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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

February 27, 2008 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Pat Rea.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Dale, Pat Rea; Committee chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, John Jeszenszky, Dallas Shawkey, David Voorhees, Larry Zaragoza; Transportation Chair Designate Catherine Voorhees; FCFA rep Jim Davis; SFDC rep Tom Hook; Record Editor Gretchen Schroeder; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle. Representatives (20) from Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates. (Present but not voting: United Voice at Kings Crossing.)

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT accepted as published. Reminder from the Treasurer that representatives from associations which have not renewed will not be able to vote at the March meetings. Renewals should include names of president, treasurer, and authorized rep to Council as well as, hopefully, reps to all committees.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Supervisor Hyland requested an early time slot because some of his comments may impact a resolution to be considered.

Assessments. County has re-assessed properties: land value increases while, in most cases, house value decreases. Don't decrease your insurance limits because, if something should happen, you want replacement costs. Overall, real estate taxes are down about 2.6%; Mason Neck shows a significant increase. About 21% of the real estate taxes are on commercial property.

Richmond Highway speed limit. VDOT decided that the speed limit on Richmond Highway from Alexandria City to Lorton should be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph; decision was made with NO LOCAL input. Commander Kline, FCPD, says this is not a good idea. Pedestrian error, not speed, caused most of the pedestrian fatalities in the past year. If the speed limit is to be changed, VDOT has to first convince the community.

Vacation of property on Troy Street. Vacating the right-of-way on Troy Street would give the owner a lot large enough to be subdivided which results in a gift of about \$.5 million to a person who cannot now subdivide; in fact, the request to subdivide has already be submitted to the County. Gerry will not support the request.

Concerts at Grist Mill Park. County Park Authority wants to institute a series of concerts on Friday evenings, 7:30-8:30. Questions as to where in the park? How many people? Parking? Gerry's office will get and distribute more information.

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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.

See page 11 of this issue of the *Record* for a registration form and details about the 2008 Gala, to be held this year at Mount Vernon Country Club. See you there!

Environment & Recreation Chair: David Plummer has been selected by the Co-Chairs as the new Chairman of the Environment & Recreation Committee. The General Council will be asked to ratify this nomination at the March 26 meeting.

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Stream buffer on pumping station property on Little Hunting Creek. Stratford Landing community is supportive.

Belle Haven Watershed Flood Damage Reduction Town Meeting. March 18, at 7 p.m., Belle View Elementary School, 6701 Fort Hunt Rd. Purpose: To provide information regarding the findings of the preliminary study and the next steps, answer any questions, and receive constructive input from the Belle Haven and New Alexandria communities.

Openings on Committees. Several openings on committees need to be filled. Call the Supervisor's office for information.

Noise. If workers start before County curfews, police will respond. Call the non-emergency number.

In answer to a question, **Marine Patrol** is not at risk in the budget.

Transportation Chair: Catherine Voorhees was approved as Chair of the Transportation Committee (18-0-0)

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Affordable and Workforce Housing - Announced that RHA has scheduled a public meeting to update information on North Hill development on April 29, 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Budget and Finance – Committee meets tomorrow (February 28) with Supervisor Hyland and the County Executive to discuss the new budget. The public was invited to attend.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published. Next meeting March 4.

Education – Minutes as published. Discussion of the school budget; already education is not funded as required by state law. Other sources of funding?

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. In response to a question, in the expansion of Martha Washington Library, the plan calls for taking out two mature trees in front of the building; is this necessary? If so, recommendation has been made to create a green area behind the building and add tree cover there. Briefing on March 5, 7 p.m.

Replacement needed for Larry Zaragoza as Chair of E&R as he has been appointed to the Environmental Quality Advisory Council; Bill Cleveland will act in the interim.

Health and Human Services – Minutes as published. A public survey of people seeking mental health services is on the web; deadline for replies is March 1. Resolution.

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. Sheldon filling in for Deb. After telecom re: Troy Street, that resolution will be withdrawn.

Public Safety – CERTS training at the Alexandria Fire Training Academy, Jefferson Street .

Transportation – Minutes as published. Public hearing on the County parking ordinance March 10.

SFDC – See report. They are working on a five-year plan.

FCFCA REPORT – Fundraiser March 10, \$65 per person. Federation is discussing hot lanes and the BRAC justification for things that are NOT being done. Meetings held at the Packard Center in Annandale.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Changes to legislation re: proffers: whether to table the legislation or exempt Fairfax County or look for another option.

Tree Canopy legislation passed.

APR is being reopened.

Infill Meeting – March 13, 7 p.m., Whitman lecture hall. Council will be represented by Co-chair Katherine Ward; Gretchen Walzl, President, Hollin Hall; and David Plummer, President, Woodley Hills. Need to get control over infill houses.

Web site needs a Webmaster, preferably volunteer.

RESOLUTIONS

PZ-2008-02: Roadway Functional Classification Passed 20-0-0

PZ-2008-03: Proposed Vacation of Troy Street Withdrawn

PZ-2008-04/SEA-88-V-006: Dolphin Lane-Deck in a floodplain
"Resolved" language amended to "does not oppose" the application.
Passed 18-2-0.

PZ-2008-06 – Advertising on Public Transit Passenger Shelters
Discussion included concerns about safety if vision is blocked, observation that this would be a revenue source, and suggestion that advertising could be placed on top of the shelters. Scheduled to be presented to the Planning Commission in late March, so not time-sensitive.
Motion to return to committee for further clarification. Passed 19-1-0.

PZ&ER-2008-01-J: Resolution on Rezoning Application RZ-2007-MV-011 CarrHomes on the Leatherland Property (Resolution to oppose.)
Point was raised that CarrHomes came back today with new proffers; rebuttal that these have not been made public and that we should deal with the situation as it stands and re-visit if that becomes appropriate.
Passed 18-2-0.

