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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

January 28, 2009 8 p.m.

Mount Vernon Governmental Center (Schools closed due to weather)

PRESIDING: Co-chair Pat Rea.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Dale, Pat Rea, Katherine Ward; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Judy Harbeck, John Jeszenszky, David Plummer, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA Rep Karen Pohorylo; SFDC Reps Jim Davis, Tom Hook; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle. Representatives from Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley/River Bend, River Towers, Riverside Gardens, Skyview Park, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights,

Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor-North, Woodley Hills.
Boy Scouts from Troop 654.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2009 Gala! Save the Date—May 2, 2009! Nominations are now being accepted for the Mount Vernon Citizen of the Year and Organization of the Year. Nominations should be sent to MVCCA, P.O. Box 203, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121-0203. The deadline for applications is March 4, 2009. Pick up an application at the Sherwood Hall Regional Library, Lorton Library, Mt. Vernon District Supervisor's Office on Parkers Lane, or download an application at the Council's website, www.mvcca.org. For more information, contact Carol Coyle at 703-780-7955.

The co-chairs have reappointed all committee chairs and ask for ratification by the Council membership. The chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee remains open and we hope to have an appointment by the General Council meeting.

Valerie Gregg, President of Tauxemont Civic Association and a very involved MVCCA member passed away of cancer on Feb 12, 2008. Valerie was very involved in the issues of in-fill, storm water management and road conditions in her community. She also worked closely with helped her neighboring communities to solve these issues. She will be missed.

Two waiver requests sought by land owners. Using the new process for notifying MVCCA members of waivers Gerry Hyland forwarded your co-chairs 2 notices recently.

1. 2516 Fairview Dr. Alexandria, 22306 Tax Map # 0833-06-0008--waiver to build/modify.
2. 117 acres at Telegraph and Backlick Rd.- commercial- owned by Scannell LLC. requesting waiver to encroach on RPA and waivers to BMP/SWMP. Tax Map # 0994-08-001. This project is part of BRAC 08-IV-9S. MVCCA did not comment on this BRAC nomination since it is a Springfield project, however, the location is in fact impacting on and portions in Mount Vernon District.

If you have questions about these please contact Supervisor Hyland's office. MVCCA has been provided these notices so citizens can make comments about the waiver request before it is approved/disapproved by the county staff.

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SUPERVISOR'S TIME

February 9, 7 – 9 there will be an Infill Meeting; more will be scheduled if needed. Further information is available on the Fairfax County website at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/neighborhoodcharacter.htm

Supervisor still has a few appointments to fill.

Since the "balloon test" at the Masonic Lodge, to gauge the invasiveness of a cell tower to be located there, was short-lived and not well-publicized, the Supervisor's office will arrange for another.

MINUTES – Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – See minutes. Next meeting will have Leonard Wales explain the bond system of Fairfax County..

Consumer Affairs – See minutes.

Education – See minutes. Two resolutions. Next meeting February 4; also February 11 with Susan Quinn.

Environment and Recreation – See Minutes.

Health and Human Services – See January HHS Report on planning issues and Resolution. The Southeast Health Planning Task Force received disturbing news that, "on account of the fiscal situation," Inova Health System is freezing capital spending, suspending planning on both the Lorton Healthplex and the Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) program for Mount Vernon Hospital.

In 2009, HHS will meet at 7:30 p.m. in IMVH, with monthly Agenda focus and meeting room info linked on the HHS Committee web page. One resolution.

Planning and Zoning – See minutes.

Public Safety – See minutes.

Transportation – See minutes. February 2 there will be a meeting to get something going on Route 1.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Committee meets tomorrow (January 29). Meeting place has been changed to Woodley Hills Estates Community Center; they have invited someone from County Zoning office to discuss ways of getting more low income housing.

Strategic Long-Range Planning – Committee is working a list of planning assumptions including "what will happen if we don't do anything." This report will be presented next month. Next meeting Monday, February 9, at Walt Whitman Middle School.

FCFCA – Federation is discussing raising fees on overweight trucks. Karen needs to submit places where sidewalks are needed or are in need of repair. (kpohorylo@msn.com) by Tuesday or Wednesday.

SFDC – Drawing up guidelines on drop boxes for Goodwill; the first attempt at the old Barnes Furniture site was a disaster.

GALA

Date is May 2 (a change from the end of April). Nomination forms for Citizen and Organization of the Year are available from www.mvcca.org.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Our efforts to ban unwanted newspapers from being delivered has resulted in legislation being considered in Richmond.

Refer to the state website for information on proposed legislation to ban use of plastic bags.

RESOLUTIONS

EDUC 2009-01: IN SUPPORT OF OPTION 4 CHANGES TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POLICIES Due to the urgency, this was approved by the MVCCA Board of Directors and forwarded to the Fairfax County School Board which has approved Option 4. Dr. Dale has been directed to come back in March with a 10-point grading system. For some students this will be retroactive. The School Department will develop a statement that will be sent with transcripts explaining the current grading system.

Approved 22-0-1

EDUC 2009-02: IN SUPPORT ADDING SOUTH COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL TO CIP

Approved 23-0-0

HHS 2009-01: 2009 "CRITICAL NEEDS IN HUMAN SERVICES"

This issues paper, approved by the BOS, describes numerous state

Treasurer's Report			
For Period January 1, 2009 through February 11, 2009			
	Budget 2009	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$8,746.67 ¹	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,000.00	\$3,282.00	-\$718.00
Dues from new member drive	\$250.00	\$0.00	-\$250.00
Record Subscriptions	\$250.00	\$0.00	-\$250.00
Gala Income	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	-\$2,400.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,600.00	\$3,282.00	-\$5,318.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Production ²	\$3,470.00	\$30.87	\$3,439.13
Record Postage ²	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Administrative	\$300.00	\$130.98	\$169.02
Gala Expenses	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$3,200.00
Web Site	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$520.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
New Member Marketing	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Insurance	\$660.00	\$660.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,600.00	\$821.85	\$7,778.15
ENDING BALANCE		\$11,206.82	

¹ Beginning balance results from Dec 2008 report ending balance minus actual expenses paid in late December for the December *Record*.

² Board decision to eliminate mailed copies of the *Record* eliminates any potential income from subscriptions and postage expenditures, as well as decreases production costs. These changes were disclosed prior to Councils November vote on 2009 budget. These items will be adjusted and removed were appropriate in subsequent reports, and the balance budget sum will be noted under Disbursements—miscellaneous.

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level actions (changes in policies, administrative rules, and funding formulas) that could improve local human services delivery. The Resolution, to be forwarded with cover letter to our state legislators, commends it to their attention for actions during the 2009 session.

