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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

January 23, 2008 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Katherine Ward.

ATTENDING: Co-Chairs Katherine Ward, David Dale; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Bill Dean, Judy Harbeck, Debi Sell-Pugh, David Voorhees, Larry Zaragoza; SFDC rep Tom Hook; FCFA rep designate Jim Davis; Record Editor Gretchen Schroeder; Treasurer Tonda Phelan; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives (21) from: Collingwood on the Potomac, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, New Alexandria, New Gum Springs, Newington, River Towers, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessington, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates.

Meeting was called to order at 8:07, and attendees were given five minutes to look over copies of the *Record*.

MINUTES approved as printed. (19-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT accepted as printed. (17-0-0) Reminder that dues should have been paid by now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – Minutes as published. There will be a special meeting, open to the public, February 28, 8 p.m., place to be determined.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published. Resolution to be presented.

Education – Minutes as published. Judy asks that we pay particular attention to the report by Dr. Carol Horn on services for gifted and talented students. Proposed school budget is on the school website; meeting with Budget and Finance Committee, February 20, 7:30 p.m., Whitman Library. Judy stressed that, considering cuts in the budget, it is important that we become familiar with issues relevant to our area.

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. Committee will be discussing the disposal of medicines (which can pollute water). Co-chair Ward noted that a county task force has recently been created to deal with this matter as well. Emergency resolution to be presented.

Health and Human Services – Minutes as published. Louise praised the Hypothermia Shelter and the volunteers that enable it to care for homeless in this cold weather. Note several meetings which provide a good basis for dealing with HHS issues. Presidents should encourage representatives to attend. Louise attended a meeting with representatives from DeWitt Hospital and INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital. The new facility at DeWitt will have a 120-bed hospital plus an out-patient clinic which will serve military families in the southern half of the DC area (Northern half served by Walter Reed).

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. Resolution to be presented.

Public Safety – Minutes as published.

Transportation – Minutes as published.

Affordable and Workforce Housing - Minutes as published.

SFDC – Tom Hook reports that their Board is now complete. Committees on signage, marketing, design, and economic development are all active; a report

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Save the Date! The MVCCA 2008 Gala will be on Saturday, April 26 at the Mount Vernon Country Club from 6 to 9 p.m.

Citizen and Organization of the Year: Start thinking about who should be honored as the Citizen of the Year and the Organization of the Year. Nominations forms are included in this issue of the *Record*. Nomination packages are due March 5.

Associations that have **not renewed** as of March 1 WILL NOT be allowed to vote until renewal and payment are received. Additionally, *Record* subscriptions will not be sent to any member of delinquent associations.

Transportation Chair: Catherine Voorhees has been selected by the Co-Chairs as the new Chair of the Transportation Committee. The General Council will be asked to ratify this nomination at the February 27 meeting.

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next month in the Record. Only about 1000 people responded to their on-line survey.

Gala – Queenie reports that the Mount Vernon Country Club has been checked out; food and service are very good. An added feature will be the Mount Vernon Community (Swing) Band. Cost will be kept at \$40 or under. Nomination forms for Citizen and Organization of the Year are in the Record and available on the Council website; they will be also available in the libraries and at the Supervisor’s office.

CO-CHAIR’S REPORT

Board will meet to review the **revised By-laws** on January 31.
North Hill – Tom Armstrong reports that a tree survey is under way by Greenhorn and O’Mara. Trees of 7” or greater in diameter are being evaluated. Survey should be finished by February 1.
 Supervisor Hyland’s **In-fill Meeting** will be held sometime in February.
 Bill Dean is the acting chair of **Transportation Committee**, but we still need a chair and an assistant.
 We also still need a **Web Master**.
 E&R and P&Z have held a joint meeting on the **Leatherland** re-zoning. Another meeting will be held on January 30.

RESOLUTIONS

COAF: 2008-01 – Resolution on Unwanted Newspapers
 Discussion as to whether to drop the third Whereas, but it was amended to read “the Fairfax County attorney has determined that the Board of Supervisors.....” Supervisor Hyland suggested that if the conflict between the Tillman decision and Virginia legislation can be resolved then the Supervisors can move forward. **Resolution passed 16-0-3.**

E&R: 2008-01 – Emergency Resolution to Support Virginia Tree Conservation Legislation (see end of Council minutes)
 Vote to waive publication rule to consider this resolution: **Passed 18-1-0.**
 Legislation would set up a tier system for tree replacement and preservation. Rep. Bulova has requested support for his and Sen. Ticer’s bills. Supervisor Hyland says that the BOS support this legislation as it gives them the authority to establish requirements that will enable the County to meet its Tree Canopy goals. **Resolution passed 21-1-0.**

P&Z: 2008-01 – Support for SEA 84-V-035 Drive-In Bank, Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road
 A great deal of discussion was generated by Sheldon Hoenig’s substitute motion to oppose the special exception on the basis that there is a policy against auto-oriented uses. County Staff recommended denial of the special exception because of the drive-thru. This case is being heard by the Planning Commission tomorrow. **Resolution as published was defeated 0-18-4.**

Mr. Hoenig proposed the following alternative resolution:
Amendment to Huntwood Plaza Special Exception SEA 84-V-035 to Construct a Bank with a Drive-Thru Facility
Whereas Huntwood LLC has filed an application for an amendment to Special Exception SEA 84-V-035 to allow the construction of a bank with a drive-thru facility at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road, and
Whereas Huntwood LLC accepted development conditions in 1984 as part of their application for construction of the office building, and
Whereas Development condition number 10, accepted by Huntwood LLC, lists specific retail uses that will not be allowed on the property even though they are normally permitted in a C-8 district, and
Whereas One specific non-allowed use is “automobile-oriented uses,” and
Whereas A drive-thru bank is considered an “automobile-oriented use,” and
Whereas One reason for the restriction on the permitted retail uses is the difficult traffic situation at that intersection owing to the number and type of vehicles, the number of travel lanes, and the hazards to pedestrians and bicycle riders, and

Whereas the traffic situation has become even more complex and hazardous as a result of the addition of two Wilson Bridge access lanes, and
Whereas the Comprehensive Plan discourages drive-thru facilities on Richmond Highway, and this location has no special conditions that justify setting aside the guidance in the Comprehensive Plan, and
Whereas Special Exceptions must stand on their own merit and
Whereas the location could make the bank a potential target for burglaries since it provides access to the Wilson Bridge as an escape route,
Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations opposes the amendment to Special Exception SEA 84-V-035 and opposes the construction of a bank with drive-thru at that location.

