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PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

November 28, 2007, 8 p.m.
Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

MINUTES

PRESIDING – Co-chair Dan Rinzel

ATTENDING – Co-chairs David Dale, Dan Fisher-Burrier, Dan Rinzel; Committee chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, John McCormick, Debbie Sell-Pugh, David Voorhees, Larry Zaragoza; SFDC Rep Tom Hook; Editor Gretchen Schroeder; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle; Representatives from Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, New Alexandria, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, River Towers, Riverside Gardens, Sherwood Estates, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor, Woodley Hills.

MINUTES approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT accepted as printed. Tonda explained the numbers in the proposed 2008 budget; approved unanimously. She noted that the proposed budget as published has errors due to transposing of numbers; Should read: TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS Budget 2007 \$7,125.00; Actual 2007 \$11,353.55.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT

Because there have been requests for, and abuses of, Committee e-mail address lists, the Board discussed privacy issues and determined that these addresses will not be released except within each committee. Information of broad interest can be sent to Tonda who will distribute it (if appropriate) via listserv.

Revised by-laws will be published in the December Record. (*Editor's Note: The Board decided at the December 6 meeting to fully review the recommended by-law revisions before publishing them. They will be published in an upcoming edition of the Record.*)

Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier, since he will not be available for the December Council meeting, said farewell and happy holidays.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – With no further nominations from the floor, each nominee for co-chair was asked to give a brief synopsis of their concerns. Slate was then affirmed: David Dale (incumbent), Pat Rea, Katherine Ward. Also re-elected by unanimous vote were Secretary Carol Coyle and Treasurer Tonda Phalen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MVCCA 2008 Gala will be on April 26 at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Start thinking about who should be honored as the Citizen of the Year and the Organization of the Year. Suggestions for the honorees will be accepted in January.

The MVCCA seeks a web master to help with keeping the Council's web site accurate, current, and usable. If you have basic web skills and are willing to help, please contact co-chair David Dale.

The recommended revisions to the Bylaws have been received by the Board and will be published after a full review.

We are sad to announce the passing of Jim Thornburg after a series of illnesses. Jim was active in the community for many years, in both the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts.

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Budget and Finance – Minutes as published. No December meeting. In answer to David's question, Supervisor Hyland stated that the Budget office has not yet given any indication of the cuts they are considering due to the anticipated shortfall in revenue. There is no input from the public "or those elected to represent the public" before the Budget is published.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published. No December meeting; however there will be a "Consumer Corner" in the December Record. The 2007 *Consumer Handbook* is available from Queenie. At the request of a member association, Queenie has contacted the *Washington Examiner* to discontinue unwanted deliveries. The paper responded that consumers should call 202-930-2000, Circulation Department, and request that delivery be stopped. Katherine Ward (president, Wellington) reported that she contacted the publisher's office and stopped distribution for her entire neighborhood. Queenie will compile a list of complaints and forward it to the Examiner; send your name, address, and phone number to queenecox@aol.com (she will not share phone numbers; that is in case she needs to contact you herself).

Education – Minutes as published. School Board anticipates a \$100 million shortfall FY2008 and is deliberating where cuts can be made. Information is available in school board reports on their website (www.fcps.edu). (Judy reminded us that MVCCA urgently recommended to the BOS a couple of years ago that they not make a huge cut in the property tax rate; they didn't listen.) The next meeting will be December 5 at Whitman Media Center; guest speaker will be Dr. Carol Horn, local resident, who is FCPS Director of Gifted/Talented Services. (*Editor's Note: The meeting was cancelled.*)

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. Larry reported that there was a great deal of discussion on Dominion Power's application for a new transmission line, but the committee decided not to come forward with a resolution at this time; he hopes to have a resolution next month.

Health and Human Services – Minutes as published. Louise expressed the hope that budget cuts will not affect the continuance of the health care safety net (primary care and referrals for those people who would fall in the cracks between those who are insured and those whose income level makes them eligible for Medicaid. It does not cover hospitalization).

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. The next meeting is December 3.

Public Safety – Minutes as published. Dallas is out of town.

Transportation – Minutes as published. Frank was unavailable.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Minutes as published. Committee is discussing the need for a Housing Ombudsman. The next meeting is November 29.

Neil McBride (rep, Newington Forest) showed a news report on a joint initiative in Lee District to provide affordable housing for nurses and suggested that the committee look at this as a possibility for the development on North Hill.

