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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2009 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair David Dale.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Dale, Pat Rea, Katherine Ward; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Kahan Dhillon, John Jeszenszky, David Plummer, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; SFDC Reps Jim Davis, Tom Hook; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Huntington Club, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac IV,

Sulgrave Manor, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates.

MINUTES - Minutes of July Council meeting and Special Meeting on September 10 were both approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted.

Nominating Committee Co-chairs appointed Gretchen Walzl, chair, and Sheldon Hoenig; volunteers from the floor were Karen Pohorylo, Neal McBride, and Bob Coyle.

Approved by acclamation.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Fairchild property (about 8 acres adjacent to Spring Bank) has been deeded to the County and will be turned over to the Park Authority.

BOS decisions on infill were less than we had hoped. They approved the regulation that would require building at the same

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election/Candidates: The MVCCA nominating committee is announcing the following nominees for the Nov. MVCCA 2010 Slate of Candidates.

Co-Chairs:

Al Bornmann
Robert (Bob) Reynolds
David (Dave) Plummer

Treasurer:

Brenda Hebert

Secretary:

Carol Coyle

Nominations may also be offered from the floor at the November meeting.

Board Vacancies: Contact co-chair if interested in applying.

- Planning and Zoning Chair
- Editor of the Record

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level as existing housing; however, they decided against establishing a lot-to-house ratio or a realistic height limitation.

BRAC Board of Advisors were responsive to questions; meeting was informative.

Rep. Moran was successful in delaying implementation of the BRAC initiatives by three years (2014). Delay will help in getting Mark Center ready for the influx there.

DeWitt Hospital is on track. (Supervisor feels that the hospital and also Fairfax County Parkway should have grade separated intersections.)

The Fairfax County Parkway will be finished across the Engineer Proving Grounds and will include access to the EPG and other roadways. National Geospatial is well on its way and is "enormous."

Mulligan Road (route 1 to Telegraph Road) is on schedule.

Army Museum will probably be finished 2013.

County Budget continues to be an issue. There will be two citizen input meetings in the MV District, on October 14 at South County Secondary School and on November 14, probably at Sherwood Hall Library.

Flu shots. Health Department does have vaccine.

www.flucliniclocator.org for sites.

School Bond. Funding for South County School. We should all have an interest in education because businesses locate where the schools are good, and new business provides more income to the County.

On Fairfax County becoming a City. This would allow the County the same authority as Cities enjoy, i.e. we could levy a meals tax. Urban County Executive laws apply only to Fairfax. Staff is studying the possibility of taking over our roads (maintenance, construction, etc.)

Trees. Developers don't like the tree conservation ordinances. ("Too bad.")

Oak tree on Sherwood Hall Lane, which has been around since Colonial times, is once again distressed; probably cannot be saved this time (as it was 10 years ago). Supervisor would like to recognize it in some fashion; possibly have some local woodworkers make something special from the wood.

Storm Water. Funding of the state storm water requirements will be difficult; the amount far exceeds the 1 penny set aside for this. Developers are fighting the ordinance --- they claim that contamination of the Bay is the fault of agricultural uses, but the decrease in quality of the Bay has escalated as a result of all the recent construction all along the rivers.

Questions:

Is anyone supervising JPG's contractors? Asbestos has been an issue in the past; now it's the amount of dust.

Van Metre has unnecessarily clear cut acreage in Wellington; this cannot be prevented unless the County amends the rules.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – Minutes as published. BPOL resolution next month.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published. Topic for meeting on

October 6th is Mature Driver Safety.

Education – Minutes as published.

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. October meeting will have someone from Public Works discussing water shed plans. November meeting will have National Park Service Landscaper talking about invasive species of plants.

Health and Human Services – Minutes as published. Please read "fall focus" section and forward, to your HHS rep or the HHS chair, your suggestions for additional important issues for discussion in months ahead. The October 6 HHS meeting with the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital CEO and other public meetings of major interest are listed in the Report. Many changes are underway, including retirement next Jan. 19 (after 30+ years in Fairfax County) of Deputy County Executive for Human Services Verdia Haywood. Supervisor Hyland announced that Pat Franckewitz Harrison (previously in the Dept. of Community and Recreation Services) has been appointed to fill this position, and will be working with Haywood to assure a smooth transfer of responsibility. He praised her excellent qualifications for this position and anticipates a smooth transition in January.

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. 2 resolutions.

Treasurer's Report For Period January 1, 2009 through October 8, 2009

	Budget 2009	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Balance Beginning Period		\$8,746.67	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,000	\$4,033.00	\$33.00
- Dues from new member drive	\$250	\$126.00	-\$124.00
Record Subscriptions	\$250	\$0.00	-\$250.00
Gala Income	\$4,100	\$4,625.00	\$525.00
Drawn from reserves ¹	\$500	\$0.00	-\$500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,100¹	\$8,784.00	-\$316.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Production	\$3,470	\$1,218.73	\$2,251.27
Record Postage	\$200	\$0.00	\$200.00
Administrative	\$300	\$178.58	\$121.42
Gala Expenses	\$3,200	\$2,570.00	\$630.00
Web Site	\$520	\$0.00	\$520.00
New Member Marketing	\$250	\$299.65	-\$49.65
Insurance	\$660	\$660.00	\$0.00
Strategic Planning Meetings ¹	\$500	\$616.46	-\$116.46
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,100¹	\$5,543.42	\$3,556.58
ENDING BALANCE		\$11,987.25	

¹ On June 24, 2009, the General Council voted to approve \$500 in previously unbudgeted expenditures for use in Strategic Planning Meetings. These funds must be drawn from reserve funds as no additional receipts were established to cover the expenditure. The revised budget's total receipts and total disbursements now reflect the approved change, as do the itemized notations.

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Public Safety – Minutes as published.