Resolution passed 18-2-2

The resolution will be forwarded to Planning Commissioner Mr. Flanagan for the January 24 meeting of the County Planning Board.

PUBLISHED AGENDA ITEMS

- Purchase of Directors and Officers Insurance**
 Budget Amendment Resolution to spend not more than \$700 per year on D&O Insurance: **Passed 19-2-1.**
- Approval of Committee Chairs and Appointees**
 By unanimous vote, the Council approved the following slate of appointees:
 Committee Chairs:
 Budget – David Voorhees
 Consumer Affairs – Queenie Cox
 Education – Judy Harbeck
 Environment & Recreation – Larry Zaragoza
 Health & Human Services – Louise Cleveland
 Planning & Zoning – Debi Sell-Pugh
 Public Safety – Dallas Shawkey
 Transportation – (acting) Bill Dean
 Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing – John Jeszensky, John McCormick
 Representative to FCFCA – Jim Davis

Treasurer’s Report			
For Period January 1, 2008 through February 14, 2008			
	Budget 2008	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$5,753.36	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$2,373.00	-\$2,127.00
Record Subscriptions	\$225.00	\$150.00	-\$75.00
Gala Income	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	-\$2,400.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,125.00	\$2,523.00	-\$4,602.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$170.00	\$3,830.00
Administrative	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Gala	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Web Site	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,125.00	\$170.00	\$6,955.00
ENDING BALANCE		\$8,106.36	

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SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Town Meeting on February 2.

Marlan Precinct needs a substitute polling place as the Library will be closed for renovations; Supervisor would like suggestions from the community.

Hospital at Fort Belvoir will be environmentally sensitive; they will recycle used water for irrigation.

Huntington Study has been made available; solutions need to be funded.

Legislation banning parking of oversize vehicles; neighborhoods could opt out of the ban.

All-day **Budget Workshop** on either 3/1 or 3/8, probably at Laurel Hill.

School Board and BOS held a joint meeting.

County Executive is making cuts in the County budget --- first time in at least 20 years that this has happened.

State has had \$1 million for a Route One Transportation Study and has not begun; time to hassle VDOT.

Supervisor called attention to an Annual Report (2007) from Capt. Mike Kline of the Mount Vernon Station.

Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m..

Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET & FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee did not meet in January. The Committee met in a joint meeting with the Education Committee on February 20.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, February 5 at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. The following representatives attended: New Gum Springs, Stratford Landing; Sulgrave Manor; Wellington; and Co-Chair Katherine Ward.

The Committee reviewed its mission and goals for 2008. The Committee then discussed topics for 2008 and agreed on the following: Mt. Vernon at Home; Pay Day Loans; and Trans Fat. Another topic of interest may be obtaining an overview of businesses along Richmond Highway since there appears to be a saturation of drug stores, banks and restaurants. We hope to contact SFDC for the overview since Lara Fritts provided a very informative overview during 2007.

One topic of discussion concerned the posting and access of a listing of developers and individuals who violate zoning ordinances and are fined by the County. At least one member association felt it was the Consumer Affairs Committee responsibility to pursue an initiative with the County to have this information posted on its website for consumers. Disagreement surrounded areas of responsibility. After meeting with the County's Consumer Protection Division (CPD) staff, it was learned that the County does in fact post on its website all complaints filed by consumers and how the complaint was resolved in a "complaint history." file. This file is also posted on the County's website under consumer protection. Complaints may be searched by company or complaint type. The complaint history also captures the number of complaints assessed.

The CPD does not have authority to fine. Because the issue of fines was directly related to infractions of zoning ordinances such as lack of a per-

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mit; failure to adhere to a proffer, the COAF Chair made the decision to not have the COAF Committee involved with such matters and recommended that the issue be forwarded to the P&Z Committee.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 4 at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Mt. Vernon at Home.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on February 6, 2008, in the media center at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Mount Vernon Civic, Tauxemont, Mt. Vernon Manor, Sulgrave Manor, Spring Bank, Williamsburg Manor North and Riverside Estates. Co-chair David Dale also attended. In addition three community members representing Hollin Meadows Elementary School were present.

The primary focus of the meeting was to undertake a preliminary view of the Superintendent's Proposed FY2009 Budget ("Superintendent's Budget") in preparation for the upcoming joint meeting with the Budget & Finance Committee on February 20, 2008, and other meetings and hearings throughout the annual budget cycle.

The Chair briefly discussed the mechanics of the budget process, noting that the Superintendent's FY2009 Budget was the subject of public hearings that evening before the School Board and that due to the extraordinary numbers of citizens wishing to speak, hearings would also be held on Monday, February 11, 2008. Following the hearings, the School Board would make modifications, if desired, to arrive at the School Board FY2009 Advertised Budget ("School Board Budget") due to be issued on February 14, 2008. The School Board Budget will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors ("BOS") on April 1, 2008, and the BOS will then set the funds available to the schools from the County ("School Transfer") when the County FY2009 Budget ("County Budget") is approved on April 28, 2008. On or about May 22, 2008, once the School Transfer and other funding sources are known, following another round of public hearings, the School Board will adopt the FY2009 Approved Budget ("Approved Budget") to conform the budget to the funds available.

The various funding sources were also discussed, noting that the Commonwealth funds Fairfax schools at a much lower rate than nearly every other Virginia school system (and substantially underfunds all education in the Commonwealth by its own standards) with the result that nearly 75% of school funds come from the County-- a much larger percentage than most other Virginia counties. Adding in the variety of underfunded school mandates imposed by both the Commonwealth and the U.S., and the fact that Fairfax County's main funding source for all programs is residential property taxes, the current soft real estate market creates budget shortages in all areas under the current rate, even as other segments of the County economy remain strong and growing.

Most of the discussion centered on the cuts and "streamlining" proposed in the Superintendent's Budget which, in recognition of County budget circumstances requested only about a 3.3% increase over FY2008, the smallest in recent memory, despite rising enrollment, rising percentages of children requiring extra resources, and ordinary expectable year-to-year increases in a variety of areas including fuel, bus replacement, and insurance. A 3% cost of living increase for staff was also included.

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Unfortunately, as the Committee had feared, nearly all the cuts were to programs involving disadvantaged children. These affect our entire area, given that nearly every school has at least double the County average of economically disadvantaged, and had benefited in increased scores and increased public confidence from these needed additional resources. Project Excel, Focus Schools, Young Scholars, Pre-School and Summer School and others were all on the chopping block.

