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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday July 25, 2007, 8:00 PM

South County Center Rm. 221
8350 Richmond Highway

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- Approval of Secretary's Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Co-chairs Report

PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

- Member Association Representatives Time
- Mt. Vernon Supervisor's Time
- Other Elected Reps and Public Time

ADJOURNMENT

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PL/Z		
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	Jim Walton	703-780-9555
SCAWH		

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The next meeting of the Council will be on July 25 in Rm 221 of the So. County Center on Rte. 1
There will be an election for a new Co-chair at this meeting. Queenie Cox has withdrawn and David Dale remains the candidate. Nominations will also be taken from the floor prior to the election.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING.....JUNE 27, 2007
MINUTES**

PRESIDING -- Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier.
ATTENDING -- Co-chairs Dan Fisher-Burrier, Dan Rinzel; Committee chairs Louise Cleveland, Frank Cohn, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, Rob Johansson, Dallas Shawkey, Larry Zaragoza; SFDC Rep Tom Hook; Editor Chris Granger; Secretary Carol Coyle. Associations: Belle Haven Terrace, Calvert Park, Collingwood on the Potomac, Crosspointe, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Sherwood Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, UVKC, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor, Woodley Estates.

MINUTES – Re: Resolution on North Hill: Sheldon Hoenig raised the point that, once the substitute resolution was amended and approved, a second vote should have been taken on the resolution, and there was not; however, since no point of order was raised at the time, the vote stands. (Robert's Rules of Order)) The position of the MVCCA Council is to support the compromise of building out the 11 acres under current zoning of R-MHP and retaining the balance of the property (22 acres, including the 6+ acres zoned C-8) as parkland. (No motion to reconsider the vote was advanced or acted on.)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Approved as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget and Finance** – Resolution on tax abatement. No July or August meetings unless one becomes necessary.
- Consumer Affairs** – No meeting this month or in July or August. Invitation has gone out to prospective bookstore requesting they consider locating in the Mount Vernon District.
- Education** – Joint meeting with Health and Human Services (q.v.). No meeting in July or August unless one becomes necessary.
- Environment and Recreation** – Minutes as published. Next meeting July 3.

Health and Human Services – Joint meeting with Education (q.v.)

Cleveland noted an important step in hospital planning, worth following closely. The Inova Mount Vernon Hospital CEO Barbara Doyle has reported to the Southeast Health Planning Task Force on progress toward offering a new service, a 50-bed Acute Care Specialty Unit within IMVH that would extend the continuum of care available there, fill a critical need for such care in Northern Virginia, and optimize use of med/surg capacity at IMVH. Inova Health System has submitted a "letter of intent" to the Commonwealth to pursue the Certificate of Public Need process, the start of an extended approval process that involves state and federal governments. The chair also called attention to the focus of two joint MVCCA committee meetings, one on mental health resources for children (see long report in June Record) and one anticipated in July on all hazards disaster preparedness.

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. Sheldon Hoenig drew our attention to the Zoning Ordinance Amendment to allow PODS; his concern is that, if this is approved as expected, there will be no control over color or writing/graphics.

Public Safety – Minutes as published. Capt. Kline of the Mount Vernon Police Station was our speaker in June and reported on crime and safety for the last year. The combined HHS/PS committees will meet on July 10 to begin addressing disaster preparedness. Enough people have signed up to fill a first session of Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). Additional sessions will be scheduled if more training is asked for. Contact Dallas Shawkey (703-360-2185) if you have people who will take the training. David Dale reminded that each home should have a supply of water and a battery-operated radio in case of emergency.

Transportation – Minutes as published.

Affordable and Workforce Housing Minutes as published. John Jeszensky, acting for SCAWH chair JoJo Schiflett, announced cancellation of the June meeting but scheduling of the next meeting for July 26, 7 p.m., MV Gov. Ctr.

SFDC – SFDC talking to grocery chains about locating in the Mount Vernon area. Plans are in the works for a 25th anniversary celebration at Belle Haven Country Club.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT

Condolences have been extended to committee chair JoJo Shiflett on the death of her father, Joe, and to the families of Dick Whitehouse (long-time member of Transportation Committee) and Eleanor Kennedy (former activist on behalf of homeless and low-income people in the Mount Vernon area). Website Policies and Procedures were passed at the June Board Meeting.

Resignations of Co-chair Jerry Ireland and Planning & Zoning Chair Jay Spiegel will necessitate election of a third co-chair and appointment of a new committee chair.

