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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, 8 p.m.

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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PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman Middle School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

MINUTES

Meeting was preceded by a reception in the Whitman cafeteria, hosted by the Mt. Zephyr Association, with about 40 attending.

PRESIDING: Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Dan Fisher-Burrier, Dan Rinzel;

Committee chairs Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, Jim Davis, Louise Cleveland, David Dale, Frank Cohn; Jerry Ireland; Record editor Mary Richards; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood, Collingwood Springs, Crosspointe, Engleside, The Fairfax, Forest View, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Hollindale, Huntington, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Memorial Heights, Middle Valley, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon Mobile Homes,

Announcements

The co-chairs are proud to announce the slate of Committee Chairs for 2007. We congratulate the nominees and feel we have selected a board that reflects the qualifications and experience necessary to address the issues before the Council in 2007. You will also note the co-chairs assignment to provide liaison to various committees:

- Dan Fisher-Burrier – H/HS, TRANS, ENVR
- Dan Rinzel – COAF, PSAF, PL/Z
- Jerry Ireland – EDUC, BUDG, SCAWH, Gala

Appointment of Committee Chairs & Other Appointments:

- Public Safety – Dallas Shawkey
- Health & Human Services – Louise Cleveland
- Transportation – Frank Cohn
- Education – Judy Harbeck
- Budget – George Bauer
- Consumer Affairs – Queenie Cox
- Planning & Zoning – Jay Spiegel*
- Affordable & Workforce Housing – Jojo Shifflett*
- Environment & Recreation – Larry Zaragoza*
- Fairfax County Federation – Greg Scoma*
- Gala Committee Chair – Chris Granger

*New appointees

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Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Olde Belhaven Town, Potomac Valley–Riverbend, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Sherwood Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor.

MINUTES – Approved as printed in the Record.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted as printed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – See Record.

Consumer Affairs – See Record. Presidents are encouraged to send representatives to committee meetings.

Education – Committee will meet as usual on Tuesday, Feb. 7, Whitman Library, 8 p.m., to prepare for a joint meeting with Budget Committee Wednesday, Feb. 21, Whitman Library, 7:30 p.m., to discuss County School Budget.

Environment and Recreation – See Record for committee minutes and resolution. Committee procedures are available on request.

Health and Human Services – Chair Louise Cleveland called attention to the HHS Report in the Record for a brief but accurate representation of the January 3 public meeting of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force; she characterized as “misleading” the headlines in both local newspapers, one emphasizing “red ink” and the other confrontation (“lock horns”) with the CEO of the Hospital. On the contrary, Task Force members praised the CEO’s emphasis on high standards for quality of care and accepted potential 2006 “red ink” (a rough estimate only) as compatible with ongoing budgeted plans for appropriate investment in staff and facilities. Public alarm was not warranted.

February 6 meeting will be in the Governmental Center rather than at IMVH.

Planning and Zoning – No January meeting. New e-mail for P&Z committee is david.dale@cox.net; committee Web site is www.mvcca-pz.org.

Public Safety – See Record.

Transportation – See Record for committee minutes and resolutions.

FCFCA REPORT – In an attempt to encourage more attendance at Federation, meetings will be held at different venues throughout the County. February 15 meeting will be at Rising Sun Elementary School in Reston. Agenda will include the annual legislative review. Judy encourages more associations to join the Federation as it is only member organizations that have voting privileges; as MVCCA rep, she does not vote.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Report on Use of One-Penny Fund was distributed to association reps. It will be available on the Council web site. Summary appears on pages 12-15. Presidents are encouraged to read the report; resolutions from the committee will be presented for consideration at a future Council meeting.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT - At its January meeting, the Board approved the extension of the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing for a period of one year or until it is made a standing committee. Names of committee members will be published.

Budget was discussed, along with suggestions for increasing Council income.

There was discussion of operational details including (but not limited to) publication and distribution of the Record and changing or upgrading the website.

A new chairman has been appointed for the Gala; nomination forms for Citizen and Organization of the Year appear in this month's Record.

Presidents are encouraged to send in dues and names of officers and committee representatives.

There will be a transition meeting with old and new co-chairs sometime next week after a third co-chair is chosen.

RESOLUTIONS

2007 TR-01 Transportation Planning in Support of Fort Belvoir BRAC

Metro's part in this will be addressed at the appropriate time. In response to a suggestion to include transit requirements in the proposed resolution, former Transportation Commissioner Flanagan noted that MVCCA has already passed several transit resolutions and encouraged support of this resolution. Approved: 42-1-1

2007 TR-02 Updated Traffic Congestion Resolution

In discussing new construction v. infill, Supervisor Hyland noted that we are not allowed to require proffers from infilling. The committee had discussed and decided to keep the resolution general rather than itemizing all of the issues that might arise (and inadvertently missing something important). Approved 32-6-5

2007 ER-01 Teleconferencing Resolution

Paragraph 6 was amended in part to say, "...South County Service Center, commonly known as South County Government Center..." Approved 41-0-3

ELECTION – Election of third co-chair. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to speak. Queenie Cox spoke in favor of Pat Rea who was out of town on business; Jerry Ireland spoke; Bob Reynolds withdrew his name. Jerry Ireland was elected to be the third MVCCA co-chair.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

The Army may not have money to finish the Fairfax County Parkway where it crosses the Engineer Proving Grounds. Saturday, February 3, is the Supervisor's Town Meeting at Mount Vernon High School. Both of our Congressmen will be present. Mr. Hyland has appointed former co-chair Mack Rhoades as Transportation Commissioner. Supervisor Hyland referenced the "Board Matters" handout distributed to Council members.

Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget and Finance Committee's next meeting is scheduled to be held jointly with the Education Committee in the Multimedia Center (the library) at Walt Whitman Middle School on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room. Four faithful representatives (New Gum Springs, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington and Williamsburg Manor) attended, along with Co-Chair Dan Rinzel.

All attendees received a sweet treat — chocolate — and then got down to business developing a mission statement and identifying its goals. The following is the result of the discussion:

Mission: To educate and inform member associations about various consumer issues to include deceptive or illegal consumer practices. To raise member associations awareness about Mt. Vernon businesses.

Goals: To advise member associations on consumer issues to include deceptive consumer practices. To inform member associations about reputable and reliable businesses by presenting items of interest and/or guest speakers. To increase member attendance by using outreach techniques such as contacting member presidents to designate a representative.

The attendees then discussed ways to assist the committee chair with soliciting items for the planned silent auction for the gala.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7, 2007, at the Mount Vernon Government Center. The venue was changed due to the weather-related closure of Fairfax County Public Schools. Associations represented included: Sulgrave Manor, Kings Crossing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Collingwood Springs, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Waynewood, Mount Zephyr and Wellington. Co-chair Jerry Ireland also attended.

The meeting focused on three basic issues: (1) A proposed Resolution in support of the School Board's position on testing of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students; (2) preliminary review of the Superintendent's Proposed FY2008 School Budget (FY2008 Budget) in preparation for the planned Feb. 21, 2007, meeting with Mario Schiavo, FCPS Budget Director, and (3) boundary and capacity issues involving South County Secondary School but with county-wide potential implications.

Resolution: The committee discussed the recent contretemps between the U.S. Department of Education, on one hand, and, on the other, the Virginia Department of Education and several Virginia

school districts concerning appropriate educational assessment of non-English speaking students recently arrived in the U.S. for the purpose of determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Although monetary sanctions are risked by noncompliance with U.S. fiat, the committee unanimously, for all the reasons stated in the Resolution (printed elsewhere in this RECORD), considered it appropriate to support the School Board's educationally valid position.

FY2008 Budget: The committee reviewed budget materials with a view to preparation for the joint meeting with the Budget and Finance Committee rather than to formulation of a position. The chair shared comments and concerns heard at Fairfax Federation meetings on the school budget and noted that some of the included items likely to cause discussion include: only a 2 percent Market Scale Adjustment for teachers; continued expansion of full-day kindergarten; expansion of elementary school foreign language programs and teacher benefits. Some unfunded items of similar concern included technology replacement, some maintenance items and intended increase in staffing for music (band and strings, technology specialists and instructional coaches).

It was noted that the FY2008 Budget represents the smallest increase in many years (about 1 percent over the "guideline" of 3.5 percent) and continues to reduce the percentage of the overall County budget devoted to support of Fairfax's nationally recognized school system. Concern was expressed about the future of the schools and other important County assets and the committee noted that the Council had warned against too drastic cuts in the property tax rate to avoid just such a situation.

Boundary/Capacity Issues: The committee had previously considered a request for support from a member association with respect to various proposals for boundary changes to relieve overcrowding at South County Secondary School. No action was taken because the situation was a moving target and that appears to be still the case. It was noted that the possibility of a county-wide boundary realignment is gaining support in part to relieve stress on the transportation system but also to try to better utilize capacity and bring rationality to school attendance boundaries.

Also bound up in the issue is continued concern over the manner in which FCPS predicts enrollment patterns and the methodology used to determine school capacity, particularly at the secondary level. As to the former, it was noted that staff response to the report of the outside demography expert was now on the website and generally agreed with the expert's conclusions (including the one for additional staff in order to consider more and different data). On the latter issue, a committee member reported that FCPS will hire an expert to assist in the methodology for determining building capacity and appropriate usage. This has been a point of long term concern to the Committee which considers that the schools grossly overstate capacity of secondary schools leading to poor planning decisions, overcrowding and taxpayer confusion.

Other Matters: Consideration of committee organization issues and future topics were postponed until after the budget cycle.

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Next meetings: Feb. 21, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Whitman Library (joint with Budget & Finance) with Mario Schiavo, FCPS Budget Director; March 7, 2007, 8 p.m., Whitman Library; See also public budget meetings scheduled by Budget & Finance Committee

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Mt. Vernon Govt. Center Community Meeting Room. The meeting room was moved because Mount Vernon High School had closed. Communities represented were: Waynewood, Spring Bank, Williamsburg Manor, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Spiegel's Landing, Mt. Zephyr, Mason's Collar, Wellington, Stratford Landing, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Kirkside, and United Voice Kings Crossing.

The agenda was unanimously approved. The January Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the Record.

The first topic of discussion under committee business was Committee Operations. The committee reviewed several aspects of operations. Dan Fisher-Burrier, Co-Chair, thanked the committee for the preparation of the Procedures that were adopted in January. Co-Chair Fisher-Burrier also recommended that committee members familiarize themselves with the bylaws of the MVCCA and Roberts Rules. Members of the committee had asked that the meeting be moved to the South County Government Center. The Acting Chair stated that we would see if we could make that change.