Transportation – Minutes as published. 2 resolutions. Next meeting October 5.

A question whether the George Washington Presidential Library on the Mount Vernon grounds will generate additional traffic. The proposal has not yet gone before the Ladies' Executive Board. The Library will be primarily for archival research and, maybe, small meetings. Jim Rees will work with the neighboring communities.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – Minutes as published. Committee meets tomorrow. See Committee web page for North Hill meetings.

Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – Minutes as published. APR Nominations have been received by the County. (Ours were only a few of the many submitted from all over the County.) A subcommittee will monitor the APR Nominations. Nominations may be withdrawn, may be amended; they will be evaluated by the APR task force who then forward their selections to the Planning Commission to review and forward to the Board of Supervisors. Co-chair Pat Rea is MVCCA official contact re: APR issues.

Chair thanked The Voice and the Mount Vernon Gazette for advertising and covering committee meetings.

FCFCA – Also reported that the BRAC deadline has been extended.

RESOLUTIONS

PZ 2009-07 RESOLUTION ON THE ALEXANDER COMPANY DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR THE LAUREL HILL ADAPTIVE REUSE AREA (approval is to oppose)

Development is not "by right." Plan is only "conceptual."

Approved 22-0-0.

PZ 2009-08 RESOLUTION ON SE 2008-MV-031 – CINGULAR WIRELESS MONOPOLE

Pole will support ATT/Cingular and 3 other companies.

Approved 22-3-1.

TR 2009-01 IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC FLOW AND PROVISION FOR MASS TRANSIT ON RICHMOND HIGHWAY

Approved 24-0-0.

TR 2009-02 METRORAIL EXTENSION (IN SUPPORT OF HR 1635)

Friendly amendment accepted to change the wording of #4 to read: **WHEREAS** Richmond Highway at many intersections is graded level of service "D", with some intersections at "E" or "F";

Approved 25-0-0.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Since the BOS declined to act on the issue of looming houses, suggestion was made that individuals write to the Board; talking points will be distributed via listserv.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

Gretchen Walzl (Hollin Hall Village) announced that there will be a debate between Jay McConville and Scott Surovell, candidates for District 44 delegate to be held at the Hollin Hall Senior Center Thursday, October 15, 7 – 9 p.m. WPHS Debate Team will formulate questions; if there is something we would like asked, contact Gretchen at kwalz1@yahoo.com.

BPOL Resolution needs to be made available prior to publication of The Record. It will be available on the Budget and Finance Committee site.

To contact the listserv monitor or to add your address to listserv distribution, contact mvcca@listserv.com.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

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

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Pat Rea (MVCCA Co-chair), Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Shadowbrook Assn., Tauxemont, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor, Wessynton.

The committee reviewed the presentation in August from Mary Stevens, Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Fairfax County and discussed the Business and Professional Occupations License tax resolution.

The committee also discussed upcoming events for the Fiscal Year 2011 Community Dialogues Budget Development. A community dialogue will be held at Sherwood Regional Library on November 14, 2009 from 10:00am to noon. Registration is required for this meeting. For more information visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget or call 703-324-2391.

Fairfax County is projecting another significant budget shortfall for FY 2011 due to contracted job growth, tighter lending standards, reduced consumer spending, and declining residential and commercial real estate market values as well as state and federal budget cuts.

The county advertised budget plan is due out on February 3, 2010 and public hearings on the budget are scheduled for April 6, 7 and 8, 2010.

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The committee will be inviting a speaker from the County Budget Office to the next meeting on November 4, 2009 at 7:30 at the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School.

The BPOL resolution which was tabled at the June Council meeting is being resubmitted for the Council's consideration.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Topics of discussion included 1) the Virginia GrandDriver and Car-Fit Programs; 2) a report from a member association representative who used Growing Earth Tree (www.growingearth.com). Growing Earth Tree Care employs a certified I.S.A. arborist and professional tree workers. Services rendered were deemed outstanding and the company is highly recommended. For more information about using a reputable tree care company that employs a certified arborist, please see COAF/E&R resolution as published in the July 2009 Record and COAF minutes in the September 2009 Record; 3) online meeting options to increase member association participation; and 4) meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

Because Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day/Night, we will not have a meeting. For our December 1st meeting, Consumer Affairs plan to host an Open House. Location will be provided later.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8:00 pm on October 07, 2009, in the media center of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Mount Vernon Manor, Wellington, Hollin Hall, Sulgrave Manor, Riverside Estates, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, and Hollin Hills.

Dr. Scott Brabrand, the new Cluster IV Assistant Superintendent, was the featured speaker.

Dr. Brabrand, who accepted the Cluster 4 position over the summer, first introduced himself before continuing our annual "State of the Cluster" tradition.

Dr. Brabrand earned his bachelor's degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, his master's degree in education from George Washington University, and doctorate in educational administration from Virginia Tech. Dr. Brabrand was born in Virginia and taught social studies before becoming an assistant principal at Herndon MS. He later became principal at Fairfax High School and, over a three-year was responsible for increasing enrollment in AP classes by 54 percent, increasing enrollment in pre-AP honors courses by 42 percent, and eliminating the achievement gap for Hispanic students on English and Math

Standards of Learning (SOL) tests, and shrinking the achievement gap to 11 percent or less for African American students, limited English proficient students, economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities.

At Fairfax High, Brabrand also championed a schoolwide Rewards and Remediation program and emphasized outreach to parents.

Brabrand went over Cluster IV SOL data on Reading and Math, which he had broken down as to each of the 25 schools and three centers in the Cluster, and as to each of the three Pyramids (Mount Vernon West Potomac and Hayfield) in order to compare with County-wide averages in each of the No Child Left Behind sub-groups (All students, African American students, Hispanic students, limited English proficient students, economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities).

