inadequate and out of character with the surrounding communities, and

**WHEREAS**, setbacks are inadequate, and

**WHEREAS**, there is inadequate tree save on this heavily wooded site, and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant storm water management issues due to clear cutting and impervious surfaces, and

**WHEREAS**, the site is appropriately zoned R-1,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations opposes this rezoning application, as presented.

*The following Resolution was approved by the MVCCA at its June meeting without it being printed in the Record, as an exception to the rules, in view of its time sensitivity. It is hereby presented in the Record:*

## FAIRFAX COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (TRANSPORTATION NOMINATIONS)

**WHEREAS**, nominations for changes to the transportation recommendations in the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan have been requested from any Fairfax County citizen or organization, and

**WHEREAS**, nominations for changes to the Plan from citizens or organizations are not permitted except every 4 years or more, and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) has reviewed the 91 recommendations in the Plan for transportation in the Mount Vernon District and Route 1 Corridor Area, and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee recommends the Plan be changed to:

1. Repeat the Transportation Goals for the Route 1 Corridor that are now properly under the Transportation heading in the District-Wide Recommendations for the Lower Potomac Planning District, under the Transportation heading in the District-Wide Recommendations for the Mount Vernon Planning District. These Goals for the Route 1 Corridor apply to both Planning Districts since Route 1 continues through both Districts.
2. Amend the recommendation in the Transportation Goals for the Route 1 Corridor titled Route 1 Service Road to also permit inter-parcel access distant from Route 1 as a substitute where a service road is not needed to complete an existing system or would generate traffic problems.
3. Delete all recommendations and recommendations in Transportation Figures for widening Route 1 to 8 lanes between the Beltway and Sherwood Hall Lane since the Route 1 Location Study recommends instead that this segment of Route 1 be planned for 6 lanes plus transit resulting from a planned transit study already called for by the MVCCA and elsewhere in the Plan, and
4. Add a recommendation to Transportation Figures that will plan the northbound Old Mount Vernon Road traffic so that it will turn onto Mount Vernon Highway at a right angle, and
5. Add a recommendation to Transportation Figures that will plan the south end of Buckman Road so that it intersects with Route 1 at a right angle directly across from Radford Avenue, and
6. Amend the recommendation in the Transportation Figure for Mount Vernon Sector 7 to provide text that consideration should be given to designating all of Old Mill Road as a historic by-way, and
7. Add a recommendation under Transportation in the Lower Potomac Planning Sector 2 and Transportation Figures for a dedicated direct truck access from southbound I-95 onto the road built to service the County Resource Recovery Facility and debris landfill, and
8. Add a recommendation in the Transportation Figures to study the intersection of Furnace Road and I-95 for other improvements that provide direct truck access to and from the County Resource Recovery Facility and debris landfill, and
9. Delete the recommendation from Transportation Figures to extend Market Road to Route 1 at Hassett Street,
10. Add a recommendation to the Transportation Plan and Figures in Area IV of the Comprehensive Plan that would add a third HOV lane to I-95 from the Pentagon to Prince William County and reduce HOV-3 to HOV-2, and
11. Add any Mount Vernon District roads now missing to the list of County Roads in the Policy Plan, and
12. Plan Lorton Road as a 4 lane road from Silverbrook Road to Ox Road (123).
13. Plan Hooes Road as a 4 lane road from Silverbrook Road to the Fairfax County Parkway.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Fairfax County incorporates these recommended changes into the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

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

For period from January 1, 2005 through July 12, 2005

|                                      | Budget<br>2005     | Actual<br>to Date | Budget to Actual<br>(to date) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Balance Beginning Period</b>      |                    | <b>\$2,868.84</b> |                               |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                      |                    |                   |                               |
| Dues                                 | \$4,653.00         | \$4,296.00        | -\$357.00                     |
| Record Subscriptions                 | \$480.00           | \$345.00          | -\$135.00                     |
| Gala Income                          | \$3,475.00         | \$2,570.00        | -\$905.00                     |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>                | <b>\$8, 608.00</b> | <b>\$7,211.00</b> | <b>-\$1,397.00</b>            |
| <b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>                 |                    |                   |                               |
| Record Expenses                      | \$4,508.00         | \$2,617.35        | \$1,890.65                    |
| Administrative                       | \$389.00           | \$462.18          | -\$73.18                      |
| Gala                                 | \$2,743.00         | \$1,516.28        | \$1,226.72                    |
| Web Site                             | \$690.00           | \$405.00          | \$285.00                      |
| Membership                           | \$75.00            | \$0.00            | \$75.00                       |
| Record Postage                       | \$400.00           | \$200.00          | \$200.00                      |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>           | <b>\$8,805.00</b>  | <b>\$5,200.81</b> | <b>\$3,604.19</b>             |
| <b>Balance Ending Period 7/12/05</b> |                    | <b>\$4,879.03</b> |                               |

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**  
**FOR SEPTEMBER 2005**

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

| Date/Day/Time | Comm. | Place    | Chair            | Phone        |
|---------------|-------|----------|------------------|--------------|
| 9/6 T 7:30    | H/HS  | IMVH-C   | Louise Cleveland | 703.780.9151 |
| 9/7 W 7:30    | COAF  | WWMS-PCR | Queenie Cox      | 703.360.2414 |
| 9/7 W 7:30    | BUDG  | WWMS MC  | George Bauer     | 703.768.1774 |
| 9/7 W 7:30    | ENVR  | MVHSE114 | Jim Davis        | 703.799.3278 |
| 9/7 W 8:00    | EDUC  | WWMS L   | Judy Harbeck     | 703.780.1883 |
| 9/1 Th 7:30   | PSAF  | MVGC     | Dallas Shawkey   | 703.360.2185 |
| 9/6 T 8:00    | TRANS | MVGC     | Frank Cohn       | 703.780.5698 |
| 9/6 T 7:30    | PL/Z  | MVGC     | David Dale       | 703.765.8247 |

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