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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

May 27, 2009 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: David Dale.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Dale, Patrick Rea, Katherine Ward; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, John Jeszenszky, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees, David Plummer; Fairfax Federation Rep Karen Pohorylo; Treasurer Tonda Phalen.

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, Pavilions at Huntington

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SPECIAL MEETING BEING CALLED FOR THE MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL

September 10, 2009. 7:30 PM (location TBD)

Purpose: To review and vote on MVCCA APR comprehensive plan nominations.

Background: In order to meet the APR nomination schedule set by the County we will need to vote upon MVCCA nominations for the comprehensive plan.

The MVCCA committees in-conjunction with our Strategic Planning Committee are working diligently to develop these nominations. They will be posted for your review prior to this special meeting.

You are also encouraged to seek out updates from your committee reps as we move this process along so you are well informed as to what nominations will be made.

COMMUNITY COMPATIBILITY AND INFILL TASK FORCE STATUS

The County is conducting a facilitated second round of efforts to look at infill and community compatibility. The group is comprised of builders and County wide citizens.

The MVCCA has 4 reps...Katherine Ward, Sheldon Hoenig, David Dale and Leo Milanowski. Jay Spiegel is also attending as part of the Mt Vernon District delegation.

This task force is continuing the efforts of last year. We are looking at various tools that can be added to the county zoning ordinances to manage development --- especially McMansions. Our recommendations will be going to the BOS hopefully some time by before the end of summer.

Katherine Ward
Co-Chair, MVCCA

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Metro, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, William H. Randall, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills.

Minutes from previous Council meeting were approved as published in the Record. Treasurer's report was accepted as published in the Record.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Recycling. Recycling in County has increased to 40%.

Budget. BOS budget retreat will take place on June 29-30. The focus of the retreat will be to focus on showcasing each supervisor's district and explain its needs and requirements, E.mail the Supervisor's office with comments from MV residents to educate the other supervisors about MV and its future requirements..

Infill. A consultant has been retained to try to reach a compromise on new infill regulation. Meetings are scheduled for June 9 and June 23. Staff is working on a new definition of "building height".

Richmond Highway. VDOT presentation on effort to lower speed limit will be held on May 28. Sen. Puller and Del. Amundson have agreed to contact VDOT and urge VDOT to back-off on effort to lower speed limit since there has been no public support.

Visioning Committee. Supervisor Hyland is forming a visioning committee to develop plan for District. Expects to start in Fall. Challenge is in deciding who will sit on and chair the committee. Interested parties should contact the Supervisor's office. There are several other positions that need to be filled as well.

Redistricting. Redistricting will occur in 2011 following the 2010 Census.

Levees. No meeting with Federal representatives to review proposal to build levees to protect Belle Haven area has yet taken place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Committee discussed alternative revenue options. Next meeting June 3.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as printed. No meeting in June.

Education – Minutes as published. Next meeting June 3.

Environment & Recreation – Considered resolutions related to tree trimming and motorcycle noise. Next meeting June 3.

Health and Human Services – In lieu of the May meeting, committee members participated in the April 29 Route 1 Task Force meeting on the country, state, and federal funding outcomes for human services and the May 6 public meeting of the Park and Housing Authorities on planning for North Hill (see the brief report on both in the May Record). HHS meets June 4, jointly with the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing, for dialogue with the Director of the new Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Eleanor Quigley (Wellington Heights) expressed concern about the June 6 deadline for public comment on North Hill park planning, without having followup on matters raised at the May 6 meeting: trees to be affected by the proposed retaining wall, storm water flow, and assurance that the County Arborist would review detailed

site plans.

Supervisor Hyland directed staff to get more information and will ask that the public input deadline be extended accordingly.

Re Mount Vernon Hospital and affiliated Lorton Healthplex planning, Supervisor Hyland reported on a recent Inova decision, in response to economic conditions, to scale Lorton Healthplex development in 3 "phases," and to request an expedited "special exception" for a revised site plan for Phase I only (ER, imaging, reduced parking, etc), to be completed by 2012. Later, Phase II could add "medical uses" such as surgical rooms, as need grows, along with a parking structure; Phase III could add other "medical related" uses, such as cancer treatment. Louise Cleveland recommended inquiry into any plans for other needed community medical services, such as a women's clinic. Hyland welcomed input on services the community wants developed and will push for Phase I to be expedited to 2011.

Planning & Zoning – Minutes as published in *Record*. Development of the Lorton Healthplex is moving forward. Next meeting is on June 1. One resolution.

Public Safety – Minutes as published in *Record*. Next meeting June 4.

Transportation – Discussed Transit Tour of bus facilities and the possibility of locating a bus transfer facility on Richmond Highway.

Treasurer's Report For Period January 1, 2009 through June 11, 2009

	Budget 2009	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$8,746.67	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,000	\$3,943.00	-\$57.00
- 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	\$8,652.00	\$52.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Production ¹	\$3,470	\$439.39	\$3,030.61
Record Postage ¹	\$200	\$0.00	\$200.00
Administrative	\$300	\$146.48	\$153.52
Gala Expenses	\$3,200	\$2570.00	\$630.00
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	\$4,115.52	\$4,484.48
ENDING BALANCE		\$13,283.15	

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Public Hearing was held on Mulligan Road. Design has some serious implications for the Mount Vernon area. Public can submit comments on-line until June 9. Next meeting June 1.

Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing – Reviewed Zoning Ordinance to consider changes necessary to encourage use of more accessory dwelling units. Next meeting is joint meeting with HHS on June 4.

Special Committee for Strategic Planning – Mary Ann Gardner made a presentation regarding Comprehensive Plan and amendments thereto. Larry Zaragoza noted that the MVCCA has passed a number of resolutions that have not opposed development in the flood plain and recommended that the committee reconsider its planning guidance (#12) that eliminated development in the flood plain. Co-chair Ward requested he provide his detailed concerns so they can be addressed by the full Committee at their meeting on June 8.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations – Next meeting will be the annual picnic on June 18.

Nominating Committee is soliciting suggestions for nominations for next year's officers. Contact Gretchen Walzl (kwalzl@yahoo.com). Also still need an Editor for the Record.

Gala – Next year's Gala will be on May 1 at the Mount Vernon Country Club.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Approved 23-0-0.

(Thanks to Co-chair Pat Rea and others for this record.)

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 7:30 pm
Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Pat Rea (MVCCA Co-Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Stratford on the Potomac (Sect. 4), Tauxemont, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor, Wellington

The Fairfax County BPOL (Business and Professional Occupations License) tax structure and a comparison with surrounding jurisdictions and statewide county and city BPOL rates were discussed. It was determined that Fairfax County's BPOL rates were less than the rates charged by Arlington County, Alexandria City and Prince William County. It was further discussed that the use of alternative ways of raising revenue should be explored rather than reliance on

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residential real estate tax rates. A resolution was approved by the Committee for submission to the MVCCA.

Fairfax County Residential Housing Authority funding was also discussed in general and the committee intends to invite a speaker from RHA to the next meeting.

The next meeting for the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for August 5, 2009 at 7:30 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's conference room.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

No meeting was held during June. Next meeting will be July 7th at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Tree Trimming License Resolution.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8 pm on June 3, 2009, in the media center of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were Wellington and Huntington.

A purpose of the meeting had been to discuss future plans and topics which communities might wish the Committee to explore.

The Committee and Chair did discuss some of the trends and issues which are likely to be significant. One of these is changes both to the delivery and nomenclature of Gifted and Talented Services (G/T), which has been renamed Advanced Academics Program (AAP). The name change more accurately depicts the intentions of the program and there have also been changes in how services are characterized and delivered. AAP services have been rearranged into Levels 1 through 4, with Level 1 being those special critical thinking and similar lessons which are presented by the classroom teacher and AAP Resource teacher to all students in every school, and Level 4 being the highest level available, such as the centers requiring special admission criteria as well as AP and IB on the high school level.

One very major change has been the expansion and development of Local Level 4, where general education schools designate a classroom where a qualified AAP teacher delivers essentially the same curriculum as would be presented at a Center, to students who have qualified for Center placement but chosen to remain at the base school along with other students who have been identified by school staff as able to benefit from the higher level curriculum. The approach has many positives, including serving a wider number of kids, but like all programs (including actual centers) the class will be only as good as the teacher presenting it, and there are some concerns about whether such a class will provide enough of a peer group to deliver a high level curriculum or meet the needs of the very highly gifted.

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This will bear further discussion because of suggestions to eliminate busing for center students if the base school has a Local Level 4 and even to eliminate elementary centers in favor of universal Local Level 4.

Another topic will be the activities of the "Smart Services Committee" made up of 3 School Board members and 3 County Supervisors and formed to look at areas where efficiencies may be found in revamping, consolidating or eliminating duplication of particularly administrative expenses, such as human resources, technology, maintenance and purchasing. On a somewhat parallel track, and possibly converging later, are discussions of how to better coordinate psychological and other social services between schools and County agencies or Community Service Boards, both for potential cost savings but also to more effectively deal with the interrelated needs of students, families and the community. In this arena, it will be particularly important for community involvement and input from grassroots providers to find appropriate solutions.

The Committee will not formally meet in July or August. If an opportunity for a special meeting on the above or other issues should arise, members will be notified by e-mail. The Committee will formally resume in September, most likely on the usual "first Monday" (September 2) but at a different location since schools will not yet be open. E-mail notification will be made.

Next meeting: September 2009 (date and place TBD)

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 3 June 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 217 of the South County Building. Present were David Plummer (chair), MVCCA Co-Chair Katherine Ward, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Newington Forest Civic Association, Potomac Valley – Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor, and Woodley Hills Community Association.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Laurel Hill Update: Willie Evans (Newington Forest) updated the committee on the Laurel Hill Reuse Plan as currently designed by the Alexander Company. Mr. Evans displayed a graphic of the current plan which consisted of future roadways, housing, green-space/parkland in relationship with the current reformatory building and recreation area footprints. He reported that the Workhouse project and the Women's Suffrage museum are progressing well. Of concern, however, is the proposed elimination of the Reformatory Ballpark in favor of approximately 10 townhouses. Mr. Evans argued that it would be a bad decision for Fairfax County to approve this plan when there are better and cheaper options available to the planners. He also pointed out that the ballpark and grounds must retain their special historical design and scale. That

way, the original small-town ballpark arrangement can remain available for future generations – for just the kinds of activities that were practiced by prison families and surrounding communities during much of the past half-century. No resolution was submitted; however Mr. Evans agreed to keep the committee informed with updates in the coming months.