The data on Reading Performance scores show 1/3 of the schools performed better than the County-wide average and Cluster IV schools are doing better in reading than in math. Four Cluster IV schools were above average in all sub groups in Reading and one school was above average in Math. Cluster wide, the data shows better performance in reading than math and indicates a need to focus on Math.

Brabrand intends to increase the visible presence and attention from central office specialists. Mount Vernon High School will work with district wide secondary instruction specialists to focus on math. At Mount Vernon both White and African American scores need to go up. At West Potomac they made real gains in the Hispanic scores but have work to do on the African American scores. Dr. Brabrand has been looking at the data and said, "I think we can do better."

Brabrand will focus on leadership development for principals and will provide development opportunities specifically for principals. He has told principals he wants them in classrooms at least 1 hour per day. Dr. Brabrand will be in schools on Wednesdays and Thursdays. All principals will meet once per month to discuss what they are doing to increase academic achievement for students.

Brabrand said, "We can not be a Cluster going though the motions. It's trust, I am hopeful, or I wouldn't be here." He noted that, while the scores in Math are still a challenge the English scores are going well in the Cluster. Math scores while improving are still below the county average. Both indicate schools are moving in the right direction; it just needs to happen faster. All schools need to become a hotbed of activity focused on achievement gaps and higher performance for all, and to better share successful strategies..

For example, some schools scored a 20 point increase in Math. Brabrand is going to take the strategies from these schools and adapt them in for schools where scores are not improving. Finally,

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he told us he will tie the principals annual performance review to the School Improvement Plan at each school.

Committee comments generally centered on concerns that we have been hearing about Professional Learning Communities (PLC) and Best Practice for years but there doesn't seem to be a good systemic approach a mechanism to get out to other schools "what works". Brabrand will have school develop a rubric for their School Improvement Plan (SIP) and is providing principals line by line feedback on their SIP.

Several committee members expressed concern that there are schools in the Cluster without all day Kindergarten. Brabrand said, he supports all schools having all day kindergarten, as a priority.

While the budget crisis has damaged all schools, several opined many cuts inflict special damage on diverse school populations struggling with achievement issues, making it imperative to at very least keep the current funding for our schools in difficult budget times

Some members noted an apparent inability or unwillingness to "operationalize" and develop the "metrics" needed to actualize a plan. Underlying these comments was the common thread of concern to look at Benchmarks more frequently; at the student level and the school level. Brabrand seems to have the desire to inspire teachers, students, parents and the public to continue to work for increased academic achievement and promote pride and confidence in each school within the Cluster.

The Committee also considered and passed a resolution recommending voter support for the school bond referendum on November 3, 2009.

Issues for possible consideration at future meetings included the impact of increased use of VGLA assessments for special education and limited English students and SAT scores questions.

A member noted in the "good news" arena that 4 West Potomac students were selected for the 2009 Virginia Honors Choir.

Committee members were reminded of the Budget Community Dialogues for FY2011 (10-14-09 7-9pm South County cafeteria; 11-14-09 10am-noon Sherwood library see www.fcps.edu) and urged to register, attend, and make their views known as budgets are being prepared.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 8 pm Whitman library.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 2 September 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the South County Building. Present were David Plummer (chair), Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Potomac Valley – Riverbend, Southwood Civic, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Williamsburg Manor, and Woodley Hills Community Association.

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

Stormwater Projects: E&R welcomed Craig Carinci, Dave Ingram and Danielle Wynn from the Fairfax County Department of Public Works (DPWES) Stormwater Planning Division for a presentation and discussion about completed, ongoing and planned stormwater management projects. Information from previous watershed plans, ongoing watershed plan development, and physical stream assessments is being assembled in a large Watershed Characterization Workbook and is available on the County web site. A prioritization of projects to improve stream conditions is being developed from this information. However, it looks like all planning and no action for a while for budget reasons. This is partly because County revenues have fallen, but also because money from the penny for the environment has been allocated to administrative and maintenance expenses that were previously coming from the General Fund. Although required TMDLs* are being created, it is not clear what consequences failure to meet them will bring. It is also not clear that a restored budget would be adequate to address the problem. Four years after completion of the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Plan, not much has happened, and there are no plans to address Kings Crossing water runoff, which is at the top of a watershed.

Projects that are being done include stormwater pond retrofits throughout the county and some special projects at Fort Hunt Elementary School, the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, Paul Spring Road, and Collingwood Springs.

*TMDL is "Total Maximum Daily Load" which is a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still safely meet water quality standards. Links to TMDL information may be found on the E&R website, www.mvcca.org/env-rec.html.

GW Parkway Invasive Species: The Chair concluded the meeting by announcing that the National Park Service Landscape Architect, Kate Barrett, for the George Washington Parkway will be the guest speaker in November. Attention will focus on tree management with respect to non-native invasive species.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the E&R committee will be held on Wednesday, November 4th, in Room 217 of the South County Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met October 6, 7:30 PM, at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (Conf Room C/D) with representation from the following 13 member associations:

Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Pinewood Lake, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, Waynewood, Wellington, and Woodley Hills Estates. MVCCA Co-chair Pat Rea also participated.

Our October focus on Healthcare did not speculate on competing versions of national reform but did reveal facets of planning and progress underway in the southeast county area served by Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (IMVH) and the promised Lorton Healthplex. Our guest resource, *Inova Health System Vice President and CEO of IMVH Barbara Doyle*, provided an encouraging analysis of where the hospital stands now, in quality and reputation as well as fiscally, and also what is in the works.