In addition, fees totaling potentially hundreds of dollars would be imposed on students who wanted to participate in high school athletics or activities, or take Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses. While accommodation would be made for children on free and reduced lunch, given, for example, that a family of four making \$40,000 would not qualify for fee consideration, the fees could not help but have a chilling effect on efforts to encourage participation in extracurricular activities and demanding academic courses.

While the School Board Budget released on February 14, 2008, restored many of these cuts, notably Focus schools, and eliminated the new fees, serious issues requiring public input and action remain.

The School Board Budget in restoring these items which are important to school in our area, did make some other reductions by slowing expansion of Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools ("FLES") and full-day kindergarten.

However, the implementation of the School Board Budget requires an increase of approximately 4% in the School Transfer from the BOS in the County Budget. If that increase is not forthcoming it is very likely that not only will the various cuts and fees be reimposed but others may be made as well. Although, as noted, there are additional opportunities to comment to the School Board before the final setting of the school budget in May, the simple fact is that there will be little to discuss if the funds are not adequate to sustain basic yearly needs, let alone the special requirements of our diverse schools.

The press release on the School Board Budget can be viewed on the school website (www.fcps.edu) and it also contains links to additional budget information.

All community members and committee members are urged to attend our next meeting when Deirdra McLaughlin, Chief Financial Officer, will present and discuss the School Board Budget, as well as the counterpart meeting sponsored by the Budget Committee, featuring County Executive Griffin and Supervisor Hyland, discussing the overall County Budget (details below).

The next meetings are February 20, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitman library (School Budget); February 28, 2008, at 8 p.m. in the Whitman Lecture Hall (County Budget); and March 5, 2008, at 8 pm in the Whitman library (resolution development).

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The meeting was held February 6, 2008, in the Mount Hybla Room at the South County Government Center Building and was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chair Larry Zaragoza.

In attendance: Collingwood-on-Potomac; Hollin Hall Village; Huntington; MVCCA co-chair; Mt. Zephyr; Mount Vernon on the Potomac; Newington Civic Association; Newington Forest; Riverside Estates; Stratford Landing; Spring Bank Civic Association; Sulgrave Manor; Wellington; Wessington (committee chair); Williamsburg Manor; Woodley Hills Civic Association.

Martha Washington Library Expansion Project

Dennis Holder, Project Manager of Fairfax County, presented information on the renovations to Martha Washington Library. He was joined by the project engineer and Edwin S. Clay III, Director of Library Administration for Fairfax County. Mr. Holder's presentation described the LEED building construction that has been planned and outlined efforts to minimize impacts of this expansion. While the Library will be expanded, the overall amount of impervious surface will remain essentially constant because some roadway will be removed. The discussion included a review of how this and other County projects will be seeking to undertake construction and seek LEED certification.

Stream Protection Plan Out of Turn Amendment

Mary Ann Welton provided an overview of the out of Turn Amendment for stream protection. She explained that the staff developed two options that they thought were worthy of consideration. Option 1 would expand the areas to be covered by Environmental Quality Corridors (EQCs) beyond the areas currently covered under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act. Thus, the EQC policy, which is well accepted, would be applied to requests for rezoning where streams are impacted, areas that are currently not addressed in requests for rezoning. Option 2 would modify the EQC policy. Ms. Welton stressed that Option 2 would carry greater risk because modification of the EQC policy could result in changes that reduced protections. Moreover, Option 1 also provided significant flexibility. The committee discussed a number of points, including the confusing language that suggested that Option 1 appeared to be the same as status quo. Ms. Welton made it clear that Option 1 would provide for a significant increase in the areas to be addressed beyond status quo and should be readily accepted. The Planning Commission is scheduled to hear this proposed out of Turn Amendment on February 13.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/amendments/s07-cw-4cp.pdf>

Stacy Road Project

Maarten Crijns of 8130 Stacey Road presented his proposed plans for rebuilding his home. His home is in serious need of repairs and he is seeking a Special Exception Request so that this work can be undertaken because his home is in a Resource Protection Area and the floodplain. The footprint of his home will be reduced. The home will be two stories when he is done. He plans to continue living in his home when the work is completed. While the committee did not prepare a full resolution they did take a vote to provide Mr. Crijns with an idea of the Committee's direction. The Committee voted to support his request. A resolution will be drafted for the next meeting to support his request for review, which will provide time for consideration by the full MVCCA before the issue goes before the Planning Commission in April.

Old Business

The committee briefly reviewed projects and their status.

Special Committee—The Board is expected to discuss the special committee at the February Board meeting.

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Leatherland—The committee was provided with a draft of the Joint Resolution, which will go to the Board in February.

Parks

We plan to have the Parks Department back for another meeting soon.

New Business

Announcements

The “Wetland Mitigation and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project” presentation by the Friends of Dyke Marsh was announced. The meeting will occur on March 5, 2008 at 7:30pm at the Huntley Meadows Visitors Center.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the E&R will be on Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the South County Government Center, Room 219.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The H/Hs Committee met Tuesday, February 5 at 7 p.m. at South County Center, with 14 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. IV, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, United Voice at King’s Crossing, Wellington, Woodley Hills Estates. MVCCA Co-chair Pat Rea participated as our liaison to the Council.

Committee met jointly with the Route 1 Task Force for Human Services (convened by Anne Andrews) to consider the Interim Report of the Beeman Commission, tasked to examine Fairfax County’s mental health system; the Committee also voted (14-0-0) to approve, and forward to the Council, the Resolution: *Support for the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*. (Note: In addition to those able to be present and vote, the rep from Hollindale has expressed approval of the Resolution.)

Beeman Commission Report and Survey

Appointed as a blue ribbon panel of experts and stakeholders, to advise the Board of Supervisors on the future direction and design of the mental health services delivery system serving Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church, the Josiah H. Beeman Commission began meeting in February 2007, released its first Interim Report in November, 2007, and very recently completed a Phase One Summary of its ongoing Survey on Mental Health Services. Everyone present received copies of both reports from the Commission’s Staff Director Margot Kiely.

The 18-member Commission consists of a mix of national, state, regional, and local mental health service delivery experts and consumers, consumer advocates, and/or family members of consumers, tasked to bring fresh knowledge and independent perspective “to recommend a vision and blueprint for transforming the local mental health delivery system.” Preliminary recommendations to the Board of Supervisors are anticipated in April, and a full Report by September 2008.