Fort Hunt Park Summer Concerts are continuing thanks to the fund-raising spear-headed by The Voice; excess funds will be carried over to next summer. Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier

suggested that neighborhood associations consider including a donation in their budgets to continue these concerts.

Guest speaker at the July Council meeting will be the GW Parkway Public Affairs Officer.

Co-chairs, Treasurer, and Secretary are elected officers of MVCCA, a chartered non-stock corporation under Virginia code Sec 13, Title 10; as such it is our responsibility to enforce the by-laws of the organization.

By-laws review committee is reviewing the by-laws and their recommendations will be presented soon.

Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) has hired the engineering firm Greenhorne & O'Mara and architectural firm Cunningham + Quill to plan the redevelopment of the property. Contracts expect to be ratified in July. It is now incumbent upon P&Z and E&R to see how we can participate in the process. Supervisor Hyland confirmed that he and the RHA will set up public meetings.

Neal McBride provided Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier with a guided tour of new development in South County.

RESOLUTIONS

B&F Urging extension of the Fairfax County Real Estate Tax Abatement Program past its September 1 deadline. This impacts the JPI development at Kings Crossing. Abatement is applied to added value, not total value. No area of Fairfax County has had more benefit from this program than the Route 1 Corridor. Resolution approved 30-0-2.

E&R Rezoning and Special Exception Amendment (Huntington Mews) – RZ 2006 MV-031

Ms. Inda Stagg from Walsh Colucci explained that this development has already been approved by the County but that, with the re-defining (after the flooding of Cameron Run) of the flood plain, the developer (KB Homes) acquired an adjacent piece of land and relocated or eliminated homes. The new plan results in less fill, better water detention, less impact on the area than the previous plan. Resolution approved 30-0-1.

P&Z Rezoning and Special Exception Amendment (Huntington Mews) - RZ 2006 MV-031

Re: therefore #1..... "subject to.....proffers," Mr. Hoenig commented that there is no way of controlling the proffers; Ms. Stagg replied that proffers have been agreed to and implemented. Motion to amend the resolution by deleting that language ("subject to acceptance.....June 1, 2007") passed 30-2-0. Resolution passed 31-1-1.

P&Z 1111 "I" Street Resolution approved 25-2-2.

TR Reagan National Airport Air Traffic Stability. Amendment to strike the word "Northern" from the 'resolved' was accepted by the maker as a friendly amendment. Amendment to change wording of next-to-last Whereas to read "Senators..... offered amendments to the FAA....." was also accepted as a friendly amendment. Resolution passed 27-2-3.

TR Richmond Highway Corridor Funding Requirements. Amendment to add "and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority" to the first "Resolved" was accepted by the maker as a friendly amendment. Resolution passed 25-5-1.

BUDGET Did not meet in July

CONSUMER AFFAIRS Did not meet in July

EDUCATION Did not meet in July

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE JULY 3, 2007

Representatives present included: Mount Vernon Farms, Spring Bank, Wessynton, Collingwood Springs, Collingwood on the Potomac, Williamsburg Manor, Hunting Creek Club Apartments, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Hollin Hall Village, Wellington Heights, and Mt Zephyr Citizens Association.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

Presentation by Eleanor Quigley, Tree Commissioner, Mount Vernon District Eleanor Quigley, Tree Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District made a presentation to the E&R Committee on Trees and the Tree Action Plan, which has set a goal of 45% tree canopy cover. At present, Fairfax County is at 41% canopy cover. However, even if aggressive action is taken to preserve trees, planned development is expected to result in a decline in tree canopy cover down to 37%. The critical issue for the future of tree cover will lie in how the County implements an ordinance on tree cover. Because of the Dillon rule, we expect that we will need support from the Virginia legislature to establish an ordinance that would support a good level of tree canopy coverage. The Committee also discussed the importance of trees in various developments and other topics with Ms. Quigley.

Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Recycling News

The new regulations require recycling for businesses and apartments and condos. This is good news for recycling. The committee was urged to visit the County website and review recycling requirements at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling>

Fort Belvoir BRAC

The committee reviewed and updated a resolution that was previously adopted. The resolution was adopted in anticipation of the release of the Final EIS for Fort Belvoir. Following the release of the Final EIS, a Record of Decision will be issued, which will outline which of the alternatives and mitigation measures will be selected. The resolution passed unanimously.