The renovations of the diagnostic suite—a more spacious, attractive area for outpatient care and greater privacy and convenience in the Women's Imaging Center—are completed. Occupancy of in-patient "beds" is high, in part because of great demand for the nationally recognized Rehabilitation Center services. Patient safety, physician satisfaction, and efficiency are achieving high standards in measured outcomes: in some areas, IMVH is not only best in the System but exceeding "best practice" norms nationally. Doyle credits staff with dedicated teamwork in designing safety and efficiencies into the protocols. IMVH now has no need for "agency" nurses supplied on short-term contracts, but has recruited experienced nurses committed long-term and physicians in key specializations (such as intensive care and "Code Blue" responders) as House Officers. Meanwhile, Internal Medicine physicians licensed to practice at IMVH have hired Hospitalists (physicians based at IMVH) to attend to their in-hospital patients. The Emergency Department has a highly regarded ER team, and triage of numerous less-than-emergency minor injuries and illnesses is now accomplished by a nurse practitioner, reducing waiting times dramatically in recent months and improving ER treatment. The bar is set high, to avoid periods "on hold" (when ambulances are routed elsewhere because no capacity for new cases) and to earn community trust for top quality ER work. This is essential as IMVH prepares to expand its ER services to Lorton Healthplex.

Lorton Healthplex is now back on track for groundbreaking in 2011, to open "no later than December of 2012," a promise Doyle and the HHS Committee agree is essential to community trust. It will be built as a two-story facility, opening with ground level Emergency Services and "all modalities needed to support this." It will be ready for rapid "Phase 2" development, as area growth and demand increase. Operating Rooms for outpatient surgery will open only

when utilization at IMVH has increased (it is currently 65%) and as demand for additional surgeons and ORs is substantiated.

Doyle predicts that whatever comes of health care reform, hospitals will be incentivized for greater efficiency and cost-control: "We can be reformed, or reform ourselves." Hospitals will be paid less per patient (especially for those on Medicare and Medicaid, currently 48%/10% respectively of IMVH budget) and will be expected to "cover" costs for readmissions. Already, IMVH has found that its model program for in-home monitoring of patient care for congestive heart failure has reduced readmissions by 75%, an astonishing result that suggests how important preventive care is becoming.

Doyle credits System initiatives in Behavioral Health, under Dr. Shirley Repta, with dramatic progress. The strategic plan includes new offices (one on Richmond Highway) that provide preventive day treatment through medication management or Partial Hospitalization Programs (adult day treatment) that prevent or reduce need for in-hospital psychiatric treatment. Given regional scarcity of Psych-licensed "beds," this helps both hospitals and patients.

Doyle responded to follow-up questions on several topics and discussed the latest medical advisories on pandemic H1N1. She provided a hand-out on Inova's new Restrictions on Visitors and a schedule of Inova walk-in clinics for flu shots, with numerous dates at IMVH.

Related Developments in County Healthcare

Committee members who participated in the Sept. 30 Route One Task Force for Human Services meeting on Healthcare were aware of other important developments in the county service network. The directors of the Health Dept. and the Community Services Board (CSB) each reported the start of major undertakings that will play out in the next two years.

The Health Department, under Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, assumes major responsibility for pandemic disease, in relation to emergency preparedness. Plus, expanded efforts will promote public understanding of health and wellness issues that go beyond individual choices ("eat right, exercise, etc.") to social/environmental conditions that impact rates of chronic diseases. Starting in January, a comprehensive community health assessment will enlist participation of volunteers from each area of the county into a two-year MAPP process (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership). HHS members and chair discussed the importance of identifying capable volunteers, able to begin in January, who can surmount the time and transportation barriers that often limit representation from southeastern Fairfax County, where demographic growth and complexity make healthcare needs/resources assessment especially critical.

CSB Director George Braunstein has presented the Implementation Plan (September 2009) for Beeman Commission recommendations for transforming the mental health system, and changes

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are underway. Recognizing mind/body integration in research and practice, CSB collaborates with the Health Dept. in the Community Health Care Network clinic at South County Center and two other sites. Beeman emphasis on Prevention and Intervention is moving CSB and Public Schools into closer collaboration on mental health services for children. The Advisory Board of the Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health invited a leadership panel and interested community representatives (including MVCCA Education and HHS reps) to discuss Nexus Opportunities on Oct. 13; the November 17 Nexus forum is described below.

Public Meetings on Human Services Concerns:

Community Dialogues on Fairfax County FY 2011 Budget take place, across the county. See the County website, www.fairfaxcounty.gov, for dates and details, and **to register in advance**. Two in Southeast area are: **Wednesday, Oct. 14** (7-9 PM South County High School Cafeteria) and **Saturday, Nov. 14** (10 AM-Noon, Sherwood Regional Library).

Tuesday, November 3, 7:30 PM, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets in the Engh Room 2nd floor Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (use Yellow Parking/Anderson Ortho Entrance please).

Tuesday, November 17, 7:30-9:30 PM, Promising Avenues for Nexus, meets at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, for a Nexus Discussion intended to bring together stakeholders and citizens who see ways of "Building Together—Better Mental Health Services for Children and Youth." Coordinator Lainge Bailey (laingebailey@earthlink.net) will e-mail background information to those who plan to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets quarterly, at Mount Vernon Governmental Center (Parker's Lane), on planning for enhancement of hospital and Healthplex services for residents of this area of Fairfax County. Chair Jeffrey McKay, 703-971-6262.

Tuesday, December 1, 7 PM, Route 1 Task Force for Human Services convenes at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center (Parker's Lane) on "Strengthening Our Services," with Deputy County Executive for Human Services Verdia Haywood and Supervisor Gerry Hyland. Convener Anne Andrews, 703 360-1773.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Minutes of the Oct. 5, 2009 Planning & Zoning Committee meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 and was attended by representatives from the following member associations: Belle Haven Terrace, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington Club, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Newington Civic, Newington Forest, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton Homes and Williamsburg Manor North. There were two land use cases and one resolution was passed.

