



MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 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, John Jeszenszky, David Plummer, Catherine Voorhees; FCFA Rep Karen Pohorylo; Treasurer Tonda Phalen; Secretary Carol Coyle.

MINUTES – Accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Approved. Treasurer thanked Council for approving the Budget last month in her absence.

SUPERVISOR’S TIME –

150-year-old willow oak on Sherwood Hall Lane had to be

destroyed; it will be replaced by another. Students from Hollin Meadows ES attended the ceremony; a willow oak will also be planted at HMES. A local wood carver will transform the usable wood into commemorative pieces.

See ‘Board Matters’ for items of interest.

Rep. Jim Moran informed Gerry that he is working on getting money (\$100 mil +) approved for improvements to Route 1 in the Fort Belvoir area.

State of the County report will be aired on Channel 16 beginning December 18, on Sundays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; full text will be available on the chairman’s Web page.

Gerry’s meal tax proposal was defeated 7-3; however Board will discuss and re-vote. Jim Todd, president of MV-Lee CofC and owner of the local Roy Rogers franchises, has expressed support for this measure.

APR Task Force – Letters have been sent to 25 people asking them to participate; awaiting answers. John Byers (Williamsburg Manor North) and Susan Fer (South County) will co-chair. First

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MVCCA membership dues were due on December 31st. If you haven’t yet paid, please get this done. After February 1st, if you haven’t paid, you will not be allowed to vote at MVCCA meetings or to have a representative on any of MVCCA’s committees.

Senator Puller (D-36) and Delegate Surovell (D-44) are holding a Town Meeting at the Fairfax County Mount Vernon Governmental Center (2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306) on Saturday, January 23rd, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, and will discuss legislative activities in Richmond. The 2010 Session of the General Assembly began January 13. Everyone is invited to attend the Town Meeting to share your views and concerns and ask questions.

Gerry Hyland will be holding his Annual Town Meeting at Mount Vernon High School on Saturday, February 20th, 7:45 am – 1:00 pm. All are invited to attend. There will be exhibits and Gerry’s famous virtual bus tour of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District.

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meeting will be Wednesday, January 20, and they will meet through April. Task Force members will be appointed after the first of the year.

Thanks to Council for support on Tree Preservation on County property.

A question was raised re: extending the time for the Farmers' Market at Sherwood Hall Library. Gerry explained the background for this: The Market has been scheduled so that fresh fruits, vegetables, etc., can be made available during the growing season. Extension of the time was requested, on the last day, by a vendor from PA who grows year 'round in greenhouses. (Same vendor also approached the owner of the Shell station across the street for space.) Dates for the farmers' market are set by County ordinance. We have to staff, provide security, etc. The market manager right now is a 93-year-old volunteer who probably would not want to be outdoors when the weather gets cold. Extending the dates needs to be pursued through proper channels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – Minutes as published. Next meeting will be in February.

Consumer Affairs – Minutes as published. For their January meeting, they are "going green" --- it will be their first meeting via computer.

Council is introducing a Student of the Year Civic award. Posted on the MVCCA website, www.mvcca.org, is information (criteria and application) about its first ever Student of the Year Civic Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize a high school senior from Mount Vernon HS, South County SS and/or West Pocomac HS who demonstrates personal achievement through community involvement, volunteer work, and/or exceptional civic duties. The award(s) will be presented during the MVCCA Annual Gala on May 1st.

Education – Minutes as published.

Environment and Recreation – Minutes as published. High praise for the presentation by the Coalition for Smarter Growth who will also meet with P&Z and Transportation.

The Mission Statement of the Coalition 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."

Health and Human Services – Minutes as published. See web site for a summary of relevant meetings in 2009. Committee meets Thursday on County-Wide Prevention.

HHS and Public Safety meet Thursday, February 4, on Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness.

Housing – Minutes as published. Next meeting January 21.

Planning and Zoning – Minutes as published. 2 resolutions.

Chair notes lack of progress on the Laurel Hill plan; Gerry says South County Federation approved that plan. One concern is the loss of the ball field; there will be an adequate replacement.

Public Safety – Minutes as published. Next meeting January 6.

Transportation – Minutes as published. Chair notes that commit-

tee's questions on VDOT repairs were not answered by Steve Shannon. There was also a great deal of discussion about improper implementation of the parking district regulation. The parking district regulation allows boats to park on the street for two days prior to being ticketed; boat owners approached the committee when their boats were ticketed less than 12 hours after being parked. MVCCA spent too much effort into that legislation to have it overturned because of misinterpretation. Supervisor is now aware of this problem and will speak with parking enforcement.

Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – Co-chair Pat Rea reports that APRs have passed the Planning Commission and will move forward to the respective Task Forces. Committee will next reach out to members of the committees for more areas to be addressed. Co-chair notes that this will result in a "veritable utopia" to be guaranteed by "the next co-chairs." In answer to a question, Co-chair Katherine Ward noted that the only APR that duplicates one from Lee District deals with Pen Daw; we determined that it made sense to leave it in the queue for now so that that property isn't ignored.

Treasurer's Report			
For period from January 1, 2010 through January 14, 2010			
	Budget 2010	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2010 (1)		\$11,219.16	
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$4,000	\$1,632	\$(2,368)
- Dues from new member drive	200	0	(200)
Record Subscriptions	0	0	0
Gala Income	4,100	0	(4,100)
Drawn from reserves	0	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,300	\$1,632	\$(6,668)
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Production	\$2,200	\$0	\$2,200
Record Postage	0	0	0
Administrative	500	0	500
Gala Expenses	3,200	0	3,200
Web Site	600	0	600
New Member Marketing	200	0	200
Insurance	700	0	700
Strategic Planning Meetings	0	0	0
Student of the Year Stipends	900	0	900
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$8,300	\$0	\$8,300
Ending Balance as of January 14, 2010		\$12,851.16	
(1) Ending balance from prior year did not include check#1095 issued to Karen Keefer on 12/18/09 in the amount of \$120 for the December Record processing. The corrected prior year ending balance is corrected to show \$11,339.16- 120 additional expenses = \$11,219.16 adjusted December 2009 checking account balance.			

FCFCA – Meets tomorrow on Storm Water Management. Nominations are being accepted for the Federation's Citizen of the Year.

SFDC – Karen will keep SFDC apprised of the progress on the APR Nominations. Jeff Todd (Roy Rogers, CofC) is a new member on the SFDC Board.

RESOLUTIONS

PZ 2009-10 REZONING 2008-MV-007-IMP BUILDING SITE

After much discussion on the relative merits of the design, allotment of space, parking structure (underground), Architectural Review Board, Resolution was returned to committee. 24-1-1

PZ 2009-11 REZONING 2009-MV-018-SCANNELL PEOPERTIES

Bulk of the property to be deeded to the Park Authority. Request is for I-5 zoning which is necessary to allow for outdoor storage (which one of the prospective tenants will need) but which does not preclude storage of heavy equipment and other undesirable uses. Current site has an "historic" ball field; developer will provide another within a one-mile radius.

Resolution was returned to committee. 25-1-0
Supervisor stated that application will not be approved by the BOS unless it includes a ball field.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Good-bye to the outgoing co-chairs and Treasurer. Thank you for a job well done.

And Merry Christmas.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

No meeting was held in January. The County Executive Tony Griffin has agreed to attend a special Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 8:00 pm at the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall at the Walt Whitman Middle School and the topic will be the advertised county budget which will be published February 23, 2010. The public is invited.

The next meeting for the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for February 3, 2010 at 7:30 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's Conference Room.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs Committee held its first webinar on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:30 p.m. The following member associations participated: Huntington; New Gum Springs; Old Belle Haven Towne; Potomac Valley/RiverBend; Riverside Estates; Stratford Landing; Sulgrave Manor; and Williamsburg Manor. Two individuals accessed the meeting but did not identify their association.

One was Sheldon and the other remains unidentified. The unidentified participant used the dial-in number.

We visited the following websites that addressed product returns: 7 Ways To Return Anything - <http://www.realsimple.com/beauty-fashion/clothing/shopping-guide/7-ways-return-anything-0000000008001/page6.html>; and How to find out if companies are tracking your holiday returns - http://www.ehow.com/how_4690230_out-companies-tracking-holiday-returns.html.

Based on a request for the Committee to pursue information on how a consumer can determine the status of a building permit for structures that remain unfinished in neighborhoods, we visited the County's website called the Fairfax Inspections Database Online, FIDO - <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/buildingpermits/>.

Although a little "clunky," you can obtain a wealth of information about a specific property to include when the permit was issued; permit status; plan status; final inspection; whether or not the case is "open," information about any failed inspections; etc. You can obtain this information through various search methods to include by address.

The County's website does not allow cross-browsing so we were unable to go into details for the search during the webinar but you can conduct a search on your own as a consumer. Here's an example of information obtained for a certain property on Shenandoah Road that was issued a permit during 2007. The address was provided by a concerned consumer because after more than two-years, it remains an unresolved open case. Its wastewater review is incomplete and a final inspection must be scheduled according to the information posted on the County's website for this location. A property on E Lee Street was issued a permit during 1987 and after more than 20-years; no final inspection has been scheduled.