Tree Butchers Resolution: Originally drafted and passed by the Consumer Affairs Committee, this resolution requests that contractors performing tree services within Fairfax County be licensed or certified 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. Colloquially known as "woodchucks", many of these contractors also do not follow OSHA regulations, putting their workers at grave risk. The committee strengthened and combined several clauses, and also added a clause regarding OSHA safety requirements. Some debate occurred as to whether requiring state certification would increase taxes however most of the committee felt that any increase would be small and largely offset by long-term savings by homeowners. The resolution passed 10-1-0 and will now be returned to the Consumer Affairs Committee for re-consideration.

North Hill Wall Resolution: This resolution brings to light one of the many technical, engineering and environmental challenges surrounding the North Hill housing proposal. Of grave concern to committee members is a proposed "drill shaft wall" to stabilize the unpredictable North Hill marine clay. Based on previous Housing and Community Development (HCD) testimony before the P&Z committee, the proposed "wall" will likely consist of approximately 160 below-grade concrete pickets, each about 36 inches in diameter, spaced every 6 feet on center, and averaging 40 feet in depth. Details of the wall, including its exact location, have not been revealed by the RHA. However, committee members firmly believe that this wall could not be constructed without severe root damage and a substantial loss of tree cover. The resolution suggests that the wall should be located within the confines of the 11-acre housing portion which is planned to be virtually clear-cut. It also suggests an extension of the comment period by RHA until more information is available, asks the RHA to post engineering and location information on the web, and asks for a bond to be posted to cover the loss of any trees that are removed or die within 4 years. The resolution passed 10-1-0.

Addenda: Currently the Belle Haven - Dogue - Four Mile Run (BDF) Fairfax County Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) is reviewing all watersheds in Fairfax County. Most are impaired, largely as a consequence of countless acres of concrete and asphalt that are undeniably evident throughout each watershed area. The majority of this cumulative impervious surface is streets and highways, and businesses fronting the major highways in these watershed drainages. The storm water leaving these areas drains into inadequate

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storm water facilities thus eroding and degrading the local streams and creeks.

Martin Tillett (Spring Bank) restated his concern that VDOT and local business owners are stakeholders in this watershed improvement process, yet they are essentially absent from the Watershed Advisory Group. Citizen homeowners also have a role in that their residences create impermeable surfaces that add to the damaging storm water runoff problems in their communities. They comprise the bulk of the non-government stakeholders present at the WAG meetings. Any action plan for stream restoration (which is the goal of the WAG) without engaging all of the stakeholders will, in the view of many citizen WAG participants, will result in a shortsighted and inadequate plan that simply transfers the problem to future generations.

Mr. Tillett indicated that he wrote members of the Virginia delegation about the lack of direct involvement of other key stakeholders in this process. Delegate Amundson's office responded last winter with a call from an aide stating they will look into the expressed concerns. To date there has been no additional response whether anything can be done to engage these absent stakeholders. The WAG continues to meet without direct dialogue from either VDOT or business interests who many citizens see as major contributors to the storm water pollution issue.

A briefing on the status of the Little Hunting Creek watershed plan was requested for some future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the E&R committee will be held on Wednesday, July 1st, in Room 217 of the South County Government Center at 7:00 p.m. Currently on the agenda is Michael McGrath who will discuss upcoming capital improvements to the Noman Cole Wastewater Treatment Plant in Lorton.

Joint Meeting

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AFFORDABLE & WORKFORCE HOUSING

Two MVCCA committees, Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing (SCAWH), met jointly on June 4, 7:30 PM, at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, to welcome the recently appointed Director of the new Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness Dean Klein. Participants also received a draft of proposed revisions of guidelines for the Penny Fund for Affordable Housing, and they discussed a draft SCAWH proposal concerning Accessory Dwelling Units.

Representatives of the following associations, joined by MVCCA Co-chair Pat Rea, were among 22 persons attending: (for HHS)

Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Hollin Glen, Woodley Hills Estates, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont; (for SCAWH) Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates. Others included Ron Fitzsimmons from Supervisor Hyland's office, Telley Whitfield and Ramona Carroll from Dept. of Human Services Systems, Christina Shoendorf from private nonprofit Progreso Hispano, Noemi Riviera from Habitat for Humanity, and others from the community.