Approved 16-0-7

PUBLIC TIME

Glenda Booth, President of Friends of Dyke Marsh, asked for support for a study of waterfowl hunting in and adjacent to Dyke Marsh. [Concerns from constituents who live in the areas most-affected by the duck hunting included: the issue of safety; the stress of hearing gunfire at inappropriate times; that this situation runs counter to the spirit of a wildlife preserve; code does not allow duck blinds in densely-populated areas, which this area has become.] There are three study bills currently in the Senate (SJ322, Puller) and House (HJ721, Amundsen, and HJ703, Englin), q.v.)

Council has previously passed three resolutions relevant to this issue and forwarded them to Richmond. Co-chairs will send letters (reminders) of support for these resolutions. Within the spirit of our resolutions, motion was made and seconded to send a letter to our representatives supporting a legislative study with public input.

Approved 20-1-0

Co-chairs will also forward to Supervisor Hyland a list of the resolutions that should be tracked through the legislature and ask him to report back. (See web site for follow-up)

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget and Finance Committee met on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Walt Whitman Middle School.

Present were: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Pat Rea (MVCCA Co-Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Stratford (Sec. IV) on the Potomac, Tauxemont, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor

The committee meeting was attended by Fairfax County Debt Manager Leonard Wales. Mr. Wales has been working with Fairfax County Bond issues for many years and provided the committee with an in depth discussion of how bonds are issued by various governmental agencies within the county.

One form of bonds which most voters are familiar with are Fairfax County General Obligation Bonds. These bonds are only issued after approval by voter referendum. These are the highest rated bonds offered by the county and are currently rated AAA by the companies that provide such ratings. The General Obligation bonds are generally offered in January each year. The amount of the bond offering is determined by the estimated revenue needed for county projects for the next five years

Four other forms of bonds exist which are not subject to voter ap-

proval. These are 1) Economic Development Authority, 2) Fairfax County Residential Housing Authority, 3) Park Authority and 4) Industrial Development Authority. The bonds offered by these authorities may not have a AAA rating and generally do not because they are not created by voter referendum. These bonds are usually paid by fees generated from sources other than county taxes. For example, Park Authority bonds may be paid from fees generated by golf course greens fees revenue. Housing Authority bonds are paid by rents received from rental housing units.

However, Economic Development Authority bonds were used to build the South County High School and will be repaid from the transfer to schools. The Industrial Development Authority issues bonds solely for hospitals.

Currently the county has about \$1.9 billion of bond debt outstanding of which \$300 million is Economic Development Authority bonds. Legally there is no limit on bond issues by the county, but the Board of Supervisors has set an arbitrary limit of \$275 million annually. Since 1991, bond referendums have an eight year life which can be extended by two years.

The next meeting for the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for March 4, 2009 at 7:30 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's conference room.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Apparently there was a miscommunication between the COAF Chair and Verizon's Executive Support Supervisor—Potomac Region about the scheduled meeting on February 3rd that resulted in Verizon being a "no show." A list of questions composed by the attendees during the meeting was sent to the Verizon Executive Support Supervisor—Potomac Region on February 3rd via e-mail. On February 11, the Verizon Executive Support Supervisor—Potomac Region responded that I would "have the answers tomorrow before close of business." I have not yet received the answers. Here are the questions sent on February 3 to Verizon's Executive Support Supervisor—Potomac Region. As soon as the answers are received, COAF members will be notified. The following are the questions and statements sent to Verizon's Executive Support Supervisor--Potomac Region.

--If I have automatic bill payer and my service is the same each month, why is the bill amount different each month? For example for November 2008 my bill amount was \$47.79; for December 2008 it was \$46.17 and for January 2009 it was \$45.92. There were no long distance calls or any additional services. These changing amounts affect my checkbook registry since I have a set amount to pay my Verizon bill.

--How can I eliminate receiving my bill statement online? I would like to receive a hard copy of my bill and would like to receive it

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through the U.S. Postal Service because it is too cumbersome obtaining and understanding my bill online.

--What is the cancellation fee for FIOS because I would like to revert to my original cable service and/or telephone service?

--I have a Verizon local package for a fax line. That line is used only for fax service. I am being charged \$5.00 each month because my long distance charges are less than \$5.00. Why am I being charged a fee because I am not making long distance calls on a fax line? I use my other Verizon line for all long distance calls. Is there a limited call plan that would be more efficient than paying \$60 a year for service that I do not need? I'm trying to save money but it appears that Verizon is penalizing me for doing so.

--The number one complaint is two-fold: How can I go directly to a human being to discuss my bill instead of the numerous prompts which I sometimes have difficulty understanding? As a result of this discussion, the second part of this complaint is Where can a consumer go to sit down and talk to a Verizon person on-on-one to discuss his/her bill? The group has put together a car pool to include a designated driver for seniors who are unable to drive so that they will have transportation. Is it possible to have 3-to-5 Verizon staff available for consumers on a specified day to discuss their bill with Verizon and have someone assist them in understanding their bill? Overall, this is what the senior citizens would like to do. Can you arrange this in the Northern Virginia area? Most despise the automatic telephone answers and are not computer savvy.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met twice in February: February 4, 2009, at 8 pm in the library of Whitman Middle School, and on February 11, 2009, at 7:30 pm in the same location. The second meeting was joint with the Budget&Finance Committee. Associations represented at one or both meeting included, from the Education Committee: Stratford Landing, Potomac Valley Riverbend, Wellington, Newington Forest, Williamsburg Manor North, Spring Bank, Mount Vernon Civic, Hollin Hills, Riverside Gardens, Wessynton, Hollin Hall, Mt. Vernon Manor, Hollin Hills, Sulgrave Manor. Several interested community members also attended the second meeting, as did Budget Chair David Voorhees. Co-chair David Dale attended both meetings.

The February 4 meeting discussed the proposed purchase by FCPS of the BPG building to complete administrative consolidation, which had been the subject of a presentation at the January meeting. The Committee considered a resolution in support which had been drafted by the Chair after the January meeting, but decided to

defer taking a formal position pending additional information and a time table for decision by the Board of Supervisor ("BOS"). The Chair subsequently learned a presentation had been made to the BOS but no timetable for decision had been adopted; the presentation, which included some additional information, was distributed electronically to the Committee.

Also discussed at the first meeting was the proposed system-wide change to school start times, particularly whether adequate notice or information was being provided to parents and public to assist in both the decision-making process and the adjustment process, should the change be implemented. Concerns were also raised about characterization of the change as free or revenue neutral in light of the fact that cost savings generated in general transportation by some changes in service parameters could defray much of the cost of the change but could also be used in other areas of the budget in these difficult times. While the Committee was generally accepting of the biological clock issues motivating the changes, there was not general agreement on whether the perceived benefits outweighed the costs and disruptions, noting also that a number of elementary schools will be starting later than before, which is contraindicated by such biological clock issues. The Chair was directed to write a letter communicating public process concerns, to be approved at the February 11 meeting.