The first land use case was a presentation by Ed Donohue of T-Mobile for a cell phone "monopine" antenna application (2232-V09-10) at the GW Recreation Center on Old Mount Vernon Road. The total height would be 125 feet in an area of trees that are almost 100 feet tall. It can hold up to 5 carriers; lease fees will go the Park Authority. The Committee voted to not oppose the application with a provision that the resolution will be withdrawn if the balloon test generates opposition from the local neighborhoods.

The presiding Chair thanked Sheldon Hoenig for his continuing background assistance. At different times, Sheldon takes on the role of a hound dog, of a watch dog, and of a junkyard dog.

The second land use case was a rezoning application (RZ 2008-MV-007 & SEA 85-L-137) to permit building two hotels at 8850 Richmond Highway, the IMP office building site. The office building would remain. An 80 room hotel would be a regular short-stay hotel. A 90 room hotel would be an extended stay facility that includes a 42 person theater room, a 95 person meeting room, and a 175 person open lobby. The plan shows no increase in impervious area (below grade parking) and will strive for LEED Silver certification. The Architectural Review Board has already approved the plan, but added a restriction that the building coverings are NOT brick, nor built in a colonial "Williamsburg" style. The Comprehensive Plan language for the site includes the requirement of a conference facility and community serving uses. The presented plan does not, in the view of the Committee, meet this requirement. Planning Commission Flanagan agreed to a hearing deferral to allow time for the applicant to make modifications to comply with the Plan.

The Committee adjourned at 9:30. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2009 in the Jack Knowles lecture hall of Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Mt. Vernon, Riverside Estates, Riverside Garden, Sulgrave manor, and Waynewood.

Our speakers were MPO Mike Nicholson and MPO Steve Lescallett of the Fairfax County Police Department Traffic Division Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Team of the Office of Motor Carrier Safety. They gave a presentation on the Motor Carrier Safety (MCS) Program. The Motor Carrier Safety Program consists of four police officers who are responsible for inspecting and ensuring that commercial motor vehicles and operators on Fairfax County roads meet all federal and local requirements for licensure and certification. They are also responsible for investigating crashes that involve commercial motor vehicles on Fairfax County roadways.

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MPO Nicholson stated that there are many reasons that Fairfax County has a large number of commercial vehicles. These include the use of I-95 by many trucks on the East Coast, three tank farms within the county, three rock quarries, five landfills (two county/ three private), two recycle plants, four concrete plants, both UPS and FedEx facilities (HazMat materials) and currently a lot of construction going on along Richmond Hwy related to BRAC at Fort Belvoir.

As these facilities generate a lot of interest in safety and security matters, MCS police routinely conduct checks of vehicles entering or departing these facilities, to inspect for safety equipment related violations. Without these inspections, the roadways within the county could potentially have hazardous, unsafe commercial vehicles driving next to regular passenger vehicles. It should be noted that while the Virginia State Police patrol the major interstates, they have too limited resources to conduct a significant number of commercial vehicle inspections. Fairfax County Police are left with the responsibility for ensuring that the secondary roadways are safe.

The MCS police who inspect commercial vehicles receive special training through classes sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and are federally certified to perform their jobs. Due to their federal certification they are the only Fairfax County Police unit authorized to stop commercial vehicles to inspect for safety and cargo compliance without the need for probable cause. Additionally, they are the only unit allowed to take commercial vehicles that are found to have equipment violations 'out of service.' The federal government holds commercial vehicles to a higher standard than other types of vehicles. For the MCS officers, a standard inspection of a large commercial vehicle generally takes approximately two hours and requires two officers. If the vehicle does not meet the required standards, a sticker is placed on it and it is placed 'out of service.' The required repairs, which are supposed to be made within 15 days of being found, must be made to the vehicle before it can return to the road. MPO Lescallett reported that earlier in the day, he had taken a dump truck out of service after an inspection revealed that six of its eight brakes were defective along with several other defective parts. He commented that a single vehicle is often experiencing many safety violations a one time. The MCS officers have noted an increase in defective commercial vehicles as the economy has slumped. This slump limits the funds commercial vehicle owners have to maintain their vehicles. The MCS officers also have portable scales to conduct overweight enforcement of commercial vehicles.

During 2008, they inspected 1,768 commercial vehicles. Of these, 830 were placed out of service, mostly for brake problems. In recent months this year, the MCS officers have maintained a high level in the number of inspections to keep the increasing number of defective commercial vehicles off the road. As a part of the national Roadcheck annual safety effort on June 4, 2009 they inspected 21 vehicles in the Chantilly area and 20 of them were placed out of service for significant safety violations. Officers noted a total of

117 violations. On July 28, 2009 out of 23 trucks checked in a comprehensive inspection effort in Lorton, the MCS officers placed 22 out of service. On August 26, in response to continued citizen concerns over dangerous trucks, they inspected 19 trucks in a large parking lot on Richmond Hwy and placed 14 of them out of service.

It should be noted that the MCS officers are also responsible to monitor and enforce complaints regarding roll off containers and portable storage containers within the county. They also have oversight of the police directed towing contract that includes tow company lots and truck inspections as well as background checks on tow truck company drivers.

The chair noted that although the Fairfax County Executive's proposed budget for FY 2010 included the elimination of the Motor Carrier Safety Program, the Police Department successfully argued against elimination of the program. The Police Department contended that elimination would adversely impact highway safety because Fairfax County would have to rely on the Virginia State Police's very limited resources to perform necessary truck inspections and removals. Elimination would also result in more overweight trucks remaining operational and causing significant damage and wear to the roadways. The chair is concerned that the MCS Program will again be targeted in the proposed budget for FY 2011.