SFDC REPORT – We should have received via e-mail a marketing study questionnaire to help SFDC ascertain what services the communities would like to see created as part of the redevelopment of Route One. (There may be a problem with the link to the survey, but Tom says he will have that remedied within a day.) SFDC is providing design advice for signage, facades, etc., along Route One. He notes new restaurants. SFDC will hold elections on December 10; there is a need for more volunteers.

RESOLUTIONS

Consumer Affairs

Transmission Line Application by Dominion Virginia Power – After discussion of friendly amendments which would set a monetary or % renewable energy requirement and would prevent additional coal fire plants, it was determined that this resolution speaks to the need for more power available, not how it will be generated.

Resolution passed 24-2-1

Planning & Zoning

Advertising Boards to Announce ARB Meetings

Resolution passed 27-0-0

Proposed Out of Turn Plan Amendment on Green Building – Discussion as to why an out of turn amendment is needed; comprehensive plan is reviewed infrequently, and, in the meantime, we need to set a standard which will move us in the direction of energy conservation. **Friendly amendment** to add "silver" to the first resolve was accepted; it will now read in part "...(BOS) to include LEED silver certification as a requirement...."

Resolution passed 26-1-0.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Supervisor Hyland reports that, as a result of his inquiry (they had not been asked previously) the Saudi Academy has made copies of their textbooks available to the Fairfax County School Board (and also to the State Department) for review. Teachers at ISA (who are not of the Islamic faith) report that they are not uncomfortable with the situation. The lease for the school building will be up next year, and the BOS will review whether to renew.

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For Period January 1, 2007 through December 6, 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	\$240.00	\$15.00
Gala Income	\$2,645.00	\$10,871.50	\$8,226.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,370.00	\$15,431.50	\$8,061.50
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$2,891.97	\$3,108.03
Administrative	\$225.00	\$263.48	\$-38.48
Gala	\$1,750.00	\$6,418.03	\$-4668.03
Web Site	\$690.00	\$540.00	\$150.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous*	\$0	\$466.00	\$-466.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8965.00	\$10,779.48	\$-1,814.48
ENDING BALANCE		\$6,208.46	

*Off budget items approved by Council—\$286 for committee reception (approved 7/07); \$180 for two SFDC dinner tickets (approved 9/07).

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Flu shots are available to South County Center and the County Libraries at \$25.

In answer to a question, flood studies for Huntington are finished, but no report as yet. The Supervisor will find out the progress on the study for the New Alexandria area.

Town meeting on Infill will be scheduled "sooner rather than later." BRAC is looking at other sites to spread out their impact on the area.

OTHER ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Al Bornmann (Citizens Corps Council) reports that CERT Training will not be brought to the Mount Vernon area due to fiscal constraints; they are hoping for co-sponsorship that will make it possible.

Melissa Kramer was introduced as the new President of Stratford Landing Citizens Association.

Carol Coyle, Secretary

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BUDGET & FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee did not meet in December.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs did not meet during December. However, we are providing you a consumer tip for the month...the Direct Mail Association (DMA) maintains a variety of services under its Mail Preference Service (MPS) for unsolicited or junk mail. You must register to have your name on the DO NOT MAIL file that is updated monthly and distributed to mailers four times a year (January, April, July and October). Your name remains on MPS for three years. You then will have to register again. Registration costs \$1. Because some mailings are prepared far in advance, you may need to allow 30-to-90 days for your registration with MPS to become fully effective. Send a post card or letter to: Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512. For more information on registering for MPS, please visit www.dmachoice.org/mps. Before registering for e-mail opt out service, send e-mail first to DMA (preferenceservice@the-dma.org) to find out if the company is a member.

If you would like to report a complaint about unsolicited commercial e-mail (also called "junk" e-mail or "spam"), please send it to the Federal Trade Commission at uce@ftc.gov.

For more consumer information, please visit the consumer affairs page on the Council's website.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room. The Circulation Manager of the Washington Examiner has been invited as our guest speaker.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee did not meet in December.

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The Environment & Recreation Committee met on December 5, 2007. The meeting was held in the Mount Hybla Room at the South County Government Center Building beginning at 7:00 p.m. and was chaired by Chair Larry Zaragoza.