Overall, the webinar was well received and the participants would like for the next meeting to be held in the same manner with a few corrections to include having the Committee Chair know how to maneuver the microphones and using the webcam.

At the end of the webinar, a transcript of the chat and recording is available. The participants were provided the opportunity to submit comments anonymously which were then forwarded to the committee chair. The comments will be used to improve the use of future webinars.

The next meeting will be held on February 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
Topic: Wanna know how your restaurant fared during its routine inspection?

We will view routine inspections conducted by the Health Department for certain restaurants or establishments that serve food to the public. We will focus on critical violations. A critical violation is

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a violation of "Food Regulations, which, if left uncorrected, are more likely than other violations to directly contribute to food contamination; illness or environmental degradation."

The Council is invited to provide the name of their favorite restaurant and we will provide you a summary of its inspection results. For example, do you know which restaurant in the Mount District received 12-critical violations during its routine inspection; or the three elementary and middle schools that fared better than the three high schools in the Mount Vernon District for their routine inspection? The answer to those questions and a report on the following restaurants: Cedar Knoll; Pema's; Mike's Italian Restaurant; Polo Grill; INOVA Mount Vernon; Great American; Noodles & Company; Five Guys; McDonald's; Wendy's; Checkers; IHOP; Chevy's; Mamma's Kitchen; Magic Wok; Applebee's; Outback; Fridays; Ruby Tuesdays; Shane's Rib Shack; Dishes of India will be disclosed during the meeting on February 2nd. A restaurant sign-up sheet for the Committee to research your favorite restaurant will be able during the Council meeting.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on January 6, 2010, in the media center of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented (officially or unofficially) included: Stratford Landing, Mount Vernon Civic, Wessynton, Hollin Hall, Westgrove, Potomac Valley Riverbend, Newington Forest, Mount Vernon Manor, Pinewood Lakes, Williamsburg Manor, Wellington, Riverview, Riverside Gardens, Kings Crossing, Spring Bank, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Woodley Hills and Mt Vernon Terrace. A number of interested citizens, parents, and PTA members also attended, as did Co-Chair Al Bornmann.

Guest speakers were: Dr. Jack Dale, FCPS Superintendent; Dr. Scott Braband, FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Cluster IV, and Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District School Board member.

Most of the meeting consisted of comments by Dr. Dale on budget issues, with questions and comments from the audience.

Specific points, including possible cuts, population estimates, funding sources and mandated expenses and contributions can be viewed at www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/documents/2011/ProposedBudget11-Presentation.pdf and will not be repeated here in detail.

The thrust of Dr. Dale's presentation was to emphasize that, after 3 years of level funding despite large increases in enrollment, and the substantial cuts already made to program and staffing, as well as class size increases and denial of salary increases to teachers, FCPS is now at a crossroads. Further cuts will severely limit the ability of schools both to continue to perform at a high level and continue to be the linchpin to future County prosperity, including recovery in the real estate market.

Moreover, programs under consideration for elimination such as full day kindergarten, music programs, language programs, certain sports, etc could likely not be restored for years, if not decades, even if the economy improves.

In noting that neither he nor the School Board believe any of the proposed cuts are appropriate but may be dictated by necessity absent additional funding from the Board of Supervisors, Dale stated by way of example that for FY2011 about \$248million in additional funding would be needed to make no program cuts and give teachers "step" increases and that \$400-500 million would be needed to restore class size and programs to 2008-9 levels.

Because the Superintendent's Budget would not be presented to the School Board until January 7, Dr. Dale was not able to discuss specifics but stated it would be "needs-based". The Committee had urged a needs-based budget both as required by law and in order to give everyone—parents, citizens, Board of Supervisors—a fair picture, noting that there are several opportunities to conform the budget to economic conditions without cutting off that discussion by "voluntarily" cutting educationally important programs or treating staff unfairly. Some opined that, if \$248million was the amount needed to make no further cuts or class size increases, then that should be the figure in the needs-based budget, leaving the Board of Supervisors to fund as possible and leaving specific cuts to the School Board's budget conformation in May. [The released Superintendent's Budget can be viewed at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011/htm . It asks for about \$58.7 million in additional funding and makes about \$105 million in cuts/class size increases, as well as imposing fees for tests and activities.]