Preventing Homelessness in Fairfax County

Dean Klein, MSW, was recently appointed Director of the newly established Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, as a key step forward in implementing the County's "Ten Year Plan." The Plan was developed by a large task force of citizen volunteers and stakeholders who invested four years of effort in assessing specific, multiple causes of homelessness in Fairfax County, considering successful models of service delivery from other cities and counties nationally (such as the Housing First strategy), and developing a detailed implementation plan adapted to specific conditions in this County. The new Office is tasked with developing and coordinating a Partnership of public and private agencies and resources and, in a time of projected decline in County revenue, cultivating new non-County resources. Already, a \$2.5 Million federal grant will begin in September, based on a proposal to hire housing "locators" who will assist nonprofit organizations engaged in moving people into appropriate homes. A new Governing Board of community leaders, chaired by former Herndon Mayor Michael O'Reilly, first meets June 17 to provide policy direction, community visibility, accountability and resource development capability. An Interagency Work Group, a Consumer Advisory Council, and a new nonprofit Foundation as a conduit for outside funding will complete the structure envisioned for a more effective public/private Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership go Prevent and End Homelessness. Progress is clearly connected to success in expanding the supply of housing affordable to those who live and work in the County and assessing the kinds of housing with access to supportive services needed by many with disabilities. The Penny Fund—chief source of County funds that can leverage other sources—is critical. The clock on the Plan is running, the target date is now 9 years away, and the new Director is eager to speed the effort. Robert Trimble (SCAWH) described the commitment of one Fairfax organization, Communities of Faith United for Housing (CFUH) to the goals of the Ten Year Implementation Plan, focusing on providing permanent housing for those at the lowest income levels who homeless or dangerously close to becoming homeless. CFUH has appointed Trimble to chair the monitoring subcommittee that will track progress and assist in overcoming obstacles. Another resource is the National Alliance for Fair Housing, which maintains a valuable web site of models, strategies, and other information from around the country, an example of the improved tools that are emerging as communities share information (www.nationalfairhousing.org).

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Revising Penny Fund Guidelines

Elizabeth Lardner, Mount Vernon representative to the Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA), reported on the Proposed Recommendations Concerning the Penny Fund for Affordable Housing, drafted by the Fairfax County Advisory Committee on Affordable Housing for approval by the Board of Supervisors. (Lardner has recently been appointed to the Advisory Committee.) Encouraging people to participate in the June 16 public meeting on housing policy (see Announcements below, Route One Task Force for Human Services), she distributed draft copies of the proposed revisions and also made available an electronic copy (sent subsequently to both committees). Both Committees placed strong emphasis on the need for the Board of Supervisors to reinstate the entire "One Penny" for affordable housing. The Committees urge the Board of Supervisors to maintain their adopted overriding principle for using the "Penny" for affordable housing and not to divert these funds for other needs in the County. Furthermore, the Committees call attention to the fact that it has been the policy of the MVCCA since the inception of the One Penny Fund to support it as the primary County funding for stimulating preservation and production of affordable housing appropriate for different needs.

Weighing Benefits of Accessory Dwelling Units

SCAWH Chair *John Jeszenszky* reported on the DRAFT SCAWH resolution-in-progress, "Proposed Change in Procedures for Obtaining Authorization for an Accessory Dwelling Unit" (circulated by e-mail in advance), requesting HHS Committee comments. (Accessory Dwelling Units are those permitted under county regulations to be built as part of an owner-occupied s/f residence.) Concerns voiced by other committee members, so far, include how communities would handle additional parking that additional residents may require and whether expanded guidelines and swifter by-right approvals would result in a change in the character of neighborhoods of single family homes. HHS Committee members were generally supportive of the proposal with reservation. Other comments have questioned the need for any means of making the supply of housing more affordable to those below median income, stating that adequate low-cost housing is currently available. The SCAWH will consider modifying the resolution based on provided comments.

Next HHS Meeting: July 7, 7:30 PM, see below for joint meeting with MVCCA Public Safety Committee.

Next SCAWH Meeting: July 2, 7 PM at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

Announcements and public meetings

--CSB FY 2008 Annual Report: Help. Hope. Heart. (April 2009 publication) is now available on the web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

--Tuesday, June 16, 7 PM, Route 1 Task Force for Human Services convenes at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy, with key participants in county housing policy and planning invited,

to discuss present and future goals for affordable housing in Fairfax County. Convener Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

--Thursday, July 2, 7 PM, MVCCA Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing meets at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Chair John Jeszenszky, 703 799-9635.

--Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 PM, MVCCA HHS Committee meets jointly with Public Safety Committee at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Conf. Room C/D, for reports from two programs of concern to both: Diversion to Detoxification and the Strong Families Program of supervised visitation and exchange under the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Chairs Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151, and Dallas Shawkey, 703 760-2185.

--Thursday, July 16, 7 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center (2511 Parker's Lane) for an update on revised plans for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and constructing a Lorton Healthplex. Chair Jeffrey McKay, 703-971-6262

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety Committee did not meet in June.

The committee has been working to make Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training available in the Mount Vernon District so that community representatives will not have to travel to the other end of the county for it. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their communities. CERT trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. But, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, state, and federal resources will activate to help, there may be a delay getting to those who need the help. The primary reason for CERT training is to give residents the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help.

CERT training to be given in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center beginning Monday evening, September 21. The training will be in eight weekly sessions. Additional information will be provided in July.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be a joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee beginning at 7:30pm Tuesday, July 7. The meeting will be held in the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital. We will have two speakers. Peggy Cook will provide a presentation on the Diversion to Detoxification program whereby persons who are detained by police for substance/alcohol abuse are given the option of going to detox

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rather than jail. Funding for this program was cut from the County budget for FY 2010 (beginning July 1, 2009) but there is an application pending for federal funds to continue the program. The second speaker will be Laura Harris who is in charge of Supervised Visitation and Exchange which is part of the Strong Families Program in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. This is used to address broken families where violence has necessitated that the court monitor child visitation and/or exchange. Funding for this program was reduced for FY 2010.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, June 1, 2009 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were Delegate Kris Amundson, co-chair Katherine Ward and representatives of 20 member citizen associations (Belle Haven Terrace, Engle-side, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessington, Williamsburg Manor North (2), Woodland Park, Woodley Hills).