In attendance: Newington Civic Association (2); Winstead Manor (guest); Woodley Hills Civic Association; Hollin Hall Village; Collingwood-on-Potomac; Spring Bank Civic Association; MVCCA co-chair Dan Rinsel; Mt. Zephyr; Williamsburg Manor; Mount Vernon on the Potomac; Sulgrave Manor; Collingwood Springs; Wellington, and Wessynton.

Leatherland Property Resolution

The Chair indicated that P&Z had passed a resolution that night before that did not oppose the proposed rezoning. Winstead Manor indicated that the revised PDH-2 plan proposed by Carrhomes identified two fewer trees that would be cut down and that his association did not see a difference in the two proposals and support retaining the R-1 zoning. Newington Civic Association agreed and explained the storm water questions that are being studied.

The Hollin Hall Village member presented a substitute Resolution identifying the property, the rezoning proposal and addressing environmental issues. After a number of friendly amendments, the substitute amendment, as amended, was passed unanimously by the committee. (*Editor's Note: The resolution was sent back to the committee by the Board because it varied from the resolution passed by P&Z. E&R and P&Z have been tasked with creating a joint resolution.*)

Task Force to create a Vision for Mount Vernon

The Spring Bank representative introduced an idea to examine prospective issues within the Mount Vernon Council, which would improve the Quality of Life for all economic groups in Mt. Vernon. Studies were cited that open space, such as parkland, are good for all citizens and a recent *Washington Post* article stated that racial and economic minorities tend to use parks the least, but it could be because there are no parks adjacent to their homes or on public transportation routes.

The Wellington representative suggested that such a proposal should be brought forward at the Presidents' meeting of MVCCA member associations. The Spring Bank representative suggested that a subgroup be formed that consists of people knowledgeable about social, environmental, monetary matters to study legislation ideas to focus on future issues. Recognizing that many activities are driven by the need to react to urgent deadlines puts us all in the position of reacting, sometimes at the expense of examining proactive solutions. A proactive solution rather than a reactive group was suggested that would build consensus and cooperation among the member associations. One idea was to have a dedicated group to handle the long term issues, as a group tasked with both would tend to only handle the short-term issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met Monday, December 3 at 7 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital—Engh Conference Room, with nine member associa-

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tions represented: Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Hollindale, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. IV, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington and Woodley Hills Estates.

Our announced focus was '*Homes First: How will strategies to meet special needs and prevent homelessness intersect with evolving county policies on affordable and workforce housing?*' Our meeting had been rescheduled (from October) to follow the November 26 presentation to the Board of Supervisors (and the public) of a key community-developed 'Draft Implementation Plan for Ending Homelessness in Ten Years' and to invite three guest resources from our area (identified below) with key experience and expertise. We welcomed participation from seven additional people with diverse interest and valuable experience in issues of housing and supportive human services: from MVCCA, Co-chair-Elect for 2008 Pat Rea, Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing Co-chair John Jeszenszky and two additional SCAWH members; from Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Tom Barnett; from FC Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Mount Vernon representative Elizabeth Lardner; and from FC Dept. of Systems Management for Human Services, recently appointed Region I Manager Telly C. Whitfield.

Our invited guest resources

Pamela Michell is Executive Director of New Hope Housing, Inc., founded in our area in 1978. She has participated actively in the county's advisory Community Council on Homelessness, its Planning Committee to End Homelessness (more than 100 stakeholders), and the Workgroups that created the *Blueprint for Success: Strategic Directions for the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* (January 2007) and the November 2007 Implementation Plan. Her work as a provider has received county, regional, and state recognition.

Robert Trimble is active in Ventures in Community (VIC) and other open public forums that seek to understand causes and identify strategic remedies for the Housing crisis. The VIC Hypothermia Outreach Program, staffed primarily by volunteers from 12 local faith communities, is coordinated with the county by New Hope Housing, Inc. as a hypothermia prevention shelter program housed January—March at Rising Hope United Methodist Church.

Sarah Allen, Region I Community Developer for the county Department of Systems Management for Human Services, understands firsthand the local network among service clients and providers and also the daily workings of the county-supported teams for Coordinated Services Planning that provide 'single point access' (703-222-0880) for referral to the existing network of public and private agencies and services. CSP notices the strong link between affordable housing issues and needs for services. In one recent month, CSP received roughly 8,000 requests, many of which were for housing, rental and mortgage assistance.

