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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

April 22, 2009 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Pat Rea.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Dale, Pat Rea, Katherine Ward; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Frank Cohn, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, John Jeszenszky, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; SFDC Rep Jim Davis; Fairfax Federation Rep Karen Pohorylo; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from: Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Huntington Club, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley/River Bend,

Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Sherwood Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, United Voice at King's Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills Estates.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

The Budget – Passed by unanimous vote; as good as can be under the circumstances. Mount Vernon got the things that are important --- funding to maintain police and fire personnel at current levels; funding for necessary human services. Only 1/2 penny for

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Special Report on the MVCCA 2009 Gala

For those who were unable to attend the MVCCA Gala on Saturday, May 2nd at the Mount Vernon Country Club, we had a record attendance of 94 supporters. Media coverage was provided by the Mount Vernon Voice (Voice). The MVCCA Gala honored its Mount Vernon Citizen of the Year, Virginia Williams and Organization of the Year, United Community Ministries. According to the May 6th edition of the Voice, the Mount Vernon District Supervisor, Gerry Hyland "credited the council with being a bellweather for him with its finger on the pulse of the community and described the work it does in providing citizen input to him and his colleagues on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors as being "the epitome of representative government." The article further stated that "[i]n his two decades representing Mount Vernon, Hyland said he considers himself fortunate to have an organization such as the MVCCA there to help in formulate his position on matters coming before the board. "Keep doing the same job you've been doing, Hyland told them."

- Queenie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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housing. Restored were police at Middle and High Schools; Mount Vernon Lockup with Sheriff transport; satellite voting; bus service; senior centers. Level of transfer to schools is the same as last year. Next year we will face more significant challenges and will probably have to re-visit the car decals.

County Park Authority turned down the Cold War Museum; if the promoters can show fiscal viability, the Park Authority will look at it again.

May 26, 5 p.m., there will be a Mulligan Road presentation. VDOT presentation on lowering Route 1 speed limit, May 5, 7 p.m., South County Center; notification was mailed only to Lee District because VDOT had met with MVCCA Transportation Committee. Gerry will demand a meeting for MV constituents. "VDOT staff and County Staff have no problem with this. We need to create a fuss." Kings Crossing – waiver request is arrogant and unreasonable; threatening to kick Chucky Cheese out and then they will probably expand the WalMart. Gerry will not approve.

There is an opening on the Human Rights Committee. Huntington Storm Water Management – Study is 65% done. Major issue is \$25-30 million for the project. Community wants something done by 2013.

Re: Letters to the Editor in the local press. Letter writers challenge the credibility of MVCCA and the reason we exist. Supervisor stresses that he accepts our credibility.

Sheldon Hoening: We represent the homeowners. (Letters were written from the point of view of) the Chamber of Commerce.

Larry Zaragoza: We need to work harder to build consensus
Supervisor Hyland: The County Executive respects MVCCA. No other Magisterial District has a similar representative council. "No other District in the County has 'guts.'"

North Hill meeting – May 6. Master Plan on line. Need financials for housing and for reconfiguration.

Laurel Hill meeting April 27.

MINUTES – Approved as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – See minutes. Budget keeps our officers; going to find a way to keep the Library open for the same hours as now. Next meeting May 6.

Consumer Affairs – See minutes. Committee is working on an information packet on tree work.

Queenie says come to the Gala and support and recognize the organization and citizen of the year.

Education – No meeting this month; need to get started on next year's budget. This year's budget was balanced with a **one time** stimulus package. This 'balanced' budget was reached by adding an extra half student per class and by not increasing teacher salaries.

In answer to a question, Chair explained that part of the money from the lottery is included in the state contribution to local systems and some is distributed directly to local systems, in both cases subject to the LCI or "wealth" index; she will try to identify what

portion of the lottery portion comes from No Va. Grade scale changes are being implemented.

Environment and Recreation – See minutes.

Health and Human Services – See minutes. Chair expressed thanks to loyal committee members in achieving consensus on LOBs.

SouthEast Health Planning Task Force – Lorton Healthplex is now frozen; plan is to reduce the scale because of the present economy; start with Phase I and add to it. Enhancements to IMVH are also frozen.

Planning and Zoning – See minutes. The published resolution on Cingular's request will not be considered this month. It will go back to the community because Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, which is right across the street from the Moose Lodge property, has not been approached about this.

Public Safety – See minutes. "Gerry's Navy was saved!" Next meeting May 7, Gov. Ctr.