Members were urged to publicize to their communities and to attend one of the scheduled school start time dialogue sessions, such as the one scheduled for 7-9pm on 2/26/09 at Whitman Middle School, and to consider taking the on-line survey beginning February 9.

The February 11 meeting featured a presentation by Susan Quinn, FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Finance, of the School Board Advertised Budget, to be presented later this month to the BOS for funding. Quinn noted that the School Board made minimal changes to the Superintendent's Proposed Budget, released in January. Both budgets essentially use the so-called Tier 2 cuts and assumptions which were the subject of Quinn's December 2008 presentation to both the Education and Budget Committees.

The bottom line, so to speak, for those interested in the continued excellence of education in Fairfax County and for taxpayers generally is that, even after hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts, including redesigning and reducing Project Excel, Focus and summer school programs, eliminating many positions especially in non-school based areas and in specialty areas such as psychologists and social workers, increasing class size, and providing neither step nor cost of living increases to employees including teachers, schools still need an increase of 3.5% in Transfer just to cover the cost of enrollment growth (more than 6000) and loss of support from state sources as other costs are held to 2008 levels and per student spending decreases. As the state budget position worsens, K-12 education may be subject to more cuts than presently known. While it is possible that some additional funding specifically for Title

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I schools and special education will be received through federal stimulus programs, the amount, distribution method and nature is unclear and may not be known or available this fiscal year.

Moreover, if FCPS does not receive the Transfer requested, given the cuts already made, class sizes would have to be further increased, eliminating teaching positions and putting class size, particularly at high school levels, in danger of not meeting state accreditation standards and requiring waivers. Even with some waivers, schools might have to eliminate many elective and high level or specialized courses and reassign teachers, in order to not exceed class size standards in core classes. At elementary school level, there would be both large classes and many more "combination" classes where students in two grades are taught by the same teacher.

The Committee is painfully aware of the likely step backward even the Advertised Budget cuts will cause, particularly to our diverse schools which had begun to make significant progress in closing the achievement gap diminishing the futures of disadvantaged students, as well as distorting school average scores and thus leading to loss of public confidence and reduced home values in our area. From these cuts—and certainly from any more significant cuts—students now in school, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds or with special needs, may never recover or reach full educational opportunity. The system itself would likely take years if not decades to recover.

At the same time, many County services are also in great demand and at risk even as assistance requests grow due to economic conditions. State and federal governments, who should have primary responsibility for many services, are failing to provide resources so that costs and programs are devolving on the County by default. Schools have similar problems regarding state and federal failures to provide resources while imposing costly mandates, but there are also differences in that school funding is a primary function of local government and schools must educate every student who walks in the door according to his or her needs and in accordance with state and federal standards and requirements. Economic conditions also produce not only more students, as students return from private schools and families remain longer in the County, but also students with more needs for services and individual assistance if full potential is to be realized.

Challenges abound as budget processes advance. There may be additional meetings needed as the process advances and committees try to reconcile needs and revenue. Members are urged to review the County Advertised Budget to be published on 2/23/09.

Next meetings:

March 2, 2009: TENTATIVE, time and place TBD; notice by e-mail
March 4, 2009: 7:30 p.m., Whitman Lecture Hall: County Executive's presentation sponsored by BUDG; EDUC to follow about 8:30 in Whitman library
March 8 or 11: TENTATIVE, time and place TBD

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on February 4, 2009, at 7 p.m. in South County Government Room 221. Present were David Plummer (chair), Katherine Ward (MVCCA co-chair), Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington Community Association, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Riverside Estates, Wessynton Homes, and Woodley Hills Community Association.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Watershed Review

The Chair and others reviewed the Watershed Forum for the Belle Haven, Dogue Creek and Four Mile Run watersheds which was held on Wednesday, January 14th. The forum provided attendees with an overview of watersheds in general as well as typical degradation in urban and developed areas. The presentation also reviewed possible techniques for restoring watersheds to their previous health. Forum facilitators asked for community volunteers to participate in Watershed Advisory Groups (WAGs) which will help plan the watersheds' restoration. Anyone interested my contact the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) at watersheds@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Aerospace Application

The Chair initiated a discussion about an application in Sully District by Aerospace Corporation. This application proposes to significantly encroach on the Environmental Quality Corridor (EQC). The committee discussed whether the proposed 2 to 4 acres of fill would set a precedent that might eventually impact the Mount Vernon District in a similar circumstance. The application also proffers an unspecified level of LEED certification on individual buildings "where possible" with monetary penalties for failing to achieve the standard on a building-by-building basis. The committee generally agreed that the LEED certification should be structured around the LEED standard for multiple buildings, not individual, and that the monetary penalties were insubstantial enough to allow the applicant to abandon the proffer with a relatively minor penalty. Bill Cleveland, representing the E&R committee, will attend a site walk-through and presentation. Furthermore, it was agreed that, while this development was not in the Mount Vernon District, our concerns about development in EQCs be shared with Supervisor Hyland and Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan to ensure that the MVCCA's position and the Policy Plan language is evaluated. † E&R will be talking this matter up in the future with the intent of producing a resolution on the policy plan language.

Tree Butchers

The Chair led a discussion about tree companies servicing our neighborhoods with no apparent knowledge of proper tree maintenance. It was noted that in Fairfax County no certification is required to perform tree pruning on large trees, nor is there any requirement that tree companies have on staff at least one certified

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arborist. As a result, many so-called "tree experts" perform shoddy work which is non-conforming to established arboreal techniques (such as "topping"). The committee agreed that this is also a consumer issue since homeowners often pay large amounts of money with no assurance whatsoever that the work will be done to established standards. We can expect a certain level of competence with electricians, plumbers, physicians and lawn care companies however the same cannot be said with tree companies. Furthermore, the tree company observed doing the work was not providing the required safety equipment for the workers, namely head, eye and ear protection and most importantly chaps. A nearly unanimous number of committee members agreed that E&R should investigate the feasibility of establishing a requirement in Fairfax County for certified arborists. In the meantime, residents should be aware that "topping" is an unacceptable way to prune a tree. For a reference please see this document from Virginia Tech: <http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/nursery/430-458/430-458.pdf>.