An informed presentation and discussion

The meeting benefited from a remarkably clear presentation, by Pam Michell, of key features in the Implementation Plan, including: (1) the diverse countywide *community* process behind its development; (2) recognition in cities and counties around the country of measurable benefits from a "Housing First" planning approach for service delivery (not only for "health and human" services); (3) a proposed goal and strategies for *preventing and ending* homelessness, rather than for *maintaining* the present service delivery "system" (network, patchwork, basket?), in which public and private agencies and resources already cooperate yet are struggling to meet growing needs in a growing population; and (4) recommendation of a new Community Partnership model as the governance structure best

suites to bring about, among the existing public and private resources of the Fairfax-Falls Church community, a shared vision and goals, increased coordination in management, clearer accountability, and—it is hoped—enhanced ability to raise new funding from non-governmental sources. A lively discussion followed, raising key questions and provoking thoughtful comments in response.

What do we know about homelessness in Fairfax County? Numbers and kinds of people? Frequent causes? Costs? From annual point-in-time surveys (in January), we know that the number has stayed rather steady around 2,000, that among the 63% who are in families with children, economic crisis is the major cause, and that severe disabilities (untreated severe mental illness, for example) play a large role among singles.

What are the differences between the present approach and "Housing (or Homes) First?" The goal for ten years ahead is that everyone will be able to access, promptly, the services they need to function with dignity and as much self-sufficiency as they can achieve. Instead of waiting on a list (for months? years? a lifetime?) for a safe, stable permanent home (while climbing a series of obstacles to achieve "readiness"), people are assisted to stay in (or rapidly move to) a safe "permanent" place first, and then appropriate services are accessed through a nearby "HOST," or multi-disciplinary team. **Why change?** Experience in cities and counties elsewhere demonstrates that people respond better, sooner, and cost of institutional crisis response drops dramatically.

What about the uncounted people "at-risk" of becoming homeless? Can we become much more effective about prevention?

We note that the new Plan does call for changes along lines MVCCA has previously recommended: (1) appropriate, accessible *housing construction*, of new kinds, rather than the "preservation" over-emphasized in the current county Housing Initiative; (2) a shift in staff and resources from delayed "intake" (and wait listing) for shelter to *triage* and rapid re-housing that is safe and stable; and (3) Housing First for many of those with mental illness as the *most effective starting point* for treatment and full recovery. Some are appalled by the Plan's ten-year timeline, yet the hope is that many changes will take place early on. A noticeable shift to more effective "prevention" strategies has already begun, with support from businesses and taxpayers who understand the benefits: consider the healthy impact on high-risk behaviors among middle school kids of expanded after-school programs.

HHS support for a public forum

The Implementation Plan is under consideration by the Board of Supervisors, with their vote anticipated in March. Supervisor Hyland asked at the recent meeting of the Route One Task Force whether people want to 'continue the current approach' toward 'managing' homelessness or whether people want this new approach. Is this a step that could put us light-years ahead, or not? In our discussion, we agreed that more public information and dialogue will help everyone who cares about how we can achieve better results in a more cost-effective way. Robert Trimble described the need, in his experience, for a well-balanced informational forum with well-informed presenters. John Jeszenszky presented to the group a Resolution approved by SCAWH, calling for MVCCA to participate along with other major organizations in our area in planning such a forum. After discussion and two suggestions (both accepted by JJ) for clarifying the purpose of the forum, the committee voted to approve (unanimously except for one abstention). (*Editor's Note: This resolution was tabled by the Board at their December 6 meeting for further discussion in January.*)

County website on homeless

The Fairfax County website maintains a page with links to the "Blueprint

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for Success" (in PDF) and other information related to the Initiative to End Homelessness: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless. It is expected that the entire Implementation Plan will be posted there, also.

Meetings—open to the public—Jan. 2008

Wednesday, January 2, 7 p.m., Route 1 Task Force for Human Services meets at South County Center, to review the Interim Report of the Beeman Commission (on mental health) and meet with state senators and delegates at the outset of the new legislative session.

Tuesday, January 8, 7 p.m., MVCCA's HHS Committee meets at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Engh Conference Room, focusing on County Prevention initiatives and strategies in several areas.

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m., Southeast Health Planning Task Force holds an ad hoc meeting at Mount Vernon Governmental Center (Supervisor's Office) on military medical planning for the DeWitt Health Care Network and area medical needs/resources in relation to BRAC. (Space is limited: any who plan to attend are requested to call Chair Anne Andrews in advance: 703-780-1773.)