North Hill

Two votes were passed relative to this resolution. First was a vote on the resolution. The resolution passed. The second vote related to IX (7) of the Bylaws. The Committee resolved that should the resolution be rejected by the Board of Directors, the E&R Chair demand publication of the resolution in the Record.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES/ PUBLIC SAFETY JOINT MEETING

The PS and H/HS Committees met jointly on Tuesday, July 10, 7:30 p.m., at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Conference Room, with 15 committee members (8 HHS and 7 PS), representing a total of 13 MVCCA member associations: Collingwood on Potomac, Gum Springs, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic (2), Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on Potomac Sec. 4 (2), Southwood, Tauxemont, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North. MVCCA Co-chair Dan Rinzel was present as liaison to the Council. Three additional interested citizens (including Al Bornmann, MV District Rep to the county Citizen Corps Council) and our two invited guest resources completed a total attendance of 21.

Preparing Communities for Major Emergencies (All Hazards Preparedness)

This month the committees begin a focus on “Major Emergency Preparation: What are our County, Households, and Neighborhoods doing?” (The title All Hazards Preparedness is becoming the generally used phrase.) These Emergencies include weather (major storms and floods), major accidents (train or airplane crash), pandemic disease outbreak, and acts of terrorism (explosion, nuclear, and biological). We anticipate an ongoing need, perhaps quarterly, for additional informational meetings. This meeting focused on an overview of current *County* and *household preparedness*; our representatives foresee a leadership role for MVCCA member associations in extending the effectiveness of both kinds through *neighborhood* planning and training.

Major Emergency Preparation, 21st Century-style, requires us to let go of fears and myths that become obstacles to effective planning and mutual aid at the neighborhood level, several of which came under discussion: (1) fears of wide-ranging potential threats—from natural disasters to terrorist attacks to pandemic diseases—paralyze many, despite available information about simple and effective household preparations that can mitigate damage and disruption; (2) others assume well-trained County professionals, especially in public safety and health, can assist everyone, quickly, in any circumstances, despite repeated warnings to prepare personal plans for either quick evacuation or shelter-in-place up to five days, depending on circumstances; (3) some count on personal resources alone, ignoring the benefits of neighborhood planning and cooperation—identifying trained volunteers, locating nearby tools and resources that can be shared, and building reliable communications that can reach everyone quickly.

Fairfax County’s Office of Emergency Management

Ellen Kamilakis, Volunteer and Public Education Coordinator for the *Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)* provided a basic overview of Fairfax County organizational and communications initiatives intended to strengthen the capacity for response to community emergencies of all kinds. September 11, 2001, and other kinds of events such as Katrina awakened a new awareness of the need for coordinated response among 23 jurisdictions in the National Capital Area. Fairfax County is investing heavily in the new

Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC) and has already undertaken large changes in equipment, procedures, and training, in order to achieve “interoperability” among public agencies and cooperation with essential nonprofit private partners such as Red Cross and area hospitals. Both the publicly available basic plan for the Office of Emergency Management, and the more detailed and restricted information for public safety purposes, are now reviewed and revised periodically to capture “lessons learned” from both real disasters around the world and from regular local training exercises and scenarios. The OEM also supports the Fairfax County Citizen Corps (FCCC) programs (see www.fairfaxcountycitizen corps.org). Of key importance for neighborhoods is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills such as fire suppression, light search and rescue, basic first aid and disaster psychology and helps them take a more active role in emergency preparedness. Mount Vernon FCCC Council rep Al Bornmann distributed printed information on recent activities. The basic 3-step message is “Citizens should stay informed, have a kit, and have a plan.” The committees asked numerous questions on communications, re the County’s secure channels for communications among “command posts,” and also on “reverse 911” and the ability to generate effective warnings and broadcast information to the citizens via the Citizen Emergency Alert Network (CEAN). Committee members commented on the need for more cell towers for consistent coverage throughout our area and on other problems in relying on cell phones and internet phone services for emergency communications.