HHS-2008-01: Support for the Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
Supervisors need to hear encouragement. Passed 18-0-2.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Treasurer's Report			
For Period January 1, 2008 through March 13, 2008			
	Budget 2008	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$5,753.36	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$3,207.00	-\$1,293.00
Record Subscriptions	\$225.00	\$270.00	\$45.00
Gala Income	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	-\$2,400.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,125.00	\$3,477.00	-\$3,648.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$4,000.00	\$290.73	\$3,709.27
Administrative	\$300.00	\$62.41	\$237.59
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
Insurance ¹	\$0.00	\$660.00	-\$660.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,125.00	\$1,013.14	\$6,111.86
ENDING BALANCE		\$8,217.22	

¹ Unbudgeted item approved by the General Council on 1/23/2008.

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BUDGET & FINANCE

Present: David Voorhees (Chair), Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Hollin Hall.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on March 5, 2008. The only agenda item was discussion of the proposed 2009 Fairfax County Budget. A draft resolution was reviewed. The chair of the Education committee presented comments regarding that committee's resolution and provided a copy of that resolution for the budget committee's review. It was noted that while the county tax revenue from the real estate property tax is estimated to decline, other revenue including a twelve cent hike in the commercial real estate tax will increase revenue from that sector. The county has raised other fees to increase revenue including General Fund fees (adding \$4.5 million in revenue), refuse collection fees and sewer fees. It was noted that a one cent increase in the residential real estate tax equals approximately \$22.8 million dollars. The Budget and Finance Committee is working with other committees to produce a comprehensive response to the proposed 2009 Fairfax County Budget.

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of Virginia determined that the provisions of Chapter 896 permitting Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) to impose the regional taxes and fees are invalid because they violate the Constitution and therefore, such taxes and fees that NVTA has already imposed are null and void. The effects of this determination on the proposed county budget are not clear at this time except that those portions of the budget that relied on the revenue generated by the NVTA now appear to be unfunded.

Other meetings;

On February 20, 2008, a joint meeting with the Education committee was held at the Walt Whitman Middle School library in which the Education Budget was discussed and we listened to a presentation from Fairfax County officials.

On February 28, 2008 the Budget and Finance committee held a well-attended meeting with Supervisor Hyland and County Executive Tony Griffin. Mr. Griffin discussed many details about the proposed 2009 Fairfax County Budget and answered questions from the attendees. Mr. Griffin's proposed budget was prepared at the direction of the board of supervisors to assume no increase in spending over the 2008 budget. Although, the proposed budget assumed no increase in spending, Mr. Griffin proposes a three cent hike in residential real estate property rate (i.e. to 92 cents per \$100 assessed valuation).

The next meeting for the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for April 2, 2008 at 7:30 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's conference room.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs Committee did not meet in March. The next meeting of the Consumer Affairs Committee is Tuesday, April 1 at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on March 5, 2008, at 8 p.m., in the media center at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Hollin Hall, Stratford Landing, Mount Vernon Manor, Newington Forest, Tauxemont, Williamsburg Manor North, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Spring Bank, Riverside Estates, Mount Vernon Civic, Woodley Hills and Randall Estates. Co-chair David Dale also attended.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the School Board's FY2009 Advertised Budget in light of the funding proposed in the Fairfax County FY2009 Advertised Budget Plan and to establish a Committee position on school needs.

The discussions were wide-ranging and are memorialized in the Resolution, printed elsewhere in this RECORD, and offered for Council adoption. The Resolution passed unanimously (12-0-0; one member arriving after the vote).

Several Committee members also expressed disappointment with both school and school board leadership in what was seen as a failure to forcefully advocate, support and explain the true needs of the school system, as required by state regulation. Notwithstanding the constraints of the County's budget situation, which is exacerbated by underfunded mandates of the Commonwealth and the United States, it was felt a disservice to citizens to fail to fully inform them of the needs if FCPS is to maintain and improve its nationally known education services and to provide a quality education for all children of Fairfax County and especially Mount Vernon District.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2008, at 8 p.m., at the Walt Whitman Middle School media center.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

Present: William Cleveland (Acting Chair), Collingwood-on-Potomac, Huntington, Newington Civic Association, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Tauxemont Community Association, Woodley Hills Community Association, Wellington, and Wessynton Homes Association. Also present were Gloria Bannister, Maartin Crijns, Sheldon Hoenig, and Lou Sagatov.

The committee met on March 5, 2008, at 7 p.m.; William Cleveland called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Cole Sewage Treatment Facility

Larry Zaragoza reviewed the situation with this facility. Larry had received complaints of odors from a member of the MVCCA Board. The plant has a history of odors and, according to Neal McBride of Newington Forrest, Supervisory Hyland obtained about 20 million dollars to implement controls at the plant to reduce the odor problems. Mr. McBride also reviewed the work of others in the Lorton Area to track the status of the facility in terms of improving odors, and both Neal and Gloria Bannister (Chair, Environment Committee of the South County Federation) noted that the situation at the facility has greatly improved. Larry noted that County staff has offered to provide a tour and he will arrange for a tour for interested parties probably towards the end of the month.

Discussion/presentation of information on Green Building

Mr. Lou Sagatov provided a presentation on Green Building. Mr. Sagatov

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is leading efforts for the Northern Virginia Builders Association on a work-group with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop a Green Building standard. He reviewed key components of Green Building, including: insulation, windows, major appliances, ductwork and materials (eliminating certain known toxic substances that are commonly found in some building products). He reported that he believes that standards may be adopted by May of this year. He also highlighted work that has been ongoing with Arlington County to promote Green Building and noted that he has built some homes that meet the standards that are being proposed. Finally, while he noted that there are some additional costs for Green Building, he also pointed out that there are savings for the homeowner. Mr Sagatov mentioned that the National Home Builders Association has a research park located in Laurel MD, where they do testing on building materials and methods. Tours are available. See the links below for information on Green Building.

http://www.nbnnews.com/NAHB_GBU/issues/2007-12-14/index.html
<http://www.nahbrc.org/technical/standards/greenbuilding.aspx>
<http://www.nahb.org/page.aspx/category/sectionID=222>

Resolution on Stacy Road

A resolution on the property reviewed at last month's meeting on Stacy Road was discussed. A motion was made and seconded, then passed by the committee (Editor's Note: The resolution was nearly identical to a resolution passed by the Planning & Zoning Committee. The resolutions were combined into a joint resolution which appears on page 10).