The Draft EIS for Fort Belvoir BRAC should be available on Feb. 23. The committee agreed that we would like to hear about the Draft EIS once it is published. When it is released, Acting Chair Larry Zaragoza agreed to inform the committee immediately and seek committee members to prepare summaries. Co-Chair Fisher-Burrier agreed to follow up with Fort Belvoir Public Relations to arrange a briefing for the committee.

Discussion on the proposed Huntington Mews development was postponed until March because new information must be prepared for any party to review the relationship between the proposed project and the flood line that the County will use to review the proposed development.

The main issue for the committee was a resolution that called for the dredging of Cameron Run to reduce the risk of flooding to the residents of the Huntington area. Following discussion, this resolution passed 10 in favor, 0 against and 1 abstain.

Joe Chudzik (Mason's Collar) announced that volunteers are being sought for the 19th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Interested parties can call 301-292-6665 or visit www.potomaccleanup.org.

Paul Phelps of Holland Hall announced a native plant sale. The URL for NVS&WCD native plant sale is <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm>. Mr. Phelps stated that this is a great opportunity for homeowners to get cheap plants for their gardens, and for associations to buy in bulk for streamside planting. The purchase of plants for donation to your local association should be tax-deductible.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting of the committee will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon High School.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., at the Mount Vernon Government Center with representatives of nine MVCCA member associations present: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Mount Vernon MHP (2), Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Sulgrave Manor, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor. MVCCA Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier was present as liaison to the Council; Co-chair Jerry Ireland and Executive Directors Pam Michel of New Hope Housing and Shannon Steene of Good Shepherd Housing were present as guest resources for our February agenda focus: review of the MVCCA Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing's Report on the One Penny Fund for Affordable Housing.

Re: recent and upcoming events, the chair reported:

- (1) Hospital planning for both Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and the Inova Lorton Healthplex is on track, as reported to the task force in January (despite misleading headlines in local papers).
- (2) A CSB application to the county Planning Commission (public hearing Feb. 15) proposes to build an expanded residential treatment facility at Gregory Drive (Lee District, on Richmond Hywy) and includes a description of the dual diagnosis New Horizons program as well as the CSB's commitment to establish a Neighborhood Advisory Board capable of furthering dialogue between the CSB and citizens representing neighboring communities in both Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. (Members of HHS Committee, having previously indicated support for this needed residential treatment facility and for the NAB concept proposed by Mount Zephyr C.A., received information from MZ rep Barbara Thompson on how to direct letters of support.)
- (3) Public participation in County planning and budgeting requires HHS Committee to schedule an ad hoc meeting in addition to our March 6 meeting, for our annual review of emerging hhs needs, of county resources to respond to needs as evidenced in the proposed Budget Plan for FY2008 (published Feb. 26), and of likely impact, countywide and especially in the Mount Vernon/Human Services Region I area. The committee chose Saturday, March 3, as listed below; reps who provide telephone/e-mail contacts will receive information needed for meetings.

The One Penny Fund Report

The HHS Committee expressed appreciation, even "amazement," for the diligence and accomplishment of the SCAWH Committee and its chair, in compiling this body of relevant public information on the use of the Fund in its initial 18 months, and for reporting it

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faithfully and in detail as a basis for evaluating beneficial strategies for the future. An animated two-hour discussion explored basic questions and evaluative criteria suggested by the Report. Agreement was unanimous on key points: (1) The County must promote an expanded supply of units in the housing continuum that MVCCA has described as "Affordable" and as "Workforce"; (2) the One Penny Fund has helped in combination with other funding sources to achieve the limited goals the Board of Supervisors set for FY2006 and 2007—leveraging, commitment of all One Penny funds to specific projects, "preservation of 1,000 units by 2007" and more; (3) the Fund has a key role to play in partnership with other funding sources and deserves continued public support; and (4) the Report's Recommendations all deserve MVCCA endorsement. The Recommendations pave the way to improving guidelines for use of the Fund, evaluating more cost-effective alternatives, and creating more opportunities for those with a diversity of special needs as well as diversity of income levels. Better reporting and accountability are essential for making more effective choices as well as sustaining public support, in the year ahead.

In attempting to untangle complicated related issues, the Report has raised important questions—who is eligible for particular county housing programs, how many are on current waiting lists and for what type of housing, how many eligible for the homebuyer program have been able to buy an Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU)? Why, with large numbers of single working low-income adults on the housing waiting list and also among the annual count of homeless, are safe, decent low-cost efficiency apartments not "in the pipeline" yet? HHS members will be especially interested in how this Report will shed light on others, as the county Initiative on Ending Homelessness unfolds. The Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness is now available on the web site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless.

Meetings on Human Services — open to the public
Saturday, March 3, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee, 8:30 a.m., place t/b/a, annual review of hhs needs and resources in relation to the County Budget Plan for FY2008. Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151.

Tuesday, March 6, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee, 7:30 p.m., Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Engh, Parkers Lane, annual review concluded. Louise Cleveland, 703/780-9151.