PLANNING & ZONING

The meeting was held in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall at Walt Whitman Middle School beginning at 7:30 p.m. and was chaired by Chair Debbie Sell-Pugh. Nineteen member associations attended. (Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Hollin Hall Village, Memorial Heights, Mount Vernon Civic, Woodley Hills Estates (formerly Mt. Vernon Mobile Homes Residents Assoc), Mt. Zephyr, New Alexandria, Newington, Potomac Valley River Bend, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Williamsburg Manor North, Wellington Civic, Wessynton Homes Assoc)

Stacy Road (replacement home in a floodplain)

SE 2007-MV-024 8130

This issue was postponed until January 2008, due to the fact the applicant could not be present.

Exxon Mobil - Lorton Road

PCA 1999-MV-025-03 & SE 2006-MV-033)

The committee reviewed a draft resolution that contained more detail than the resolution accepted at the previous meeting. The Committee failed to pass the draft (7-8-1) so the original November version stands. Some members indicated they have no objection to the Board adding supporting 'whereas' clauses as long as the 'resolved' remained unchanged.

Drive-In Bank Fort Hunt Road and Richmond Highway

SEA 84-V-035

Lynne Strobel presented a proposal for a drive-in bank at the corner of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road. Members of the committee requested that the developer meet with local associations and groups (nearby) and get feedback from them. The site is currently used as a staging area for VDOT construction and trailers in conjunction with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. Questions were raised about stacking of cars in the drive-thru, where the location of handicap parking spaces were, the urban design, the name of the bank and signage.

The bank has less impervious surface than the previous gas station that occupied the site, and has improved landscaping to meet the needs of the Richmond Highway Corridor Area Urban Design Recommendations. The bank will have 32 parking spaces and utilize the existing service road currently utilized for the hotel and office building adjacent to the site.

Leatherland/ Carr Homes:

Lynne Strobel addressed the rezoning application for the Leatherland property on Telegraph Road from R-1 to PDH2. Several items were dis-

cussed concerning the storm water management pond, alleged investigations into the crowning of the road developed as part of Winstead Manor, including one from consolidation of the proposed pond with the existing VDOT pond.

Newington reiterated its opposition to the rezoning application to PDH-2.

Two draft resolutions were presented and discussed. Newington Civic Association's recommended draft and a draft to either oppose or not to oppose. A friendly amendment was made and accepted to reconsider or not to oppose to reconsider pending the outcome of the county staff report. Votes are as follows:

Newington's Recommended Resolution motion to oppose the rezoning	Failed 5-9-0
Vote on draft resolution to oppose the rezoning	Failed 5-8-0
Vote on draft resolution to not oppose the rezoning	Passed 7-5-1

The next meeting is January 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety Committee did not meet in December. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 3, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in Community Room #3, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center. Our speaker will be Ms. Gloria Williams-Brevard, Community Relations Officer, District #7, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 3, 2007 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were: Mr. Dan-Fisher Burrier, outgoing Co-Chair, MVCCA; Ms. Katherine Ward, incoming Co-Chair, MVCCA; representatives of 17 member citizen associations (Belle View Condos, Engleside, Huntington, Huntington Civic, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Woodland Park, Woodley Hills); one interested citizen; and the Chair.

Mr. Garth Shull, Chief Technical Services of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, National Park Service, appeared as Guest Speaker, addressing projected Park Service work at the area of the Mount Vernon Estate and at the Belle View Boulevard. The work in front of the Mount Vernon Estate will involve three projects, the parking lot expansion on the west side of the highway, the reconfiguration of the traffic circle and the extension of the Mount Vernon bike trail. A total of 150 parking spaces will be added while the parking lot will be repaired and restriped. Pedestrian walkways will be provided so that pedestrians will no longer be exposed to parking lot traffic. On the traffic circle, the aim will be to eliminate circle parking; there will be a regrading so that traffic, walkways and the bike trail will be on different levels. The walkways will be widened and the bike trail will be routed along the outer edge. The trail will run from the North side of the riverside parking lot through the woods between the parking lot and the Parkway and then around the circle. The path will remain separated from the bus stop area. Four crosswalks are planned at the circle intersection with Route 235. Crosswalks will be highlighted with brick work. The Committee urged priority for an immediate crosswalk across Route #235, which is currently missing. The bid for construction has been released,

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with construction projected in the March – Fall 2008 timeframe. Construction will be accomplished in phases and some portions of the bike trail will undergo temporary closures.