Transportation – See minutes. Committee is working on a Route One Widening resolution. April 29 SFDC is sponsoring a bus ride to other parts of the area that have dealt with similar traffic situations.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – See minutes.

Treasurer's Report			
For Period January 1, 2009 through May 14, 2009			
	Budget 2009	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$8,746.67	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,000	\$3,889.00	-\$111.00
- Dues from new member drive	\$250	\$84.00	-\$166.00
Record Subscriptions	\$250	\$0.00	-\$250.00
Gala Income	\$4,100	\$4,625.00	\$525.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,600	\$8,598.00	-\$2.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Production ¹	\$3,470	\$383.63	\$3,086.37
Record Postage ¹	\$200	\$0.00	\$200.00
Administrative	\$300	\$146.48	\$153.52
Gala Expenses	\$3,200	\$257.50	\$2,942.50
Web Site	\$520	\$0.00	\$520.00
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Member Marketing	\$250	\$299.65	-\$49.65
Insurance	\$660	\$660.00	\$0.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,600.00	\$1,747.26	\$6,852.74
ENDING BALANCE		\$15,597.41	

¹ Board decision to eliminate mailed copies of Record eliminates any potential income from Record subscriptions and Record Postage expenditures, as well as decreases Record Production costs; these changes were disclosed prior to Council's November vote on 2009 Budget. These items will be adjusted, where appropriate, when an Editor is in place and the board has had an opportunity to make necessary adjustments.

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Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – New chair for the committee is Kahan Dhillon; Frank Cohn will continue as a committee member.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT - Still need a chair for Planning and Zoning and an Editor for The Record.

RESOLUTIONS

**P&Z-2009-02: RESOLUTION ON SE2008-MV-031
CINGULAR WIRELESS MONOPOLE**

Resolution was tabled for more information and community input.

**P&Z-2009-03: RESOLUTION ON PCA 2003-MV-O33
LORTON ARTS FOUNDATION**

Space will be limited to artists-in-residence. (South County Federation approved last week.)

Approved 22-0-0.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

Tree Commissioner Eleanor Quigley announced a talk on April 25 at NOVA Annandale campus by a tree expert.

Jean Witt, president of Woodley Hills Association, asked what action has been taken on their petition of last month for a public apology from Spring Bank president David Dale for his "crap community" comment in the Mount Vernon Gazette. Mr. Dale's response is that he was misquoted by reporter Chuck Hagee and that he did not make the comment.

(The presiding co chair advised Ms. Whit that Mr Dale was acting on behalf of his community association.)

Karen Pohorylo (Engleside), representative to FCFCA, encourages neighborhood associations to join and attend FCFCA meetings. On April 16, Jim Davis (Sulgrave Manor), member of FCFCA Engineering Standards Review Committee, gave a demonstration of the size a sewer pipe insert needed to insure that a baby (cabbage patch doll) cannot fall through. Public Facilities Manual is available online. Mark Tipton reported to FCFCA on Sidewalks and Trails: There are no funds for trails through Fort Belvoir. Trails in Accotink Park are cared for by volunteers. There is a reduction in monies available for sidewalks. "Major sidewalks on Route One are done." Contacts at Trails and Sidewalks are Ahmed, 703-324-5983 and Jenny Pate, 703-324-8726.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 7:30 pm
Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Stratford on the Potomac (Sect. 4), Waynewood, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor

The Fairfax County BPOL tax structure and a comparison with surrounding jurisdictions and statewide county and city BPOL rates were discussed. It was decided that a proposed resolution would be presented and voted on at the next Budget Committee meeting based on the discussion.

The next meeting for the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for June 3, 2009 at 7:30 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's conference room.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

No meeting was held during May.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Walt Whitman Middle School. The E&R Committee has reviewed the Tree Trimming License resolution and will be forwarding its comments for consolidation prior to our meeting on June 2nd. Therefore, the topic and action will be to finalize the joint Tree Trimming License resolution during our June 2nd meeting.

A copy of the E&R comments will be transmitted to you in advance of our meeting, if received in a timely manner.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8pm, May 6, 2009, in the media center at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Huntington, Stratford on the Potomac, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North, Hollin Hills, Riverside Gardens and Newington Forest. Several community members also attended.

The primary topic for the meeting was the Chair's scheduled testimony to the School Board on the subject of how best to conform the FY2010 School Budget to the available resources, at the public hearings on May 12, 2009.