Though the Commission’s early work, reflected in the Interim Report, focused on wide-ranging research and best practice models of the past decade, the resulting agreement on vision and values is coherent and essential to developing recovery-oriented model for effective delivery of

mental health services. Kiely characterized as a “revolution” the great changes during the last decade: important new discoveries are changing the science, major mental illnesses are proving to be treatable and more will become so, the vision of the (national) New Freedom Commission is pointing local Community Services Boards (CSBs) toward services aimed at full recovery and full participation in the community, and the recognition grows that family and community are essential to recovery. How the Beeman Commission views our present public and private system of mental health care countywide—with its successes and failures and much-publicized issues over access and ‘involuntary’ treatment—will not be evident until the full Report. But, providing the means of recovery is understood, today, as “a shared community responsibility.”

The commission has undertaken a community survey, aimed at measuring aspects helping and hindering recovery, in the present mental health system, in 3 formats—for mental health services consumers, for their family members and significant others, and for service providers—in order to see the present services from these three critical viewpoints and to allow anonymous participation from those who might not choose to testify in public before a commission. Though Phase One was completed by December 31, a second opportunity to attract more participants—especially consumers in need of services and their families—is underway now, via the County website or by mailed survey forms. **Responses received through the web or mail by March 1, 2008, will be incorporated into a final survey summary report. For information, and a link to the web-based version of the survey, please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/beemancommission.**

Support for the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

HHS Committee, prior to our Feb. 5 vote unanimously approving this Resolution, gave careful consideration to the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in its two public presentations, first as the strategic “Blueprint” and later as the (Draft) “Ending Homelessness” implementation plan. Both versions are referenced, and HHS Committee findings are stated, in the Resolution itself.

In recommending that MVCCA support the Plan and urge the Supervisors to adopt the implementation plan, at this time, the Committee considered these points: (1) the goal to “end homelessness in ten years” has been adopted by numerous cities and counties amid widespread public discussion of what causes homelessness and which strategies prove most effective in reducing and/or preventing large, chronic homeless populations *in particular places* around the country; (2) the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community is a *community-driven effort* to coordinate better the work of particular public and private resources here (such as human service agencies of nonprofits and faith communities); (3) because present resources are stretched thin to meet sizeable needs, the Plan seeks to *coordinate what we have now* more effectively, before seeking to raise new money; and (4) agencies within the public/private network of services, envisioned as participants soon in a Community Partnership, have begun taking steps toward the newly agreed goal, but *continuity and public accountability for the multi-year effort* outlined in the implementation plan will depend on whether the Board of Supervisors accepts the basic Plan now (their vote is scheduled in March) and then finds a way in FY2009 to continue their funding of Partnership activities, in public communications and an Office to End Homelessness.

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FY2009 Plan for Health and Human Services

HHS Committee focuses throughout the year on emerging needs and on the community resources available—particularly through the “network” of public and private not-for-profit health and human services—to respond effectively. In late February and early March, we seize the opportunity to review the Advertised (proposed) Fairfax County Budget Plan for the next fiscal year, FY2009, which begins July 1, 2008. Shortly after the Budget Plan is presented to the Board of Supervisors (Feb. 25), we will review its impact on health and human services (March 1), draft a Resolution summarizing our view of priority needs and the proposed County Budget Plan (March 4), to be forwarded to the MVCCA Board and RECORD for the consideration of the Council (March 26). Public testimony before the BOS is scheduled March 31-April 2. The schedule below provides details of local opportunities for review.

Meetings—open to the public

Monday, Feb. 25, Presentation to the BOS of proposed Fairfax County FY2009 Budget Plan (Cablecast on Channel 16). PowerPoint presentation, Executive Summary, and the multi-volume budget plan are published for public review, in printed format and on the web:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Saturday, March 1, 9 AM to Noon, HHS Committee's ad hoc meeting at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Eng Room (2nd floor) will review a summary of the proposed FY2009 allocation of County resources for human services, with Region I Director Telly Whitfield and Region I Community Developer Sarah Allen, both of the County's Dept. for Systems Management for Human Services.

Tuesday, March 4, 7 PM, MVCCA's HHS Committee meets at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Eng Conference Room, to finalize, in a Resolution, our response to the county's FY2009 planning for health and human services. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151.

Wednesday, March 5, 7 PM, Route 1 Task Force on Human Services convenes at South County Center; Deputy County Exec. for Human Services Verdia Haywood presents a staff analysis of the proposed FY2009 Budget Plan's impact on health and human services. Convener Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

PLANNING & ZONING

The meeting was held February 4, 2008, in the Cafeteria at Walt Whitman Middle School beginning at 7:33pm and was chaired by Chair Deb Sell-Pugh. Eleven member associations attended. (Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic, Mt. Zephyr, Newington, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Williamsburg Manor North, Wellington Heights, Wessington Homes Assoc, Woodley Hills)

Proposed Vacation of Troy Street

Mr. Pete Dunn presented the application for the vacation of Troy St. in the Sunny View subdivision. The current unimproved right of passage is 25ft wide and is dedicated as Troy Street and Vernon Street All three affected property owners that are in support of the vacation request. No road has ever been built and the adjoining property owners have maintained the property, including mowing grass, grading and seeding. Mr. Dunn wishes to increase the buffer between his yard and a new development that backs to the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Byers to recommend support of Mr. Dunn's request. Motion passed; 6-0-1.

SEA-88-V-006- Dolphin Lane- Deck in a floodplain

Mr. Anthony Cusat, Senior Landscape Architect McHale Landscape Design, Inc presented the proposal for a replacement deck at 4609 Dolphin Lane. Michael and Barbara MacNair, purchased the property in 1999 and at that time it had a deck and an above ground swimming pool. The swimming pool and deck were removed for safety reasons. When Mr. MacNair proposed the new deck, Fairfax County Staff determined that an error had been made by staff in granting permits for the pool and deck. The replacement deck is above the BFE of 9ft, on first floor elevation with step down to a lower deck 15" off the ground. Total deck space is 995 sq feet. No fill will be used, no additional impervious surface will be created, no trees will be removed and no vehicles will access the site outside of the existing driveway. Mr. Byers made a motion to support the application. Motion passed; 11-0-0

Advertising on Public Transit Passenger Shelters

Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to allow advertising on County owned public transit passenger shelters, including bus shelters, located outside the Virginia Department of Transportation right-of-way. Committee discussed what type of advertising would be permitted, who would determine if ads were acceptable, who gets to keep the money and who would determine the fees. Members raised issues concerning the proposal impact on transit riders safety as ads may block the view in and out of the shelters making them isolated. Issues were also raised concerning the fact that ads would be placed on county owned shelters in residential neighborhoods, not only on highways. Other expressed concerns regarding whether or not the ads would be contributing to litter on streets should vandals damaging them. Motion to oppose passed 10-0-1.