After the presentation, the committee took up consideration of the resolution from the Recreation and Environment Committee entitled 'Regulation of Illegal and Intrusive Motorcycle Noise.' While there was consensus that there is some noise problem that should be addressed, the main issue is how to address it without placing undue and unenforceable requirements on the police. We need to look at what the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) requires in annual motorcycle inspections. Also, we need to learn how prevalent the installation of noisy mufflers subsequent to the inspections is, how these illegal mufflers can be identified, and how the noise produced can be measured so that violators can be identified and ticketed. The chair will collect available information so that the committee can continue work on this during future meetings.

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

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, October 5, 2009 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were Rollo Axton (Fairfax County Transit Services Division Chief), Randy White (Fairfax County DOT, Senior Transportation Planner), Lora Byala (Consultant for Fairfax County Bus Services Plan),

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Katherine Ward, MVCCA co-chair and representatives of 13 member citizen associations (The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Riverside Estate, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Woodley Hills).

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

Guest Speakers: Rollo Axton, Randy White & Lora Byala - **Fairfax County Comprehensive 10-Year Plan for Improving Bus Service**

Rollo Axton introduced the committee to the 10-year comprehensive plan by stating that the business model was established in 1985 and it needs improvement. In April, May and June of 2008 held public meetings for comments on the 10-year comprehensive plan, but, Fairfax County consultants in a 2-year period conducted a \$1 million study to learn and understand bus service needs of the public by gathering opinions, desires, etc. Survey emphasis was on existing buses and bus routes but community outreach included telephonic surveys that expressed opinions of the non-users of Fairfax County's bus system. There are 4000 bus stops in Fairfax County and all of those stops were surveyed. The Fairfax County bus system is one of the 100 largest in the United States and this study is the largest project undertaken by this consultant group.

This presentation is the Draft of Final Recommendations on bus routes and our committee was the 1st group to hear about this draft. Implementation of the recommendations determined by the team could be seen in 5 to 10 yrs. Considerations: transit costs (capital, operational), parking lots, business plan and transit centers. Other concerns, needs of elderly, handicapped (accessibility issues), supporting rail by bus feeders, and regional data -where do people need to travel to/from?

Q. On Lorton-Fort Belvoir to Tysons Corner service - a direct bus service may attract those that currently drive their personnel vehicles to the area.

A. This was considered and their recommendation was a bus route from Lorton/Fort Belvoir up the HOT lanes (under construction) to Tysons Corner.

Q. On safety?

A. Always a major concern.

Lora Byala used a slide presentation to show where changes were being made to Mount Vernon Magisterial District Bus Routes. Unfortunately, the bus route map sections that she handed out did not include our section of the Mt. Vernon Magisterial District. At the public meeting on November 17, 2009 at the South County Center from 6-8pm, large maps showing the changed bus routes will be available to the public. The target date for completing public review of the Draft of Final Recommendations is December 2009/ January 2010.

There are two recommendations to our area, one of which is good, the other is very disappointing news.

Recommendation to terminate 11Y Metrobus service in Fairfax County

Ridership is 200 riders per day and provides direct service to downtown Washington from our area. The consultants felt that the Fairfax County Connector 101 combined with the Yellow with transfer to Blue line of Metrorail would fill the void for those 200 riders. However, the 11Y provides direct service to downtown DC, while the "substitution" does not. The travel time on the 11Y is roughly the same as if one drove in his/her own vehicle. Taking the 101 adds at least 15 minutes (up to 30 minutes depending on the start) to the travel time and the transfer from the Yellow to the Blue line adds at least 5-10 more minutes if the trains are on time. Thus, the "substitute" is twice the time of the 11Y travel time. In the mid 1990s, when Fairfax County expressed a desire to terminate the 11Y service in Fairfax County, those active in campaigning to save the 11Y convinced Metrobus to pickup riders from Alexandria (even though the City of Alexandria did not subsidize Metrobus). How ironic, that the 11Y remains intact to serve the City of Alexandria and those that fought to save the service are left without direct public transportation to downtown DC. This is only a recommendation and your participation at the public hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at the South County Center from 6pm-8pm and/or writing Supervisor Hyland could change the recommendation.

Recommendation to increase the number of Fairfax County Connector Buses on 101 (Fort Hunt Road) during rush hours

This is a needed change. According to one transportation committee member, the 101 bus is full when it leaves the Huntington Metro and there have been time when potential riders have to wait 30 minutes for the next bus. The recommended increase in frequency is 3 times an hour or 20 minutes between buses during rush hours.

Possible Features as a result of the 10-year comprehensive transit development plan:

park & ride lots, several more in Fairfax County, 3 transit centers on US 1 (2 of them new): Fort Belvoir Transit Station; Lorton VRE station; around Beacon Mall (Ladsen Lane?). Katherine Ward informed Rollo Axton that the MVCCA is including a possible transit station at Kings Highway/US 1 with their Kings Crossing APR nomination. Land use conflicts still have to come before those areas identified by the consultants could become transit centers. While the study did focus on special interest groups (elderly, disabled, etc.), not all private services were considered (e.g. FASTRAN was not).

Prioritizing (results available in future public meetings)

1. BRAC, Dulles Airport Rail, HOT lanes - (buses are to feed people to our rail systems)

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2. Productivity's
3. Cost measures (funding will be published later)
4. Qualitative measures

Next Questions:

How are existing routes doing? Gather pertinent data and compare routes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: more circulators in neighborhoods; bus size variations (small 30 ft, medium 35 ft, large 40 ft (commonly seen bus size); fast bus service (requested by the public) and lots of intercounty routes: Burke to Tysons; Lorton to Tysons; Vienna to Tysons; Vienna to Fort Belvoir (all via HOT lanes to lower travel time), and BRAC shuttles.

Q/A:

Q. Was new technology considered?

A. No; not in this study; (Rollo Axton relayed a story from one of his supervisors who said low technology works, high tech doesn't.)