Underlying the Committee's concerns was the recognition that the FY2010 school resources are inadequate in that the system must stretch the same dollars to cover 5-6000 new students as well as

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rises in unavoidable expenses for such items as insurance, fuel, and contributions to the Commonwealth retirement system. The damage would have been even greater if not for the one-time federal stimulus and the outlook for FY2011 is thus bleak indeed. Moreover, the current budget was achieved only by staff, including teachers, being denied any COLA or step salary raise. This is a situation which cannot continue and which will likely put teachers behind their peers in neighboring jurisdiction for years to come. While Fairfax starting salaries have been competitive, more experienced teachers have fallen behind significantly in the last few years, nor does the situation encourage our best people to enter or remain in the profession.

The Chair was instructed that testimony on behalf of the Committee should include: (1) the primary goal of the school budget should be to limit class size increases to the extent possible, recognizing that without adequate resources increases are likely inevitable in both FY2010 and 2011; (2) progress toward universal full day kindergarten (FDK) should resume according to the established priority list with new schools placed on the list as demographics indicate; (3) Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) should be completely withdrawn in this budget climate given the stalled FDK process; (3) No cuts or redesigns should be made strictly on a percentage or per capita basis without considering the special impact on disadvantaged schools in terms of both instructional and support or administrative staff; (4) fees, whether for tests or activities, disproportionately harm disadvantaged students and schools and will result in lower participation by disadvantaged and at-risk students; (5) Consideration of program redesigns should include public and local provider participation to avoid unintended consequences and preserve quality of services.

The text of the Chair's written testimony may be viewed on the website.

The possible meals tax (and tangentially potential increases in other taxes or new taxes) was briefly discussed. The Committee recognizes both the need for diversification in the tax base to reduce reliance on one economic indicator and the desire to stabilize residential real estate taxes. However, the Committee is concerned that tying any such new or increased tax directly to reduction in the penny rate or reducing (as opposed to augmenting) support available from the County would not answer the need for enhanced resources and could unduly hamstring the Board of Supervisors and/or lead to problems such as those experienced in California. The Committee opined that the purpose of new revenue streams should not be a direct reduction in property tax but rather a de facto stabilization in the rate of tax increase which might otherwise be necessary to meet on going needs without undue affect on quality of schools and other services.

Subsequent to the meeting the Chair discussed the possibility of dedicating the proceeds of any new meals tax to school construction and renovation with the Chair of the Federation Education

Committee and the MVCCA Board. Subject to further evaluation, this approach might provide a clear purpose for the tax, permit schools in all parts of the County to be renovated on an appropriate schedule, take some pressure off County bonding limits and potentially debt service and save operating budget costs to maintain schools past their useful lives.

The Chair also reported, that in researching a question raised regarding the Virginia lottery funds which provide significant school funding in the Commonwealth, it appears that a recent change may have been made to permit commissioners to vote to divert funds to some other purpose.

Next meeting: June 3, 2009, 8 pm, Whitman Middle School media center.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 6 May 2009, at 8:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon District Supervisor's Conference Room. Present were David Plummer (chair), Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington Heights, Wessington Homes, and Woodley Hills Community Association.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:36 p.m. The meeting followed the North Hill Informational Meeting held at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. Two resolutions were introduced and discussed; neither was brought to a vote as more work was needed.

Tree Butchers Resolution: Drafted and passed by the Consumer Affairs Committee, this resolution requests that contractors performing tree services within Fairfax County be licensed to perform that specific work. Citizens are frequently approached by tree "experts" who recommend expensive tree work that is unhealthy for the tree but monetarily beneficial to the contractor. Many of these contractors also do not follow OSHA regulations, putting their workers at grave risk. The committee felt that several supporting clauses should be combined and made stronger; the suggestion was to involve the Urban Forestry Division and others. Elizabeth Martin of Stratford Landing volunteered to re-draft some of the environmental sections for approval. A final version is expected in June for a vote.

Regulation of Illegal and Intrusive Motorcycle Noise Resolution: Drafted by Todd Koenings of Sulgrave Manor, this resolution requests that local law officials enforce more closely the noise produced by motorcycles, particularly those approaching the George Washington Parkway. Aftermarket packages are designed to exceed the federally set noise limit of 80 decibels. More research was requested and a final version is expected in June.