Reallocation of RHA Expenditures

Martin Tillett, representing Spring Bank, re-introduced a draft of an environmentally-friendly resolution that was recently provided to the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing (SCAWH). Please read the minutes of the SCAWH for details.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the E&R committee will be held on Wednesday, March 4, in Room 219 of the South County Government Center at 7 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, Feb. 7:30 p.m., MVCCA Committee for Health and Human Services met at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2nd floor Conference Room C/D, to gain perspective on trends in needs and resources that are now shaping the Fiscal Year 2010 Fairfax County Budget Plan that will be adopted in April 2009 (to begin July 1), and to discuss the Human Services Council's Letter (12/18/08) of "Recommendations Regarding Development of the FY 2010 Budget."

Participating were representatives from 13 member associations: Collingwood on Potomac, Belle Haven Terrace, Hollindale, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. IV, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor, Woodley Hills Estates, and United Voice at Kings Crossing. They were joined by MVCCA Co-chair Pat Rea and two guest resources, South County Regional Director Telly Whitfield (for the Dept. of Human Services Systems) and John Byers, Mount Vernon Representative to the Human Services Council.

The balanced budget paradox

By state law, the elected officials of Virginia and Fairfax County

must plan budgets projecting revenue and spending that is balanced at the outset and adjusted mid-stream when projections change. Thus, as revenues (from *all* sources, inc. taxes) decline in the current recession, both State and County are being pushed toward deep reductions in budgeted expenditures, including many cuts certain to have recessionary impact in the short run and also threatening damage, long-term, to the quality and availability of services the public needs. Virginia has devolved major responsibility in delivery of public services to the localities, while granting very narrow taxing authority; ironically, in FY 2010, Fairfax County will retain its AAA bond rating and earned reputation as "best managed" County, yet face an unprecedented budget gap (\$650 million and still rising, in January 2009) between projected revenue *from all sources* and current levels of expenditures.

Understanding the price of "cost reduction" choices

In Fairfax County, population has been growing and changing—more older adults, increasing diversity, increasing numbers of persons with physical, sensory and intellectual disabilities. Now, desperate requests for assistance with basic needs—food, shelter, medical care—especially from families at risk of homelessness are climbing fast. Meanwhile, increased state mandates for services in foster care, mental health and public safety may be accompanied by *reduced* state funding, while federal recovery aid is to states is unlikely to benefit programs funded by the County or avert damaging RIFs among those providing services.

An overview of the potential impact of the County budget gap, presented in draft by the Deputy County Executive for Human Services to the Southeast Health Planning Task Force in early January and made available to the HHS Committee, makes clear the extent of the fiscal dilemma, for the entire health and human services network that serves our region. Nine County human services agencies, faced with the directive to identify and rank Lines of Business "Reduction Options" totaling 15% of their funding that derives from the General Fund, have presented their findings: a total of 167 proposed reductions, totaling \$49.26 million (and resulting in loss of nearly \$5 million more from non-County sources). Taking all 167 ROs would reduce the County's human services workforce by 10%, at a time when case loads for many are already far above recommended levels; a dozen major services would be eliminated, with growing wait lists and delays for many more; some proposed "reductions" would shift cost of required services from one public entity to another (e.g., remove Public Health clinic room aides from public schools); and a \$21.1 million reduction in outsourced or contracted services would surely impact private nonprofit, volunteer, and for-profit providers that now partner with the County. Major County-wide initiatives (e.g., reducing domestic violence) would lose cross-system coordination, research and data analysis, and program support provided from Human Services.

The Fairfax County Human Services Council, a voluntary citizen

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advisory body with representation appointed from all districts, has dedicated long hours to hearings and review of the "unprecedented budget challenges" that will "require reductions in programs" and "result in deterioration of needed services." Their Dec. 18 Letter reporting to the County Executive and Board of Supervisors calls attention to a number of special concerns, warning that County response to basic human needs will be critical, that reductions in one department may produce a chain reaction of negative consequences in other programs, and that protection and well-being of children is paramount. "Along with Self-Sufficiency, prevention strategies are a guiding principle of the human services system," in order to reduce the need for more costly and intensive emergency/crisis interventions in the future. In other words, many of the proposed Reduction Options run great risk of making matters worse.

The HSC has provided, as an Appendix to their Letter, a 3-tier impact evaluation of all 167 human services reduction options, as Significant / Serious / Severe. Severe Impact (#3) items, and many ranked Serious (#2), deserve especially careful consideration if the capacity and effectiveness of the human services network, built over the last decade, is not to be destroyed. The Letter and Appendix are published on the County web site.

Responding strategically

HHS members will keep watch to evaluate the damage that may result from cutting critical programs.

Several strategies were discussed for responding to the County's fiscal situation with actions aimed at "revenue enhancement":

- *build public support for federal recovery aid directed locally*, to sustain public services;
- *focus state legislative attention* on granting better local taxing authority, (a County restaurant tax? flexibility in structuring property tax rates, and targeting property tax relief?);
- *using a plain yardstick*—one that communicates in dollars, not just "mil rate adjustments"— *measure the amount* that the owner of a median-priced home would need to pay this year, to add a specific amount of County "revenue enhancement" (let's say, \$25 million dollars) for critical services that benefit the community.

The Committee has agreed they will (1) examine the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan presented to the Board of Supervisors (Feb. 23) and published on the County web site for impact on critical services, (2) participate in the Feb. 26 Human Services forum described below, (3) meet ad hoc to draft a statement of our recommendations for sustaining essential human services, and (4) meet March 3 to approve/recommend to the March General Council a Resolution on "FY 2010 Health and Human Services Planning."

Public meetings on HHS matters:

Thursday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Route One Task Force for Human Services meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, Community Room, for Deputy County Executive for Human Services Verdia Haywood's overview of choices embodied in the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan for Fairfax County.

Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 p.m., MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Room, 2nd floor. Chair Cleveland, 703 780-9151

PLANNING AND ZONING

The February 2009 Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by acting Chair David Dale. In attendance were representatives from the following associations: Engle-side, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Newington Civic, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac Sec IV, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton Homes, and Williamsburg Manor North. The acting Chair provided an update on 527 traffic reviews, and there were three land use cases.

During the BRAC Area Plan Review (APR) there were several nominations submitted by the SFDC that had to be withdrawn since the cost of the VDOT 527 reviews was prohibitive. It seems now that if the Council submits Plan nominations during the next regular APR cycle each nomination must not generate more than 5000 net new vehicle trips. If the Plan language is changed to encourage higher density in one location and lower density in another, then the net effect is minimal and a 527 review is not needed. Another option would be to have the nomination submitted by the planning staff on our behalf. This is not unreasonable since the nomination would most likely be developed in cooperation with the staff.

The first land use case was a repeat presentation by Cingular for a cell phone antenna tower that looks like a thick flag pole at the Masonic Lodge at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The applicant is still in the process of meeting with nearby residents and will do a second balloon test. The original plan has been modified to reduce the tower height from more than 100 feet to less than 90 feet. The diameter at the top is expected to be about 20 inches. The presentation was an information only update; they will return to the March meeting.