Q. Run time estimates?

A. yes; they have done some, need to estimate costs.

Q. How many transit centers are planned?

A. 9 county wide; 3 old ones (Reston, Herndon, West Ox) 6 new ones.

Bus Routes 151/152 will not change. Route 171 (Fort Belvoir to Springfield Metro) will split into 2 routes.

DISCUSSION arose on mode of presentation; most of the transportation committee did not know the routes by number; and the routes did not show well on the handed out maps (only new, changed routes were shown and the maps did not include our area); transportation committee suggested projected maps that show all routes, map features, and includes an index. The presenter would then indicate how things would change. The study group will make the future public presentations follow these guidelines.

Q. Can you characterize the overall changes?

A. In a nutshell, no.

Design factors: growth (population, industry, BRAC, etc), ridership, current and projected, low & high, ridership variations (season, commuter & tourist).

Discussion on: convenience (auto vs mass transit), cost, time, subsidy, commuter system problems (commuter route/system route conflicts).

While the public meetings begin October 15, 2009, the meeting is in Vienna. There is one Saturday meeting on October 17, 2009 at the County Government Center from 10AM to 12 Noon. On November 5, 2009 (Thursday), a public meeting will be held at the Springfield Government Center (6140 Rolling Road, Springfield) from 6-8pm. The meeting closest to us is at the South County Center (8350 Richmond Highway) on November 17, 2009 (Tuesday) from 6pm-8pm. Formal presentations begin at 7pm for the evening meetings and 11am for the Saturday meeting. Transportation committee members and the bus-riding public are urged to attend one or more of these presentations.

New Business: Fairfax County staff has developed amendments to Section 82-5-7 of the Fairfax County Code re: Parking restrictions. Parking of construction vehicles on or adjacent to our highways, which the committee will review at a future meeting.

Fairfax County staff has a draft amendment to this section, which is trying to capture commercial vehicles that do not fit the current code definition. For example, numerous end loaders are being parked on the side of our highways. But, do they weigh 12000 pounds? The amendment is reciting the width and length of any vehicle that would trigger a violation.

On Washington Road, Fairfax Road and Lafayette Roads in Hollin Hall Village, there have been 10-12 heavy construction vehicles parked on our streets with very little performance of work needing that vehicle on that day. As a result, our roads have suffered due to the unnecessary driving of heavy construction vehicles into a residential neighborhood resulting in our road beds being crushed and the pavement cracking into scales (like a reptile). Unfortunately, Fairfax County does not consider the misuse of the roads when it permits construction and the neighborhood streets will not be paved to correct the problems caused by the heavy trucks.

Adjourned

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2009 at 8pm in the Walt Whitman Middle School Library.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The committee's monthly meeting was held on September 24, at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. The following community organizations were represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Woodley Hills Estates and Woodley Hills Civ. Ass. Also present were Elisabeth Lardner Mt Vernon FCRHA Rep and Pat Rea MVCCA Co-chair.

After approval of the July 30 minutes, the Committee received a report from John Savage who met with representatives from the Arlington County Committee for Planning and Housing Development to discuss the results of their experience with the January 2009 policy on approving applications for by-right for accessory dwelling units within Arlington County. With only a few applications processed (3) since the plan's implementation, it was suggested that criteria set for an accessible dwelling unit were too restrictive and too difficult for applicants to meet. Yet the rate of application was still greater than that in Fairfax County. Arlington County is reviewing its procedures for possible adjustment.

Elisabeth Lardner, representing FCRHA, spoke about the report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors by the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee on September 25. At the meeting that I attended the BOS emphasized that:

- the available funds for affordable housing should be aimed at the low and very low income individuals. (AMI 50% and below)
- support be provided to those non-profits that make housing available to low income families.
- waiting lists for housing should show clearly where the applicants work and reside.

Look for more information at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha.

The Committee then turned to completing work on the resolution, proposing changes to the procedures for applying for accessory dwelling units. The Committee agreed to forward this resolution which if adopted would make available additional number of modest dwelling at market rates set by owners. Application for these units could be processed at minimal cost to the County.

The representative from Woodley Hills Estates reported the out of the four new County units one is occupied, two are under contract and one has had some offers.

Thursday, October 30, 7:30 pm, at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

— **LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING** —

No meeting minutes this month.

EDUCATION

EDUC-2009-04: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2009 SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM

1. WHEREAS, at the November 3, 2009, general election, Fairfax County voters will be asked to approve a School Bond Referendum in the total amount of \$232,580,000 ("2009 School Bond") to provide for the capital construction, infrastructure and renovation needs of Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS"), and

- 2. WHEREAS** the 2009 School Bond includes the following:
- (1) \$50 Million for construction of South County Middle School;
 - (2) \$40.757 Million for capacity enhancements (additions and other modifications) including \$4.995 for Woodley Hills Elementary and \$4.264 Million for Walt Whitman Middle School;
 - (3) \$114.073 Million in renovation and planning costs, including \$2.501 Million in planning costs for the renovation of Carl Sandburg Middle School;
 - (4) \$26.25 Million for infrastructure management, including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates, and major repairs or replacement of roofs, HVAC and other infrastructure needs;
 - (5) \$1.5 Million in bond issuance costs; and

3. WHEREAS, construction of new schools, additions to existing schools, and other modifications to enhance capacity are all required to address current rapid student enrollment growth as well as to continue to address the backlog of capacity shortages created by past rapid enrollment growth; and

4. WHEREAS renovation needs continue to grow as older schools reach and exceed the estimated useful life of 25 years, or otherwise require substantial modification to meet modern educational and safety needs; and

5. WHEREAS substantial capital funds are needed to upgrade infrastructure to current needs, meet ADA requirements and avoid any possible penalties, provide additional security measures, and conduct major maintenance such as roof replacement, heating and cooling system replacement and major paving, as needed; and

6. WHEREAS in addition to serving the school population, FCPS facilities are important assets serving all the citizens of Fairfax County in that they are also used by a wide variety of community, cultural and civic organizations, by adult education and senior programs, by School Age Child Care and Teen Centers, as well as by many recreation programs under the direction of the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services; and

7. WHEREAS the sale of all authorized school bonds is managed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in such a way as to preserve the County's excellent bond ratings, and to maintain the County's net long term debt and debt service costs at appropriate levels so that the County's bonded debt will not be a contributing factor to any increase in local taxes,

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A) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, in consideration of all of the above, recommends voter approval of the 2009 School Bond Referendum at the general election to be held on November 3, 2009.