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

Redevelop, Reinvent, Revitalize Richmond Highway – Delegate Kris Amundson

Prior to Delegate Amundson taking the floor, two comments were offered concerning VDOT's lowering the speed pilot program and infrastructure programs for Richmond Highway. 1) Request VDOT to appoint an ombudsman to coordinate Richmond Highway infrastructure improvements in Fairfax County and funding issues. 2) If individuals and civic associations have not already done so, write a letter or e-mail to Supervisor Hyland telling him why you do not want the speed limit lowered on Richmond Highway in Fairfax County.

Delegate Kris Amundson informed the committee that Delegate Sickles, herself and Senator Toddy Puller wrote a joint letter to the Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth requesting that they leave the speed limit where it is. Evidently, VDOT unilaterally decided to reduce the speed limit in February of 2008 without notifying any of the elected state officials or Supervisors Hyland and McKay. In addition, VDOT did not consult the Mt. Vernon police sub-station that would have disagreed with the police representative who did not live or work along Richmond Highway in Fairfax County. Delegate Amundson indicated that VDOT found out that Fairfax County residents are knowledgeable, sometimes more knowledgeable than staff presenting about a subject. This was the case with VDOT when they finally held meetings with the citizens who live along Richmond Highway.

At the May 29, 2009 VDOT public meeting for Mt. Vernon residents, VDOT changed their powerpoint to include that a VDOT study recommended over 500 improvements for US 1 (400 of which are located in Fairfax County). Delegate Amundson stated that our elected officials will try real hard to keep US 1 moving, both traffic flowing and improvements made to its infrastructure.

Improvements mentioned by Delegate Amundson ranged from providing crosswalk traffic signals and bus shelters at areas where there are bus stops but no pedestrian-friendly trail, left-turn lanes - which Delegate Amundson stated could be made when US 1 is milled, repaved and restriped with Federal Stimulus Funds, and safety islands - safe havens in the middle of the road separating the traffic directions.

The Committee requested Delegate Amundson to:

Ask VDOT for a copy of their comprehensive study of Richmond Highway;

Request a comprehensive list of the 500 recommendations and the prioritization and status of those recommendations (i.e, design stage, awaiting funding, etc.);

Obtain a commitment from VDOT to rank the 400 recommendations in Fairfax County (i.e, prioritization).

Delegate Amundson indicated that when she and Senator Puller obtained this information she would share the same with the MVCCA. Senator Puller had a conflict and could not attend out meeting, she would have liked to been able to meet with the committee.

The overall US 1 transportation problem, according to Delegate Amundson, is that $\frac{3}{4}$ of a billion dollars are being spent at the North end of US 1 for improvements associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project (US 1 interchanges). Consequently, elected representatives outside our area think that the funds for the Springfield Mixing Bowl and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project are more than enough money for our area. Transportation Funds are currently obtained through taxing new car purchases (car sales are down) and the gasoline tax (cars are becoming more fuel efficient and as the price climbs, people are driving less resulting in less gas tax money for funding both maintenance of our existing roads and the building of new roads.

Since US 1 is a federal highway, Virginia only needs to put in or match \$1 for every \$4 the Federal government provides. But, due to the shortage of matching transportation dollars, Virginia forecasts that by 2014, maintenance of existing roads will eat up all of the transportation dollars provided their current funding. Delegate Amundson and Sickles are working on this funding issue. Please write your Delegate to express your desire that they review and address this in the next General Assembly.

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Another issue is that the people at the North end of US 1 have a strong opinion as to how wide they want the traffic lanes to be. Delegate Amundson requested the Transportation Committee, using the Council process, to pass a formal resolution, which is supported by the entire community. The Transportation Committee is currently working on a resolution stating that 6 travel lanes with a median for dedicated left-hand turns from the City of Alexandria Line to the Occoquan River. The chair will be meeting with representatives of the Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce to hear their concerns and to explain our position.

Delegate Amundson stated that Bus Rapid Transit is doable in the short-term. [Notes from the Chair: The long-range plan of the REX bus system is aimed to implement a fixed light rail system on US 1 in southeastern Fairfax County within the next 20 years. The plan was divided into three stages: 1) Improve the current bus system of stops and intersections (this stage is underway), 2) Create a dedicated bus lane by obtaining a wider Right of Way, and 3) Convert the bus ROW from a bus lane to a track route for rail. However, this is a long-range goal and, in order to obtain improvements, we need to work in small segments.] As Delegate Amundson stated, a fixed rail plan should be a long-term option. For the short term, we need a viable solution to the congestion problem and credible (i.e., fundable) projects.

Delegate Amundson told us that we should contact Doug Koelemay about the VDOT funding process. She said the committee should speak with Doug about the priorities for transportation. Mr. Koelemay is our member of the Va. Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Delegate Amundson also addressed questions concerning the Telegraph Road interchange from I-95 and Kathryn Street in Huntinton. She will look into this and report back.

The Woodland Park representative asked a question concerning the unfinished continuous sidewalks along US 1. He said he saw blueprints of the sidewalks in the 1990's and asked if the Federal Stimulus Money could be used to finish those sections that need to be finished. The Chair will send a list of the unfinished sections to Delegate Amundson and check if the projects are shovel-ready, which can be funded by Stimulus.