The second land use case was an information presentation by reps from the school system and the Park Authority concerning a proposed land swap to provide a better location for the new South County Middle School and provide additional land to the Park Authority. An out-of-turn plan amendment would need to be approved for the land swap to occur. The middle school would now be adjacent to the high school enabling better use of parking and the sharing of play fields. The Park Authority would have more natural areas and provide enough space for public recreation fields. The land swap provides for more efficient use of the properties.

The final land use case was a return presentation for the property known as Hilltop Sand and Gravel. The main features of the proposed development are in the resolution. The primary objections raised by the Newington Civic Association center around the huge

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increase in traffic from the Wegman's, the lack of limitations on what types of uses could occupy the other retail spaces, perceived lack of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan, the limited adoption of LEED standards, and concerns about noise & lights on the townhomes across the street. In spite of the objections, the committee voted to not oppose, primarily because the proposed plan leaves most of the property as open space, including Park Authority controlled play areas, the offered road improvements are expected to maintain an adequate level of service, and the location will serve the needs of both the nearby homes and the personnel located at Fort Belvoir.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next meeting is Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Mt. Vernon, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford on Potomac Sect. IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, and Wellington.

The meeting began with a review of the 'Fairfax County Legislative Program for the 2009 Virginia Assembly.' Copies were provided to the committee. This document was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 8, 2009. Of interest to the committee is the request that the General Assembly take actions in the area of teen motor vehicle safety. The first action requested is to increase the penalty for drivers of the age of 18 or under using wireless communication devices while operating a vehicle from a secondary offense to a primary offense. Second, amend current laws for violations of curfews and of limits on underage passengers for drivers under the age of 18 by changing such secondary offenses to primary offenses. Third, review and improve the effectiveness of driver education including efforts to better involve parents in the licensing process and educate parents on Virginia's teen driving laws. Fourth, amend the current seat belt legislation from a secondary offense to a primary offense for those at least 16 years of age. This will allow police to ticket seat belt violations without having to do it in conjunction with another serious offense.

Also of interest is the request that the state properly compensate the County for housing state prisoners at a reimbursement rate that recognizes actual housing, food and medical costs. The current reimbursement rate is 8\$ per day until the 61st day of incarceration when it rises to \$14 per day. In Fairfax County, the daily cost for one prisoner is \$142 per day, resulting in a significant local subsidy to the state. For FY 2007 the net cost to the County for housing out-of-compliance state prisoners was over \$4 million.

The chair provided copies of bills introduced in the General Assembly by Senator Puller and Delegates Amundson and Englin to establish a six-member legislative subcommittee to study waterfowl hunting in urban and suburban areas. This is in response to the

complaints of residents along the Potomac River south of Dyke Marsh to hunters shooting waterfowl. All three bills have been referred to the appropriate Committee on the Rules in each house as these Committees have responsibility for bills requesting studies.

The committee then continued with reviews of the Lines of Business (LOB) reviews provided to the Board of Supervisors to identify 15% reductions to their FY 2009 budgets to meet necessary reductions for FY 2010. The first agency reviewed was the Office of the Sheriff. Its required reduction was \$36,201,543. The very first reduction proposed is to close the satellite intake centers (jails) at the Mount Vernon and Mason District Stations. This means closing the jail at the Mount Vernon Governmental Station. The Sheriff has already reduced the hours the deputies are there to only 7:30pm to 3:30am each day. The police are not trained or certified to operate a jail. As a result, when an arrest is made outside of the hours when the sheriff's deputies are there, the police must transport the prisoner(s) to the Adult Detention Center (ADC) in Fairfax City. The round trip usually takes more than three hours. This takes police officers off regular assignments in the Mount Vernon Police District. An average of about three prisoners a day are taken to the ADC.

Other proposed reductions include would essentially eliminate support for prisoners such as giving them opportunities for reducing their jail time and providing support services (laundry, medical, etc.) . Reductions are also proposed in support and security to the courts.

Next was the reductions proposed by the Office of Emergency Management. It was required to identify reductions amounting to \$330,826. This Office is also vulnerable to the uncertainty of federal funding. It has offered reductions in funding that support preparedness volunteer training, reductions in emergency services, and finally, watch center staff at the new Emergency Watch Center in the new Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (PSTOC).

The final agency covered was the Office of the County Attorney. It was required to identify reductions amounting to \$1,027,344. These reductions were mostly all personnel including administrative and paralegal personnel as well as assistant County attorneys. These reductions will adversely affect the County's ability to prosecute hundreds of delinquent tax cases.

The chair provided copies of an email entitled 'Tips on Protecting your Home and Property' that was sent on February 4 by the Mount Vernon District Crime Prevention Officer. It is an excellent summary of what homeowners need to do. It is recommended that communities publish it in their newsletters and keep it on their website for reference.

The chair provided information on scheduling a meeting with the CERT training representatives to discuss improving the ability of

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local communities to obtain the training. The meeting for Committee members and Fire and Rescue Department representatives has been scheduled for the Supervisor's Conference Room, Mount Vernon Governmental Center at 2pm Tuesday, February 17.

Finally, it was noted that the construction contract for the sidewalk (including curbs and drainage) along the west side of Quander Rd. from the intersection at Belle View Blvd. to West Potomac High School has been let. A ground breaking ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 14. It is expected that the construction will be completed by September 2009. The funding was provided by Chairman Connolly and Supervisor Hyland. The sidewalk will provide safety for WPHS students as well as improving the appearance and drainage of Quander Rd. and the area in front of WPHS. The resolution initiated by the Public Safety Committee eleven years ago was very helpful in accomplishing this safety item.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in the Community Rm. #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

FAIRFAX JOINT LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The LEPC met on February 12 at the Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority Water Reclamation Plant in Centerville. The main item on the agenda was planning for two hazardous materials drills to be conducted this year.

The Fire and Rescue Dept. Hazardous Materials Response Team representative gave a review of significant HazMat responses they experienced since the December meeting. One was responding to a spill of 200 lbs material at the Colonial Tank Truck Facility. A second was a gas leak at Washington Gas that took twelve hours to correct as they couldn't locate the source. It turned out to be a leak in front of the facility.

The HazMat Team continues to receive calls to mercury spills. One was to the Congressional School. It went very well as the school was well prepared for such an event. There followed a discussion about the mercury safety in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) with the FCPS representative. The FCPS has worked to remove all the mercury in the school system, including thermometers, gauges, and materials in chemistry labs. There is still some mercury in the schools but it is in small amounts that are kept under tight control. A problem has been students who bring items containing mercury to school. Recently, it has been AP students who, for whatever reason, have brought thermometers or gauges containing mercury to school. When this happens, the items are promptly confiscated and turned over to the HazMat Team. Homeowners can call 911 when there is a mercury spill. If you find an item containing mercury, it should be taken to one of the two trash collection sites and turned in.

