



MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2009 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Pat Rea.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Dale, Pat Rea, Katherine Ward;
Committee Chairs Judy Harbeck, David Plummer, Dallas Shawkey,
Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA Rep Karen
Pohorylo; SFDC Rep Jim Davis; Secretary Carol Coyle.
Representatives from Collingwood Springs, Engleside, The Fairfax,
Hollin Hall, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount
Zephyr, Newington Forest, River Towers, Riverside Estates,
Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on
the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wessynton,
Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates.
Boy Scouts from Troop 864 working on their Citizenship badge.

MINUTES – Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted.

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Budget and Finance – See minutes. We face yet another budget crisis. Next meeting joint with Education; Susan Quinn from FCPS Budget office. December 2, 8 p.m., WWMS Library.

Consumer Affairs – No meeting.

Education – See minutes. One proposal is to eliminate poverty staffing. The public is not being well served. One resolution.

Environment and Recreation – See minutes.

Health and Human Services – See minutes.

Planning and Zoning – See minutes. Proposals considered dealt with Telegraph Road and Fairfax County Parkway; Huntington Club which wants to convert to higher density at the Metro; IMP ownership which wants to add two hotels to the property. No resolutions.

Public Safety – See minutes. One budget proposal would eliminate school resource officers at the junior highs. Next meeting December 3 with reps from Fire and Rescue.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations to the newly elected
2010 MVCCA Officers**

Co-Chairs: Al Bornmann
Robert (Bob) Reynolds
David (Dave) Plummer
Treasurer: Brenda Hebert
Secretary: Carol Coyle

2010 MVCCA membership renewals have been sent via email to the President and Treasurer of record for each association, as well as any management company or alternate billing contact if such was provided. Please note that renewals are **due by December 31, 2009**. Please read and retain the Annual Dues Notice as it contains important information you may need throughout the year. If you need another Membership Application, it can be downloaded from the website.

Transportation – See minutes. Comments on transportation issues should be sent to VDOT. Next meeting joint with P&Z; Pete Shannon from VDOT Maintenance.

Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – No meeting.

SFDC – Karen will be meeting with Debi Sandlin re: APR nominations.

RESOLUTIONS

EDUC-2009-05: FULL DISCLOSURE IN FAIRFAX COUNTY'S FY2011 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN

Approved 16-0-2.

ELECTIONS

Brenda Hebert, nominee for Treasurer, lives on West Boulevard Drive in Wellington; she does accounting for non-profits.

David Plummer, nominee for Co-chair and currently chair of Environment and Recreation, lives in Woodley Hills, heads the software development team at the National Weather Service.

Bob Reynolds (Riverside Estates) and Al Bornmann (Stratford on the Potomac IV), candidates for Co-chair, are both former co-chairs.

Carol Coyle (Waynewood) is incumbent Secretary.

Slate of officers was affirmed 21-0-0.

BUDGET FOR 2010 (q.v.)

Approved 21-0-0.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME (Brett)

Chuck E. Cheese will enlarge.

Budget: 40-50 people demonstrated against budget cuts at Sherwood Hall Library; only a handful at South County.

Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for taking a stand on certification of tree workers.

Planning staff may be able to assist with relief from APR fees for non-profits.

Gerry will announce his APR Task Force in December or early January; they will meet from January through April. Proposed changes will be posted online.

Hollin Meadows ES Outdoor Learning Garden was visited by Mrs. Obama.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

John Skudlarek, Mount Vernon Civic, made an "appeal to Civility." We are all volunteers. The perception right now is that Council is "high-handed" and that we tolerate uncivil behavior. He appeals to the new co-chairs to set a positive and civil tone.

Neal McBride, Newington Forest, also belongs to the South County Federation; he reports that we're not that much different from other community associations.

Jim Davis, Sulgrave Manor, expressed thanks to the co-chairs for their service this year.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 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, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sect. 4, Waynewood, Wessynton.

The meeting started off with a discussion with Lee Harrington, the president of the West Potomac Boosters concerning the athletic funding at West Potomac High School as well as a broader discussion of the disadvantage that smaller and poorer schools face compared to other school districts having a larger population from which to draw funding for athletics. It was discussed that Fairfax County Public Schools provides funding for athletic transportation

Treasurer's Report			
For Period January 1, 2009 through December 3, 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 ^{1,2}	\$500	\$0.00	-\$500.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,100¹	\$8,784.00	-\$316.00
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Production	\$3,470	\$1,478.73	\$1,911.27
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	\$307.40	\$212.60
New Member Marketing	\$250	\$299.65	-\$49.65
Insurance	\$660	\$660.00	\$0.00
Strategic Planning Meetings ^{1,2}	\$500	\$616.46	-\$116.46
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,100¹	\$5,683.42	\$3,416.58
ENDING BALANCE		\$11,847.25	

¹ On June 24, 2009, the General Council voted to approve \$500 in previously unbudgeted expenditures for the Strategic Planning Meetings. This was approved along with approval that the expenses be covered by drawing 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.

² On November 18, 2009, the General Council approved additional payments for Strategic Planning Meetings above and beyond the initially approved budget.