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The committee also asks that the MVCCA co-chairs re-send the letter as sent in previous years that urge local law enforcement and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association to enforce the 15 minute bus idling time at the Mount Vernon Estate.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the E&R committee will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd, in Room 217 of the South County Government Center at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION

Fairfax Federation Meeting April 16,2009

-Jim Davis from the Engineering Standards Review Committee gave insight on how the county makes decisions on building in Fairfax. He handed out a copy of the table of contents of the PFM (Public Facilities Manual) which is available online through the Fairfax County website

-Mark Tipton from the Trails and Sidewalks Committee spoke about the committee looking at ways to reduce the cost of building and repairing sidewalks in light of inflation of construction. This is a great concern due to proffers that have been sitting on the books for sidewalk construction in non-interest bearing accounts. It was brought to Mr. Tiptons attention that sidewalk projects along Rt. 1 have not been completed, which he was unaware of. Mr. Tipton was sent the Mount Vernon District's list of requests for badly needed sidewalk construction and repairs. Other contacts:

Ahmed Rayyan: sidewalk requests and maintenance, (703)324-5983, ahmed.rayyan@fairfaxcounty.gov

Jenny Pate: trail requests and maintenance, (703)324-8726, jenny.pate@fairfaxcounty.gov

-Jeff Nolan from Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee spoke about a workshop being held at Marshall High School on April 25th from 8:30 to 1:30 regarding county services offered for students with disabilities

Next Federation meeting will be on May 21 at 7:30PM- Report from Richmond with confirmed speakers, Kirsten Amundson, David Bulova and Mark Sickles. Toddy Puller, George Barker and David Albo have also been invited.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The MVCCA Committee for Health and Human Services canceled its May 5 meeting, with members requested to participate instead at one or both of two local informational public meetings of importance for human services planning:

--April 29, 7 PM *Route One Task Force for Human Services* met at Mount Vernon Governmental Center Community Rooms for a report on county, state and federal budget outcomes.

--May 6, 7 PM *Public Input Meeting on North Hill Draft Park Master Plan and Proposed Housing Development* met at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center for an update on housing plans (RHA/HCD) and a Park Authority draft plan presentation.

Representatives of the following associations, joined by MVCCA Co-chair Pat Rea, were among those who attended: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Pinewood Lake, Woodley Hills Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, Tauxemont, Wellington, UVKC.

Both information presented and public questions discussed were more extensive than what is summarized here.

The April 29 Task Force meeting on budget outcomes featured presentations by federal, state, and county representatives on actions that will impact Fairfax County residents in county fiscal year 2010 (which begins July 1, 2009). In general, Virginia Senator Puller and Delegate Amundson report that federal "stimulus" funding is mitigating what would have been very severe cuts in state funding for education and Medicaid. Decisions on what will come through to local government and nonprofit service providers are in progress. (A staff person from U.S. Rep Connolly provided information and answered detailed questions on recent federal funding that may be available directly, as grants or contracts to nonprofit providers.) Deputy County Executive Verdia Haywood presented detailed outcomes of the County Budget Plan as adopted by the Board of Supervisors, with line-by-line outcomes of Reduction Options in 9 Human Services departments identified as "taken" or "restored" and with dollar amounts of restorations. Although total restoration of human services reductions fell short of what HHS and the MVCCA had recommended, restorations were substantial and carefully chosen, reflecting many of our priorities and preserving a number of local programs that were threatened with closure.

The May 6 Public Input Meeting on North Hill park and housing development presented a draft plan for the park area, estimated costs for 22-acre park development and for 11-acre housing site development, and provided other new information. Questions from citizens raised numerous points (on engineering to stabilize marine clay, on saving of specimen trees and tree canopy generally, on safety and accessibility of park trails and facilities, etc.) studied so far, and some subject to further study. The proposals are available for review on the County web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov (add for housing /rha/north_hill; add for park, /parks/plandev/north_hill.htm). A "Tree Impact Analysis" dated May 2 was provided in addition at the meeting; it is "to be posted" a week or so after the meeting. Written public comments on both plans will be received until Friday, June 3, 2009.

PLEASE NOTE that the scheduled June 2 meeting of HHS is now changed to THURSDAY, JUNE 4, as described below, in order to accommodate our special guest resource and to meet

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jointly with the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing.

Public Meetings

• **Thursday, June 4, 7:30 PM, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee** meets jointly with the **Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing** at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, Community Rooms 1&2. The recently appointed Director of the new Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness Dean Klein will discuss the county role in implementing the County "Ten Year Plan" and building effective public/private partnerships. HHS Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151 & SCAWH Chair John Jeszenzsky, 703-799-9635.