Red Cross Resources for Personal/Household Preparedness

Les Bennett, Business Development Outreach Education and Training for the *American Red Cross (ARC) of the National Capital Area*, emphasized their basic 5-step approach to individual and household preparation for emergencies: “Make a plan, build a kit, get trained, volunteer, give blood.” He provided samples of ARC brochures developed for both basic household use (Five Actions for Emergency Preparedness) and for often-neglected aspects such as preparing for pet care. Bennett emphasize that the Plan should identify a trusted person outside the area whom each family member can call if any members get separated. The “kit” for each family member—a backpack or suitcase—should be personalized. “Get trained” is a mission for the Red Cross; neighborhoods should look into regularly scheduled classes at Fort Belvoir or contact Bennett for setting up trainings for neighborhood organizations or businesses. Additional training and equipment can be provided to show an organization—a local church, business, or community civic organization—how to set up and run a local short-term emergency shelter. (The Capital Area chapter provides shelter for roughly 550 local emergencies per year, chiefly fires displacing those in single-family homes, in addition to coordinating with disaster response in other areas.) “Save a Life Saturday” on Sept. 15 (more below, under Public Meetings) will provide a countywide opportunity for vital training through a wide choice of short courses. CERT has a 38-hour “first responder” program. Red Cross reviews preparedness programs developed by others; Bennett will request copies of one developed recently for neighborhood planning in Seattle and share these with MVCCA.

More Resources for Neighborhood Initiatives

Available on display were sample kits sold by the Red Cross and an example of a personalized one built by H/HS rep Mary Jane Cathers, as well Cathers’s complete manual for family or neighborhood use compiled from selected internet sources. A wallet-sized “Z” card (from www.makeaplan.org) provides brief practical advice, a space for listing contacts for personal/household plans, and web/phone listings for National Capital Area agencies and other resources. Copies were distributed to those attending the meeting and will be available at the July Council Meeting. The Public Safety Committee is working to make CERT training available in the Mount Vernon District this fall.

July MVCCA Council Meeting:

Additional information from the Joint Meeting will be provided by the HHS and PS Chairs to the Council during its July 25 meeting.

Public Meetings re H/HS and PS Concerns:

August: No MVCCA HHS or PS Committee Meetings scheduled

Tuesday, September 4, MVCCA Health & Human Services Committee, 7:30 pm, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Engh Conf. Room (2nd floor), focus: Update on operations and planning for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and Lorton Healthplex, with guest IMVH CEO and Inova VP Barbara Doyle. H/HS Chair Cleveland 703 780-9151.

Thursday, September 6, MVCCA Public Safety Committee, 7:30 pm, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, Community Rm. #3.

Saturday, Sept. 15, Save a Life Saturday, all day event, 8 am registration at George Marshall High School, Falls Church. Emergency training classes include Red Cross certification (for preteen babysitters, CPR etc.), pet care, weather disasters, small business plans, etc. Additional Information will be available at our September meetings. It is also expected that complete information will be put on the Red Cross website (www.redcrossnca.org) later this month.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, Southeast Health Planning Task Force, MV Gov Center (Supervisor’s Office), 7 pm, quarterly meeting. For update on scheduling, call Chair Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

Thursday, Sept. 27, Route One Task Force for Human Services, 7 pm, South County Center, Dpty County Exec Verdia Haywood reports progress of the “blue-ribbon” Beeman Commission, charged with making recommendations on mental health needs and resources.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee was held at the So.County Government Center on Rte 1 on June 9. In attendance were representatives from Engleside, Hollin Hall, Huntington Community Assoc., Montebello, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Civic, Newington, Potomac Valley, Sherwood Hall, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sec IV, Wessynton CA, Williamsburg Manor North, Lynne Strobel, presenter, Gary Goodweather, developer, Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan, Dan Fisher-Burrier, Co-chair, and 5 interested citizens.

The COMMITTEE Reports

The first order of business was a presentation by Sheldon Hoenig on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment governing PODS (Portable On Demand Storage). The presentation gave an overview of the amendments to be added to the Zoning Ordinance and the difference between the recommendations of the County Staff and the Advertised Scope giving more latitude to the Board of Supervisors than the County Staff recommendations. The presentation covered the proposed size, location on site, number of days allowed on site which differs between detached dwellings and attached or multifamily. Color and size of signage was also discussed. The committee reviewed a resolution on PODS which passed the committee. The committee thanked Mr. Hoenig for his presentation and thorough examination of the facts.

The Committee then evaluated a presentation by Lynn Strobel of Walsh Colucci on behalf of their client regarding a proposed Drive-in Bank at the location of Rte 1 and Fort Hunt Road. This presentation was for informational purposes only. The Drive-in Bank, unidentified at this time, will require a Special Exception for the drive-in and building in a flood plain. The Committee raised several questions ranging from ingress-egress to screening and parking. This will come back to the Committee when a site plan is developed. No resolution resulted.