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for some sports teams and also provides funding for officials and the stipend given to coaches.

The committee then moved to the Walt Whitman Library for a joint meeting with the Education Committee. Susan Quinn from the Superintendent's office gave a presentation about the funding needed by the schools for next fiscal year. In short, FCPS teaches 173,573 students with a 2010 budget of \$2.2 billion for an average cost per pupil of \$12,898. For comparison, Arlington and Alexandria have average costs per pupil of over \$19,000.

FCPS predicts a budget deficit of \$176 million. The FY2011 proposed budget will be released on January 7, 2010. The school board will hold public hearings on the proposed budget on January 25 and 26. More information can be obtained at www.fcps.edu.

The county advertised budget plan is due out on February 3, 2010 and the Budget and Finance Committee will be inviting County Executive Tony Griffin to comment on the proposed county budget shortly thereafter.

The committee will not meet in January but will meet on February 3, 2010 at 7:30 at the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs held an open house for the general membership on December 1st from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Sherwood Hall Library. Various documents were available to include helpful tips on Buying a Mattress; Automatic Payment Problems; Tele-marketers and Cell Phones; Credit Card Receipts; Rebates; and Investor Protection. Also, a list of Community Association Resources and a copy of The Informed Consumer (an e-Newsletter of the County's Consumer Affairs Branch) was available for review by the attendees.

To show support for the environment and to eliminate unnecessary vehicles on the roadways, Consumer Affairs is going green! Our next meeting will be a webinar on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:30 p.m. More detailed information on how to access the meeting will be provided via the MVCCA listserv.

We hope the membership will support this new endeavor that may be used by other MVCCA committees. Our success depends on your participation!

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 8pm in the media center of Whitman Middle School. Associations officially represented included: Stratford Landing, Wessynton, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Springbank, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills, Riverside Estates, Potomac

Valley Riverbend and Pinewood Lakes. Members of the MVCCA Budget&Finance Committee and a number of interested community members also attended, as did Co-Chairs Rea and Dale.

The assemblage heard a presentation by Susan Quinn, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Assistant Superintendent for Finance, concerning budget challenges for FY2011 and how expected shortfalls (assuming another year of flat transfer funding from the County) may be addressed in the Superintendent's Budget in January 2010.

Quinn discussed reductions and cost avoidances taken in past years:

FY2009 \$95million (class size increase, reduction in programs, staff COLA cut);

FY2010 \$171 million (class size increase, program reductions, no staff step/ COLA).

The reductions in these past years have come even as the student population has increased by about 7000 students so that per-pupil spending by FCPS has fallen by hundreds of dollars, keeping FCPS solidly in the middle of local jurisdictions (Montgomery spends \$2000 more per student, and Arlington \$6000 more, for example)

The projected shortfall for FY 2011, assuming no County transfer increase, is \$176million, which assumes no staff step or COLA for the second straight year while projecting an additional 2000 student increase.

As Quinn noted, and the Committee has previously discussed, a flat transfer from the County is not a "hold harmless" situation given unavoidable increases in student enrollment, mandatory accreditation requirements, and reduction in state funding sources.

If FCPS must accommodate another massive cut it is plain that core programs will be cut and the ability of FCPS to educate its students to a high standard and maintain its value to the County as an asset attracting new business and residents will be denigrated to such an extent that repair would take potentially decades.

The list of cuts and endangered programs can be found on the website www.fcps.edu but some of those include additional class size increases, loss or reduction of poverty staffing resulting in huge staff loss and class size increase in our schools, institution of a variety of fees (sports, tests) which will affect participation and success of those programs, and elimination of ES band and strings which affect the viability of MS and HS programs.

The shortfall, which assumes another year of no salary increases (step or COLA) for staff, is driven by a projected loss of state funding, by continued enrollment increases, by projected increases in retirement contributions (especially VRS) which FCPS is unable to control, by the loss of one-time carry forward balances used in

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FY2010, and by other insurance, utility and GASB contributions needs. It was noted, in response to questions, that FCPS has already “skipped” GASB funding (required to satisfy retiree health subsidies) and that failure to fund these and other required benefit obligations on a regular basis will not only cause problems in the future but may affect the County bond rating since underfunded obligations are part of that evaluation. Ironically, the State may declare a 3 month VRS furlough, suspending both state and County contributions to VRS, and resulting in some relief this year but a larger problem down the road.

Quinn’s presentation also included information showing that central administrations continues to take a higher percentage of cuts, that the number of non-school based positions continues to fall, that Fairfax continues to have the lowest percentage of non-school based management to total positions (less than 1%) of all neighboring jurisdictions. Of all non-school based positions, about 35% are business functions such as HR, technology, payroll, finance, rising to about 75% with the inclusion of facilities and transportation (bus drivers, maintenance, mechanics, warehouse) the figure rises to 75%. Cluster offices account for 1.4%, the Superintendent’s office 2.2%, school board .6%. The remainder are instructional specialists, including special education, and professional accountability.

Although the FY2011 Superintendent’s Budget is still in development, Quinn indicated that it would likely be, as required by state regulation, a “needs-based” budget which will likely request an increase of perhaps \$120million in transfer. The Committee has urged this both as required by regulation and also to fairly present the needs of FCPS to parents, other taxpayers, and the Board of Supervisors so informed decisions can be made.