Roadway Functional Classification

Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to update the listing of roadways by functional classification in Appendix 8 of the Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with the listing of roadways by functional classification in the transportation section of the Policy Plan of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. Committee discussed what benefit would be gained for roads that have changed classification. Would this allow taller building on certain streets, would it allow for widening of roads in commercial areas or new roads to be developed, restrict use in communities. Dan Fisher –Burrier made a motion to approve. Motion to approve passed 11-0-0

Out of Turn Comp plan amendment- stream buffers/headwaters

The committee discussed the out of turn amendment. Several members questioned the urgency of the amendment. There were so many questions raised, for which there were no answers, that the Committee was unable to take a position. There is general consensus that we need to increase the protection of our streams and waterways, but we don't yet understand the costs and implications of this particular proposed amendment. A motion was made and approved to again request that the Planning Commissioner request deferral until after March 27, on the issue to allow a more comprehensive review of the report by the public. (vote to defer 11-0-0).

Next Meeting: March 3, 2008, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Mount Vernon, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, and Williamsburg Manor North.

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Our speaker was Derek Rowan, Lead Instructor, **Community Emergency Response Team**, (CERT), Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy. He brought Terry Akins, also with the CERT program. Derek Rowan has arranged for Mt. Vernon residents to attend the CERT training given nearby at the City of Alexandria Fire Academy so that our residents will not have to travel to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy at the other end of the county until the final three sessions. The Alexandria Academy is located at 1108 Jefferson St. which is just off Route 1 as you cross the Beltway and enter Alexandria. The last three sessions will have to take place at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy to cover materials that are not included in the Alexandria program.

CERT training takes about 20 hours to complete and provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response. It prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During a major incident, such as a natural or terrorist disaster, emergency response personnel will not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. Until emergency personnel arrive, CERT volunteers help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, providing damage assessment information, and organizing other volunteers at a disaster site. CERT volunteers also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as shelter support, crowd control, and evacuation. The role of CERT volunteers is to help others until trained emergency personnel arrive. CERT volunteers learn how to identify and anticipate hazards, reduce fire hazards in the home and workplace, extinguish small fires, assist emergency responders, conduct light search and rescue, set up medical treatment areas, apply basic medical techniques, and help reduce survivor stress. This training should be taken by those interested in taking an active role in community preparedness, Neighborhood Watch groups, community leaders, and members of civic organizations – as well as others interested in being prepared.

The following is the schedule for the special class for Mount Vernon residents. The classes will be taught at the Alexandria Fire Academy 7:00pm to 10:00pm except the last three classes which will be taught at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy. We have been given ten spaces in each of two classes – a Monday class or a Wednesday class. If a student is unable to attend his/her regular date, they may attend the other class, e.g., if you will be unable to attend your scheduled Wednesday date of April 30 for Module 4, you may attend the earlier class on Monday, April 21. You may miss up to one class (with the exception of the last class – Fire Extinguishers and Final Exercise) and still receive CERT certification

Monday, March 17	Module 1: Disaster Preparedness
Wednesday, March 28	Module 1: Disaster Preparedness.
Monday, March 31	Module 3: Disaster Medical Operations 1
Wednesday, April 9	Module 3: Disaster Medical Operations 1
Monday, April 7	Module 4: Disaster Medical Operations 2
Wednesday, April 16	Module 4: Disaster Medical Operations 2
Monday, April 21	Module 6: CERT Organization
Wednesday, April 30	Module 6: CERT Organization
Monday, April 28	Module 7: Disaster Psychology
Wednesday, May 7	Module 7: Disaster Psychology
Monday, May 5	Module 8: Terrorism and CERT
Wednesday, May 14	Module 8: Terrorism and CERT
Wednesday, May 28	Module 5: Lifting and Cribbing
Thursday, May 29	Module 5: Lifting and Cribbing

Held at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy from 7:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4
 Thursday, June 5
 Held at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy from 7:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Scenarios
 Scenarios

Sunday, June 8
 Held at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy from 8:00am until 3:30p.m. Fire Extinguishers and Final Exercise

Students must be at least 18 years of age. Both men and women may attend – in fact about half the qualified CERT volunteers are women. Students will practice communicating via radio, lifting and carrying live victims, disentangling victims from under debris, applying first aid techniques, and extinguishing fires. There is no requirement for any minimum physical capability. If you believe you are unable to perform a specific task safely, you are not required to do it.

Those who want to qualify as CERT volunteer should notify Derek Rowan at derek@hip.net or call him at 571-220-3010, and their public safety representative. Please make sure you tell them whether you want the Monday or Wednesday series.

An update was provided on the development of the Delancey Street replication project in Fairfax County called Beacon. The initial group will consist of six males. An announcement has been made to men completing their confinement sentences. More than 120 applications have been received so far. The Sheriff's Office and OSR have screened out all so far as not appropriate.

The chair has been following the bills in the General Assembly to reorganize the magistrate system in Virginia. The bills are in response to the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia's report 'Report of the Virginia Magistrate System to the Chairman of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the Virginia General Assembly.' Many changes will dramatically change the magistrate system we now have it. Of concern, is the possibility that we will lose our live magistrates at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center and instead have magistrates via television from as far away as Richmond.

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in Community Room #1, Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Our speaker will be from the local Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Field Office.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee, MVCCA met on Monday, February 4, 2008 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were: Ms. Katherine Ward, Co-chair MVCCA; representatives of 19 member citizen associations (Huntington, Huntington Civic, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt., Vernon Civic, Mt. Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor, Woodley Hills).

Our guest speaker was Earl Flanagan, Transportation Planning Commissioner, who reviewed the advantages and prospects for monorail in our area and along the US1 corridor in particular. This issue surfaces again in light of the January 2008 funding-design impasse of the extension of Metro through Tysons to Dulles airport.

The political situation: Metro and the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority argued over 91 technical problems with the Tysons to Dulles rail

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project which caused the Federal Transit Administration to pull its \$900M support in January 2008. While Gov. Kaine is trying to get the derailed project back on track, Bill Owen, President of Georgia Monorail Consortium, Inc. wrote to Mary Peters, Sec. of USDOT, to please halt funding for this project until an alternative proposal for monorail is considered.

Flanagan compared the extension of Metro yellow line to Ft. Belvoir with a monorail route from Eisenhower Ave. Metro station along US1 to Ft. Belvoir. The heavy rail extension would involve tunnels through Beacon Hill or expensive cuts to keep rail grades within a 4% limit. The monorail can handle grades up to 10%. Projected cost for the heavy rail extension is \$900M while the cost for the monorail is \$210M.