Planning at Belle View will consider both the Belle View Boulevard and Belle Haven Road intersections. Current accident rates show a total of 20 accidents per year at the two intersections. There will be a number of proposals and a public meeting will be scheduled before a decision is made. The Committee urged that any proposal that will try to divert traffic through the residential area from Belle View to Belle Haven or a restriction of only right turns out of Belle View should be discarded; such proposals will run into strong public opposition from local residents. The Committee favors the construction of a mirror image of the Belle Haven intersection at Belle View. The placement of a center island at Belle View will provide better vehicular safety. The Committee agreed heartily with the proposed placement of acceleration lanes and widening of the traffic islands. Traffic islands will also provide better safety for pedestrians attempting to cross the Parkway. It was deemed counterproductive if there were plans to place one crosswalk about mid-way between the two intersections, since pedestrians will insist on crossing at the intersection regardless of a safer option too far removed. It is understood that there are historical limits for all Parkway construction projects. The committee thanked the speaker for his fine presentation.

The chair thanked outgoing Co-Chair Dan Fisher-Burrier for his consistent support and assistance to the committee and the chair, throughout his tenure, and wished him the best for the future. The chair also welcomed Kathleen Ward as the new co-chair charged with liaison responsibilities to the Transportation Committee.

The Committee discussed the relationship of the Mount Zephyr Community with the adjacent original Mount Vernon High School building currently occupied by the Islamic Saudi Academy (ISA). The lease for the Academy is slated to expire next year and there are concerns about the next occupant and what impact that occupant might have on the traffic within the community. If a branch of NOVA were to take over the school building, a high volume of cut-through traffic (estimated at 1,300 additional daily vehicles) can be expected. Alternative uses for the building with lesser traffic impact should be examined. A related issue is the proposal currently on the drawing board of the County for an extension of Mt. Zephyr Drive, connecting to Reddick Drive, which would enhance the movement of cut-through traffic. This proposal is opposed by the community. Speed calming has already been requested by the community for Mount Zephyr Drive and Mohawk Lane due to the high volume of cut-through traffic related to the ISA. This matter will require close monitoring.

Privacy aspects of the committee membership list were discussed. Currently, the co-chairs have asked committee chairs to keep these lists strictly within the committee. Request for disseminating information to the membership by any outside agency should be routed through the chair.

Committee plans for 2008 were discussed. The chair urged all committee members to select a topic which they would monitor to see what items of interest might be taken up by the committee in future meetings; a list of monitors is circulated along with the attendance roster – at the end of the list are vacant Monitor positions which need to be filled. For example the topic "Hot Lanes" might be a new topic for a monitor. Also, committee members should be involved in the selection of guest speakers. The Janu-

ary meeting will be devoted to organizational matters to include the approval of 2008 committee goals.

The Committee was updated on the following: (1) A list depicting the selection of six Route 1 intersections for improvement by the County was distributed (Kings Highway, Belford Drive S., Ladson Lane, Mohawk Lane, Frye Road, Lukens Lane). This selection stemmed from a recent public meeting which considered the Route 1 stretch through the District. The Route 1 Transit Study was not covered in the public release document. (2) The local bikers club is urging consideration to construct a bike trail along Route 1, connecting Telegraph and Lorton Roads. That stretch of road is currently very dangerous for bikes. This effort deserves support. A similar problem exists at Dogue Creek. (3) Fort Belvoir is conducting an Open House on transportation aspects; Frank Cihak is planning to attend and will provide a report to the Committee on any items of interest.

Frank Cohn, the Chair since 2003, submitted his resignation, effective December 4, 2007 for health reasons. Bill Dean the current Vice Chair will assume duties as Acting Chair.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 7 at 8 p.m. Location and agenda to be announced.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Special Committee on Workforce and Affordable Housing held its monthly meeting on November 29th, at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Community organizations represented were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Mason Hill, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Sherwood Forest Estate, Stratford Landing CA., Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Sulgrave Manor and Woodley Hill Estates. MVCCA Co-chair Dan Fisher-Burrier also attended.