Other Committee members also noted that specific percentages of the County budget do not demonstrate that FCPS has been, as often said, treated as a first priority and its legitimate needs met ahead of other programs; some other local jurisdictions devote a higher percentage of County revenue to schools and, in the past FCPS has received 60-65% of total County revenue compared to the current 52-3% as other County programs have been established or expanded.

Although no vote was taken, most people present indicated a willingness for tax rates to increase beyond the equalization point to provide additional funding for FCPS and prevent more destructive cuts.

Next meeting: January 6, 2010, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 2 December 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 219 of the South County Building. Present were David Plummer (chair), Katherine Ward (MVCCA co-Chair), Collingwood-on-the-

Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Potomac Valley – Riverbend, Southwood Civic, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont Community Association, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor, and The Woodley Hills Community Association.

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

Coalition for Smarter Growth – Stewart Schwartz and Chris Orvin from the Coalition for Smarter Growth visited the committee. The mission of this organization is to ensure that transportation and development decisions accommodate growth while revitalizing communities, providing more housing and travel choices, and conserving our natural and historic areas. Their presentation on “smart growth” concepts demonstrated how significant development and re-development and density can be achieved while simultaneously addressing various existing infrastructure problems such as what we have here in our area. Development and re-development almost always follows the highways. Here in Mount Vernon the stormwater facilities along Richmond Highway are antiquated and stream conditions are becoming more and more degraded. There are too many trips being made along the highway, hence too much traffic. Mr. Schwartz gave several examples of growth projects that have addressed these issues. For instance, density was greatly increased when the Clarendon Metro station was developed with medium- and high-rise office and apartment buildings. Today, 70% of the residents within ½ mile of the station have 1 or zero cars and traffic is about the same as it was in the 1970s. The Coalition frequently seeks non-transportation solutions to transportation problems. Their vision for the Richmond Highway – what has lots of potential - corridor may include grounded light rail in the median, 3 lanes in each direction, and full sidewalks. They emphasized that an effective solution to the Richmond Highway corridor could not be piece-meal, rather the entire area must be professionally studied and a comprehensive approach taken. They applauded the recent MVCCA strategic planning approach with the charrette process culminating in 13 APR nominations. “Form-based code” is one way to incentivize developers to build what the community wants.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the E&R committee will be held on Wednesday, January 6th, in Room 219 of the South County Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Dec. 1, the Mount Vernon Council’s Health and Human Services Committee joined with the Route One Task Force for Human Services (R1TF), convened by Anne Andrews at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, in a meeting hosted by Supervisors Gerry Hyland and Jeffrey McKay, in order to celebrate the contributions of Deputy County Executive for Human Services Verdiana Haywood.

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Haywood will retire in mid-January from his 33 years of outstanding public service in this County.

Participating were representatives from MVCCA members Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Shadowbrook, Stratford Landing, and Tauxemont, with HHS Chair Louise Cleveland and MVCCA Co-chair Pat Rea.

Participants included other citizens from the community and leaders from major public agencies as well as private nonprofit organizations active on the Route One Corridor (among them, United Community Ministries, New Hope Housing, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Fairfax County Human Services Systems Department, the Health Department, and the Community Services Board.)

This special “convening” of the R1TF was in important ways also typical—gathering diverse representatives from across the community and across the complex network of public and private nonprofit service providers. Executive directors for agencies sit in the circle side-by-side with consumers and local advocates for access and quality of services. All voices are urged to speak up. Praise for goals achieved is mingled with ideas for stronger integration of services, recognition of emerging needs, and concern for areas where local resources may be falling short and people falling into a “service gap.” As always, sitting in this circle were two key persons who can and do respond to the issues raised: the elected Mount Vernon District Supervisor and the Deputy County Executive for Human Services. On this evening, speakers pointed to a match between the venue and the man honored—for his passion, leadership, vision, creative solutions, commitment to community dialogue and ingrained sense of equality among persons.

Facing challenges, strengthening services

Speakers described their insights into Haywood’s role in contributing to the strengths of the public/private service system that has developed during three decades of growth and demographic changes in Fairfax County. They went on to identify major challenges anticipated in the year ahead.

For example, Exec. Director Pam Michel of New Hope Housing affirmed that “without Verdi there would be no Ten Year Plan to prevent and end homelessness,” an effort that has engaged very broad-based citizen planning and support, won supervisory approval of an Office and Director to coordinate public/private efforts, and embarked on integration of dozens of programs in a step-by-step implementation plan.

South County Regional Director for Human Services Systems Telly Whitefield pointed to the systematic view that has distinguished Fairfax County’s efforts in important areas; Pat Harrison (who will succeed Haywood in January) cited his flexibility and leadership in integrating (and redesigning) services scattered among multiple departments. (Please see the November 2009 HHS Report in the

MVCCA Record for an expanded view of strategic thinking from these two managers, who are among those mentored by Haywood.)