A number of questions also concerned cost-cutting measures in view of the recognition that additional funding would require a tax rate increase beyond break-even (or reduction in County programs). Dale noted that central staff and non-school based expenses have been reduced proportionately more than school-based, even though FCPS already had the smallest percentage of expense in that area compared to other DC regional systems. Storck also referred to the WABE (Washington Area Boards of Education) Guide that compares local systems on an apples-to-apples basis and shows FCPS is in the middle range of cost per pupil (which is declining). Montgomery County, the most comparable in terms of enrollment and demographics, has consistently spent about \$2000 more per student (for Fairfax's 170,000 students this would mean an additional \$340million) which has allowed them to better maintain a lower class size and higher teacher compensation for a number of years and gives them more flexibility in this downturn. [For more, see www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/wabe/index.htm]

Another negative factor is that Gov. Kaine's proposed budget freezes the Local Composite Index (LCI) at current numbers. The LCI parcels out state contributions to local education based on a locality's presumed ability to pay as measured by sales tax, value

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of real property, etc. It is supposed to reset every 2 years and the 2010 change would have meant \$60 million more per year to FCPS but the reset overall would have cost the Commonwealth about \$20million more and reduced funds to a number of down-state counties who are substantially supported by the Commonwealth (and indirectly by Fairfax County). Northern Virginia legislators have unanimously asked incoming Gov. McDonnell to remove this blatantly unfair reversal of policy and reset the LCI, but given the economy and opposition of LCI-beneficiaries from the south and west, the situation remains unclear.

Attendees at the meeting generally voiced support for a tax increase to avoid damage to FCPS. A Resolution of the Mount Vernon Academic Boosters Club, Inc. seeking a 10 cent real property tax rate increase for the benefit of schools was distributed for information purposes by a Committee member. It was indicated that support is being solicited from PTAs and other groups across the County.

Time limited discussion of the other purpose of the meeting, which was to consider staff plans for improving performance and addressing the achievement gap in our schools. Dr. Braband very briefly outlined some of the efforts and gave some information on his track record of significant success in this area in other Fairfax schools.

Next meeting: 8pm, Feb 3, 2010, Whitman Media Center

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 6 January 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Mount Vernon District Supervisor. 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 and one interested citizen.

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

E&R Chair Successor – The Chair announced that Betsy Martin has been nominated to succeed the current Chair, as the current Chair will be serving as an MVCCA Co-Chair for 2010. Committee chair nominees will be ratified at the General Council meeting on January 27th.

Annual Planning - The committee accepted ideas for the upcoming year for guest speakers, topics to address, etc. Among the many suggestions were

1. Possible field trips, for instance visit a stream restoration site.
2. Actively address the invasive plant crisis along the George Washington Parkway by engaging Brent Storie of the National

Park Service. Volunteers would need to be trained, activity days would need to be planned.

3. Guest speaker – John Freedman of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works (DPWES) who could talk and answer questions about climate change as it pertains to Fairfax County.
4. Guest speaker – Barbara Hardy of the Fairfax County Air Quality staff to address how air quality gets monitored and why the Mount Vernon District has the worst air quality in the County.
5. A TMDL update.
6. Guest speaker – Potomac Riverkeepers to review their mission and status and what we can do.
7. Participate in the annual Alice Ferguson cleanup (usually early April).
8. Possible resolution supporting a beverage container deposit law in Virginia.

The committee was reminded about the annual electronics recycling opportunity held in March, where citizens can recycle computers, TVs, etc., at little or no charge.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the E&R committee will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd, in Room 219 of the South County Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 PM in the Eng Room of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (rescheduled from our usual “first Tuesday” time) in order to focus on Fairfax County’s Prevention strategies and outcomes.

Participating were representatives from MVCCA members Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, Wellington, and Waynewood, with HHS Chair Louise Cleveland and MVCCA Co-chair (and liaison to HHS) David Plummer. Our guest resources were Countywide Prevention Coordinator Denise Raybon and Partners in Prevention Fund Coordinator Sarah White.

“The State of Prevention in Fairfax”

Countywide Prevention Coordinator Denise Raybon guided us through an overview of County Prevention strategies and initiatives that have emerged in the five years since this position was established. In a well organized powerpoint presentation (projected visually and supplied to members in printout), she traced the movement toward information and data-based decisions and “strengths-based and outcome-focused approaches” that build on strong model programs while bringing departments and agencies much closer together—human services, schools, public safety—in an coordinated effort to share resources and accountability for outcomes. A new Partners in Prevention Fund will invest in community preven-

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tive activities, including several in our area. Look for changes across the county, rather than in specific programs run by particular agencies, she suggests.