PLANNING & ZONING

PZ-2009-09: RESOLUTION ON 2232-V09-10 – T-MOBILE WIRELESS MONOPINE ANTENNA

1. **WHEREAS** T-Mobile has filed application 2232-V09-10 to construct a wireless antenna tower at 8426 Old Mount Vernon Highway, the George Washington Recreation Center, and
2. **WHEREAS** the tower will be a 125 foot monopole with internal antennas for up to five wireless service providers, and
3. **WHEREAS** the tower will be a “monopine” mimicking an ever-green tree, and
4. **WHEREAS** the 35 by 45 foot equipment shed will be fenced and screened, and
5. **WHEREAS** the lease fees will go to the Park Authority,

A) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations does not oppose 2232-V09-10 for construction of a wireless antenna tower at the George Washington Recreation Center, as presented.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

PZ-2009-01: PROPOSED CHANGE IN PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

1. **WHEREAS** housing costs in Fairfax County are among the highest in the nation, thus making it difficult for many people who work in the County to live within the County; and
2. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has established in the Comprehensive Plan a county-wide objective to provide the opportunity for all who live and work in Fairfax County to purchase or rent appropriate housing within Fairfax County and within their means; and
3. **WHEREAS** the Comprehensive Plan states as a specific objective “Encourage the creation of Accessory Dwelling Units as a means of increasing the supply and distribution of affordable housing” (Policy Plan, Housing, Objective 2 d); and
4. **WHEREAS** the Board of Supervisors’ adopted policy, in Appendix 5 to the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance, provides guidance

on establishing Accessory Dwelling Units, in part, as a means of creating additional affordable housing; and

5. WHEREAS the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance states the standards for establishing an Accessory Dwelling Unit, such standards requiring that (1) the Accessory Dwelling Units be located within the structure of a single family detached dwelling unit, unless the lot is two acres or larger, (2) have a gross floor area not to exceed 35% of the principal dwelling unit (sum of total horizontal floors including basement but not cellar), (3) contain no more than two bedrooms, (4) have permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation as well as adequate parking, (5) limit allowable occupancy to no more than two persons not necessarily related by blood or marriage and (6) that one unit be owner-occupied and that one unit be occupied by an elderly and/or disabled person; and

6. WHEREAS authorization for an Accessory Dwelling Unit in Fairfax County is obtained by application for a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), a detailed and lengthy procedure that includes a public hearing; and

7. WHEREAS the County’s application process and Zoning Ordinance’s limits on who may occupy an Accessory Dwelling Unit severely limit the opportunity to use Accessory Dwelling Units to provide additional low cost housing; and

8. WHEREAS Fairfax County would encourage applications for Accessory Dwelling Units by amending procedures by: (1) limiting this modified application procedure to Accessory Dwelling Units that are confined within the envelope of the single family detached dwelling unit to minimize change to outward appearance of the unit, (2) allowing applicants who meet County Zoning Ordinance criteria for Accessory Dwelling Units to receive permits by-right, (3) having a gross floor area up to 35% of the principal dwelling but a moderate size not to exceed 850 sq. ft. (4) requiring any additional parking to be on site, (5) allowing occupancy for up to two persons without further qualification, (6) prohibiting Accessory Dwelling Unit entrances to be on the same side as the single family dwelling unit principal entrance;

A) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Planning and Zoning to amend the Zoning Ordinance to encourage applications for Accessory Dwelling Units in single family detached dwellings by streamlining procedure for processing applications, that creation of an Accessory Dwelling Unit be by-right for all applicants who meet all statutory and regulatory standards and conditions, that the approval be an administrative process, with approvals limited to 100 units per year (roughly one accessory dwelling unit per 1,000 single family homes per year); and that occupancy requirements be changed to allow a maximum of two persons without further qualification, so long as the dwelling owner occupy either the Accessory Dwelling Unit or the primary dwelling unit; and

B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that implementing such changes to the Zoning Ordinance be a Priority 1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment to expedite and increase the number of Affordable Housing Units available within Fairfax County.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

B&F-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 residential real property taxes; and
- 2. WHEREAS** Virginia statutes authorize Fairfax County to enact a Business and Professional Occupations License ("BPOL") tax – a gross receipts tax on services similar to a sales tax - with tax rates not to exceed those 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, include arbitrary distinctions among services, and are less than those rates on identical services set by Alexandria City, Arlington County and Prince William County; and
- 4. WHEREAS** rationalizing and increasing the BPOL tax rates competitive with those on neighboring jurisdictions would diversify the county tax base thereby reducing the county's reliance on residential real property taxes;
- A) NOW 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, October 28th, 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

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New Business

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Supvr's Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	10/30	7:30	MVGC-Rm1/2	Jeszenszky
BUDG	11/4	7:30	WWMS	D. Voorhees
COAF	12/1	TBD (Open House)		Cox
EDUC	11/4	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	11/4	7:00	SCGC-Rm217	Plummer
H/Hs	11/3	7:30	IMVH-Eng	Cleveland
PL/Z	11/2	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale, Acting Chair
PSAF	11/5	7:30	MVGC	Shawkey
LRSP	<i>No meeting scheduled</i>			Dhillon
TRAN	11/2	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

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