Others acknowledged that Haywood had envisioned—long before the current fiscal crisis—that both public and private service providers must learn to do more with less, and to partner effectively. Trends in the social environment affect the System’s capacity to provide services and are reshaping the relationship to the community. The role of government—traditionally seen as “service provider, funder, and regulator”—is increasingly emerging as “catalyst” and “partner with other sectors” such as business, nonprofit organizations, and citizens.

Haywood, in closing, credited the advocacy of the Route One Task Force with starting the drive toward a County system for affordable healthcare in the 1990s and urged that citizens from this side of the county continue our emphasis on dialogue, advocacy, and community engagement. He refuses to see the present fiscal situation as an excuse for letting essential services be cut away, expresses great hope in the County team of leaders who are providing renewed vision and integration in public services such as Health and Community Services, and continues to advocate creative partnering with the private sector. Haywood acknowledges the need, in this County, to recruit much deeper and broader corporate participation and leadership in both voluntary service and fund-raising, and, in his retirement as a private citizen, he vows to help in this effort.

Supervisors McKay and Hyland announced that the community conference area on the second floor of the South County Center will be named in honor of Verdia L. Haywood. It is suggested that those who wish to honor Haywood for his extraordinary service may do so by their contributions to the nonprofit agencies that are serving so many people in need on Route One.

Next meeting: Note that HHS meets on THURSDAY, JAN. 7 as described below. Committee representatives should also participate in the Tuesday, Jan. 5, R1TF meeting if possible.

Public Meetings on Human Services Concerns:

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7 PM, Route 1 Task Force for Human Services meets at the South County Center (8350 Richmond Highway, 22309) with our elected state legislative representatives (before the start of the 2010 session) and with Deputy County Executive for Human Services Verdia Haywood (on proposed use of the County housing funds).

Thursday, January 7, 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, HHS Committee meets in the Engh Room of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (2nd floor, please use Yellow entrance and parking off Holland Rd.), with Countywide Prevention Coordinator Denise Raybon, for a close look at prevention strategies and outcomes in Fairfax County. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151.

To access past reports in the monthly MVCCA RECORD on

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specific human services issues, please consult web site www.mvcca.org, Health and Human Services Committee page, for the link to our 2009 Agenda Summary.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Minutes of the Dec. 7, 2009 Planning & Zoning Committee mtg

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 and was attended by representatives from the following member associations: Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Huntington Club, Mason Hill, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, and Wessynton Homes. There were three land use cases and two resolutions.

The first land use case was a return presentation for 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 existing office building would remain. One hotel would be a regular short-stay hotel. The other would be an extended stay facility, and its plan has been modified to provide community serving conference facilities: a 5100 sf banquet facility (seating for 400) that can be divided into two separate rooms (40'x65' & 33'x55), a patio overlooking the mill pond, and a catering prep area. Other amenities, such as a café, theater, and small meeting rooms, are also included. The plan shows no increase in impervious area (below grade parking) and the builder will strive for LEED Silver certification. The Committee voted to not oppose contingent on no other issues arising from the staff report.

The second land use case was a return presentation by David Gill of Scannell Properties for the 118 acres located between Telegraph Road and Cinderbed Road just south of the Fairfax County Parkway. The Council previously approved the BRAC APR nomination; now they are seeking the rezoning. Of the 118 acres, only 62 can be developed due to an RPA. The rezoning, if approved, would reduce by almost half the amount of floor area built. The current zoning includes residential and heavy industrial with access to Cinderbed Road. The new zoning is general industrial with access only to Telegraph Road. Original plans included a ball field; the developer has agreed to provide a ball field within a one-mile radius of the site to serve the surrounding communities. The Committee voted to not oppose.

The third case was an update by Neal McBride of the progress for Laurel Hill. The Alexander Company is ready to present the "final" draft master plan that incorporates community dialog. However, there are still some major issues remaining: 1) the change of "magnet housing" into low-income housing, 2) too many unknowns around the financing, especially the high dependence on tax credits from low income housing, 3) too many residential units overall that will strain the roadways and schools, and 4) the loss of a historic ball field. The last public hearing is the same night as the Council meeting.

The planned joint meeting with the Transportation Committee to hear a presentation from the Coalition for Smarter Growth has been rescheduled for the January 5 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45. The next meeting is Monday, January 4, 2010, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor North.

Alex Reid, President of Virginia Alcohol Monitoring, LLC, gave a presentation on the need for alcohol monitoring and the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) System. Mr. Reid began his presentation by stating that in 2006, there were 1.4 million reported driving under the influence (DUI) cases in the United States and 17,602 alcohol-related traffic fatalities, representing 41% of all traffic fatalities (42,642) for the year. He noted that this number equates to an average of 1 every 30 minutes and that 1/3 of all drivers arrested for DUI are repeat offenders. He also stated that over 12,000 people were killed in crashes where at least one driver had a blood-alcohol level (BAC) of .08 or higher.

In Virginia, Mr. Reid commented that in 2006, there were 25,286 DUI arrests and 379 alcohol-related fatalities. From 2005 to 2006, alcohol-related fatalities increased 4.7% and in 2006, out of all alcohol-related fatalities with known BACs, 42% involved a BAC of 0.15 or higher. Mr. Reid then noted that in Fairfax County, a 14.6% increase occurred in DWI citations from 2007 to 2008 and that alcohol related issues are a difficult problem for the criminal justice system to address.