A second informational presentation by Lynn Strobel concerned the Leatherland Property on Telegraph Road. Responding to input from communities and County Staff, including the Urban Forestry Division and Mt. Vernon Tree Commissioner, Eleanor Quigley, the original plan for 13 homes was reduced to 12 to preserve more open space and tree cover. The Committee discussed matters of concern and were basically pleased with the progress since the last presentation on behalf of Carr Homes. This project will come back to the Committee when a final site plan is submitted and it may go before the E&R Committee for evaluation. No resolution resulted.

The third presentation by Ms. Strobel concerned the OTO Hampton Inn & Suites (Hilton Hotels) proposal in an Historic Overlay District. The developer and architects were present to answer questions along with the site engineer. Questions were limited to the scope of the Woodlawn HOD Guidelines which cover landscaping, tree save, design, materials, signage, lighting, parking and other impervious surfaces. The longest discussion of the evening, with excellent questions and recommendations from member architects, resulted in the Committee instructing the presiding chair to write a memo of testimony for the upcoming ARB (Architectural Review Board) public hearing on July 12 by voice consensus at the end of the meeting. In addition a resolution was introduced by Sheldon Hoenig recommending that the structure make more use of brick and eliminate as much stucco as possible. This resolution was passed but later withdrawn due to the timeliness of the July 12 hearing. It was made clear the memo of testimony reflected only the opinions of the P&Z Committee and not a resolve of the Council. Under the guideline of preserving as much existing vegetation and trees (and in conformance with the County's new mandate on 45% tree cover) the developer was proud to announce the tree save initiative outside the RPA (Resource Protection Area). Planning Commissioner, Earl Flanagan raised several questions including ingress/egress issues under guidelines 5.1-5.2 and gave a brief history of other buildings in the Woodlawn HOD including the Roy Rogers.

This memo is posted on the MVCCA website. During the discussions on PODS the question of Residential Parking Districts was raised and the Chair advised that the Council had passed a resolution in 2006 advocating adoption of Sec. 46.2-1222.1 of the State Code to allow a uniform application of parking restrictions on certain vehicles throughout the County. Planning Commissioner Flanagan affirmed it had gone to the Fairfax Federation but no action has yet been taken by the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC SAFETY and H/HS held a joint meeting in July (See minutes from HHS/PS in this issue)

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee met at 8 PM on July 2, 2007 in the multi-purpose room of the Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Mr. Dan Fisher-Burrier, Co-Chair, MVCCA; Mr. Earl Flanagan, Planning Commissioner, Mount Vernon District; and representatives of 19 member organizations (Belle Haven, Berkshire, Collingwood Springs, Gum Springs, Hunting Creek Club Apartments, Marlan Forest, Milway Meadows, Montebello, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Alexandria, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wessynton, Woodland Park); one interested citizen; and the chair.

The Committee noted the passing of long-time member Richard E. Whitehouse, who represented Potomac Valley-Riverbend. Colendances went to the family of Mr. Whitehouse. Alexander Lee of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project briefed the Committee on its current posture. The project's work at the US Route #1 intersection is 80% complete and at the Telegraph intersection 10% complete; overall the project continues to be on time and on budget. The bike path between the Hampton Inn on Route #1, and leading to the George Washington Parkway deck, will remain closed for another year while cross ramps are worked on. Bikers will be able to cross Route #1 at Fort Hunt, as well as at Huntington. The pedestrian crossing at the Route #1/Huntington Avenue intersection will be moved to the South side, per the Committee's recommendation. There will be two lanes on southbound Route #1 for a left turn at Huntington, however, traffic exiting from the Beltway will be forced to use the jug handle, to avoid crossing driving lanes within a short distance. The arrangements at the Route #1/Fort Hunt Road intersection, northbound were discussed. The timing of the traffic signals while approaching the intersection from the prior traffic light and the markings at the intersection require improvement. The Church Street exit from the Beltway will not be made available until the Summer or Fall of '08. Alex Lee promised to brief the Committee again in the future as work at the Telegraph interchange progresses.

A resolution developed by the Hunting Creek Club Apartments community, to conduct a detailed traffic study for Huntington Avenue, was considered by the Committee. It was proposed that the resolution be routed directly from the Community to the Supervisor without the requirement for MVCCA action. The Committee unanimously supported the sense of the resolution.

The Committee considered a resolution addressing changes in the Comprehensive Plan, which so far have not been accepted by the County staff. The Resolution was approved by a vote of 18 For, 0 Against and 2 Abstentions. The Resolution is printed elsewhere in the Record.