Wednesday, March 7, Route One Task Force for Human Services, 7 p.m., South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Re: Deputy County Exec. for Human Services Verdia Heywood on the FY2008 Plan for human services. Anne Andrews, Convener, 703/780-1773.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. with representatives from the following associations present: Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Civic of Hollin Hills, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon Mobile Homes, Mt. Zephyr,

New Gum Springs, Newington, Potomac Valley – River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, United Voice of Kings Crossing, Wellington, Wessynton, and Williamsburg Manor North. The committee heard a presentation by Donna Pesto on two proposed zoning ordinance amendments. The first proposal concerned minimum lot width requirements for residential properties. Currently, there is a waiver process for lot widths for industrial, commercial, and some types of residential zoning districts. This amendment would extend the waiver process to all residential zones, but would not change any other aspects of the zoning ordinance, such as setbacks and compatibility requirements. The second proposed zoning ordinance amendment concerned the issuance of building permits (BPs) and residential use permits (RUPs) in development that include affordable dwelling units (ADUs). Currently, issuance of both BPs and RUPs is tied to the BPs and RUPs of the ADUs. When the ADUs are scattered throughout the project, it can be extremely difficult to comply with the phasing. This proposed amendment allows for all of the BPs to be issued independently of the ADUs, but only 75 percent of the RUPs (that allow someone to live in the home) could be issued until 75 percent of the RUPs for the ADUs are issued. The intent is to tie the occupancy of the residences to the occupancy of the ADUs, not to the construction of the ADUs.

The next two proposed zoning ordinance amendments were presented by Jack Reale. First, he spoke about the residential temporary portable storage containers – the large driveway storage boxes showing up around the area. The proposal is to set limits on the size and duration of the containers, and would depend on the type of residential property and if the need was caused by a catastrophe.

The last proposed zoning ordinance amendment was on the subject of large retail stores – the "big box" type of retailer. The intent of the amendment is to put special requirements (in certain cases) on large retail stores to ensure compatibility with the surrounding communities and the infrastructure, particularly traffic. More information about these zoning ordinance amendments can be found on the county's web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/>. The presenter for the land use case on the agenda was not available and is expected to return next month.

Finally, after the official business of the committee had concluded, several committee members, along with the co-chairs, discussed the future of the committee. Topics addressed by the group included numerous administrative and personnel issues. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, March 5, 2007, at 7:30 p.m., in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, and Wellington. We were joined by MVCCA Co-chair Dan Rinzel.

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The subject for the meeting was a presentation on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Our speaker was Bob Mizer, the CERT Coordinator, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. CERT is a volunteer program. Its purpose is to train citizens to be better prepared to respond to emergency disasters, both natural and manmade, in their community when first responders are delayed. CERT members act as the "citizen arm" of the Fire and Rescue Department. The hope is that, depending on the size of the community association, there will be 10 to 20 people that have received this training. This is an excellent program for those communities that have an existing neighborhood watch program. CERT was started in Fairfax County four years ago.

The standard training course consists of 28 hours (one evening per week for six weeks and one weekend day for a practical exercise). There is also a compressed course: 28 hours (four weekend evenings and one weekend day over a period of two weeks and one weekend day for a practical exercise). No more than 30 can be accepted in each class. Trainees must provide their own leather work gloves and sturdy boots. They are given a CERT vest, helmet, and backpack, which includes a multipurpose tool, eye protection, and first aid supplies. The training includes fire safety/suppression, emergency medical operations/first aid, light search and rescue, CERT organization/incident command, disaster psychology, terrorism/weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and incident command. During an emergency CERT members would visit homes to locate and turn off utilities, extinguish small fires, treat injuries, conduct light search and rescue, help to relieve survivor stress, and report to and assist first responders. Other roles they may fulfill include distributing preparedness materials, staffing first aid booths at special events, and assisting with the installation of smoke alarms. One refresher class is given each year.

CERT members are also given the opportunity to receive training in shelter management, community relations, donations management, special needs concerns, debris removal, utilities control, advanced first aid, and traffic control.

While in training, CERT members are covered by Fairfax County liability insurance. To date, 320 persons have completed the training. About 160 are currently active. The Board of Supervisors has set a goal of 2,000 to be trained. They have provided \$40,000 a year for the training.

For more information and to sign up for the course, call Bob Mizer at 703-246-3926.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in Community Rm. 1, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2007. The subject will be another of our items we selected for review this year. We will have a presentation on "Business Watch" by the Police and the Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. This is geared toward improving communications between businesses and between businesses and the police. The intent is to bring a greater awareness of the resources and training the police can provide to area businesses to improve their safety. There is currently a pilot program at the Bellevue Shopping Center. Please note the change in the date of the meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

Attendance: Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hunting Creek Club Apartments, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents Civic Assn, Riverside Estates Civic Association Inc., Sherwood Estates, Sulgrave Manor Civic Association, Stratford on the Potomac - SEC IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing CA

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The committee took some time to discuss the plan for 2007 and issues related to the transition of the committee to new leadership. The committee looked at dates for committee meetings for the rest of the year. The committee was also notified that the new co-chairs extended the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing for an additional year.

The next issue the committee took up was a general resolution of acceptance of the One Penny Report. This resolution was finalized and then voted on electronically with 10-0-0 being the final vote of the committee. Future resolutions will follow in upcoming meetings to further detail the recommendations of the report.

The next item considered by the committee for discussion and further review was the FCRHA Annual Plan for FY2008. The committee was asked to look at several areas of this and bring questions back to the committee in March with questions regarding the plan.