Old Business

Special Committee for Long Range Planning

The MVCCA Board is supportive but would like to have a Chair before moving forward with this Committee.

Leatherland revised proffers

Revised proffers had not been received as of the time of the meeting but they will be shared with the committee when they are.

New Alexandria and Corps of Engineers

A meeting will be held on March 18 to review the Corps study in the New Alexandria area.

Watersheds and TMDL development

There is a federal court mandate to establish TMDLs and the State is establishing TMDLs for Virginia waters, but they have not identified the sources of contamination. Larry Zaragoza recommended that the committee hear a presentation from State and County staff on the status of TMDL development for watersheds in the Mount Vernon District.

County Budget

Bill Cleveland reviewed the status of expenditures on the one penny fund for stormwater mgnt. Budget cuts will result in monies from the fund being spent to support staff. A new Energy Coordinator position in the Office of the County Executive will be dedicated to energy conservation. Larry Zaragoza noted that there is a concern for the funding of inspectors that address environmental issues from Chesapeake Bay Ordinance compliance, to soil runoff from construction projects, and other environmental areas. Additional funding for environmental inspections may be needed.

New Business / Announcements

The tree canopy bill passed.

The state senate bill that would have eliminated the proffer system has been deferred until next year.

Infill Meeting on March 13 at Walt Whitman Middle School, 7-10 p.m.

David Plummer was recognized for his contributions to the task force and clear presentation of issues.

Use of floor/area ratio (FAR) is conventional for commercial and industrial development; it's being proposed for residential development.

The committee thanked Larry Zaragoza for his efforts as committee chair to advance the work of the committee and wished him well as he joins EQAC. Larry also expressed his sincere appreciation for the work that the E&R has accomplished over the past year. The work of the committee addressed the areas that had been identified as priorities early in the year and other issues that arose during the year. The work of the committee also involved multiple meetings per month in a number of instances. Larry is especially grateful for the support of Bill Cleveland and Catherine Voorhees, who assisted in the management of the committee.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, in the Mount Hybla room of the South County Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The H/HS Committee met twice, March 1 and March 4, at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Room, with 11 member associations represented on March 1, and with 10 on March 4: Belle Haven Terrace*, Collingwood-on-Potomac*, Hollin Glen*, Hollindale*, Hollin Hall Village*, Hollin Hills*, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr*, Springbank*, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. IV, Sulgrave Manor*, Wellington*, and Woodley Hills Estates. The asterisk (*) indicates the 10 representatives present on March 4 who voted, unanimously, for the Resolution, "FY 2009 Health and Human Services Planning." The resolution (see pages 9-10) will be brought before the General Council for consideration in March. On March 1, our meeting began with a presentation of the County FY 2009 Budget Plan from the vantage of the Human Services Systems department, with Region I Director Telly Whitfield and two staff from Coordinated Systems Planning, Kim Hamlett and Ghada Khalaf. On March 4, Mount Vernon representative to the County Human Services Council John Byers was present. Co-chair Pat Rea participated in both meetings as our liaison to the Council.

FY2009 Health and Human Services Planning

HHS Committee focuses throughout the year on emergent needs and on the gamut of community resources available—particularly through the complex "health and human services network" of Fairfax County's public agencies and private not-for-profit community-based organizations (CBOs)—to respond effectively. The Committee page on the Council's web site, www.mvcca.org, currently provides a link to a "Summary" of the past 14 months of work, for which detailed reports have appeared in the *Record*. Focusing on underlying strengths and strains in the network, and important gaps in needed services, these committee findings have considerable "shelf life" for those working to understand obstacles and resolve issues, and they are the basis for the Committee's unanimous response to the County's proposed FY 2009 Budget Plan, as it impacts the availability and resilience of essential health and human services that are needed by the entire community in the coming year.

The Committee deems the proposed Budget Plan unacceptable without two critical Board of Supervisor actions: first, *restore County revenues, to*

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levels sufficient to maintain essential services from year to year, by means such as raising tax rates; then, *deploy this stabilized revenue in highly strategic ways* that will enable the County to respond well to emergent community needs in the year ahead. The Resolution rests on our best understanding of role of prevention and early intervention, the most effective and least costly strategies.

Upcoming Meetings—open to the public

Monday, March 31, 7 p.m. Board of Supervisor's Hearings on the FY2009 Budget Plan at the Fairfax County Governmental Center open, with 3 Mount Vernon area citizens speaking on human services near the start. Cox Channel 16 broadcasts the hearings, which continue April 1 and 2.

Tuesday, April 1, 7 PM, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Eng Room. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151.

Monday, April 7, 6:30 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets in the Supervisor's Conference Room, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, to consider issues related to Mount Vernon Hospital and the future Lorton Healthplex. Chair Jeff McKay.

PLANNING & ZONING

The meeting was held March 3, 2008, in the Cafeteria at Walt Whitman Middle School beginning at 7:33 p.m. and was chaired by Chair Deb Sell-Pugh. Nineteen member associations attended. (Engleside, Hollin Hall Citizens, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Community, Marlan Forest, Mt. Zephyr, New Alexandria, Newington, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford-on-the Potomac 4, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood Citizens, Williamsburg Manor North, Wellington Civic, Wellington Heights, Wessynton Homes Assoc, Woodley Hills Civic)

SE-MV-2007-024 Maarten Crijns & Red Young

The Crijns/Young home is located at 8130 Stacey Road, Alexandria VA within the Tinkle Community. The existing condition of the home is poor with sagging floors and walls, is not energy efficient and has a cracking foundation. The home is the only one within the community located within the 100 year floodplain. The lot does not permit another spot to build outside the floodplain. The proposed new dwelling is the same location as current house, therefore minimizing land disturbance. The current home is 1800 sq ft, the proposed home is 4000sq ft. However, the dwelling is going to be 12ft narrower (less wide) than the current home to maintain minimum stormwater impact and greater area for the adjacent creek therefore increasing its ability to flow. They have proffered a conservation area in the rear of the lot. The BFE is 17.6 ft with the additional 18 inches required by Fairfax County the first floor elevation will be approximately 21 inches removing the living structure out of the floodplain. The builders propose to use 300 cubic yards of fill to elevate one side of the new home out of the floodplain. Mr.Crijns stated that he has satisfied all of FEMA and County staff concerns and has provided the appropriate calculations to DPWES.