• **Tuesday, June 16, 7 PM, Route One Task Force for Human Services** meets at South County Center, with Deputy County Executive Verdia Haywood, to consider emerging directions in housing policy and other current issues. Convener Anne Andrews, 703-780-1773.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Representatives from following member associations were present: Engleside, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton Homes, and Williamsburg Manor North. There were four land use cases and one resolution.

The first presentation was made by Pat Rea (Council co-chair) to vacate a stub of Laurel road that has never been built. The connection between this stub and the rest of Laurel road won't be built since the land is now a part of the Woodley Hills Park. Pat Rea has filed to place a conservation easement on the land so the trees and vegetation will remain and no future building can take place. The utility easement will remain. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The second presentation was by Scannell Properties for BRAC related Comprehensive Plan amendment 08-IV-9S. The property is located near the intersection of the County Parkway and Telegraph Road. About 36 acres are zoned I-6 (heavy industrial) and planned for industrial uses. The remaining 82 acres are zoned R-1 and planned as "private recreational". About 56 acres are considered buildable; the remaining 62 acres are in an EQC. The proposal is to spread the by-right amount of office/industrial use over the buildable land, to remove all residential uses, and dedicate the EQC area as open space park. The claim is that this reduces the overall development since the amount of industrial is unchanged but the potential housing is removed. The committee had objections to the loss of potential play fields. The applicant will be returning in June.

The third land case was a return (again!) of Cingular Wireless for the placement of a cell tower at the Masonic Lodge on Fort Hunt Road. The presenter verbally agreed to requests by the adjacent community and will return in June with the development conditions in writing.

Lastly, the Committee heard an information only update on the plans for the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse plan. The presented plan includes significant preservation of historic buildings, 181 new townhomes, 171 apartments, 50,000 sq ft of office space, and some retail. There were community concerns about the increase in traffic and the already crowded schools. Also, there was strong objection to the loss of the baseball field. Neighbors presented an alternate design that preserved the ball field without reducing the number of townhomes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, June 1 at 7:30 PM in the Jack Knowles lecture hall of Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Mt. Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Spring Bank, Tauxemont, Waynewood, and Wellington. We were joined by Co-chair David Dale.

The chair began with an update on the progress of making CERT training available to residents of the Mount Vernon District. Arrangement has been made to reserve Community Rms. #2 and #3 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center each Monday evening beginning September 21 through November 21 for CERT Training. Informational material will be provided for use in attracting residents to take the training.

The committee then returned to its continuing review of the impact of budget cuts on Public Safety in the proposed Budget for FY 2010. The chair provided copies of the 'Board of Supervisor's Adjustments to the FY 2009 Budget Proposal' which listed the changes made to the County Executive's Advertised Budget. All of these changes will become effective by July 1, 2009. This time the committee reviewed the items that impact the Mount Vernon District. The first item is the restoration of the twenty-four School Resource Officers (SRO) positions in the middle schools. This will keep the SROs at Carl Sandburg and Walt Whitman Middle Schools. This was a restoration the committee felt most strongly about this. Unfortunately, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) was unable to restore the School Education Officers Program (SEO) which provided one officer for groups of six elementary schools across the county. The officer assigned in the Mount Vernon Police area will be reassigned to patrol duty.

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The Crime Prevention Program has two officers assigned in each police station. One officer position will be cut. Currently the officers are MPO Robbie Clift and SGT Darryl Davis. It is understood that SGT Davis will be reassigned to patrol duties. This program supports and coordinates the Neighborhood and Business Watch Programs, National Night Out, and the Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC). They also visit local communities to provide information and recommendations on community safety.

The funding for the Sheriff's officers at the jail in the Mount Vernon Police Station was restored. This will allow the jail to be used and sheriff's deputies to transport prisoners to the Adult Detention Center (ADC) in Fairfax City rather than having police officers have to transport prisoners they apprehend taking them off patrol duty.

The Marine Unit was restored. It operates on the Potomac River and is instrumental in maintaining boating safety along the Virginia side of the river. It does water rescue operations as well as search and recovery of victim and property operations. It also provides additional security during a heightened alert level. The Coast Guard does have a small base in the District of Columbia but it normally its vessels do not operate south of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and, in any event, is too far for timely response. Maryland has very limited river policing on its side of the river and normally cannot respond very rapidly.

The pay supplement for Magistrates in the Mount Vernon Police Station was restored. Magistrates are state employees but their pay begins at about \$41,000 which is insufficient to attract and retain them. The county has provided them with a 25% pay supplement which is very helpful.