The committee heard from the president of Woodley Estates on several issues their community is currently dealing with in their community. There was concern shown by the community over the FCRHA's purchase of at least four mobile homes within the park. The community would like these homes utilized ASAP. The FCRHA is working on a solution to this problem. There was a motion made to appoint a committee representative to assist Woodley Estates with any issues on housing going forward, including any community issues in regards to North Hill. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously by the committee. Discussion was had as to who this person should be, resulting in the selection of John McCormick as the committee's representative to Woodley Estates and North Hill.

"Inclusionary Zoning/Exclusionary Zoning" was the topic selected as the project for the committee in FY2007. The issue related to the ADU policy and other related workforce housing issues all tie directly into this topic. The DC Council adopted a multi-page Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance in June 2006, which the committee is looking into at this time.

Following the completion of the meeting John Jeszenszky was asked and accepted the position of vice-chair of the housing committee going forward as current chair Jerry Ireland resigned following the meeting as he was elected co-chair of the MVCCA.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 5, 2007, at 7:30 p.m.,

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at the Woodley Hill Estates Community Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at 8 p.m. on Feb. 5, 2007, in the Walt Whitman Intermediate School Library. Attending were Mr. Dan Fisher-Burrier, Co-Chair, MVCCA; Mr. Mack Rhoades, Transportation Commissioner, Mount Vernon District; representatives of 16 member organizations (Berkshire, Gum Springs, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlan Forest Heights, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Southwood, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessinton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park); and one interested citizen.

Mr. Alexander Lee of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project briefed the committee on the current status and projected construction. He provided up-to-date handouts, which depicted the scheduled completion of the various phases of construction; the second bridge span will be opened in mid-2008, the I-295 Interchange in Maryland will be completed in mid-2009; the US #1 Interchange in late 2010; and the Telegraph Road Interchange in late 2011. Lane closures on the Beltway and on access routes can be expected and will be announced. The project is still on time and on budget. Travelers are cautioned to be on the lookout for a much earlier turn-off into Telegraph Road from the inner loop. The flyover from the outer loop to Fort Hunt Road and North Kings Highway is expected to be completed in the early part of the Telegraph Road Interchange project. The entire interchange design at Telegraph will have a public information meeting this summer; it will be the largest contractual segment, for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, at a cost of \$150 million.

Dick Hartman and Keith Kerr showed slides from the recent BRAC briefing, as the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is nearing completion. Mr. Donald Carr, the Fort Belvoir Public Information Officer, supported the briefing. There are 15 road improvement projects that have been recognized by Fort Belvoir, which are associated in some manner with BRAC. There are also 15 separate agencies that are involved in BRAC coordination on land use aspects. The funding for these projects is quite complicated. While some are fully or partially funded, others are in contention between federal and state authorities. Decisions will have to be made at the congressional and state levels. All the road improvements will not meet the 2011 deadline; however, they are not a part of the congressional-directed BRAC. While a time extension for the final implementation of BRAC may seem desirable to some, the complexity of the overall BRAC project would require massive planning, since many organizations are involved in moves into and out of Fort Belvoir to numerous locations throughout the country; by delaying one move, many other moves are affected. When Fort Belvoir releases its projected 700-page EIS, it was recommended that committee members become involved by examining different segments of the document and later combine their findings to forward responses and recommended changes to Fort Belvoir. For more information, visit: www.belvoirnewvision.net.

The committee approved a revised "Quick Take" resolution, drafted by Mark Gionet, with a vote of 14 yes, 0 no and 2 abstentions. The resolution will be brought before the MVCCA board with an explanation that it attempts to correct matters found objectionable in an earlier attempt. (NOTE: The board returned the Resolution to the committee, for further modification). The committee approved its 2007 goals; the goals are not printed in the Record but will be posted on the Transportation Web site.

The committee was updated on the following: (1) The Maintenance resolution, which recommended a three-year projected published maintenance schedule, was passed by the Council and forwarded to applicable legislators. The measure was adopted by Senator Ticer in a bill and presented to the Virginia Legislature for action. Supervisor Hyland testified in favor of the bill. (2) The three-way stop at the Old Mill/Lukens Lane intersection is pending VDOT action. The measure has been approved for implementation. (3) The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) advised that only two out of 19 pedestrian safety projects within the Mount Vernon District were approved for funding. Mack Rhoades, in his capacity as Transportation Commissioner, will follow up to determine rationale and ascertain if readjustments are feasible. (4) A listing of inoperable street lights was provided to the Fairfax County Police and the FCDOT representative for follow-up in a separate meeting. We need to identify the staff person who is responsible for monitoring the Virginia Power contract and for determining the need for added street lights at FCDOT and/or VDOT. Additionally, we need to advise of the need for luminescent paint at the curbs of safety islands and as guide lines for turning lanes at major intersections such as Route 1/Sherwood Hall Lane and Route 1/Route 235. The chair will follow up. (5) The Congestion Resolution was passed by the Council and forwarded to Chairman Connolly and Supervisor Hyland for action. (6) The safety problem at the GW Memorial Highway/Belle View Boulevard intersection remains unresolved. A letter sent to the Superintendent of the Parkway in July 2004 received a reply that indicated projected renovation in 2008. Since a new superintendent has been appointed, it was deemed advisable to send a new letter, referencing the old one. (7) An update was received by the Stakeholder Panel for the parking expansion at the Mount Vernon Estate. The estate has completed its requirement for an internal, extended, emergency parking lot; however, the Federal Highway Administration and Parkway Authority have fallen behind in enlarging the lot on the west side of the GW Parkway. Another year will be needed for funding the enlargement. (8) New bus rider shelters are being installed for the Fairfax Connector; advertising signs will pay for maintenance.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2007, in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda to be announced.