Mr. Reid stated that continuous alcohol monitoring serves several useful purposes. First, it can be used to identify and direct individuals to appropriate levels of treatment and supervision. Second, it can improve one's ability to supervise and intervene with problem offenders. Third, continuous alcohol monitoring serves as a deterrent to the offender while he or she is working toward recovery and enhances public safety, because it keeps the offender from drinking and driving.

Mr. Reid then discussed the SCRAM system, which is a tool that courts and agencies use to continuously monitor alcohol offenders to ensure that they are not drinking. The SCRAM system consists of an ankle bracelet, the SCRAM modem and SCRAMNet.

The SCRAM ankle bracelet is attached to the offender with a durable and tamper-proof strap. It is worn 24/7 by the offender for the duration of his or her court-ordered abstinence period (typically 90-120 days). Twice an hour, the bracelet captures transdermal alcohol readings by sampling the insensible perspiration collected from

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the air above the skin. The bracelet stores the data and at, pre-determined intervals, transmits via a wireless radio-frequency signal to the SCRAM modem, which plugs into an analog telephone line, usually in the offender's home or place of work. The modem also downloads monitoring and reporting schedules to the bracelet. When data is received from the SCRAM modem, it is stored in SCRAMNet, the web-based application, where data from the offender is collected, analyzed, and maintained in a secure, central location. In the event alcohol consumption is detected, the appropriate authority, e.g., probation officer, is notified.

Mr. Reid then discussed several SCRAM research projects. A 2007 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study called "Evaluating Transdermal Alcohol Measuring Devices," concluded that there were no false positives of any note, that the tamper system performed well, the SCRAMNet System was exceptionally innovative and a moisture build-up can affect the performance of older versions. In addition, a 2006 University of Colorado study called the "Validity of Transdermal Alcohol Monitoring: Fixed and Self-Regulated Dosing" also found, among other things, that no false positives occurred in sober test subjects.

In Virginia, Mr. Reid noted that SCRAM is used in many Virginia courts including the Loudoun County District and Circuit Courts, and the Loudoun County Adult Drug Court. In addition, Mr. Reid stated that SCRAM is used by the Rappahannock Regional Jail, the Hanover County Juvenile Drug Court, the Henrico County Adult Drug Court, the Richmond Adult Drug Court, and the Charlottesville Family Treatment Center. Mr. Reid stated his company currently has 44 active units and has worked with over 200 offenders. He also stated that Judge Dennis Smith, a Fairfax County judge, recently ordered two offenders to use the SCRAM ankle bracelet.

Mr. Reid also commented that as an alternative to incarceration, SCRAM allows offenders to maintain an intensive level of supervision without compromising public safety, provides a high degree of supervision without adding more tasks to an already overburdened criminal justice system, and allows offenders to stay with their families and communities, and to work in the community in order to provide and contribute to their households and the local economy. In addition, the SCRAM saves costs because an offender does not have to be incarcerated. The cost for a new installation is \$80 with a daily fee which the offender pays. (There is a sliding scale for indigents.) In Fairfax County it costs approximately \$110 per day to house an inmate while SCRAM costs the county nothing and allows jail space to be used for violent offenders.

Last, Mr. Reid noted that use of the SCRAM system allows for accountability without the added workload. There is no additional workload for already overburdened supervision agents. Virginia Alcohol Monitoring handles all tasks related to the SCRAM program; the only requirement is a referral from an appropriate agency. In addition, Virginia Alcohol Monitoring handles all program aspects from installation to fee collection to violation reporting

and weekly compliance reports are emailed as a courtesy to all designated agents.

Subsequent to his presentation, the committee decided to prepare a resolution supporting the use of SCRAM in Fairfax County. The chair will prepare a draft for consideration at the next meeting.

The committee then took up again consideration of the resolution on illegal and intrusive motorcycle noise. The committee has come to believe that this is really a nuisance and not a public safety issue; however, the draft resolution has extraneous and challengeable statements in it that need to be changed. The chair will coordinate the items with the chair of the Environment and Recreation Committee.

The chair reported that the Fire and Rescue Department has been contacted concerning conducting another CERT training course at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. They have agreed and will provide a proposed classes schedule beginning about the second Monday in February. The chair will arrange the use of the community rooms. The Southwood representative delivered certificates for those who successfully completed recent CERT courses. They were signed by the CERT instructors and by Fire Chief Masten.

The Southwood representative then related a continuing problem with speeding and inconsiderate UPS and FedEx van drivers. He recently had an UPS van behind him pull up along side him as he stopped at a stop sign for Mount Vernon Highway. The UPS van pulled ahead and ran the stop sign. The representative then called UPS but got no significant response.

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

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 7, 2009 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were Steve Shannon, VDOT Fairfax County Maintenance Division, Katherine Ward, MVCCA co-chair, representatives of 20 member citizen associations (Belle Haven Terrace, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mt. Vernon Civic, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing (2), Stratford on the Potomac IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park, Woodley Hills) and an interested resident of Yacht Haven Estates.