There was a brief review of the reductions and restorations to the Department of Health and Human Services Department as there are many services it provides for persons who are arrested or are being released from detention and need those services.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will begin at 7:30pm Thursday, June 4 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center in Community Rm. 3.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, May 4, 2009 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were representatives of 16 member citizen associations (Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford Landing Section 4, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wessynton, Woodley Hills).

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

Redevelop, Reinvent, Revitalize Richmond Highway – SFDC Transit Center Tour

The Transportation Committee Chair along with several other MVCCA representatives took the tour. Four transit centers were visited: Herndon-Monroe Park and Ride; Reston; Tysons Corner; and Shirlington. Both Supervisors Hyland and McKay requested our thoughts concerning transit centers along the Richmond Corridor.

"Will such a transportation center work for want feedback US1?"

The Herndon-Monroe Transit Station (planned to be a future Metro-rail station when the Silver line to Dulles is completed) was the only Transit Center with a parking structure (garage). Parking is currently free, but customers will have to pay when it becomes a Metrorail station. There is bus feed to the Transit Station and riders can transfer to an express bus to the East Falls Church Metro Station. Herndon-Monroe offers 1,745 free parking spaces (which are full by 7AM each weekday morning) and approximately 5,876 Fairfax Connector passengers use this facility on an average weekday. If such a parking structure were to be on US1, where?

The Waynewood representative commented that US 1 is a linear route/residence/business arrangement. Due to the Potomac River, as well as Fort Belvoir on the East and Huntley Meadows and Fort Belvoir to the West, a gathering center would not work as well since US 1 is constrained geometrically and does not have wide expanses of housing around it.

The Reston Transit Center has a bus depot arrangement with a Connector Store and approximately 1093 Fairfax Connector passenger's board, alight, transfer or pass through the Transit Station on an average weekday. It is similar to Herndon-Monroe minus the parking; residents in a nearby mixed development walk to it. The Tysons Corner – West Park Transit Station is similar to Reston but has most of its bus service during peak hours. Approximately 1774 Fairfax Connector passengers ride one of 247 bus trips to or from this facility. The Shirlington Transit Center has density (area feed). It is the first Transit Center in Arlington not associated with a Metrorail station.

The Mount Vernon on the Potomac representative stated that a key question was where are the center arrivals going to be going? Pentagon, DC, Tysons?

Q. Who funds the Transit Centers? A. Fairfax County for Herndon-Monroe, Reston and Tysons-West Park; Arlington County funds the operational costs for Shirlington's station.

In addition to a design that does not require a person on-site during the day, the Shirlington Transit Center also has an underground

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stormceptor that collects oil, grease, trash and grit and prevents the same from entering the Four Mile Run Watershed. Arlington County maintains the stormceptor. Chair indicated that Fairfax County should consider installing stormceptors along US1 to protect our many watersheds (Belle Haven, Little Hunting Creek and Dogue).

Discussion: storm water management
South County Fairfax Government Center was to have a pond, filtration system. Did they ever come to fruition?

Along linear US 1 storm water handling should not be a problem to create. Counties are entities subject to the Clean Water Act regulation. But, administrative waivers are handed out by Fairfax County to avoid the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (Ordinance) regulations.

Q. On quantitative thresholds for Centers?

A. SFDC did not have a threshold number for establishing a transit center, but Fairfax Connector had numbers of their ridership. The number of Fairfax Connector passengers/day on an average week-day using these centers ranges from 1093-5876. In addition to those numbers are the passengers using Metrobus.

The Fairfax Connector official on tour with us stated that US 1 has the highest bus traffic volume in the Northern Virginia area. Thus, there should be sufficient ridership to justify a transit center. The questions are where and what kind?

Monorail concept: The Transportation Committee believes that a monorail concept connecting e.g., the yellow line to the blue line via Fort Belvoir would be cheaper/faster potentially than rail or bus on Richmond Highway. If the commute is cheaper and faster (reliable), people will use it. Transit Centers would grow around monorail stations naturally. But, if the mass transit is not cheaper/faster(reliable), people may not abandon their cars and highway traffic would not be reduced.

In absentia, co-chair Katherine Ward's comments concerning an express bus from the Mt. Vernon and Lee areas to Tysons Corner was raised. The Shirlington Center has rush hour bus to Tysons, that does not use the beltway (30 minute trip). Why can't an express bus service be established?

The Southwood representative explained how the 11Y bus via GW Parkway to DC was saved in the mid 1990's. Citizens produced flyers asking folks if they wanted the 11Y bus line. In the end, they were successful, but the Mt. Vernon district had to promote it and request its service. Otherwise, Metrobus was not going to provide the 11Y bus line.