Motion to approve pending staff approval passed 12-1-2.

Sunrise Senior Living (Lorton)

Proposal for an assisted living facility, not full care, adjacent to shops at Lorton, New Hope Church and Cross Point Community. Facility will consist of 80 units serving senior citizens of average age of 80. This type of facility is meant for people to age in place. Total lot is 5.3 acres. Rear of lot will remain wooded with open space remaining at approximately 67% , tree save 33% or 1/3 of lot. Open space and tree space shall be proffered

in plan as "no other use". Plan is for traditional Sunrise-style facility, Victorian with gables porches and gardens. Plan presents as front from all four sides. 64 parking spaces are required for the lot. Currently lot is wooded to the rear, near Cross Point and a house is located toward the front of property. An OTA, rezoning (currently .5-1 DU per acre to R-5) and S.E are all required to accommodate this use. No date(s) for public hearings have been set. It was stated that the Cross Pointe community supports this use.

Sportsplex at Laurel Hill

Mr. Kirk Holley, Special Projects Manager, within the Fairfax County Park Authority's Planning & Development Department, presented the history of and the very latest planning proposals for the Laurel Hill Sportsplex on two separate parcels within the former 3,000 acre D.C. Prison at Lorton, now known as Laurel Hill. FCPA is the single largest land holder on the Laurel Hill property and is seeking creative ways to fund its 2004-approved Laurel Hill Park's Master Plan for a major athletic fields' complex. Eventually, FCPA plans to develop a total of 16 rectangular and 8 diamond fields, with the former to be located within the old prison's almost 100-acre Youth Correctional Facility (YCF) area just to the south of the County's Incinerator Complex along Mordor/Landfill Road and the latter to be located within the 60-acre Heritage Park Area next to the future Cold War Museum site just to the north of Furnace Road. The entire multi-phased project (to be fully funded, built and operated by the PA itself) was estimated at \$144 million...a cost that was just very recently determined to be totally impossible under the PA's current capital and operational budgeting and bonding projections for anytime in the foreseeable future. As a result, FCPA has so far accepted its consultants' recent suggestion and is now looking at a phased approach to the sportsplex's overall development, with the first phase (the 8-9 rectangular fields' at the YCF area) estimated to cost about \$41 million. It was noted that a purely public-private partnership proposal (offered by the Laurel Hill Sports Foundation) that was first submitted as part of a FCPA RFP process in 2005 was studied and found early last year by FCPA staff to be not financially feasible to recover development costs.

Answers to questions from P&Z members as to possible optional funding sources indicated the following:

- User fees for FCPA fields do not go to the park authority (they remain with the leagues);
- FCEDA-style revenue bonds would not be feasible as consultants determined that total interest and capital costs could not be re-paid in full;
- \$9.5 million profit made from recent sale of PA's quarry-area property at Laurel Hill have been assigned to reimburse the PA's Capital Land Fund and are apparently not available for actual on-site facility development, which means that Supv. Hyland's recent requests for using some of the land-deal's gains for public facilities' development elsewhere at Laurel Hill cannot be honored at this time;
- Current \$50 million request (not yet assured) to BOS for General Obligation referendum bonding authority for this fall are being restricted (per earlier FCPA Board decision) to two uses: new land acquisitions (\$10M) and maintenance/repair of current facilities (\$40 M);
- Sale of other FCPA-owned lands at Laurel Hill is not considered a viable option at present since BOS has indicated that it frowns on such things due to its earlier-expressed desire of having FCPA control at least 10% of FC land (which although quite close, is still unattained); and ,
- Although monies from the LH Golf Course might be used eventually, currently any net profits must go to help pay off the long-term capital bonds.

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When Mr. Holley was asked why the PA's ball-field funding program for Laurel Hill seems to be counting on non-FCPA funding sources (which is quite different from all past such proposals, such as for the South Run and Lee District Parks, for which bond and internal County monies were used), he stated that experience of FCPA's bonding authorizations by BOS indicate that relatively small amounts are being approved (and even then only at several-years' intervals). With the added problem of the County's growing overall budgeting deficiencies, he therefore sees little likelihood of the currently-planned major recreational projects happening anytime soon at Laurel Hill --- UNLESS some substantial non-PA-sourced resources are unexpectedly made available. He noted that both the FC Athletic Council and the FC Public School system have agreed to do their best to assist.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held April 7, 2008, at Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall, at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac Sect IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, and Wellington.

Our first subject was a review of the progress in recruiting community volunteers to take the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training we have arranged to be given at the nearby Alexandria Fire Training Academy. The issue remains the required travel to the Fairfax Fire and Rescue Academy, a distance of more than 22 miles, for the last two training sessions. The chair is working to obtain bus transportation from the County. A proposal was made to talk to the CERT trainers to see whether the two sessions can be combined into one. The Chair and the Southwood rep will work on that.

The chair provided a short review of the County Executive's Proposed Budget for FY 2009. It is a very austere proposal due to the downturn in property values and business activity. In fact there is an addendum by the County Executive to address the loss of \$32 million in income that was unexpected when he prepared the proposal. The proposal includes a 1.46% cost of living adjustment for the public safety department personnel; however, this represents only 50% of the actual adjustment that should be made. Merit increments will be funded. \$100,000 was added to replace expiring funds for gang prevention case management services. However, the requests for 53 additional police officers, 14 firemen, and 12 sheriff's deputies could not be approved. The police officers are needed for patrols, the firemen for ladder trucks, and the deputies to allow the opening of existing additional jail space in the Adult Detention Center (ADC). It was noted that the federal government did not fund additional COPs positions this year.