Monorail cuts construction costs by limited land usage (occasional pylon footprint vs. two track right-of-way). It cuts operational costs by running cars or trains like elevators, vastly reducing labor costs. The Haneda-Tokyo Monorail has operated in Japan for over 10 years at a profit with an exemplary safety record. Baltimore Int'l Airport plans to build a monorail from the airport to the MARC commuter line.

Where are we now? Flanagan has alerted Senator Puller and Supervisor Hyland who are in favor of considering monorail. The mass transit study on the US1 corridor should show a monorail option along with highway, bus and ground rail options. Funding on the DIA extension has been halted. Were it to be built with monorail, chances for monorail on the US1 corridor would be excellent. If the DIA link were to go in with conventional rail, monorail chances along US1 would dim.

The draft letters to the VA legislature on the US1 funding and mass transit study failed to get electronic distribution. They will be resent.

While we did not get a speaker from VDOT on the road maintenance issue, the chair talked at length with Tommy Selvage at Gerry Hyland's Town Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 2. Tommy is in charge of maintenance for VDOT in the Mt. Vernon district and has been our guest speaker on this topic twice before. His budget is \$900K. He often does not get all of that. The blank he drew in 2006 will not be made up. Snow removal money comes from another fund which covers four counties. Snow money left over after a light winter is returned to the general fund. New installations are capital, not part of his budget. As of the February 1 his budget is 2/3 spent (FY July 1 to June 30). A major effort for Tommy now is in Jefferson Manor (curbing and resurfacing). It is easy for a small project to consume \$100K so prioritizing is necessary. Some roads have not been touched in 25 years.

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge plans have changed to include off ramps to US1 from the fast (through) lanes. The topography dictates that such off lanes will require stop lights at US1. The alternative is to provide no US1 exits for the through lanes, but require all US1 exits from I95-I495 be from the outside local lanes. In the past the transportation committee wanted no stop lights. Alexander Lee will explain this situation as our guest speaker on March 3.

The Board of Supervisors are considering a change to County Code 82 to create large parking districts which will restrict large vehicles and water craft. This action results from a transportation committee resolution (T-05-06, see Record Vol xxxvii, no. 10, Nov 05).

The next meeting will be Monday, March 3 at Walt Whitman School.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Committee's meeting took place on January 24, 2008, at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Community organizations represented were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Mason Hill, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing CA. Woodley Hill Estates and Woodley Hills Comm. Assn.

Frank Jamison, a new representative from the Woodley Hills Community Association was welcomed to the Committee.

Representatives from Woodley Hills Estates reported on their meeting with County representatives regarding information on the four manufactured homes that are being built in their community. The County provided written guidelines on prices, priorities and procedures for applying to purchase these homes, scheduled for completion in February. Purchase prices are in the range of \$78K for a 2 bedroom and \$80K for a 3 bedroom home. Regarding the North Hill development, the representatives noted that engineering survey is under way on that property but there has been no further word on development plans from the County.

The Committee again discussed the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The Committee moved and voted unanimously to affirm the following statement: "The SCAWH Committee supports the Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community, and the Committee recommends that the Mount Vernon Council also express such support during this time when the Implementation Plan has been presented publicly to the Board of Supervisors and is under consideration for their vote." The Supervisor's vote on this Plan is expected in March. The committee discussed the need for the County to include "Housing First" strategies for dealing effectively with some important causes of homelessness, as the County plans for both human services delivery and response to workforce housing issues.

Louise Cleveland noted that the 2009 Fairfax County Redevelopment And Housing Authority Draft Annual Plan For Public Housing And Housing Choice Voucher Program is available for public comment until February 4, 2008, and asked interested persons to provide comments. (The plan is on the County web page).

The committee member, Joan McLellan, previously tasked with reporting on state-level actions on housing, submitted information to the committee on how to track current bills under consideration in Richmond via the internet including support for HB 1082, VA Housing Trust Fund and HB 289 Rental Assistance. Bills may be tracked through www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org or www.richmondsunlight.com.

The Committee was informed that Paula Sampson from RHA will be at an open meeting with Ron Fitzsimmons at 3:30 PM Jan 31, at the Mount Vernon Government Center, to discuss the plan to end homelessness and affordable housing issues. Co-chair Jeszenszky planned to represent the Committee at the meeting.

At the Jan. 31st meeting, Ms. Sampson provided an overview of the County's \$100 mil investment in affordable housing in 2007, of which 50% was spent for those with 30% AMI; 20% for 31-50% AMI; 25% for 61-80% AMI and 5% for 81-120% AMI. This was followed by a handout summarizing the key Housing and Community Development accomplishments in FY 2007 and by a review of the Affordable Housing Progress Report that can

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be found on the web at: http://www.effordable.org/documents/preservation_progress_report.pdf.

In answer to questions on North Hill, Ms. Sampson indicated that an engineering contract has been let and survey work has begun but was unsure when the work will be completed. Supervisor Hyland emphasized that the priority be given to proceeding with the work required to develop the 11 acres of affordable housing rather than waiting for the completion of the entire survey. In a discussion on funds needed for the project, Ms. Sampson stated that she would provide information on proposed funding at a later time. She expected to have a concept of a development plan by the fall available for community comment.

For the month of February, the Committee decided to meet on **Tuesday, February 26**, at 7 p.m., in the Mount Vernon Government Center instead of its usual Thursday schedule.

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

(Emergency Resolution Passed at the January Council Meeting)

E&R: 2008-1—SUPPORT FOR VIRGINIA TREE CONSERVATION LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has established a Tree Canopy goal of 45 percent;

WHEREAS, current development practices in Fairfax County are projected to reduce the tree canopy coverage from over 40 percent down to no more than 38 percent before any improvements in tree canopy will be realized;

WHEREAS, Fairfax County ordinances do not provide tools to effectively preserve trees as properties are developed and redeveloped;

WHEREAS, trees provide critical environmental benefits that include removal of carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere (a green house gas), soil stabilization, habitat for wildlife, removal of pollutants from the air and soil that would otherwise make their way into waterways, and other benefits;

WHEREAS, General Assembly Senate and House bills (specifically HB1437 and SB710):

- increases the quantity of tree preservation that we realize on by-right development sites through current local ordinances,
- provides for higher quality tree canopy, and
- is realistic and achievable without significant impacts to the economic yield of development sites; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) believes trees are important to enhance our quality of life, enhance property values, and promote a sustainable environment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA endorses the enactment of these bills because they are good for the environment and for the future of Fairfax County; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the MVCCA requests that the Fairfax County BOS and the Virginia delegation representing Fairfax County support these bills. **Resolution passed 21-1-0.**

HB 1437 Trees; conservation during land development process for air quality improvement.