The HazMat Team did experience responding to its first radiation spill. At a construction site in Annandale, a soil density gauge which contained radiation material was inadvertently run over by a heavy equipment vehicle and the radiation source exposed. The HazMat Team arrived and retrieved the material and put it in a lead container for removal. The FC Health Dept. checked the site and personnel for radiation exposure. All were safe.

An item of interest was that many new cell phones now have an ICE button. ICE stand for 'In Case of Emergency.' There has been a problem in the past with persons who need emergency medical care but are not conscious. The ICE button will call someone who can respond for the victim so that appropriate medical services can be administered in a timely manner. It is recommended that you ensure this button is on your new cell phones.

The completion of the required annual Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Response Plan for the year 2007 has been further delayed due to the need to complete the maps associated with response plans for individual sites where hazardous materials are stored. It should be completed within the next two months. (Federal law requires that an annual plan be prepared by all localities and submitted to the state each year for review.)

The next LEPC meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, February 2, 2009 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were Frank Cohn, Mt. Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; Katherine Ward, MVCCA co-chair; Brett Kenney, Mt. Vernon Supervisor's Office; and representatives of 22 member citizen associations (Engleside, The Fairfax/Huntington, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Marlan Forest; Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park, Woodley Hills).

The January minutes of the Transportation Committee, as written in the *Record*, were approved.

Guest Speaker - Kathy Ichter, Director, Department of Transportation for Fairfax County (kathy.ichter@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Since Kathy has been with FCDOT for 25 years, she provided us with a history of the Richmond Highway project.

In 1994, a set of design plans were created to widen Richmond Highway (U.S. 1) from 235 (N) by Buckman Road to Route 235 (S)

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by Old Mt Vernon Highway adjacent Woodlawn Plantation. Then, a number of studies were conducted: centerline study (1997), corridor study (2003), location (cross-section) study (2004). An economic adjustment study was requested by Senator Puller, but was not authorized by the General Assembly. According to a transportation professional, Richmond Highway does not have the densities to support mass transit. Consequently, studies which the community thought were necessary to improve the structure of U.S. 1 were never funded.

The Director of Transportation of Fairfax County prioritizes projects for the Board of Supervisors. It was her perception that the community's inability to take action or the failure to pick a concept and move with it caused the delays. But, as Director, she worked to widen U.S. 1 from The Fairfax to Noman Cole Pollution Control Plant. Kathy stressed that this job was done when the multiple parties (citizens, state, county, businesses) agreed on funding, design, and authorization.

U.S. 1 widening plans north of Woodlawn Plantation never had such agreement. There was always lots of argument among the parties, hence no decision or widening of the roadway was started. The one holdup is the rail (mass transit) study requirement. Currently, ridership volume is not sufficient to justify the installation of rail. The chair explained that the Transportation Committee did not want rail today, but thought that a study was required to determine where to put rail if it was needed in the future (i.e., the community was trying to be proactive).

Frank Cohn stated that the centerline study was stopped because the rapid transit study (where would rapid transit go in the future) was never done. Hence: no funding or design to widen U.S. 1 to 6 travel lanes. In 2005, a mass transit study was ordered, funded, but never done.

Kathy Ichter handed out a cross section of Richmond Highway that is currently in the Comprehensive Plan. The cross section is 186 feet wide and the widening will cost at least \$600 million without rail. The pro-active comprehensive plan cross section was never designed, nor was a decision ever made as there was a concern about the loss of property by U.S. 1 businesses.

Comments: Businesses along U.S. 1 have known for over 20 years that they must allow for an access or service road, although currently service roads are not built, the land is reserved for the future widening.

How about U.S. 1 thru Fort Belvoir, there are no businesses to impact there. Currently, Fort Belvoir has a back-up of about 1 mile from the Fairfax County Parkway to the Lieber Gate.

If the state and county have transportation experts, why does community have to come up with the design?

In San Antonio, Texas, the transportation official plan ahead for the future; why does Virginia always play catch-up?

Kathy Ichter shared our delay frustration to a point. It as her perception that VDOT was ready to go, FCDOT was ready to go, but government entities need same-page consensus in concept/design/approval. It was vague who the businesses, politicians, etc. were that did not want road improvements on U.S. 1. With respect to the desired cross-section, a committee member stated that when we are talking about building in segments, we are speaking about horizontal segments so that 6 travel lanes be built, but not necessarily with rail. Kathy Ichter pointed out that a problem would occur if rail was to be added later. HOV lanes came up; VDOT wants it; Citizens do not.

Kathy Ichter indicated that with respect to the Fort Belvoir link, getting land from Army is difficult. Woodlawn Plantation would be reluctant. Thus, consensus does not exist among the stakeholders(?)

Are political pressures from rail (heavy & light) interests preventing study with monorail? Kathy Ichter said "no".

The sense of the Transportation Committee: push for 6 travel lane layout with bus priorities as needed; left turn priorities as needed; minimum median for pedestrians; no rail; no HOV provisions.

What does FCDOT need from us?

Kathy Ichter will attend the March 2, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting so we can review cross section options, designed plan from 1994, etc.

Old Business - VDOT Speed Study

Supervisors Hyland and McKay wrote a joint letter to VDOT concerning VDOT's decision to lower the speed limit from 45 to 35 mph on U.S. 1 from Fort Belvoir to the City of Alexandria. The Supervisors cite police department statistics that there is no link between vehicle speed and the number of accidents. These statistic indicate that the accident rate is coming down and thus, a "pilot" speed reduction would simply show that the number of accidents have already been reduced without changing the speed limit. According to the VDOT speed study, most accidents occur in the evening rush hour when speeds are well under the limit. Thus, lowering the speed limit would not change this major accident cause. The police reports indicate that accidents are congestion related, not speed related.

Discussion - VDOT is willing to come back to Transportation Committee to discuss the problem. They have not indicated when. At this point, since the MVCCA has already issued a resolution against lowering the speed limit and the decision is not final, there is no need to send another letter.

New Business: Prioritizing of sidewalks/trails installation. Karen Pohorylo (Fairfax County Federation representative) and the transportation chair compiled a list of nominated projects. A list of priori-

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tized projects was handed out. The Committee was in agreement with the prioritization theory and a few were discussed:

- e.g. increase the sidewalk trail on Route 235 (S) from U.S. 1 to Mt. Vernon H.S.
- It was noted that VDOT recently took the pedestrian bridge over Dogue Creek out of the current budget. (It may be funded by FCDOT, if not, the project still needs to be done), and
- Install a sidewalk along Collingwood Rd from Fort Hunt Road to Riverside Road

The prioritized list with additions was presented to the Mt. Vernon District sidewalk/trail representative, Peter Christiansen, on Tuesday evening (February 10, 2009). The list will also be presented to the Fairfax County Federation.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

Assumptions: The conditions which we believe will exist during the next 10 – 20 years, without our intervention. They may be desirable, neutral or undesirable.