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

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Guest Speaker, Steve Shannon, VDOT (NOVA) Fairfax Maintenance Division

Steve Shannon is the VDOT area maintenance manager for 3 of 9 districts in the Northern Virginia Area. He is responsible for maintenance of the secondary and primary roads in Fairfax County. As a result of downturn in the economy and reduction of revenues, the available funds for transportation programs over the next six years is estimated to be reduced by about 2.6 billion dollars.

As a result priorities have changed, many construction projects are deferred, and VDOT staffing level is being reduced by over 1000 employees. In particular, Mr. Shannon has lost 30 employees and no longer has money in the budget for temporary employees. He has 18 employees for maintaining 2,500 lane miles.

Question 1: What is the formula for distribution of maintenance dollars?

Answer: The Northern Virginia budget criteria are determined by Richmond. Then, a District Administrator creates a budget on a needs based plan. That is, a 6-year plan for the area is created and the funds available for transportation are distributed on a needs basis.

Fairfax County has input of the priorities of projects in the 6-year plan. The detail level of the 6-year plan, which is provided to Fairfax County transportation staff, is directed to the County as a whole. Thus, it appears that the Director of Fairfax County Transportation, Kathy Ichter, determines what projects in Fairfax County will be built (where the transportation funds will be made available).

Steve Shannon believes that a formula exists for maintenance, but he was not able to obtain the same for our meeting. He indicated that he would e-mail the formula to the Transportation Committee chair when he receives it.

Mr. Shannon and his employees do periodic reviews of the roads under his jurisdiction and he submits his maintenance needs (plans) for the 6 years, but he does not receive any feedback. The Northern Virginia District Administrator, Morteza Salehi determines the 6-year plans for Northern Virginia's 9 different areas and then prioritizes the projects within the plans. With respect to Fairfax maintenance issues, Dr. Bob Driscoll (Administrator for Fairfax maintenance) works with the officials in Richmond to create a maintenance plan. Bronco Vlacich is the Northern Virginia district's program administrator for maintenance and thus, he also has input on prioritizing projects.

However, there are no funds available for FY 2010 and 2011 for repaving secondary roads in the Northern Virginia district. There is money to repair pot holes, sink holes and other emergencies, such as snow/ice removal.

Question 2: Why are secondary roads being slurried, instead of being repaved?

Answer: It is a financial budget crunch that limits VDOT's ability to pave all of its roads. Primary roads, such as US 1, may be paved as recovery act money was provided for that. For example, it costs \$15,000 for one lane mile to be coated with slurry. The same lane mile, if repaved, would cost \$45,000.

The Wellington and Tauxemont communities received a slurry treatment that was not satisfactory to the residents, or to Mr. Shannon (even though the finished treatment met VDOT guidelines). However, there was too much dust added to the slurry resulting in a white/gray neighborhood as the dust was blown around. VDOT washed the road down and put down a better slurry mixture.

Comment from Southwood: Slurry should not be used after a road surface has been milled or scarified, as the result is a rough road that used to be smooth. Mr. Shannon was not familiar with Route 235 from Westgate to Woodlawn Plantation that had been slurried, but he believed it was a budget constraint to use slurry. An unanswered question was: Why was Route 235 milled first, if VDOT knew they were only going to slurry the road?

Question from MVCCA co-chair: Although there are no funds, is there a process?

Answer: Since there is no money in the repaving budget, there is no schedule for repaving neighborhoods. Money for fixing pot holes and sink holes exists. As for a normal schedule when there are maintenance funds, there is no schedule or plan. In Northern Virginia, there are some 2,500 lane miles that are rated low. In an average year, only 200 lane miles can be maintained.

Thus, it appears that those that scream the loudest may get the most attention. Perhaps, residents should continue writing their local elected officials (both county and state).

Question concerning utility disturbance of our roads.

Answer: Utilities have to obtain permits from VDOT before they do any disruption to VDOT roads. Typically, a bond is collected to ensure that the road is properly repaired after the utility work to the way the road was before the utility came. Dorothy Purvis issues permits for utilities that dig up the road. She has 18 inspectors who check on their work before releasing the bond. But, these 18 staff members cover 2,500 lane miles.

Question from Yacht Haven, on priority, which roads get treatment?

Answer: Since Mr. Shannon was not familiar with the Yacht Haven history (his road is in worse shape, but another road received surface treatment), but he offered to research the roads in question and to get back to him.

Steve Shannon then explained that Richmond has trucks that analyze surface condition of a road (presumably for prioritization purposes). The trucks miss substructure problems, so often core samples of a road will disagree with the truck analysis. Mr. Shannon

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said that the ratings for his area roads were optimistic based on his knowledge of the area and his review of the ratings. For example, if one lane of a road is in good shape, while the other lane is in bad shape, the rating comes out as a good road. Or, if a portion of the road was recently repaved, but the rest remained unchanged. The rating would be increased reflecting repavement, but the same number is given along the entire length of the road. Richmond determines where the truck will go and has not accepted requests from this area manager.

Question: Can citizens help by putting political pressure to increase maintenance budget?