US 1 is an historic roadbed. It is a national North-South highway (from Maine to Florida). South of Fort Belvoir, there are East-West

roads feeding into US 1. Thus, a Transit Center at Fort Belvoir or south of Fort Belvoir were mentioned.

The Transportation Committee needs the results of the Fairfax County transit study and will ask Rollo Axton to present at a future meeting.

Transit Centers, to be successful, need a bus feed into the places where folks work (Pentagon, Metro, Tysons) which is faster than the commuter's own car. Without the time advantage and reliable service, most people will not use mass transit.

Next Transportation Committee Meeting: State Delegate Kris Amundson and Senator Toddy Puller are invited to be speak with the group.

Subject: our consensus view for US 1 improvements including 6 lanes from Buckman Rd thru Ft. Belvoir. Is a transit study coming in view of the Federal Bill that has been proposed?? The Committee would like to ask Lee District Presidents to attend this meeting so that a community consensus can be developed. In addition, we would like to provide Delegate Amundson/Senator Puller a list of our transportation committee goals for US 1 and any questions that the committee may have in advance of the meeting.

The Transportation Committee is still working on a current resolution to widen US1 to 6 lanes, Buckman Rd thru Ft Belvoir. We hope to hear comments from SFDC and will review those comments in next month's meeting.

It was recommended that we ask a representative from Fort Belvoir to come to one of our meetings and brief us on the transportation plans that have should have gelled by now with regard to Fort Belvoir/BRAC. The chair will invite them to a future meeting.

New/Old Business

The proposed US 1 35 mph limit may cause more traffic on the GW Parkway (a committee member that works at the Navy Yard estimates as much as 10,000 additional vehicle trips/day). A lot of the BRAC workers that will shift from the Navy Yard to Fort Belvoir are coming from Maryland and they are already asking him if the GW Parkway is the best way to Fort Belvoir. Traffic would be especially bad going south in AM from Maryland to Fort Belvoir when BRAC is implemented.

Ultimately, a new bridge across the Potomac, perhaps part of an outer Beltway may relieve traffic due to the transfer of personnel that live in Maryland to a working place in Virginia.

A VDOT meeting with Lee District Presidents occurred on 5-5-09. Lee District residents have the same concerns as Mt. Vernon and do not want the speed limit on US 1 lowered.
Another question to ask VDOT: Does the proposed(speed) change comply with EPA regulations not to adversely change pollution levels (Clean Air Act)? Was an impact study conducted?

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New Business:

- Laurel Hill traffic – the chair relayed concerns that Laurel Hill residents have about the closing of 2 of the initially proposed 4 ingress/egress points to the new development. One of the 2 ingress/egress points is new a school. In addition, it is now proposed that Lorton Rd will become a private road (not maintained by VDOT or Fairfax County, but the residents?). The community has 800 homes predevelopment. Thus, maintenance could be a problem. The Transportation Committee hopes to hear more about this at our June meeting.

- Speed humps - at various locations, Mt Zephyr is pushing for these in Mt. Vernon H.S. area. Preliminary studies have been conducted and project is underway. VDOT adding STOP signs, some 4-way. Two added at a bend in a road (one each direction – no intersection).

- Mulligan Road expansion - public meeting on Tuesday, May 26, at 5 - 8 pm
VDOT presenting (Leonard Seagull) their project. Written comments will be accepted up to June 6, 2009

- US1/Huntington Rd intersection
Woodrow Wilson Bridge interchange work. The one of the South lanes on US 1 disappears after Huntington Avenue. Better Signage is needed, or is this a work in progress. Chair will contact Woodrow Wilson Bridge group and determine if this is a VDOT or a Bridge issue.

- US 1 potholes – Can these be fixed?
VDOT is short of cash, but they respond quickly to requests for spot improvements. One can make a request on-line. Currently, portions of US 1 are being milled and paved as a result of stimulus money.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is June 1, 2009 at 8PM in the Walt Whitman Middle School Library. Delegate Amundson and Senator Puller are invited.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The April monthly meeting was held on the 30th at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. Present were representatives from the following community organizations: Collingwood on Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Woodley Hills Civic Assn., and Woodley Hills Estates and Pat Rea MVCCA Co-chair.

The minutes of the March 26 meeting were reviewed and approved. The main part of the meeting was taken up with a discussion and modification of a draft resolution regarding proposed changes in procedures to the Fairfax County Zoning

ordinance for obtaining authorization for accessory dwelling. The committee is seeking this change to allow accessory dwelling units to add to available affordable housing in the County. With the additional modifications, the committee approved coordination of the resolution with other MVCCA committees.