[David L. Bulova](#)

Details about the legislation are available at:

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?081+ful+HB1437>

SB 710 Trees; conservation during the land development process for air quality improvement.

[Patricia S. Ticer](#)

Details about the legislation are available at:

<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?081+ful+SB710>

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HHS-08-1: SUPPORT FOR THE PLAN TO PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, at any one time more than 2,000 persons, many of them children, are homeless in Fairfax County; **whereas** the present public/private service network struggles to care for the County's homeless, and shelters have waiting lists that can take up to four months to place an applicant, while many wait even longer for "transitional housing" or "residential treatment" programs;

WHEREAS, in Fairfax County, the annual cost of an emergency shelter bed is approximately \$13,500, making annualized cost for a family of three more than \$40,000, in comparison with an average subsidy cost of \$10,500 for a two or three bedroom unit through the Housing Choice Voucher program (in 2006);

WHEREAS, beyond cost benefit reasons, a community that cares for those at risk of homelessness by providing effective services will realize great potential benefits, when many who are enabled to recover from economic crisis or treatable mental illness become more independent and productive in the community;

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in 2005, adopted as a goal to end to homelessness in ten years and recognized that broad effective planning and cooperation among diverse community resources would be required to accomplish such a goal; **whereas** the County has participated in and provided key staff and communications support for a Community Council on Homelessness with broad representation from public agencies (in Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church) as well as from private nonprofit organizations, faith communities, local businesses, and citizen volunteers; and **whereas**, the Community Council has developed, through the work of two large committees, a Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness based on a shared goal and approach, published a "Blueprint" description of effective best-practice strategies that would redirect efforts of both public and private voluntary resources incrementally over ten years, and drafted an "Implementation Plan" for year-by-year milestones, public accountability, and continuing oversight through a structured Community Partnership;

WHEREAS the Community Council's Planning Committee to End Homeless has gathered evidence on the causes of homelessness and examined the lessons from programs, locally and in distant cities and counties, that respond effectively;

has recommended moving beyond present efforts directed at "managing homelessness" to the new public goal of "ending homelessness" by adopting the basic approach of prevention and early intervention widely known as "housing first" (and widely recognized as the fastest track to reducing dependency and building self-sufficiency);

has explained how this approach can be applied—through four key strategies—to coordinate our local community resources of all kinds much more effectively; and

has published, with the endorsement of the Board of Supervisors, "Blueprint for Success: Strategic Directions for the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community" (Dec. 2006) and its summary in a flier, "Strategies to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community" (Jan. 2007), both available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless;

WHEREAS the Community Council's Implementation Committee to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community has now, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, expanded the Blueprint's recommendations to describe a more structured Community Partnership that can coordinate the work of private and public resources and that can promote achievable step-by-step actions (many already begun) with annual milestones, shared standards of public accountability, and continuing oversight, in ways that can be adapted to Fairfax County's governmental jurisdiction (as enabled by the state);

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WHEREAS the (Draft) "Ending Homelessness: Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community"—*as presented to the BOS (Nov. 26, 2007) for review and action in March 2008 and as presented to and reviewed by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Committee for Health and Human Services (Dec. 3, 2007) and reported in the MVCCA RECORD*—outlines steps during calendar years 2008 and 2009 toward forming a Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness, and **whereas** these steps will require continuing County participation in a governing board and support for public communications and a coordinating Office to End Homelessness, during the County's Fiscal Year 2009 (starting July 1, 2008):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations supports the goal and strategies of the "Blueprint for Success: Strategic Directions for the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community" and the (Draft) "Ending Homelessness: Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve and endorse "Ending Homelessness: Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community," so that the County may play a leading role in forming a Community Partnership, and Office, to Prevent and End Homelessness, during FY2009.

PLANNING & ZONING

PZ-2008-02: Roadway Functional Classification

Whereas, Appendix 8 was added to the Zoning Ordinance with adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment ZO-00-330, adopted by the Board on July 24, 2000;

Whereas, Appendix 8 contains a listing of roadways by functional classification which includes both principal and minor arterials as they appeared in the 2000 Transportation *Policy Plan* of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan;

Whereas, on July 10, 2006 the Board approved a Comprehensive Plan amendment that updated the Transportation section of the Policy Plan;

Whereas, the classification listing is used in determining whether a street constitutes a major thoroughfare, which factors into requests for height increases for noise barriers, the location and height for fences and walls, yard designations on reverse frontage lots, and in the administration of the sign regulations for commercial developments;

Whereas, the major changes to the listing included the extension of certain road segments already included in the listing; the addition of several new road segments; and the break down of the principal arterial classification into two components: principal arterial-freeway/expressway, and other principal arterials. The principal arterial-freeway/expressway classification includes interstates, the Dulles Airport Access Road, the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Sully Road (Route 28), the Fairfax County Parkway, and the Franconia-Springfield Parkway;

Whereas, the proposed amendment updates the listing of roadways by functional classification in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan;

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the MVCCA supports the Zoning Amendment for Roadway Classifications.

PZ 2008-03: Proposed Vacation of Troy Street

Whereas, The street known as Troy St and Vernon Street in Sunny View is currently an unimproved right of passage;

Whereas, Troy St and Vernon Street are entirely within the Sunny View subdivision;

Whereas, The unimproved right of passage does not meet the minimum width of 50 ft for a VDOT accepted street;

Whereas, The adjacent property owners have been maintaining, at their own expense, the unimproved right of passage;

Whereas, The applicant seeks to increase his lot size to allow for a greater buffer between his property and a future development adjacent to the lot;

Whereas, The two adjoining property owners support the application;

Whereas, There are no plans to construct a thru-street;

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the MVCCA support the application to vacate the two proposed streets at the southern end of Ayers Drive as shown on the surveyors certificate of lots 1A and 9A, Sunny View, Section two, such streets named Troy Street and Vernon Street.