Answer: The transportation maintenance budget comes from gas taxes, new car taxes, both of which have reduced due to the slow-down in the economy.

The Chair believes that our state delegates and senator should work to create other ways to fund transportation projects. They will be invited to a future transportation committee meeting.

VDOT staff reduction: 9000 employees were cut to 7500. The governor-elect has hinted that VDOT should have 6000 employees (which would mean an additional 1500 jobs lost). If VDOT staff is reduced to 6000 employees, Steve Shannon indicated that jobs could be outsourced, which his experience at the Department of the Defense indicated actually costs more.

Mr. Shannon will send the Chair a VDOT organization chart, as requested by committee members.

Committee Follow up on VDOT maintenance issue:

VDOT has no maintenance plan so the transportation committee could develop its own plan (?) with priorities of projects that need to be repaired.

Other problems: "Permanent potholes" (manhole covers do not get raised after a paving). There are dozens of these on US 1. One permanent pothole location is at Southgate Drive and Richmond Highway. Southgate Drive also has a roller coaster ride due to poor road pavement and a concrete drainage swale at the US 1 intersection. Cars going east on Southgate Drive move so slowly through the roller coaster that only a few cars can exit when the light is green. This causes backups and is worse now due to the holiday traffic at Beacon Mall and Target.

The transportation committee would like to see the CPI rating system that Mr. Shannon spoke about for the roads in the Mt. Vernon Magisterial District. The Chair will request a copy to discuss at a future meeting.

Other business -

The Mt Vernon Ladies Association's proposal to build a new library for research purposes was briefly discussed. In addition to a

road that needs to be built connecting the structures to Route 235, there will be a parking lot for 30 cars. Why does a library for research purposes need additional parking spaces when there are so many parking spaces already created? Evidently, the folks at Mt. Vernon want this library in a "forest". But, the transportation committee's concern is how will patrons of this new research library access Route 235? Route 235 is a narrow winding road toward Wessynton and any access would potentially be dangerous. If access could be obtained from the Post Office parking lot, there may not be a need for a 30-space parking lot on the research library grounds.

The transportation committee would like to meet with Mr. James Rees, executive director of Mt. Vernon, to discuss this proposal. The transportation committee understands that a model of the proposed development is available at Mt. Vernon and a future meeting should be planned at Mt. Vernon to discuss this proposal.

Mt. Vernon Parking District over zealous enforcement? The Chair reported two instances regarding this matter, both fishermen with boats on trailers. It appears that Fairfax County immediately "tickets" the boats with a warning (i.e., there is no time period for cleaning out one's boat after a trip as the written law states). In one instance, the boat was driven home at night, owner went to bed and when the owner went outside, the boat had been "ticketed" (less than 12 hours after the boat was parked.)

In another instance, after receiving the warning ticket, the boat was moved during the week to one's property or another location. The boater went out on another weekend fishing trip and was ticketed for having his boat on the street the next week (after returning from another weekend boating trip). He paid the ticket, but was not happy that his only recourse was to go to court.

Is there a way to avoid infuriating boat owners who are complying with the written law - there is a time period to park after a fishing trip? Perhaps, Fairfax County could issue parking stickers to trailers and boats. This way the County could make some revenue.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next transportation committee meeting will be January 4, 2010 at 8pm in the Walt Whitman Middle School library.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The committee's monthly meeting was held on December 7, at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. The following community organizations were represented: Mason Hill, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Waynewood, Woodley Hills Estates and Woodley Hills Civ. Assn. Pat Rea MVCCA Co-chair was also present.

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The reactions to the presentation of the resolution on Accessory Dwelling Units at the MVCCA meeting were reviewed along with the voiced objections. The Committee agreed that it is worth to proceed with work to resolving issues such as parking, density and by right authorization. A plan for the next steps was proposed.

The development projects in the Mount Vernon area that are part of the APR nominations and include a housing element were reviewed by the committee. These projects will be tracked to observe where developers plan to include affordable or workforce units.

On North Hill, information obtained for us by Elisabeth Lardner Mt. Vernon FCRHA Rep., indicates that the soil study is complete. It was determined that two walls will be needed to reinforce the soil. The location of the walls has been adjusted to minimize the impact on healthy mature trees. Site walks to observe the location of the walls were conducted in October with Mount Vernon District representatives. Costs to construct the walls are reported to be within the project estimate. Housing and Community Development (HCD) representatives have been meeting with Department of Public Works (DPWES) on storm water collection options. The site plan is anticipated to be submitted to DPWES in January 2010, following the completion of the storm water engineering. The total project development costs are estimated at \$10.3 mil. of which \$5.2 mil. has been identified for the project. HCD has recently identified three unit types as possible residences for North Hill and is in contact with the manufacturers to consider feasibility of building prototypes. Coordination between HCD and the Park Authority continue to ensure necessary boundary adjustments are made so that the constructed walls remain in FCRHA property.