The Committee briefly discussed the upcoming County presentation on the North Hill housing and park development plans scheduled for 7 pm, May 6, at the District Government Center. The presentation is to include the first cost figures for the development plans.

The next Committee meeting is to be held jointly with the Health and Human Services Committee on Thursday, June 4, 7:30 pm, Mount Vernon Government Center Community Rooms 1 and 2. Mr. Dean Klein, the new Director of the Office for Preventing and Ending Homelessness, has agreed to speak to both committees and discuss how resources will be coordinated to work toward ending homelessness in the County.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

At the meeting of the Special Committee for Strategic Planning, on April 13, 2009, the committee members approved the following items for consideration in planning for the revision of the Comprehensive Plan. The below listed items should not to be considered as all inclusive, but rather should be regarded as an incentive to develop additional items for consideration.

Planning Guidance

1. Check all new developments to see if historical aspects can be integrated.
2. Monitor all proposed changes on the GW Memorial Parkway to assure retention of historical character, free of traffic signals.
3. Widen Route #1 to 6 lanes from Huntington to the Occoquan.
4. Plan for safe and attractive conditions on Collector Roads leading into Route #1, with emphasis on conditions at intersections.
5. Integrate trails for commuting into the road network
6. Work closely with SFDC and OCRR to enhance revitalization
7. Assure that an appropriate mix of housing types is available within the District
8. Assure that storm water plans are well integrated into the Comprehensive Plan.
9. Publicize Age-in-Place to make this program widely acceptable and educate the public appropriately
10. In coordination with our Supervisor, assure that actions taken by INOVA are in complete compliance with the Comprehensive Plan.
11. Assure follow-up for compliance on proffers, waivers and development conditions.

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12. Oppose any future development or re-development in the flood plain.
13. Oppose deviations from the Comprehensive Plan, except for compelling reasons.
14. Pursue alternative transportation options, such as rail, to mitigate and minimize traffic congestion.
15. Design and integrate Service Roads to (a) improve local traffic flow and vehicular and pedestrian safety (b) introduce continuity and consistency of egress along the Route #1 corridor, and (c) ensure Service Road improvements encompass and are complementary with future light-rail/mono-rail and other mass transit plans, to the extent that those plans make use of the same or a replacement thoroughfare.

The SP Committee would like to thank and extend it's deepest gratitude to Frank Cohen for his exemplary work as the SP Committee Chair. The Committee looks forward to Frank's continued participation as a member of the Committee as he has been an invaluable asset.

The SP Committee met on Tuesday May 12th at 7:30 pm at the South County Building. A complete report of the meeting will be available in next month's SP Committee report. The Committee's June meeting will take place on June 8th at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center in Room #3 at 7:00 pm.

PLANNING & ZONING

PZ-2009-04: RESOLUTION OF THE VACATION OF LAUREL ROAD

1. WHEREAS An isolated portion of Laurel Road lying west of Old Mount Vernon Road has been platted but has never been built, and Whereas The land for this section of Laurel Road was originally part of the abutting residential lot on the north side, and

2. WHEREAS The originally planned location of Laurel Road runs through Woodley Hills Park, has been mostly vacated and the remaining platted portion will never be built, and

3. WHEREAS The owner of the property abutting this portion of Laurel Road has requested that the road be vacated, and has committed to granting the Park Authority a conservation easement to the vacated property to assure preservation of existing trees, vegetation and current Park Authority use,

A. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association does not oppose the application to vacate the portion of Laurel Road, as presented.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 8 p.m.
Walt Whitman Middle School
Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

AGENDA

Call to Order

Approval of Secretary's Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
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—June 11, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 1

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
*AWH	6/4	7:30	MVGC-Rm1/2	Jeszenszky
BUDG	6/3	7:30	WWMS	D. Voorhees
COAF	6/2	7:30	WWMS	Cox
EDUC	6/3	8:00	WWMS-MC	Harbeck
E&R	6/3	7:00	SCGC-Rm217	Plummer
*H/HS	6/4	7:30	MVGC-Rm1/2	Cleveland
PL/Z	6/1	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale, Acting Chair
PSAF	6/4	7:30	MVGC	Shawkey
SP	6/8	7:00	MVGC-Rm3	Dhillon
TRAN	6/1	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

*Special A&WH / H&HS joint meeting

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