PZ 2008-04/ SEA-88-V-006: Dolphin Lane- Deck in a floodplain

Whereas, The applicant, Michael MacNair, seeks to amend the previously approved Special Exception, for a single-family detached residential structure in the floodplain, in order to permit the addition of two (2) decks along the rear of the existing single-family detached residence;

Whereas, There are no waivers or modifications being requested with this application;

Whereas, The subject site contains an existing 3-story single-family detached dwelling, which was built in 1991, prior to the designation of the RPA on the site, which occurred in 1993;

Whereas, In 1990, a building permit was issued for an upper deck attached to the rear of the existing residence, and in 1993, a second permit was issued for an above-ground pool and associated deck, also located along the rear of the residence;

Whereas, In the spring of 2007, Mr. MacNair decided to remove the upper deck and aboveground pool/associated deck and to replace them with two (2) new decks;

Whereas, The applicant is proposing to build an upper and lower deck, totaling 995 SF, along the rear of his residence; the proposed lower deck, to be built at ground level, would be located near the southwest corner of the residence. The lower deck, which is "L-shape" in form, measures approximately 21 feet in length by 8 feet in width; the proposed upper deck, also located along the rear of the dwelling, will connect directly to the structure's first floor and be accessible from the dwelling and/or from an outside staircase proposed to be located near the southeast corner of the dwelling. The upper deck, which is rectangular in shape, measures approximately 51 feet in length by 12 feet in width, and is proposed at an elevation of 21.4 feet, or approximately 10 feet above the average grade of the existing ground floor patio.;

Whereas, the proposed decks are primarily going to be built over an existing stone-paved patio. No tree removal or grading will be necessary. No additional impervious surface will be added;

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Whereas, decks are accessory structures pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance;

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the MVCCA supports the application to construct two decks totaling 995 sq feet at 4609 Dolphin Lane

PZ-2008-06: Advertising on Public Transit Passenger Shelters

Whereas, The proposed amendment is on the 2007 Priority 1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment Work Program and will allow advertising on County owned bus shelters located outside of a right-of-way (ROW);

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors (Board) requested staff to consider a program to allow signs on County owned bus shelters as a source of revenue;

Whereas, the current Zoning Ordinance does not regulate activities within a ROW, it does apply to private and County owned property, and bus shelter advertising on such property is considered to be an off-site sign, similar to a billboard and is not permitted;

Whereas, There are no proposed restrictions to placing advertisements in residential communities;

Whereas, The proposed ZO amendment doesn't include specific considerations for the safety of persons using the bus shelter. View into and out of a shelter may be blocked, therefore isolating users and allowing a potentially dangerous circumstances to occur within the shelter without observation (i.e. assault, robbery);

Whereas, The proposed ZO amendment allows for temporary placement of signs, which may increase litter on roadways and increase vandalism (graffiti, removal and improper disposal of signs and placement of paper signage on shelters);

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the MVCCA opposes the Zoning Amendment to permit Advertising on County owned Public Transit Passenger Shelters.

PZ& ER 2008-01-J: Resolution on Rezoning Application RZ-2007-MV-011 CarrHomes on the Leatherland Property

WHEREAS CarrHomes wishes to construct houses on the Leatherland property, Tax Map 99-4 ((1)) 32 and 33, and

WHEREAS CarrHomes has submitted application RZ-2007-MV-011 to rezone the Leatherland property from R-1 to PDH-2, and

WHEREAS Article 6 of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance specifies that the PDH District "...is established to encourage innovative and creative design and to facilitate use of the most advantageous construction techniques ... to insure ample provision and efficient use of open space; to promote high standards in the layout, design and construction of residential development; to promote balanced developments of mixed housing types; to encourage the provision of dwellings within the means of families of low and moderate income..." and

WHEREAS the proposed development plan does not claim to provide housing for low and moderate income families, does not claim to promote mixed housing types, and does not claim to include universal (i.e., handicap accessible) design, and

WHEREAS the design of a by-right development would be expected to be houses around a cul-de-sac, and the proposed development plan shows the same basic layout but with a greater number of houses on the cul-de-sac street, thus it lacks an innovative design, and

WHEREAS the claimed open space in the proposed development is largely on land that is not suitable for buildings due to slopes, wetland characteristics, and soil type, and would normally remain undeveloped regardless of the zoning, and

WHEREAS Article 16 of the Fairfax Counting Zoning Ordinance states additional standards for all Planned Development zoning districts, including:

...the planned development shall be of such design that it will result in a development achieving the stated purpose and intent of the planned development district more than would development under a conventional zoning district;

...the planned development shall efficiently utilize the available land, and shall protect and preserve to the extent possible all scenic assets and natural features such as trees, streams and topographic features;

...the planned development shall be designed to prevent substantial injury to the use and value of existing surrounding development...;

WHEREAS the proposed development will include a loss of tree cover, an increase in the amount of impervious surface, and a negative impacts on wetlands, yet there is no clear community purpose that provides for a higher use than would be provided under an R-1 designation, and

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has adopted environmental goals and initiatives including Cool Counties, Increased Tree Cover and Tree Save, and improved water quality through Watershed Restoration Plans, and granting this rezoning application for increased density is not in conformity with the environmental goals, and

WHEREAS homes built under the current R-1 District would be built on larger lots with more front, side, and back yards than possible under PDH-2 zoning, enabling more trees to be planted by the owners of the property resulting in a future increase in the total tree coverage, and

WHEREAS the Newington Civic Association, representing the adjacent properties located west and south of the Leatherland property, and the Winstead Manor Homeowners Association, representing the adjacent properties located north and east of the Leatherland property, both strongly oppose the proposed rezoning, and

WHEREAS the Leatherland property is uphill of 8304-8306 Telegraph Road, which has a history of flooding during and following a heavy rain;

WHEREAS the final geotechnical report for the Leatherland property is not complete;

WHEREAS the development proffers do not offer sufficient benefits to compensate for the adverse impacts on the adjacent property owners and do not offer sufficient protection to the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations opposes rezoning application RZ-2007-MV-011 as presented.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 27, 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
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Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

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New Business

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—March 13, 7:30 p.m. at MVGC—SUPV

COM	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	2/26	7:00	MVGC	Jeszenszky/McCormick
BUDG	2/28	8:00	WWMS	Voorhees
COAF	3/4	7:30	WWMS-PC	Cox
EDUC	2/28	8:00	WWMS-LJ	Harbeck
E&R	3/5	7:00	SCGC	Zaragoza
H/HS	3/1	9:00a	IMVH/Engh	Cleveland
H/HS	3/4	7:00	IMVH/Engh	Cleveland
PL/Z	3/3	7:30	WWMS-LH	Sell-Pugh
PSAF	3/6	7:30	MVGC, #1	Shawkey
TRAN	3/3	8:00	WWMS	Dean, Acting Chair

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