The intersection of Beacon Hill Road and U.S. 1 was discussed concerning the placement of the crosswalk. It was suggested that the area be restriped so that cars are stopped further from the crosswalk.

Laurel Hill Redevelopment - Neal McBride of Newington Forest Civic Association provided the group with information while the initial project is a good idea, the current preliminary master plan decreases the number of egresses/ingresses to the development. That is, a transportation problem is in the making as the 4

egresses/ingresses set forth in the Comprehensive Plan have been reduced to 2 egresses/ingresses.

The Alexander Company has not provided the community with a Transportation analysis that two egresses/ingresses are sufficient. An October 31, 2008 Preliminary Traffic Assessment mentions a "potential secondary roadway link would connect the site to Lorton Road and Laurel Crest Drive", but the preliminary master plan has eliminated this road. In addition, the preliminary master plan includes a private road, which is not maintained by VDOT and the new access road created is in a bad position both due to the poor line of sight problem and being across the street from a new elementary school and ¼ from the senior center. The Alexander Company did not provide any reason why they reduced the access roads in half.

The community believes that the concept is very good and would like it to happen. But, do not like the way the current developer is handling the matter. They would like a vote of no confidence based on transportation issues as well as other issues from the MVCCA. The committee will discuss next month.

New Business:

Lisa Cooper of Williamsburg Manor North presented a draft resolution to the committee concerning the need of traffic calming measures for Lynnfield Drive. Lynnfield Drive is a sharply-curved residential street that opens onto both Parkers Lane and Collingwood Road. Unfortunately, school buses, personal vehicles, as well as police cars, have been seen speeding through Lynnfield Drive (using it as a turn-around to change direction on Collingwood Road). The committee offered Ms. Cooper suggestions whom to approach and how to obtain calming measures. If her requests are not successful, she should come back and ask the committee for support in obtaining traffic calming measures.

The next MVCCA Transportation Committee meeting will be held July 6, 2009 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Library at 8pm. Doug Koelemay has been invited to speak to the group.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

See minutes under Health & Human Services.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

Post Introductions. The new Chair of the Committee Kahan Dhillon opened the meeting by stating that though there were severe time constraints on the Committee's work to be completed in lieu of the APR Nominations deadline it was essential that our process in

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moving be as effectively focused, open, and efficient as possible as completing years worth of work in months was not going to be an easy task.

The Chair reminded the Committee of the e-mail he sent out weeks before the Committee's meeting in which he requested feedback on how the Committee could most effectively move forward in respect of the timing dilemma. Upon receiving feedback from the Committee the Chair felt it may be helpful in particular due to the timing constraints to employ a strategy that had worked most recently for the Tyson's Task Force of which he was a member which was to bring aboard a professional land use planner/subject matter expert that could assist the Committee.

The Chair informed the Committee and that he reached out individuals in both the public and private sectors for recommendations and ultimately arrived at Mr. Bruce Leonard a 12 year resident of the Mount Vernon District as an ideal candidate to the assist the Committee. The Chair introduced Mr. Bruce Leonard a Principal of StreetSense a company that specializes in such areas as

- Architecture & Master Planning
- Market Analyst
- Real Estate Consulting

The Chair welcomed Mr. Leonard and thanked him for his interest and willingness to assist the Committee on a pro-bono basis in providing his subject matter expertise in the area's of market considerations and land use planning along with assisting in the Committee's charrette process which will be a innovative tool utilized by the Committee to gain greater insights from a diversity of members of the Community for it to consider as it moves forward.

Mr. Leonard's introduced himself and his firm through a number of slides and work they have done both domestically and internationally. Mr. Leonard encouraged members of the Committee to visit his firm's website to learn more.

After Mr. Leonard's presentation some brief Committee questions and discussions began that were mostly relative to Mr. Leonard opinions on a diversity of planning matters. Post the questions and discussions a motion was made to approve the Committee Workplan with schedule which is below that was drafted by the Chair, Mr. Leonard, and Mr. Earl Flanagan which includes Mr. Leonard's participation in outlined manner above on the Committee it was seconded and passed unanimously.

June 8th, First Committee Meeting

(Review District Map & Create Sub-Districts From Committee input for Strategic Planning purposes.)

June 22nd, Second Committee Meeting

(Prepare for the first charrette.)

July 11th, First Charrette

(This will be a hands on opportunity to engage feedback from the Council and community.)

July 13th, Third Committee Meeting

(Review findings and work on charrette work product and prepare for the Second Charrette)

August 10th Fourth Committee Meeting

(Finalize plan for Second Charette which will be a presentation of findings)

August 22nd, Second Charrette

(Present findings & Gain any further feedback.)

August 24th, Fifth Committee Meeting

(Meeting to review feedback from meeting in which findings were presented)

August 31st, Sixth Committee Meeting

(Follow-up meeting to finalize the Committee's recommendations and forward to next step in Council's approval process)

*** Schedule may include revisions or additions of meetings as necessary.**

The Chair then brought to the Committee's attention that post a meeting the Chair, Mr. Leonard, and Mr. Flanagan had that it was determined pending anyone's disagreement that the best way to break up the task of creating the APR's Nomination would be by splitting the District's into it's Planning Sectors. There was a brief discussion about how to handle the Lower Potomac Planning Sector and the Chair suggested that as he understood it that as had been done in the past APR nomination's process that the South County Federation should be consulted and worked with to address this matter. Mr. Flanagan brought to the Committee's attention that this was in fact the way things had been handled and seconded the approach. There was no disagreement and the Committee moved forward by viewing slides of the planning sectors and began the process of a conceptual thought process of what Committee members felt were important items for each of the planning sectors.