Goals: Actions which we want to take to reinforce, modify, accommodate or change the presumed conditions enunciated in the 'Assumptions'.

Comprehensive Plan – Planning Assumptions

1. Mount Vernon District residents will want to retain the historic character of the District, keep the District primarily residential, with limited geographic commercial/industrial areas and areas of employment.

*Evaluation: Desirable – Reinforce

2. The Mount Vernon District will receive an ever increasing amount of tourist traffic heading to the Mount Vernon Estate, Woodlawn, Gristmill the Army Museum, the Lorton Arts Center, Gunston Hall and the Cold War Museum.

*Evaluation: Neutral – Accommodate

3. The George Washington Memorial Parkway will retain its scenic character.

*Evaluation: Desirable – Reinforce

4. Demands for environmentally friendly non-motorized trails, accessible from residential areas to reach commercial centers, places of employment and metro stations, will increase.

*Evaluation: Desirable – Reinforce

5. Richmond Highway will remain the primary commuter artery of the Mount Vernon District with mixed residential and business characteristics.

*Evaluation: Neutral – Accommodate

6. The long awaited comprehensive revitalization of the Richmond Highway urban corridor will not be realized and will remain a low priority within the County.

*Evaluation: Undesirable – Change

7. Continuing developments will worsen traffic capacities. Federal and State funding for transportation improvements, education and emergency contingencies will continue to lag behind perceived needs. Rail along Richmond Highway, from Huntington Station to Fort Belvoir, will not occur for the foreseeable future for lack of funds to acquire commercial property, expand the highway and construct a rail system.

*Evaluation: Undesirable – Change

8. Wide economic diversity will continue to exist in the Mount Vernon District.

*Evaluation: Neutral – Accommodate

9. Demand for housing in all price ranges will remain steady, but there will be increasing emphasis from Fairfax County to add more affordable and work force housing.

*Evaluation: Neutral – Accommodate

10. The 'Aging-in-Place' method will become more popular and a substantial part of the population will be older.

*Evaluation: Desirable – Accommodate

11. Telecommuting options will become more prevalent.

*Evaluation: Desirable – Reinforce

12. The need for continued Inova Health System support for and retention of Mount Vernon Hospital and satellite clinics will still be essential.

*Evaluation: Desirable – Reinforce

13. Dyke Marsh and Huntley Meadow and all water sheds in the Mount Vernon District will continue to be negatively impacted by growth and pollution.

*Evaluation: Undesirable – Modify

14. The retention of the existing tree canopy will continue to be a struggle.

*Evaluation: Neutral – Reinforce

15. Impervious surface increases will aggravate storm water management issues, and developers and the County will have to be pressed to use/authorize and improve storm water management systems.

*Evaluation: Undesirable – Modify

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16. Greater emphasis will be placed by Fairfax County on LEEDS conformance for all developments.

*Evaluation: Desirable – Reinforce

17. Huntington will continue to flood.

*Evaluation: Undesirable – Change

18. Energy costs will continue to increase.

*Evaluation: Neutral – Modify

19. The available land in the southern portion of the District will be developed in a manner that replicates the conditions currently present in the northern portion of the District.

*Evaluation: Undesirable – Change

20. Air quality is not going to improve.

*Evaluation: Neutral - Modify

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Committee's regular monthly meeting was held January 29, 2009. The following community organizations were represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills Civic Assn., Mason Hill, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Sulgrave Manor, Woodley Hills Civic Assn. Woodley Hills Estates and MVCCA Education Com. David Dale MVCCA Co-chair also attended. Donna Pesto and Michelle O'Hare of the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning attended at the invitation of the Committee.

The greater part of the meeting focused on questions prepared by the Committee seeking clarification on details of existing zoning ordinances. The questions concerned the limits on subdividing houses and the rules that apply to additional dwelling units; the limits of occupancy of a single-family residence, including the limit on related or unrelated adults in a home. Ms. Pesto explained the parameters of a planned development designed to promote a balanced approach to new development in the County. Also discussed were the zoning rules regarding single occupancy residences, manufactured homes and mobile home parks.

The Spring Bank community introduced to the Committee a resolution proposing to reallocate RHA expenditures from the planned North Hill development. Many Committee members voiced disagreement with elements of the proposed resolution since it would deny housing to the low-income population of the County. The chair offered to provide a written response to Spring Bank to be voted on at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, February 27, 2009** at 7 p.m., at the MV Government Center.

Committee Resolutions

PLANNING & ZONING

PZ-2009-01: Proposed Hilltop Sand and Gravel Development

1 WHEREAS Hilltop Sand and Gravel Company, Inc. submitted concurrent applications (RZ 2008-LE-001, SEA 2005-LE-027, RZ 2008-LE-002, SEA 78-L-074-06, RZ 2008-MD-003) to develop the property located at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Beulah Street, tax map 100-1 ((1)) 9 part, 11A, 11A1, 14, and 15, and

2 WHEREAS The current include a golf course and a construction debris land fill, and

3 WHEREAS The proposed development includes a 33 acre commercial section zoned PDC to include a mixed use center with 113,000 sf of office, 150,000 sf for a grocery store, 94,000 sf of retail, and 2 pad sites of 5,000 sf each for banks with drive-thru windows, and

4 WHEREAS The proposed development includes capping the debris land fill for use as a recreational area to be managed by the Park Authority, including play fields, tot-lot, unstructured open space, and a pavilion, and

5 WHEREAS The proposed development includes slightly increasing the area of the golf course, keeping the golf course as an ongoing business, and creating a new water hazard that also serves as a storm water management pond for the mixed use center, and

6 WHEREAS The traffic study predicts that there will be an increase of over 20,000 vehicle trips daily, and predicts that the proposed road improvements will be adequate to prevent the level of service on the adjacent roads from dropping below level "D", and

7 WHEREAS The stand-alone office building will be LEED certified and the central retail area will include a rain garden to help manage storm water, and

8 WHEREAS The proposed development has potential negative impacts on the surrounding communities, notably the community represented by the Newington Civic Association, and these residents have a right to be included in the ongoing development planning to reduce the negative impacts, especially from traffic, noise, storm water management, parking area lighting, and general aesthetics,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association does not oppose the submitted applications and general development plan as presented.