The next issue was a review of the a study report on Richmond Hwy prepared by the VDOT Northern Region Traffic Engineering staff entitled *Northern Region Engineering Study – September 19, 2007* that recommended that the current posted speed limits of 45 mph on the northern section (north of Fort Belvoir) be reduced to 35 mph and the 50 mph on the southern section (south of Fort Belvoir) be reduced to 45 mph. Without significant notice to the public and public safety officials, VDOT announced that it would implement the recommendations on March 10, 2008. A copy of the staff report was provided to the committee members for review. The chair discussed the review and action of the Transportation Committee earlier this week. **It voted 15 to 5 with 1 abstention to**

oppose the implementation without further study and public hearings. The Public Safety chair agreed to prepare a draft resolution, assuming his committee agreed. After review, the **Public Safety Committee voted 13 to 0 to oppose**. The chair will draft a resolution and forward it to the members. It will later be forwarded to the Transportation Committee for its review and approval. The resolution is included separately in this Record.

An update was provided on the development of the Delancey St. replication project in Fairfax County called Beacon. Three males have been selected for the initial 6 males in the Beacon project. They have been moved to the prerelease section of the ADC where they will undergo initial preparation for Beacon during the next 6 months.

The District 29 Day Reporting Program Office has completed its move to the IMP Building, 8850-A Richmond Hwy, next to the Roy Rogers by the Woodlawn Plantation. There will be an Open House 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. Invitations were provided to committee members.

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 magistrates at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center and instead have magistrates via television from as far away as Richmond. The chair advised that the bills passed the House of Delegates and Senate.

The General Assembly also passed a bill that will allow localities to provide supplemental pay to Public Defenders as it allows them to supplement the pay of Commonwealths' Attorneys – which Fairfax County already does.

Finally, the chair provided information on the new \$5 charge by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on renewing vehicle registration at a DMV customer service center, such as those off Eisenhower Ave. and Franconia Rd. rather than doing it either online or by mail. Drivers could get a \$1 discount for doing it online and \$1 discount for renewing it for more than one year. The changes are expected to become effective July 1, 2008.

The committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3 in Community Room #1, MVGC. Our speaker will be from the local Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Field Office.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 3, 2008 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were: Ms. Katherine Ward, Co-chair MVCCA; Earl Flanagan, Planning Commissioner, Mack Roades, MVCCA Transportation Commissioner and representatives of 24 member citizen associations (Belle Haven Terrace, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Huntington Civic, Montebello, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt., Vernon Civic, Mt. Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park, Woodley Hills).

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Update on Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project

Our guest speaker was Alexander Lee, public relations spokesman for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, who gave an update on the project. The latest cost figure is \$2.524B. The second bridge is to open at the end of May or the first week in June 08 and traffic will be moved onto the second bridge while the first bridge is prepared for one-way traffic. Then, the transition will begin from the temporary crossover arrangement in use now to the planned three local, two express lanes for each bridge. Each bridge is structured to hold rail lines in the sixth lane if needed. The entire bridge should be in operation in the beginning of fall 2008. The Church Street exit into Old Town is to reopen at the beginning of June 08. The second half of the US1 Bridge from Ft. Hunt into Old Town is due to open in June 08 with the pedestrian/bike trail to open after that. With both US1 bridges open, there will be three lanes of traffic in each direction. There still will be limited lanes on ramps, merges, etc. during the construction. Southbound US1 traffic will use two left turn lanes to get onto Ft. Hunt Rd. while traffic exiting the beltway going to Ft. Hunt will still use the jughandle.

US1 access from the express or through lanes over the bridge, not in the original design due to funding constraints, is now back in the plans. These exit ramps will meet US1 in the middle of the US1 bridge over the beltway and may require traffic lights. This work, under a separate contract from VDOT, is underway and the design including traffic lights appears to be the preferred solution. The Transportation Committee objected to these through lane exits since rush hour traffic could impede through traffic on the beltway and the lights could impede US1 traffic to and from Old Town. Surveys show 70% of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge traffic is local. Questions involved northbound US1 traffic turning left into Huntington (need lane dividers) and bridge exits onto I295 in Maryland around the temporary jersey barriers are confusing. Other signage problems, temporary and final, were brought up. Mr. Lee will look into the signage concerns.

Northern Virginia Traffic Engineering Study for Route 1

The VDOT Speed Study for US1 analyzing accident data during a period from July 2004 to July 2007 proposed a reduction in the speed limits on portions of Richmond Highway. In particular, from the Alexandria City line to Fort Belvoir, the maximum speed of 45 mph would be reduced to 35 mph (about 7.57 miles) and the maximum speed of 50 mph would be reduced to 45 mph over the southern 6.7 miles (Ft. Belvoir to Furnace Road). The three years of data collected by VDOT reported 2,233 crashes, 1,255 injuries, and 17 fatalities over the 14 miles from the Beltway through Woodbridge. The committee voiced objections to the study (e.g., speeds were measured only during August when traffic is lighter and then compared accidents spanning 12 months of the year, the false sense of safety pedestrians might get from lower limits, lower speed would not allow the capacity currently on US 1 to flow causing more bottlenecks, no evidence that the higher speed caused the accidents, difficult for the police to enforce). A vote was taken to obtain the sense of the committee on VDOT's recommended speed reduction. 5 members were in favor, 15 opposed, and 1 member abstained.

Dallas Shawkey of Public Safety indicated that a resolution will be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting. Transportation Committee members brought up positive actions they would like to see in a resolution: a study that compares like data, sidewalk improvements should be completed, mass transit study should be completed and speak with Mt. Vernon police, as well National Park Service police, who will have to enforce the resultant traffic flow.

Old Business

Update on the draft letters to the Virginia legislature on the US1 funding and mass transit study—some communities had sent out community letters, others sent out letters as individuals, and one reported the community board was not sure it could speak for the community. It was reported Frank Cohn volunteered to speak on behalf of the MVCCA to support the creation of a large Community Parking District based on the Supervisors' initiative, which the Transportation Committee worked on from 2005-2007.