Below you will find a brief overview of some of the subjects the Committee brought up and discussed for each of the planning sectors.

MV 1: Metro, Density around mass transit, Industrial uses next to VSE intersection, Flooding, Huntington Conservation District

MV 3: Metro, Solution to Trail along Belle Haven Country Club, Flooding, Kings Crossing, Linkages in Trails (GW Parkway, Rt.1, & Others), Fairchild Park, Neighborhood Services, Belle View

MV 4: Flooding

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MV 5: Energy efficiency, Senior Housing/Senior Center, North Gateway, Shopping Centers, Residential Dwellings, Urban and Land Plan Boulevard, Inconsistencies In Comp. Plan, Metro Expansion, East/ West Access, Gum Springs

MV 6: Little Hunting Creek, Dumping on Jehovah Witness property

MV 7: Height density needs to be restricted so it does not obscure view, Central avenue, route one has potential, Saudi Academy, Gateway

MV 8: Eco Friendly, Similar to MV 7, Expansion Rt. 1

At the end of the conceptual process the Chair requested that each of the Committee members go back to their respective Committee's and confer with them to bring site specific recommendations to the next meeting. Furthermore if anyone had any questions as to which planning sector a given property may fall into or anything else they should feel free to contact the Chair.

The next scheduled meeting of entire Committee will be June 22nd at 7:00 pm in Room #3 of the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. The meetings are open to the public however as seating is limited a RSVP is requested by e-mailing the Chair at ksdjr@regentcompany.com so we can ensure we have appropriate space. Also if any members of the Council or Community have questions relating to the work of the Strategic Planning Committee please don't hesitate to e-mail Kahan Dhillon it's Chair at ksdjr@regentcompany.com.

SFDC

SFDC Economic Development Committee met on June 11 at SFDC Headquarters.

A Business Improvement District (BID), SFDC internships, visits to Existing Businesses and the Property Site Database were discussed.

Two possible and plausible sites for investigating a BID were stated. A BID is an established district improved through fees and taxes collected from the area going to directly improve that area. Beacon Hill and Hybla Valley (Federal Realty and BF Saul Centers) seem to be the most plausible areas to establish such a District.

Area universities were solicited for interns to work on specific projects for SFDC. Even though direct contact with the universities did not provide much student interest, a Craigslist listing brought many qualified and interested students forward.

The new Executive Director, Debi Sandlin, and several other Economic Development Committee and Board Members will visit exist-

ing businesses to determine any help SFDC might be able to provide.

Information on various services, providing dissemination to other interested parties were discussed for the Property Site Database being developed at the SFDC website.

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

ER-2009-01: PROPOSED NORTH HILL WALL

1. **WHEREAS**, the Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) geotechnical engineer consultants recommend a below-grade retaining wall - commonly referred to as a "drill shaft wall" - to be placed on the designated parkland at North Hill in order to mitigate the marine clay instability;
 2. **WHEREAS**, the drill shaft wall, as presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee in 2007, will consist of approximately 160 shafts with each shaft being approximately 36 inches in diameter, six feet apart on center, with an average depth of 40 feet, requiring a total of approximately 1675 cubic yards of concrete or approximately 200 truckloads;
 3. **WHEREAS**, the RHA consultants for North Hill are not certified arborists;
 4. **WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and the Fairfax County Urban Forestry Division (FCUFD) have not yet commented upon the proposal for the retaining wall and its location;
 5. **WHEREAS**, the value of the parkland with its mature trees is for all residents within the Mount Vernon District;
 6. **WHEREAS**, construction of this type involving large heavy vehicles will damage all trees in and near the location of the wall causing future death of these trees and a potential hazard for those living downhill;
 7. **WHEREAS**, Fairfax County has a 30-year 45% tree cover goal to be achieved by 2037;
 8. **WHEREAS**, the mature trees near the proposed wall offer a pleasant shaded scenic view for the residents of the housing area making this community a pleasant place to come home to;
 9. **WHEREAS**, the Mount Vernon District citizens have made it clear in all North Hill public meetings that they desire a large tree-filled park along the Richmond Highway corridor at the North Hill site that is sustainable and adds value to the neighborhood.
- A. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Supervisor Hyland direct the RHA to post information on the wall (the engineering and construction process, cost of construction, and number of mature trees that will be lost) on its website in order for citizens to be able to make proper and informed judgments regarding this critical issue;
- B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Supervisor Hyland direct the RHA to extend its comment period so that the FCPA and the FCUFD can evaluate this critical engineering feature, its installation on future FCPA property, and the potential damage to the tree-scape and value of the parkland.

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Supervisor Hyland direct the RHA to seek an alternative location for the retaining wall that is within the confines of the 11-acre housing segment of the North Hill development;

D. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, should an alternative location not be feasible, a bond be set aside to cover any expense for the removal of trees that die as a result of the wall installation from four years of completion, and that any such removed trees be replaced with new trees of 8-12 inch caliper.