MVCCA Resolution re: Testing of Limited English Proficient Students

WHEREAS, in December 2006 Virginia's Superintendent of Public Instruction, other members of the Virginia Department of Education, a member of the Virginia State Board of Education, and representatives from several Virginia school divisions (collectively "Virginia Educators"), met with U.S. Education Department ("USED") officials to advocate for the continued use of appropriate reading assessments for limited English proficient ("LEP") students for purposes of complying with testing requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act ("NCLB") and other relief; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Educators specifically asked that USED permit ("Requested Relief"):

1. Continued use for one additional year (2006-7) of the Stanford English Language Proficiency test ("SELP") as a proxy for the grade level Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for Level 1 and 2 LEP (least English proficient) students in grades 3-8, and
2. Extend the existing grades 3-8 SOL reading test exemption for LEP students who have been in U.S. schools for fewer than 12 months to include LEP students in Virginia schools who have been in U.S. schools for less than 24 months; and

WHEREAS, the basis for the Requested Relief was a recognition that LEP students need time to acquire reading and language skills adequate to succeed at grade level (particularly since many LEP students are not literate in their native languages and/or have had little formal education prior to entry into U.S. schools) and that administering demanding, grade level SOLs which such students have no hope of understanding provides neither educational benefit to the student nor usable assessment data for schools or the USED in determining progress under NCLB; and

WHEREAS, the USED has not favorably considered the Requested Relief and has threatened a variety of sanctions if Virginia LEP students in the U.S. for 12 months or more are not administered the same tests as native English speakers and LEP students who have acquired necessary skills, and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County School Board on January 25, 2007, adopted a Resolution, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, in support of the Requested Relief and indicating an intention to continue to assess Level 1 and 2 LEP students in an educationally appropriate manner and to continue to hold high expectations and standards for progress of all students; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has supported the position of the Fairfax County School Board; and

WHEREAS, many schools in the area served by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) have large numbers of LEP students who will be adversely affected by being forced to take tests for which they are not yet prepared and the schools themselves will be unfairly labeled as "failing" or not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) under NCLB and thereby subject to USED sanction under NCLB including eventual loss of funds to affected schools; and

WHEREAS MVCCA, parents, students, teachers and the larger community recognize both the importance of providing English, reading and meaningful grade level subject instruction to LEP students with the goal of full inclusion in the general population as expeditiously as possible, as well as the need for appropriate, periodic assessment to evaluate progress by students and schools toward that goal; and

WHEREAS MVCCA, parents, students, teachers and the larger community also recognize that each LEP student, depending on individual circumstances, will require significant time for adequate skill acquisition, that assessment tools should reflect that reality and that

Fairfax County Public Schools has in the past and continues to devote substantial resources to LEP instruction, grade level inclusion of LEP students and periodic appropriate assessment in furtherance of the overriding goal to provide high quality education for all students,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MVCCA supports the position of the Fairfax County School Board in its Resolution of January 25, 2007, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MVCCA requests the Virginia Department of Education, Fairfax County School Board and Fairfax County Public Schools to continue to address the needs of LEP students by providing instruction and support adequate to accomplish full inclusion of such students into grade-level classrooms as soon as practicable, and by using and developing educationally appropriate assessments to measure progress of LEP students toward English language fluency and success on grade level SOL tests.

N.B. Copies of the incorporated Resolution will be available at the Council meeting; the text can also be reviewed on the school Web site: www.fcps.edu/schlbld/lepresolution.pdf

ONE PENNY FUND REPORT

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA), in recognition that a widening gap between median wages and median cost of housing had become an issue with major impact on the social and economic health of the community and the region, established a "Special Committee on Affordable Housing" (SCAH) which was approved by the MVCCA Board of Directors on September 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the SCAH was specifically asked:

1. to accept the vital task of educating the Council, and the community, on affordable housing issues, in order to build public support and an informed consensus around positive strategies for preserving and enhancing the supply of appropriate affordable housing,
2. to investigate the nature and full extent of housing and shelter needs that are now grouped under the term "affordable housing," review public policies and resources that may contribute to preserving and enhancing the supply of appropriate affordable housing, and identify —through outreach to both private sector and nonprofit organizations— strategies for enhancing private investment and public/private partnerships as well as for assuring accountability to the public;
3. to recommend policies and actions, in coordination with the Standing Committees, to the full Council; and

WHEREAS, the SCAH was created for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of state and county affordable housing needs, goals, programs, strategies, and funding, and recommending any changes warranted as a result of this review, especially as they apply to the Mount Vernon Magisterial District and the member Associations of the MVCCA; and

WHEREAS, the title of the SCAH was subsequently changed to "Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing" (SCAWH) by the Council in recognition that different programs or initiatives may apply to each, while appreciating that some programs or incentives may at the same time, apply to each other; and