Jon James, Deputy Superintendent for the George Washington Memorial Parkway, indicated that Garth Shull has designs to improve the intersection of Belle View Blvd with the GW Parkway that should lessen the problems with the turns there. The chair has invited them to a future meeting.

In-Fill town meeting called by Supervisor Hyland, which was postponed from its February date has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 13.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 7 at Walt Whitman Middle School.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Committee met February 26 at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Community organizations represented were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Mount Zion C. A., Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Sulgrave manor, United Voice at Kings Crossing CA. Woodley Hill Estates and Woodley Hills Comm.Assn. Pat Rea, Co-chair MVCCA, and Elisabeth Lardner, MV Distr. Member of the FC Regional Housing Development Authority (RHA), also attended.

The Committee was informed that the next public meeting on North Hill development is scheduled for April 29, 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center. RHA is going ahead with the planning allowing the Park Authority to follow their own schedule for the planning of the parkland. The February 26 *Washington Post* article on the Fairfax County budget was discussed noting that a negative effect can be expected on the affordable housing fund. The Committee will inquire about the detailed impact. The Committee reconfirmed unanimously that the One Penny Fund should be used to fund affordable housing.

Joan McLellan urged the Committee to continue to follow two state bills on housing that were discussed at the last meeting. HB 1082, VA Housing Trust Fund and HB 289 Rental Assistance can be tracked through www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org or www.richmondsonlight.com.

Pat Rea suggested that the Committee monitor three developments with regard to incorporating affordable housing in the project: the Lorton Arts Center, Lorton Prison development, and the new INOVA Magna project. These projects will be discussed further. In following projects the Committee will consider Board of Supervisors Administrative Policy Guidelines on incorporating workforce dwelling units can be found on line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/workforceduboardpolicy.pdf.

Reps. from Woodley Hills Estates stated that the four manufactured homes built in their community should be ready for sale in the near future.

The March meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, March 20** at 7 pm, in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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EDUCATION

MVCCA-2008-EDUC-1: Resolution of the MVCCA Education Committee re: Fairfax County FY2009 Advertised Budget Plan

WHEREAS the Fairfax County School Board (School Board) has approved a School Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY2009 School Budget) which, for full funding requires a 4% increase in fund transfer (Requested Transfer), and the Fairfax County FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan (Advertised Budget), presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) on February 26, 2008, proposes no fund transfer increase (Proposed Transfer) which would under fund the FY2009 School Budget by approximately \$63 million (Schools Shortfall); and

WHEREAS Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has taken extraordinary measures to reduce its Requested Transfer in light of County revenue projections and guidelines (which had originally resulted in a projected deficit for FCPS of over \$100 million) including: (1) applying \$25 million identified at the FY2007 Final Review and the FY2008 Mid Year Review and \$25 million to be set aside at close of FY2008 from FY2008 anticipatory reductions; (2) making budget reductions in excess of \$30 million including across the board departmental reductions of \$10.2 million (5%), reducing and streamlining summer school and specialized programs such as Young Scholars, reducing the numbers of Instructional Assistants (IAs), resource teachers, and technology assistants in elementary schools, and increasing class size; (3) continuing to hold discretionary baseline budgets and per-pupil spending at the FY2007 level; (4) adding no new programs or new salary scale enhancements; (5) slowing progress on bringing full day kindergarten and Foreign Languages in the Elementary School (FLES) to all FCPS schools, all of which has resulted in the smallest Requested Transfer percentage increase in many years; and

WHEREAS after a few years of relatively flat overall student population growth, there was an unexpected and unbudgeted increase of about 1400 students in FY2008, which, coupled with a now expected additional increase of about 1100 students in FY2009, requires the FY2009 School Budget to provide for an additional 2500 students, at a membership growth cost alone of \$14.4 million; and

WHEREAS in addition to the cost of overall membership growth, the FY2009 School Budget must also provide for those year to year cost increases which are largely outside the control of FCPS including (1) the continued growth in the percentage of students requiring additional staffing and/or services mandated by state and federal programs (especially non-English speaking, Special Education and/or economically disadvantaged) where the cost to educate averages at least \$3000 to \$7000 more per capita than other students, (2) increased Virginia Retirement System and other contributions as mandated by the Commonwealth and changes in accounting practices, (3) increased general insurance and health insurance costs as are being experienced nation-wide by both public and private employers, (4) fuel and utility increases and (5) maintenance and replacement costs to preserve buildings and assets; and

WHEREAS the FY2009 School Budget, exclusive of a 3% Market Scale Adjustment (MSA) for staff, includes only approximately \$6 million in discretionary resources, which are targeted at improving student performance and accountability by continuing at a slower pace the phase-in of full day kindergarten and FLES and the update of the SASI student information system; and

WHEREAS the FY2009 School Budget provides for a staff MSA of 3% which is reasonable compared to the over 4% COLA to be provided fed-

eral employees and is necessary to maintain competitive position in the region and to attract, retain and fairly compensate the highly qualified staff which is critical to student achievement; and

WHEREAS the FY2009 School Budget at best maintains the FCPS' per capita student cost in the mid-range of local jurisdictions according to the Washington Area Boards of Education FY2008 Report (WABE Report) and continues to reduce both the ratio of non-school to school-based personnel, and the already low percentage of administrative costs as compared locally in the WABE Report and nationally in other publications; and

WHEREAS FCPS, in order to produce the steep decline in the Requested Transfer from 8.81% in FY2007 to 4.6% in FY2008 and respond to reduced County revenue projections, was not able to fund a number of programs needed to maintain and improve educational progress and protect assets including, but not limited to, needed technology replacement and enhancement, additional instructional coaches, additional school-based technology specialists, needs-based staffing initiatives to improve service delivery, and increased staffing of psychologists and social workers; and

WHEREAS FCPS in once again responding to County revenue projections has shrunk the Requested Transfer to a 4% increase by the many cuts and reductions delineated above but, given the unavoidable increases including membership growth, any Schools Shortfall may result in reinstating those cuts and fees that were proposed by the Superintendent but reversed by the School Board in the FY2009 School Budget as a result of public outcry and recognition of the needs of particularly economically disadvantaged children including but not limited to (1) Focus school funding; (2) Project Excel funds; (3) Reduction of bus eligibility; (4) Student Fees to participate in after school activities and sports; (5) Student fees to take AP or IB exams; and