PLANNING AND ZONING

PZ- 2009-05: RESOLUTION ON BRAC APR NOMINATION 08-IV-9S

1. **WHEREAS** Scannell Properties has submitted nomination 08-IV-9S to amend the Comprehensive Plan for 118.3 acres roughly located south of the Fairfax County Parkway, west of Telegraph Road, and east of Cinder Bed Road, and
 2. **WHEREAS** The current zoning permits by-right development of 786,650 sf of I-6 industrial use plus 81 houses in an R-1 district, and
 3. **WHEREAS** The County planning staff has recommended an alternative nomination to the applicant's nomination and the alternative is acceptable to the applicant, and
 4. **WHEREAS** The alternative nomination proposes to eliminate the residential component, and
 5. **WHEREAS** The alternative nomination proposes to expand the industrial use over land that is currently zoned I-6 and R-1 with the effect of reducing the intensity of the industrial use and reducing building heights, and
 6. **WHEREAS** The alternative nomination includes approximately 75 percent office use and 25 percent industrial, and
 7. **WHEREAS** The alternative nomination results in a total development of 465,000 sf, which is less than allowed by the current zoning, and
 8. **WHEREAS** The 58.87 acres that are within a Resource Protection Area would be deeded to the County Park Authority as an addition to the adjacent County parkland.
- A. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose the recommended staff alternative for BRAC APR nomination 08-IV-9S, as presented.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

BF- 2009-02: RESOLUTION REQUESTING CHANGES TO THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL OCCUPATIONS LICENSE TAX RATES

1. **WHEREAS** Fairfax County has limited taxing authority causing most of the county revenue to come from real estate taxes; and
 2. **WHEREAS** Virginia statutes authorize Fairfax County to set Business and Professional Occupations License ("BPOL") tax rates as described in Virginia Code Section 58.1-3706; and
 3. **WHEREAS** Fairfax County's current BPOL tax rates for gross receipts above \$100,000 are less than the maximum authorized by the Virginia Code and less than those rates set by Alexandria City, Arlington County and Prince William County; and
 4. **WHEREAS** an increase in the BPOL revenue would enhance diversification of the county tax base thereby reducing the county's reliance on real property taxes;
- A. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations urges the Fairfax Board of Supervisors to apply the Business and Professional Occupations License Tax Rates as recommended below:

Max Rate Allowed by State Statute per \$100 of Gross Receipts	Current Tax Rate In Fairfax County	Business or Profession	FY 2008 Fairfax County Actual BPOL Tax Revenue	Recommended Tax Rate per \$100 of Gross Receipts	Total BPOL Revenue Based on same gross receipts at Recommended Tax Rate
\$0.03	\$0.03	Research and Development	\$ 651,101	\$0.03	\$ 651,101
\$0.05	\$0.04	Wholesale Merchant	\$ 1,322,090	\$0.05	\$ 1,652,612
\$0.16	\$0.05	Builder and Developers	\$ 612,778	\$0.16	\$1,960,889.00
\$0.16	\$0.11	Contractor	\$ 8,235,315	\$0.16	\$11,978,640.00
\$0.20	\$0.17	Retail Merchant	\$ 26,077,378	\$0.20	\$30,679,268.00
\$0.36	\$0.19	Business Service	\$ 29,414,007	\$0.31	\$ 47,991,274
\$0.36	\$0.19	Personal Service	\$ 5,278,508	\$0.31	\$ 8,612,302
\$0.36	\$0.19	Money Lender	\$ 1,279,320	\$0.31	\$ 2,087,311
\$0.36	\$0.19	Repair Service	\$ 2,246,381	\$0.31	\$ 3,665,147
\$0.50	\$0.25	Telephone Company	\$ 1,803,145	\$0.25	\$ 1,803,145
\$0.36	\$0.26	Renting by Owner	\$ 9,847,786	\$0.31	\$ 11,741,591
\$0.36	\$0.26	Hotel and Motels	\$ 1,381,541	\$0.26	\$ 1,381,541
\$0.36	\$0.26	Amusement	\$ 217,032	\$0.26	\$ 217,032
\$0.36	\$0.31	Consultants & Specialized	\$ 32,208,693	\$0.33	\$ 34,286,673
\$0.58	\$0.31	Professional	\$ 16,147,866	\$0.33	\$ 17,189,663
\$0.58	\$0.31	Real Estate Brokers	\$ 1,600,283	\$0.33	\$ 1,703,527
		Total	\$ 138,323,224		\$177,601,716

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 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—July 9, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 1

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	7/2	7:00	MVGC-Rm1/2	Jeszenszky
BUDG	8/5	7:30	WWMS	D. Voorhees
COAF	7/7	7:30	WWMS	Cox
EDUC	No meeting scheduled			Harbeck
E&R	7/1	7:00	SCGC-Rm217	Plummer
*H/HS	7/7	7:30	IMVH-Conf.C/D	Cleveland
PL/Z	7/6	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale, Acting Chair
*PSAF	7/7	7:30	IMVH-Conf.C/D	Shawkey
SP	6/22	7:00	MVGC-Rm3	Dhillon
TRAN	7/6	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

*Special H&HS / PSAF joint meeting

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