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WHEREAS, the MVCCA has adopted a Mission Statement and Charge of the Committee, published on the website, www.mvcca.org, requiring the SCAWH to remain constantly prepared to address changing housing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the lack of Workforce Housing available in the Mount Vernon District and throughout Fairfax County continues to increase, housing for our workforce is the most important economic development issue facing our area today. Businesses are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit and retain skilled employees, thus impacting the economics of our region. Both young people and our working middle class continue to aspire to homeownership. The current cost of housing is a serious disadvantage not only to the families in our area, but also to the corporations, retail and office businesses, extending into the mid-management levels, and severely impacting the essential service personnel including firemen, policemen, teachers, medical staff and others; and

WHEREAS, the MVCCA fully supported the creation of the One Penny Fund for the purpose of preserving affordable housing by leveraging a dedicated funding stream with other funds to preserve as many affordable units as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors' Affordable Housing Advisory Committee has submitted its Progress Report on One Penny Fund expenditures for FY 2006; and

WHEREAS, the SCAWH has now diligently assembled all available public reporting and related data on the use of the One Penny Funds through December 2006 and created a comprehensive report published in January 2007 including a summary and several recommendations for the review of all MVCCA members; and

WHEREAS, the SCAWH report has made seven particular recommendations intended to sustain public support for the One Penny Fund by clarifying and improving guidelines, cost-effective strategies, and public accountability; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations accepts the "REPORT ON: Fairfax County's One Penny Fund for Affordable Housing" presented by the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MVCCA send this One Penny Fund Report to the Mount Vernon District Supervisor and the Board of Supervisors, the Mount Vernon District Redevelopment and Housing Authority Commissioner, and all other FCRHA Commissioners, the Mount Vernon District area State Delegates and Senators, as well as the Chairman of the Virginia Senate Housing Committee, for comment.

ENVR Resolution: Urging the Dredging of Cameron Run

WHEREAS, in June 2006, a heavy rain event resulted in a higher than expected flood event with storm waters traveling down Cameron Run causing severe flooding to 158 homes collectively causing millions of dollars of damage in the Huntington community (Huntington) in the Mount Vernon District; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2007, a public meeting (the public meeting) was held during which officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) presented evidence that, since the 1960s, about 5-6 feet of siltation has been deposited within Cameron Run and that this siltation was one major cause of the flooding that occurred in Huntington; and

WHEREAS, USACE officials at the public meeting explained that dredging the siltation from Cameron Run would help mitigate similar flooding in Huntington; and

WHEREAS, at the public meeting, Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerald Hyland and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chairman Gerald Connolly pledged that Fairfax County (the County) would find a solution to the problem of flooding in Huntington and that the solution would necessarily include dredging of the siltation from Cameron Run; and

WHEREAS, at the public meeting, Supervisor Hyland urged USACE officials to commence dredging as early as practicable; and

WHEREAS, proposals to dredge Cameron Run will necessarily require funding from the County and the Federal government as well as from neighboring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has maintained and dredged Cameron Run and has appropriated resources to maintain their portion of Cameron Run; and

WHEREAS, environmental concerns dictate that the dredging of Cameron Run should not detract from its function as a habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, any delay in dredging will result in higher dredging costs, more environmental damage, and continuing risk of flooding and property damage.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations urgently requests that the BOS:

1. Appropriate its fair share of the prospective costs of dredging in the FY2008 budget to be debated in April 2007;
2. Cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to determine each jurisdiction's fair share of dredging costs, and request that each jurisdiction contribute their fair share;
3. Meet with and urge Federal officials including Congressional Representatives, Senators, and officials of USACE to examine if a Federal cost share could be employed to facilitate funding a significant percentage of the costs of dredging;
4. Urge that any solution to flooding problems in the vicinity of Cameron Run include planning toward the restoration of Cameron Run to its natural state as a functioning ecosystem; and
5. Take any necessary action to ensure the dredging of Cameron Run commence without further delay.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS
Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

For period from Jan. 1, 2007, through Feb. 8, 2007

| | Budget 2007 | Actual to Date | Budget/Actual |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Balance Beginning Period | | \$2,612.44 | |
| RECEIPTS | | | |
| Dues | \$4,500.00 | \$2,088.00 | -\$2,412.00 |
| Record Subscriptions | \$225.00 | \$90.00 | -\$135.00 |
| Gala Income | \$2,645.00 | \$0.00 | -\$2,645.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$7,370.00 | \$2,178.00 | -\$5,192.00 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | | |
| Record Expenses | \$6,000.00 | \$407.30 | \$5,592.70 |
| Administrative | \$225.00 | \$72.80 | \$152.20 |
| Gala | \$1,750.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,750.00 |
| Web Site | \$690.00 | \$0.00 | \$690.00 |
| Postage | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$8,965.00 | \$480.10 | \$8,484.90 |
| Ending Balance | | \$4,310.34 | |

COMMITTEE CALENDAR
FOR MARCH 2007

MVCCA Board-SUPV Thursday, March 8, 2007 | 7:30 pm

| Date/Day/Time | Comm | Place | Chair | Phone |
|---------------|-------|-----------|------------------|--------------|
| 2/21 W 7:30 | BUDG | WWMS L | George Bauer | 703.768.1774 |
| 3/6 T 7:30 | COAF | WWMS PC | Queenie Cox | 703.360.2414 |
| 2/21 W 7:30 | EDUC | WWMS L | Judy Harbeck | 703.780.1883 |
| 3/7 W 7:30 | | WWMS L | | |
| 3/7 W 7:30 | ENVR | MVHSE114 | Larry Zaragoza | 703.447.1288 |
| 3/6 T 7:30 | H/HS | IMVH-Engh | Louise Cleveland | 703.780.9151 |
| 3/5 M 7:30 | PL/Z | WWMS-LH | Jay Spiegel | 703.619.0101 |
| 3/1 Th 7:30 | PSAF | MVGC-3 | Dallas Shawkey | 703.360.2185 |
| 3/5 M 7:30 | SCAWH | WHECC | Jojo Shifflett | 703.704.9222 |
| 3/5 M 8:00 | TRANS | WWMS L | Frank Cohn | 703.780.5698 |