"Penny Fund" results for 2009 show that \$22.8 mil. was allocated to affordable housing all of which is expected to be expended or obligated. Important to note is the leveraging that this fund has provided, reaching nearly a 4:1 level in 2009. Although most fund were dedicated to prior year preservation projects, FY 2009 marked the first year for using this fund for new construction and home ownership. \$6.3 mil. was committed to the construction of 90 affordable active senior units at Olley Glen (Braddock District). The average income served in all rental units preserved through the "Penny Fund" is 39% AMI. Through the "Silver Lining Initiative", using various funds, a total of 35 households purchased foreclosed homes during the year. For FY 2010, available "Penny Funds" are already committed, although the Board of Supervisors reductions of this fund are likely to severely impact the ability to meet the needs for affordable housing.

Robert Trimble provided a positive report on progress of the County Office to End Homelessness under Director Dean Kline. He has followed the establishment of a 22 member governing board of community leaders and public officials and attended meetings for planning preventive actions. Four Housing Opportunity Support Teams (HOST) are being set up in the County to work with commu-

nities, non-profits and churches to focus on homelessness issues. Housing first remains a principal aim in this effort.

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 pm**, at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

— LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING —

The Long Range Strategic Planning (LRSP) Committee will host its first meeting since submitting the MVCCA APR Nominations to Fairfax County on Monday December 14th at 7:00 pm at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center in Rooms 2 & 3.

The Committee since the Nominations were submitted has organized a Monitoring Oversight Subcommittee which is a non-formal subcommittee of the LRSP Committee who has been charged with monitoring the status of the MVCCA Nominations as they progress through the County's APR Review Process. The Monitoring Oversight Subcommittee is made up of three members from the LRSP Committee they are Pat Rea, Katherine Ward, and Sheldon Hoenig.

The Committee will begin the next phase of its work that it was charged with since its inception which was the creation of a Long Range Strategic Plan for the MVCCA. The Chair discussed with the MVCCA Board at recent meetings that as the Committee found great reception to the manner in which it conducted creating the MVCCA APR Nominations it would work to continue with same type of process for the creating of the Long Range Strategic Plan. Therein the Chair brought to the attention of the MVCCA Board that post the December 14th meeting of the LRSP Committee the Committee may begin reaching out to MVCCA Committee's and Member Organizations as it begins to draft a MVCCA Long Range Strategic Plan.

As always please feel free to contact the Chair of the LRSP Committee Kahan Dhillon by e-mail ksdjr@regentcompany.com or phone 703-768-8437 with any questions or comments you may have.

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PLANNING AND ZONING

P&Z-2009-10: RESOLUTION ON REZONING 2008-MV-007 – IMP BUILDING SITE

1. WHEREAS The owners of 8850 Richmond Highway, known as the IMP Building site, have filed an application (RZ 2008-MV-007) to rezone the property to permit the addition of two hotels while preserving the existing IMP office building, and

2. WHEREAS One hotel will be a standard short-stay hotel suitable for both Fort Belvoir visitors, community visitors, and tourists, and

3. WHEREAS The second hotel will be an extended stay hotel intended to serve the longer term visitors to Fort Belvoir, and

4. WHEREAS The design plan satisfies the Comprehensive Plan requirement for community serving conference facilities by including a 5100 sf banquet room with optional partition capable of seating 400, a catering preparation area, some smaller meeting areas, and a small theater, and

5. WHEREAS The applicant's plan calls for no net increase in impervious surface with most of the parking below grade, and

6. WHEREAS The developer will seek LEED Silver certification, and

7. WHEREAS The County Staff Report has an initial recommendation to approve the rezoning but the final report has not been issued,

A) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose rezoning RZ 2008-MV-007, *as presented*, providing there are no additional concerns raised by the County planning staff.

PZ 2009-11: RESOLUTION ON REZONING 2009-MV-018 – SCANNELL PROPERTIES

1. WHEREAS Scannell Properties, the owner of 8531 Cinder Bed Road, located roughly at the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway and Telegraph Road, has filed an application to rezone (RZ 2009-MV-018) the property to permit the construction of office building(s) and light industrial use buildings, and

2. WHEREAS The net amount of development would be about one-half of the maximum permitted with the current zoning, and

3. WHEREAS Of the total 118 acres, only 62 will be developed with the remaining 56 acres remaining in a natural state, and

4. WHEREAS The bulk of the undeveloped area will be transferred to the Fairfax County Park Authority, and

5. WHEREAS The new development will have vehicular access to Telegraph Road only, with the access to Cinderbed Road closed, and

6. WHEREAS Historic plans and use of the property included a ball field, which will be provided by the developer at a site to-be-determined within a one-mile radius of the property, and

6. WHEREAS These uses are appropriate at this site due to expected association with nearby Fort Belvoir,

A) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose rezoning RZ 2009-MV-018, *as presented*.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 16th, 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—Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	1/21	7:30	MVGC	Jeszenszky
BUDG	2/3	7:30	WWMS	D. Voorhees
COAF	1/5	7:30	Webinar	Cox
EDUC	1/6	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	1/6	7:00	SCGC-Rm219	Plummer
H/HS	1/7	7:30	IMVH/Eng	Cleveland
PL/Z	1/4	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF	1/7	7:30	MVGC-ComRm3	Shawkey
LRSP	12/14	7:00	MVGC-Rms2,3	Dhillon
TRAN	1/4	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

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