WHEREAS for the reasons given above, any Schools Shortfall will likely also result in new and additional cuts to basic programs including potentially additional class size increases, further reductions in IA and other staffing, reduction or elimination of proven programs, and backward movement in the effort to compensate staff appropriately and maintain competitive salary structures; and

WHEREAS schools in the area represented by the MVCCA are among those most at risk and most heavily affected by the growth in population of students who require additional services and staffing consideration, have benefited from increased resources as demonstrated by significant progress in achieving mandated benchmarks, and will require continued additional targeted resources if progress is to continue as mandated benchmarks rise; and

WHEREAS the FY2009 School Budget and the taxpayers of Fairfax County continue to be affected by under-funded mandates of the federal government [among them the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)] wherein the cost of implementation and compliance far exceeds the assistance provided, particularly in view of steadily rising performance expectations while promised assistance continues to fall, and

WHEREAS the School Budget and the taxpayers of Fairfax County continue to be affected by the failure of the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide and fairly distribute adequate funding of its own Standards of Quality (SOQ) mandates and to fairly distribute sales tax revenue intended to be dedicated to education on a per student basis, with the result that FCPS receives state funding for only about 20% of its needs (compared with a 43% statewide average) and County taxpayers provide about 73% of

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school funding (compared with a local funding average of about 50% statewide); and

WHEREAS public education is a core mission of local government and the Supervisors have recognized that obligation in their historically strong support of the schools and have also recognized that the nationally-known quality of FCPS is a critical asset of taxpayers and a major contributor to the County's economic health and quality of life and to expectations for continued progress in the future; and

WHEREAS funding at a level below the 4% required by the FY2009 School Budget would seriously erode the ability of FCPS to maintain, let alone improve, educational performance in the face of constantly increasing benchmarks and constantly changing demographics, as well as FCPS' ability to attract and retain the highly qualified professional teaching staff which is the linchpin of a successful educational system,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, in consideration of all of the above, urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in adopting a Budget for FY 2009 to provide a transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools which is no less than a 4% increase over FY2008, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations respectfully requests that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors consider additional transfers to Fairfax County Public Schools, particularly for reinstatement of programs and staff reduced or cut in the FY2009 School Budget, for class size reduction to FY2008 levels and/or for non-recurring expenses such as technology replacement and enhancement, should revenue growth, projections and competing considerations permit during the close of FY2008 or the course of FY2009.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HHS-2-2008: FY 2009 Health and Human Services Planning

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) has long recognized that local government must respond to ongoing and emerging needs of a complex and changing demographic by assuring the availability of essential health and human services;

WHEREAS the BOS has recognized that these essential services protect and enrich the quality of life for all Fairfax County residents, and that prevention and early intervention are the most effective and least costly strategies for providing such services, helping individuals and families deal with emergent health, behavioral, and economic conditions before they become wider crises that are more damaging, difficult, and costly to resolve;

WHEREAS in Fairfax County, governmental agencies partner in delivering these essential services with an array of not-for-profit community-based organizations (CBOs), leveraging major community contributions of volunteer time, talent, in-kind goods, and financial contributions;

WHEREAS this coordinated public/private network has proven highly effective over time, increasing the reach of services and improving delivery to communities and people in need, as is exemplified in Mount Vernon and along the Richmond Highway corridor that runs through County Human Services Region I;

WHEREAS the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations recognizes, in Human Services Region I, that particular strengths have come about through co-location and interagency planning of County health, social, and court-related services for families at the South County Center

and also that long-standing CBOs in the Richmond Highway corridor have developed effective, proven prevention programs that are now models for others elsewhere;

WHEREAS recent economic and demographic changes have contributed to a dramatic rise in demand for services and, at the same time, the County's total revenue is declining and forecast to decline further in FY 2009 and FY 2010;

WHEREAS, moreover, the risk is growing that extensive shifts in federal and state funding formulas and mandates will take place that will reduce County flexibility to manage its own resources, forcing shifts into unfunded mandates at the cost of preventive and other essential (but non-mandated) services over the next two years;

WHEREAS even the "Best Managed County," when it fails to act in lean times to maintain the portion of its revenues that it is empowered to raise, will reduce its management choices and may dismantle the very preventive Initiatives that could control spiraling public costs for untreated mental illness, chronic dependency, repeated indigent emergency care, court involvement and incarceration;

WHEREAS the Advertised FY Budget 2009 Plan along with the County Executive's Memorandum of Feb. 25 provides examples of how costs cut solely to balance the budget impair the County's ability to provide essential services:

(1) \$0.53 million, a 6% increase over FY2008, is needed to maintain the Consolidated Community Funding Pool. CCFP is acknowledged as the County's best means to leverage its ability to provide services through awards to nonprofit CBOs. A 6% increase from FY 2008 will help maintain service levels over a 2-year cycle.

(2) \$4 million more is needed in County funding to Community Services, to provide increased mandatory services without transferring funds from other essential services. A court-ordered increase in levels of services, for more children, in foster care and in mental health will cost \$4.1 million more than provided under the Comprehensive Services Act, so a CSA "managed reserve" funded by the County was included in the FY 2009 Plan, yet this reserve has already been reduced by \$1 million (to "balance" the most recent decline in estimated revenue). Meanwhile, the Community Services Board (CSB) must also budget to absorb a 2% reduction, \$3 million, from FY 2008 County levels, as required of other agencies providing essential services. The \$4 million total shortfall in County funds budgeted for the CSB for FY 2009 will necessitate transfer of resources from prevention and other non-mandatory services, diminishing effectiveness and service capacity generally. Reducing the CSB contract for available beds and for evening and weekend emergency psychiatric admissions at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital is another example of FY 2009 choices under discussion, in order to reduce budgeted costs to currently planned funding levels, while continuing to provide mandatory services. While the full impact of further mandatory changes in CSB services that may result from future Federal and State actions cannot be estimated now, the proposed County Plan makes it certain that \$4 million less in County funds will be available next fall, when the Beeman Commission reports long-awaited recommendations for optimal redesign of mental health services.