Be it further resolved that the Mount Vernon Council requests that the developer initiate and maintain a dialog with the Newington Civic Association as the project progresses to address the residents' remaining concerns and to inform residents of changes to the development plan or proffers.

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TRANSPORTATION

Sidewalk Construction Needed

High Priority:

A. Sidewalk/Pedestrian Bridge across Dogue Creek. A sidewalk is needed to cross Dogue Creek on the East & West sides of Route #1. Pedestrians, some with strollers, have been observed walking in Route #1 to cross this creek. When the Hampton Inn opens, visitors will be forced to either drive or walk in the road to get to McDonalds.

B. Complete sidewalks on both sides of Route 1

- North of Janna Lee Ave - west side of Route 1 (North of Taco Lucos)
- Short Sidewalk Segment on East side of Route #1. Backfill is needed to be topped by a sidewalk stretching from the Griffin Plumbing property line to the Engleside Office Park for a distance of about 50 yards where deep culverts make it difficult for pedestrians to traverse, particularly those who are pushing baby carriages resulting in a walkway from Wyngate Housing to Lukens Lane.
- Wheelchair Accessibility. In the vicinity of the new Safeway store on Route #1, a number of wheelchair bound residents live nearby. If such a person would cross Highway #1 from East to West on the northern corner at Arlington Drive, on the west side of the Highway is a curb-cut for wheelchairs which leads to nowhere. Complete the sidewalks so wheelchairs easily can move to bus stops on Route 1.
- Construct or repair the sidewalks along Route 1 in the Engleside area between the South County Govt center and the Roy Rogers so a completed continuous sidewalk exists on the western side of Route 1. Currently, the sidewalks either stop and one is forced onto a dirt path or one is emptied into a street.

C. Sidewalk Construction on Fort Hunt Road

- Sidewalk/trail is needed from Collingwood Rd to Shenandoah Road on East Side of Fort Hunt Road.
- Sidewalk/trail on east side of Ft. Hunt Road between Paul Springs Rd and north of Westgrove Rd. will alleviate the dangerous roadside situation. There is no shoulder or sidewalk on this side, but there are bus stops on this side of Ft. Hunt (opposite the Paul Springs Retirement Home and north of Westgrove Rd).
- A path/trail/sidewalk constructed on the east side of Fort Hunt Road from Wake Forest Drive to Belle View Boulevard.
- Sidewalk/trail needed from Safeway parking lot to Paul Springs Parkway on West Side

D. Mount Vernon Hwy Walkway – Starting at Route 1 to MVHS a continuous trail is needed, especially where guard rail forces pedestrians to walk next to traffic. Multiple crossings of SR235 is dangerous for pedestrians. Tax map – 101-2.

E. Old Mill Road Sidewalk Segment. A segment is needed to complete a sidewalk running from Falkstone to McNair, on the North side of Old Mill Road.

F. Pohick Rd Walkway Along the frontage of property 98-1-001-21

G. Collingwood Road – Sidewalk/Trail from Fort Hunt Road to Riverside Road so parents can walk students to Stratford Landing Elementary School.

Sidewalk Construction Needed

Medium Priority:

- 1) Tauxemont Preschool Walkway – Between 7719 Fort Hunt road and Tauxemont Preschool. Tax map 93-4. 2004 TPE is \$50,000. Was this a proffer that was never built after the subdivision was built?
- 2) Boswell Avenue Walkway – Between Delafield Place and Frances Drive. Tax map -102-1 & 101-2. 2005 TPE is \$50,000.
- 3) Boswell Avenue Walkway – Between Route 1 and Delafield Place. Tax map -102-1 & 101-2. 2005 TPE is \$230,000.
- 4) Cavendish Drive Walkway – Between Riverside Road and Culpeper road. Tax map 102-3. 2004 TPE is \$260,000.
- 5) Little Hunting Creek Drive Walkway - Along LHC Drive between Ayers Drive and along Ayers Drive between LHC Drive. Tax map 101-4. 2006 TPE is \$450,000 - \$500,000.
- 6) Talbert Road Walkway – From Kiger Street to the southern end passed Ridgely Dr. Tax map 106-2. 2005 TPE is \$170,000.
- 7) Sidewalk/paved trail to the George Washington Rec Center from school/road.
- 8) Badger Avenue Walkway – Between Old Mill Road and Granada Street. Tax map -110-1. 2005 TPE is \$250,000. Not sure if residents still want this project
- 9) Sydenstricker Road Walkway – Between Galgate Drive and Briarcliff Drive. (possibly shared project with Springfield District.) Tax map – 89-3. TPE TBD
- 10) Nalls Road Walkway – From Quisenberry Drive to Mt. Vernon High School
- 11) Fort Drive – 2431 Fort Drive for a distance of 5 homes there is no sidewalk and then one appears. Pedestrians are forced to walk in the street.

Sidewalk Repairs – Medium to Low Priority:

- 1) Summerset La. to back of Fort Hunt Elem. School
- 2) Linton La. To Danewood Dr.
- 3) Along of Fort Hunt Rd. from Belle View Blvd. to Linton La.
- 4) Black top trail/walk way on both sides of various lengths along Riverside Rd. between Collingwood Rd. and Elkin St.
- 5) 2408 Apple Hill Road: uneven sections (shifted 1 " or more)
- 6) 8209 Chancery Court: uneven sections
- 7) 8214 to 8216 Chancery Court: uneven sections
- 8) 8215 Chancery Court to corner: uneven sections
- 9) 8230 Chancery Court: uneven sections
- 10) 2303 Candlewood Drive: badly worn surface
- 11) 2227 to 2229 Candlewood Drive: uneven sections
- 12) 8019 Lynnfield Drive: uneven sections.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 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
Ratification of Committee Chair appointments
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—Mar 12, 7:30 p.m., SUPV's Conf Room

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	2/27	7:00	MVGC	Jeszenszky/McCormick
BUDG	3/4	7:30	WWMS	D. Voorhees
COAF	3/3	7:30	WWMS	Cox
EDUC	3/4	8:00	WWMS-MC	Harbeck
E&R	3/4	7:00	SCGC-Rm219	Plummer
H/HS	3/3	7:30	IMVH-Eng	Cleveland
PL/Z	3/2	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale, Acting Chair
PSAF	3/5	7:30	MVGC	Shawkey
SP	To Be Announced			Cohn
TRAN	To Be Announced			C. Voorhees

Special meetings:

02/26/09 FCPS community dialog meeting on proposed new school start times, 7pm, Whitman MS Knowles lecture hall
03/04/2009 The County executive presents the budget plan to the community, 7:30pm, Whitman MS Knowles lecture hall

There will be multiple meetings in March to develop the MVCCA position on the County budget. Please stay in touch with the appropriate committee chairs to be informed of when and where the meetings will be held.



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