The Committee was apprised of a public hearing at the County Government Center at 4 PM on August 6, 2007 pertaining to the Fairfax County \$17 million portion of the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program. It was suggested that a foot bridge over Dogue Creek on Route #1 might be nominated. On another item, truck traffic across Giles Run Bridge on Lorton Road exceeds the posted weight limitations for the bridge. Our resolution on Apple Orchard Road is interwoven with this situation. The Newington Forest representative will continue to monitor this problem.

The Committee was updated on a number of issues. (1) The Park Service has replied to our letter concerning the Belle View Boulevard entrance to the Parkway. The options presented were first, the development of acceleration lanes at a divided highway, which was supported by our Committee and secondly, a prohibition of left turns which would pose a real problem for the affected communities. The Chair was instructed to reply.

(2) Our Resolution on Reagan National Air Traffic Stability was approved by the MVCCA Council with a vote of 27:2:3; and our Resolution on Funding Requirements for Richmond Highway was approved with a vote of 25:5:1. (3) Delegate Amundson advised that she will consider our Resolution on Sidewalk Construction as she prepares for the next session of the Virginia Assembly. (4) A meeting between Schooley Drive residents, the Supervisor and the Chair is awaiting scheduling by the Supervisor. (5) The paving of Adrian Drive in Southwood was a surprise for the Community; the Committee has not received any paving schedule from VDOT for the current year. (6) Ditches near bus stops on Fort Hunt Road present a safety problem; follow-up will be required.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be scheduled for 8 PM on the 2nd Monday of September, in view of Labor Day; place of meeting and agenda to be announced.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

There was no meeting in June. [Due to family and business pressures Jojo Shiflett submitted her resignation. We thank Jojo for all her hard work with the Committee.]

The Committee meets again on July 26 at the Mount Vernon Government Center

The Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication by committee members. For the more than 100 members contributing of their time and energy on behalf of their communities and the Mt. Vernon District, a reception in their honor is planned in early fall. The bylaws require approval of an expense greater than \$100 unless already included in the MVCCA Budget. You will be asked to vote on approval of an expenditure of \$200 at the next Council Meeting.

The North Hill Resolution passed May, 2007 by the MVCCA

North Hill Redevelopment

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) has expressed longstanding support for (1) revitalization and development countywide that includes Affordable and Workforce housing appropriate to current and long-term needs; and (2) maintenance and enhancement of environmental quality and recreational access throughout the Mount Vernon District and in particular at the 35 acre tract of land known as North Hill; and

WHEREAS, approximately 11 acres (the 11 acres) located at the Southeast corner of North Hill are currently zoned R-MHP, and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Housing Authority has publicly announced it intends to develop the North Hill property including affordable housing and is committed to a public dialogue period to gain insight into community desires prior to the site design; and

WHEREAS, the MVCCA prefers that an appropriate number of homes be constructed on the 11 acres, so that adequate affordable and workforce housing is provided there; and

WHEREAS, North Hill was acquired through condemnation proceedings for low to moderate housing needs with the representation made to the Federal Government that North Hill would be redeveloped with low to moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, the RHA may develop North Hill by right, with affordable homes on the 11 acres and some related HUD-permitted use (such as a safe, usable neighborhood park maintained and made accessible to low to moderate income residents on the remaining 24 acres); and

WHEREAS, the need for parkland and open space along Richmond Highway is a well-recognized public concern, and the development of North Hill would include at a minimum

24 acres (over one million square feet) of community focused park; and

WHEREAS, Woodley Hills Estates, the manufactured home community most directly affected and adjacent to North Hill, favors completion of Phase II of the redevelopment plan for North Hill with manufactured housing, thus completing the community redevelopment promised by Fairfax County officials in 1986, with the remaining acreage of North Hill to be redeveloped as a usable community park, permitting preservation of significant existing tree cover; and

WHEREAS, since the RHA will not submit a specific plan of redevelopment for North Hill, until such time as there has been appropriate public input with respect to the planning, the MVCCA reserves the right to provide comments with regard thereto, including with respect to environmental issues such as, for example, storm water and open space issues; and LEED design; and

WHEREAS, officials of the RHA have publicly stated that they wish to receive comments from community members in a public meeting process before a site plan for development of the 11 acres is completed; and