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Mount Vernon District 20th Annual MVCCA Gala

Saturday, April 21, 2007

5:00 p.m. at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club

You are cordially invited to attend the 20th Annual MVCCA Gala as we celebrate the 2007 Citizen of the Year for the Mount Vernon District and recognize an outstanding nonprofit organization for their longtime contribution to the Mount Vernon District.

TICKETS: \$35.00 per person

Ticket price includes coffee, tea, iced tea, appetizers, salad, entrées & dessert!

Payment will be accepted at the Feb. 28 and March 28 Council meetings. Payment in advance is recommended.

Seats will be limited to 175 this year, so make your reservation early. Anyone can reserve a ticket by payment at the Feb. 28 Council meeting whether you received an E-vite or not.

2007 Citizen of the Year: Mack Rhoades

2007 Organization of the Year: INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary

PROGRAM

5:00 – 6:15 pm Social Hour With Cash Bar/Silent Auction Bids

6:15 – 6:30 pm Seating & Salad Served

6:30 – 7:15 pm Buffet-Style Dinner

7:15 – 7:30 pm Master of Ceremonies Introductions, etc.

7:30 – 8:00 pm Citizen/Organization of the Year Presentations

8:00 – 8:30 pm Guest Speakers (TBD)

8:30 pm Silent Auction

If you haven't yet made up your mind to attend MVCCA's Annual Gala to honor the Mount Vernon Citizen and Organization of the Year, the MVCCA's First Annual Silent Auction may help. The silent auction will be held during the reception. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on special and unusual items. The following is the first confirmation list of items that will be available for bidding. The second confirmation list will be published in the March Record. The final listing of auction items will be available at the gala. So, make plans to attend! If you would like to make a donation for the silent auction, please contact Queenie Cox via e-mail at queenecox@aol.com or by phone at 703-360-2414.

- Lunch with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly
- Lunch with Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland
- Lunch with Mt. Vernon School Board Member & Chairman Dan Storck
- Lunch with Mt. Vernon Police Station Commander Capt. Mike Kline
- Three books signed by Mt. Vernon resident and author Michael Bohm
- Ride-a-long experience with Mt. Vernon Police
- One dozen red roses in a vase - donated by Sunflower Florist (Beacon Mall)
- Ten tickets to Six Flags America donated by the Mt. Vernon Voice
- Wyndham Hotel, Roanoke, Va.
- DoubleTree Guest Suites, an all-suite hotel
801 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.,
within walking distance to the Kennedy Center
donated by Evie Davidson, Director of Sales
- DoubleTree Hotel Crystal City-National Airport
donated by Tyrone Ingram, Business Travel Sales Manager
- Embassy Suites Hotel Crystal City-National Airport
donated by Tyrone Ingram, Business Travel Sales Manager
- Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, Flushing, N.Y.
donated by Sonia JT Saleh, Director of Sales & Marketing
- AKA Korman Communities, an all-suite hotel
1710 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.,
within walking distance of the Old Ebbitt Grill and White House
donated by Scott Foster, Director of Government Business

An E-vite was sent out to MVCCA presidents, authorized representatives, committee representatives and Mount Vernon District appointees on Feb. 19 to allow a two-week early registration period for members associated with the MVCCA. Payment for these reservations must be made to Tonda Phalen no later than the March 28 Council meeting. Traditional invites will be going out the first week of March to those not included in the E-vite.

The MVCCA 20th Annual Gala will definitely be a great event this year as we bring the Mount Vernon District together to honor our Citizen of the Year/Organization of the Year and enjoy an evening of fun for everyone. Coat and Tie/Evening Attire.

For any questions pertaining to the gala, please call Gala Chairman Chris Granger at 703-768-1936 or MVCCA Co-Chair Jerry Ireland at 703-768-6923.

Dues Past Due!

On Nov. 15, 2006, MVCCA dues information and applications for 2007 were sent to all association treasurers of record or to the billing contact otherwise indicated on last year's form. All renewals are due Jan. 1, 2007.

As of Feb. 11, 2007, MVCCA has received renewals from only the following associations: Belle Haven, Belle View Condo, Berkshire, Collingwood Springs, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside, Forest View, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Hollindale, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Mobile Home Residents, Mount Vernon Square, Mount Woodley Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Olde Belhaven Town, River Towers Condo, Sherwood Estates, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor NORTH, and Woodlawn Manor.

Associations that still have not paid 2007 dues as of March 1 will NOT be allowed to vote at General Council or committee meetings. Additionally, the March Record will not be sent to any member of delinquent associations.

Questions regarding membership or membership status should be addressed to MVCCA Treasurer Tonda Phalen at tonda1@aol.com or 703-768-7091. Please send all applications and dues payments to: MVCCA Treasurer, P.O. Box 203, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-0203.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this very important matter.