(3) \$2.88 million, at least, is needed to sustain County Prevention Initiatives. The lean FY 2009 Plan preserves worthy initiatives that are producing results, for example: supervised after-school programs that prevent gang recruitment and afford safer choices among at-risk youth, coordinated Domestic Violence Services, affordable primary health care clinics, senior wellness programs, efforts to preserve and create affordable

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housing opportunities and to prevent homelessness. However, two cost-effective programs that deserve sustained investment could provide more low-income working parents with safe affordable child care (plus early learning, at sliding scale fees). School Age Child Care (SACC) classroom space is already available but stands empty that would serve 175 more children, for \$.275 million. Child Care Assistance and Referral (CCAR) needs \$2.6 million more than now planned, just to serve at the present level. The long-term benefits to children, working families, schools, local economy and community are well documented. Today, CCAR serves 2,025 fewer children than at the start of FY2007, when federal/state pass-through funds provided \$13 million more than today. Yet, recently, when \$1 million in State funding to this vital program was restored, County funding was reduced by the same amount, to balance falling County revenue estimates (with further reductions now anticipated).

WHEREAS additional essential services are likely to be identified, and recommended for restored funding, at a cost to be determined, by the County's Human Services Council, when the Council reports to the BOS and the public at the end of March; and

WHEREAS the increasing need for services, and mandates for services, when coupled with continued risk of falling revenues will require greater fiscal and planning flexibility, so that the County may continue to provide basic and essential health and human services,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations recommends that the Board of Supervisors maintain sufficient revenues, by means that include raising the property tax rate as necessary, both to restore specific resources to the Advertised Budget Plan [as shown above, total estimated cost is at least \$7.4 million] and to preserve the available network of essential health and human services in the coming Fiscal Year [cost of a Managed Reserve to be determined], so that the network will be able to respond to emergent community needs,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA urges the BOS to instruct the County Executive to address the identifiable emerging risks to continued good management of County resources, in order to estimate the size of a prudent Managed Reserve that may be funded without cutting essential services, and to recommend this reserve for BOS action, to be added to the proposed Budget Plan for FY 2009. Such a managed fund may be used flexibly—in many cases through cost-efficient, targeted and scalable health and human services—to respond, mid-budget cycle, to:

- (1) pandemic disease or other public health crises,
- (2) natural and civic (all hazards) community disaster preparedness as well as events that result in displaced or injured persons,
- (3) other such emergent community hazards and crises as increased threat of substance abuse or gang recruitment among at-risk youth in particular schools and neighborhoods, and,
- (4) Federal/state defunding or mandatory changes that impact County delivery of essential services.

PLANNING & ZONING / ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

E&R/P&Z 2008-02: 8130 Stacy Rd Maarten Crijns/Red Young SE 2007-MV-024

WHEREAS, an older home that has fallen into disrepair currently exists on the site;

WHEREAS, the special exception is supported by the neighboring property owners;

WHEREAS, the proposed new house has a smaller footprint and fill than the existing home;

WHEREAS, the proposed new home is less of a hydraulic obstruction than the existing house;

WHEREAS, review by the E&R committee indicates that the requestor has sought to minimize impacts on the environment;

WHEREAS, the homeowner/builder has proffered a conservation easement on the subject property;

WHEREAS, County Staff is supportive of the proposed project because it has sought to minimize impacts to the environment in the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new home meets the Zoning Ordinance concerning uses in a floodplain;

WHEREAS, the new home elevates the first floor above the Base Flood Elevation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MVCCA recommends that the PC and BOS approve SE-2007-MV-024 pending approval from staff.

PUBLIC SAFETY / TRANSPORTATION

PSAF/TRANS-1-2008: Speed Limits on Richmond Highway

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Northern Region Traffic Engineering staff has concerns regarding the frequency of vehicle and pedestrian accidents on Richmond Highway (US Route 1) in Fairfax County; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT's major concern is that the current posted speed limits of 45 mph on the northern section (north of Fort Belvoir) and 50 mph on the southern section (south of Fort Belvoir) of US Route 1 are not compatible with the access characteristics, traffic density, accident frequency, and increasing pedestrian traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the staff undertook a traffic speed study along Richmond Highway that resulted in the study report entitled Northern Region Traffic Engineering Study – September 19, 2007, and based on the study results decided to reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 35 mph on the northern section and from 50 mph to 45 mph on the southern section; and,

WHEREAS, conduct of the study did not include liaison with and participation by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), contact with the relevant Commonwealth senators and delegates representing Fairfax County, with the supervisors representing the Mount Vernon and Lee Magisterial Districts, nor the National Park Service; and,

WHEREAS, a review of the study report raises concerns about the study itself and what the actual impact of the reduced speed limits will be on Richmond Highway and other roadways in Lee and Mount Vernon Districts; and,

WHEREAS, the major concern with the study report is that while there is a collection of statistics concerning the numbers of automobile accidents, including injuries and fatalities (with data on pedestrian injuries and fatalities), there is no information that shows analysis was made on whether speed was either a causative or contributing factor in any of the accidents and whether lower speed limits will reduce the accident rate; and,

WHEREAS, the collection of the speed data on the sections of Richmond Highway was made during very limited time periods in July and August

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 26, 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—April 10, 7:30 p.m. at MVGC—SUPV

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	4/22	7:00	MVGC	Jeszenszky/McCormick
BUDG	4/2	7:30	WWMS	D. Voorhees
COAF	4/1	7:30	WWMS	Cox
EDUC	4/2	8:00	WWMS-MC	Harbeck
E&R	4/2	7:00	SCGC-Hybla	Cleveland, Acting Chair
H/HS	4/1	7:00	IMVH/Engh	Cleveland
PL/Z	4/7	7:30	WWMS-LH	Sell-Pugh
PSAF	4/3	7:30	MVGC	Shawkey
TRAN	4/7	8:00	WWMS	C. Voorhees

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