WHEREAS, through a series of meetings with various affected groups including the Woodley Hills Estates, and others, a compromise has been advanced to develop affordable housing on that tract zoned R-MHP and retain the balance of the acreage as a passive recreational park for the benefit of the public and endorsed by the Mt. Vernon District Supervisor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA supports construction of no more than 66 manufactured homes in the 11 acres of North Hill, provided final site plans are acceptable to the Woodley Hills Estates and other adjacent communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MVCCA continues to promote the protection of park space on North Hill by urging the Board of Supervisors to request that at least 24 acres (over one-million square feet) of North Hill be redeveloped into a community-focused park protecting existing tree cover and serving the needs of local residents and the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MVCCA reserves the right to provide comments concerning the site plan to be created on behalf of the RHA with regard to the

to the specific plan of redevelopment of North Hill, pursuant to a public meeting process.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the MVCCA supports the by-right redevelopment of the approximately 11 acres of North Hill currently zoned R-MHP into a planned manufactured home community while redeveloping the remaining acres, including the portion zoned C-8, as a usable community park

JULY RESOLUTIONS

Fort Belvoir BRAC Resolution (E&R)

WHEREAS, the National Capital Area does not meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and fine particles and while the analysis in the draft EIS identifies significant increases in emissions associated with the BRAC action resulting from increases in traffic emissions and other sources associated with the actions at Fort Belvoir;

WHEREAS, data summarized in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shows that this proposed BRAC action will increase jobs by 22,000, which could double the number of people on Fort Belvoir when contractors are included;

WHEREAS, the draft EIS estimates Fort Belvoir related increases in traffic in the areas surrounding Fort Belvoir by 10% to over 30% for various roads, which will also increase the number of vehicles and related pollution;

WHEREAS, multiple elected officials from Northern Virginia have requested that the Fort Belvoir BRAC include acquisition of the General Services Administration (GSA) warehouse facility so that the workers at that facility would have access to the Metro Blue line and congestion could be eased for the employees of Engineering Proving Ground;

WHEREAS, new residents to the Mount Vernon area will be adding to school, roads and other infrastructure demands yet Fort Belvoir is exempt from state and local taxes, so that they will not be contributing to the construction of local services needed by the new employees that come to Fort Belvoir;

The COMMITTEE Resolutions

WHEREAS, the Fort Belvoir Base Master Plan is not being updated to provide a reasonably comprehensive picture of the actions to be taken as a result of this draft EIS, which will eliminate environmentally sensitive lands and remove critical habitat for threatened, rare, and other wildlife on the Fort Belvoir;

WHEREAS, Figure 2-1 of the draft EIS shows over 3000 acres of environmentally sensitive land that would be labeled as Professional/Institutional;

WHEREAS, the draft EIS states environmentally sensitive lands labeled Open Space or "Community" "would continue to have all the regulatory protections in place" (ES-2), is silent about protection of environmentally sensitive land labeled Professional/Institutional and suggests on page 1-10 "relocating stream channels rather than filling or channelizing", which is contrary to the Chesapeake Bay Act and other Federal law which protects the streams and watersheds on Fort Belvoir;

WHEREAS, cleanup activities are underway to address chemical contamination and unexploded ordinance,

WHEREAS, while the waterways of the Mount Vernon area are in fair to poor condition (not meeting water quality standards), the draft EIS does not affirmatively state that Fairfax County regulations that would be required of any private developer, such as the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act regulations, will be followed by the BRAC actions at Fort Belvoir;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the many comments offered in response to the draft EIS be addressed in implementing the BRAC action. In particular, the MVCCA recommends that Smart Growth principles be considered in assessing and considering options for transportation needs for the workers at Fort Belvoir with the recommendation that the implemented options effectively employ environmentally sensitive mass transit options to move employees to and from their place of work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) request to the Fort Belvoir Commander that an advisory committee be established on

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the streams and watersheds located in Fort Belvoir be labeled accurately consistent with the protections under the Chesapeake Bay Act and other Federal and State laws that protect the existing stream beds from the effects of development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Defense (DOD) be required to follow all federal, state and local regulations, such as regulations related to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act that any private developer would need to follow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ft. Belvoir's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) include a provision requiring coordination with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the BOS work with the Virginia Congressional Delegation to seek funding to mitigate impacts of the BRAC action on the environment and work with Congress to direct the DOD to mitigate impacts before increases in personnel are moved to Fort Belvoir.

¹Smart Growth is being defined as EPA has described where communities across the country are using creative strategies to develop in ways that preserve natural lands and critical environmental areas, protect water and air quality, and reuse already-developed land. They conserve resources by reinvesting in existing infrastructure and reclaiming historic buildings.