Initial discussions focused on a letter received from Chairman Connolly in response to the SCAWH testimony to the Board of Supervisors on October 15th regarding the MVCCA proposed distinction between affordable and workforce housing. The Committee review of the letter identified several inaccuracies that the Committee decided to address in a response. Co-Chair McCormick decided to send an initial reply to Chairman Connolly, acknowledging receipt of his letter and informing him of a more detailed response that is to follow.

Robert Trimble informed the Committee about a recently published draft Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community. Committee members had many questions and expresses interest in obtaining copies of this document for closer examination. Louise Cleveland, a member of the Committee and also the Chair of the MVCCA Committee on Health and Human Services, advised members of a meeting of the HHS on December 6, that will have a speaker who will elaborate on the Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. She invited members of SCAWH to attend.

A motion was introduced to develop a resolution to the MVCCA proposing that a forum be held together with other organizations in the Mount Vernon District next spring to inform and educate citizens of the community about the Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The motion carried unanimously. The motion is to be introduced at the next meeting of the MVCCA.

Committee Reports

Co-Chair McCormick reported that his researching the issue of having a Fairfax County ombudsman for housing it appears there is a housing ombudsman with undefined responsibilities and budget.

Representatives of Woodley Hills Estates expressed frustration with having no say in the placing of four new manufactured homes in their community and receiving no information from the County on why this style of home was chosen and what the costs and occupancy qualifications are. They hoped that information about these units will be made available after a briefing scheduled with Supervisor Hyland.

The Co-Chairs informed the Committee about the leadership changes of the MVCCA. Because of the holiday schedule, it was decided to hold the next Committee meeting on December 20 at 7 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Committee Resolutions

PLANNING & ZONING

WHEREAS, the South County Federation had expressed concerns about traffic mitigation on or around the site, storm water management and open space; and

WHEREAS, the prior development and SE was approved and the Special Exception expired; and

WHEREAS, the development is within the planned commercial/retail use area; and

WHEREAS, the County Staff has concluded that the General Standard 4 PFM states that pedestrian and vehicular traffic associated with the use not be hazardous or conflict with existing or anticipated traffic in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Access to the site is provided from eastbound Lorton Road and southbound Lorton Market Street. The site can also be accessed from the south via an interparcel access across Pad Site B. Likewise, the interparcel access will provide vehicles leaving the site with access to a median break along Lorton Market Street so that vehicles can turn onto northbound Lorton Market Street; and

WHEREAS, A total of 26 parking spaces will be provided (six more than the 20 space requirement). Ten of these spaces are located in front of the quick service food store. Sixteen (16) spaces are provided along the site's Lorton Market Street frontage; and

WHEREAS, the County Staff has concluded General Standard 7 of the PFM addresses the adequate provision of utilities, drainage, parking and loading at the site. Adequate utilities, drainage, and parking requirements have been met with this application and in order to provide adequate outfall, the applicant has proposed a number of improvements to the existing conveyance system to the north of the subject site; and

WHEREAS, In addition, in order to provide adequate outfall, the outfall narrative proposes a number of improvements to the existing conveyance system located to the east of the site, including the addition of a new section of storm drain pipe and modifications to existing ditches; and

WHEREAS, the County Staff has concluded General Standard 6 PFM requires that open space be provided as required in the zoning district. Forty-three percent (43%) of the site is proposed to be open space, which exceeds the 15% requirement. Therefore, staff concludes that all the standards have been satisfied.

THEREFORE be it resolved, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose application PCA 1999-MV-025-3 and SE 2006-MV-033.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 19, 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-Chair's Report on Board Actions

Published Items and Resolutions

New Business

- Member Association Representatives' Time
- MV Supervisor's Time
- Other Elected Representatives and Public Time

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—January 10, 7:30 p.m. at MVGC—SUPV

COM	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	12/20	7:00	MVGC	Jeszenszky/ McCormick
BUDG	1/2	TBA	TBA	Voorhees
COAF	1/8	7:30	WWMS-PC	Cox
EDUC	1/2	8:00	WWMS-MC	Harbeck
E&R	1/2	7:00	SCGC	Zaragoza
H/HS	1/8	7:00	IMVH-Engh	Cleveland
PL/Z	1/7	7:30	WWMS-LH	Sell-Pugh
PSAF	1/3	7:30	MVGC, #3	Shawkey
TRAN	1/7	8:00	TBA	Dean, Acting Chair

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