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PODS (Portable On Demand Storage) Resolution (Planning and Zoning)

WHEREAS, Fairfax County proposes a zoning-ordinance amendment to regulate the placement and configuration of temporary storage containers or pods in residential districts; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Committee supports the adoption of this amendment with the changes recommended below.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Supervisors adopt the following three recommendations.

1. That the sides and roof of the pod be a low-tone color in order to reduce the visibility of the pod in the neighborhood.

2. That the pod be placed a certain number of feet from the curb similar to the requirement for installing permanent basketball stanchions in the front yards.

3. That the cumulative maximum square feet of signage on the walls of the pod be limited to 4 square feet which is the size of "for rent" "for sale", and vendor signs permitted in residential districts.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: the County staff has recommended changes to the transportation text and figures in the detailed Area Plans of the Comprehensive Plan, and

WHEREAS: the County Planning Commission has endorsed the staff recommendations for the Board of Supervisors to adopt in the near future, and

WHEREAS: the following three changes desired by the residents of affected communities and requested by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations are not included:

Text that calls for a study previously approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors that addresses a need for direct access of heavy truck traffic to the Trash Incinerator and landfill from I-95 near Furnace Road, and

Drawings that maintain Huntington Avenue as a primary undivided 4 lane avenue, and

Drawings that eliminate plans for a grade separated intersection at Huntington Avenue and Richmond Highway, as recommended by the Steering Committee of the recently completed Route #1 Location Study.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations request the Board of Supervisors, when approving changes to the Transportation Plan in the Comprehensive Plan, add an outcall on Drawing LP2, that a Citizen Task Force be appointed and assisted by County staff, to develop recommendations for intersection improvements near Furnace Road and I-95, for the direct access of trash trucks to the incinerator and landfills, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the current representation of Huntington Avenue as a primarily undivided avenue be retained in Figure MV3 on the revised Comprehensive Plan, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED: that the Comprehensive Plan be changed to delete a planned grade separated intersection at Huntington Avenue and Richmond Highway based on the rejection of a grade separated interchange by the recently completed Route #1 Location Study Steering Committee.

Come and vote for your favorite candidate for Co-chair at the July 25, 2007 General Council meeting. The election will be held right after a talk by the Public Affairs Director for the U. S. Park Authority. The candidates have been asked to give a short 1-3 minute speech prior to voting. This is a very important election and consideration should be given to supporting that candidate you feel is most appropriate in promoting a collegial and supportive contribution to the work of the Council. Queenie Cox has withdrawn as a candidate and since nominations were not closed by the presiding chair at the last meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor prior to the election. This is the last meeting before September and we ask all presidents and authorized representatives to attend this important meeting before the summer recess. Your voice does make a difference!

Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations

Treasurer's Report

For Period from January 1, 2007 through July 12, 2007

	Budget 2007	Actual to Date	Budget/ Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$1,556.44	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ -180.00
Record Subscriptions	225.00	225.00	0.00
Gala Income	2,645.00	10,871.50	8,226.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,370.00	\$15,416.50	\$8,046.50
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expense	\$6,000.00	\$1,743.04	\$4,256.96
Administrative	225.00	124.94	100.06
Gala	1,750.00	6,418.03	-4,668.03
Web Site	690.00	270.00	420.00
Postage	300.00	200.00	100.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,965.00	\$8,756.01	\$ 208.99
BALANCE ENDING JULY 12TH 2007		\$8,216.93	

Committee Calendar for September 2007

MVCCA Board-SUPV Thursday Sept 13, 2007 7:30 PM

Date	Time	Comm	Place	Chair	Phone
7/26	7:30	SCAWH	MVCG		
TBA		COAF		Q. Cox	703-780-2414
9/04	7:30	H/HS	IMVH-Engh	L. Cleveland	703-780-9151
TBA		EDUC		J. Harbeck	703-780-1883
TBA		E&R		L.Zaragoza	703-447-1288
9/06	7:30	PSAF	IMVH-Engh	D. Shawkey	703-360-2185
9/10	8:00	TRANS	TBA	F. Cohn	703-780-5698
9/10	8:00	PL/Z	TBA		
TBA		BUDG			

Due to the summer recess not all meetings have been set. Please refer to the MVCCA Website (www.mvcca.org) for updates on meeting dates for September.

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Reminder that the July 25th meeting will be held in Rm. 221 of the So. County Government Center on Rte 1 8350 Richmond Hwy (across from NAPA) beginning at 8:00 PM.
There are no meetings in August