Major prevention initiatives are focused on children and youth: preventing gang recruitment, domestic violence, child abuse, family homelessness, and more. Increasingly, data are pointing to the importance of underlying community-based wellness or “resilience” and measurable “protective factors.” The Fairfax County Youth Survey begun years ago has blossomed into an increasingly valuable tool for identifying both risk and protective factors—and particular challenges—within regions and school pyramids and communities. Recognizing its value in deploying limited resources to best effect, the County now conducts this survey annually. Encouraging trends among youth, measured from 2001 to 2008, suggest the cooperative multi-faceted “wrap-around” approach is making a difference in the awareness of the community: lower rates of “substance use” and alcohol use, higher perception of opportunities for involvement in positive activities.

Community members noted that the Mount Vernon area is being well served by a number of prevention initiatives for youth, but that citizens also have a great interest in affordable services for seniors that support wellness and “aging in place” and that prevent or delay the need for moving to long-term care. The need for more public education, among young and old, concerning major treatable mental illnesses was borne out by the percentages of youth in Fairfax County who report serious depression and considering suicide (higher than the national average, and higher yet in Mount Vernon in particular). The committee was relieved to hear that new curricula for classroom use and new fact sheets have been developed (see Resources, below.)

MVCCA has deplored the tendency for our prevention programs—even effective models that are admired and implemented in other states—to be the first casualties in times of declining Federal, State, and County revenues and enforced County budget “balancing” through reduction and elimination of services. Affordable early childhood education with childcare, middle school after-school programs, high school “Leadership and Resilience” training have had strong MVCCA support for strengthening and expansion, rather than death by annual cuts. This year, the committee asks whether prevention initiatives will be especially endangered in FY2010, as the “wrap around” fabric of cross-cutting support is strained by the potential for severe cuts in each public service—schools, safety, health and human services.

Raybon reminded the committee that experience in other localities suggests that every dollar CUT from Prevention efforts will INCREASE public expense by roughly \$18, down the road. It is important to keep looking for ways to integrate community awareness, engage voluntary and other resources beyond taxes, and recognize our community assets that are key to building resilience.

Despite the fiscal climate, Raybon points to positive developments:

- Unprecedented degree of partnership, emerging between County agencies (such as the CSB, Dept. of Family Services, Community & Recreation Services, Health Dept. etc.) and Public Schools;
- The new Partners in Prevention Fund, which supports private nonprofit organizations in partnership with county; Growing understanding that we can and must engage community resources beyond tax dollars.

New Resources

New resources—a Countywide Prevention Newsletter, curricula for elementary through high school students, fact sheets, information on neighborhood initiatives in Human Services Region I—are available for those who wish to learn more. Try these county web site pages:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/prevention

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gangprevention

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/afterschool.htm

www.fcps.edu/schlbd/sg/index.htm

FY 2011—State legislators’ view

The HHS meeting was rescheduled to allow concerned citizens to attend the Jan. 5 public meeting of the Route 1 Task Force for Human Services, when all our elected state representatives were invited to participate, just before going to Richmond for the start of the 2010 sessions. Senators. Toddy Puller and George Barker were joined by Delegates Scott Surovel and Mark Sickles in a song of dismal expectations. All fear that damaging cuts will not be averted even in the areas that, last year, were preserved by Stimulus funds. Damaging reductions in Medicaid funding, mental health, and K-12 education look unavoidable. Moreover, the full local impact of state budget reductions will not be known at the time the County’s Advertised Budget Plan is presented, reviewed, and approved (see below, **Feb. 23**).

Sen. Barker did offer hope for positive work in areas that do not require new funding, perhaps in juvenile mental health reform and in establishing targets and goals for building services in the years ahead.

Public Meetings on Human Services Concerns

Mark your calendars, please, and watch the HHS web page for changes. HHS meets jointly with Public Safety Committee on THURSDAY, FEB. 4, 7-9 PM, at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, on neighborhood emergency preparedness. Other meetings—important for informed participation in Fiscal Year 2011 planning for Health and Human Services—are anticipated on Feb. 25, Feb. 27, March 2, and March 9, as described below.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 7-9 PM, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets jointly with Public Safety Committee, to consider how neighborhood associations may help neighbors engage in all-hazards emergency preparedness, at the Mount Vernon

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Governmental Center (Parker's Lane). Chairs Louise Cleveland (HHS), 703 780-9151, and Dallas Shawkey, 703-360-2185.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, for a quarterly update on operations at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and planning for both IMVH and the future Lorton Healthplex.

Tuesday, Feb. 23, Fairfax County Advertised Budget Plan for FY2011 is presented to the Board of Supervisors, in a morning session at the Fairfax County Government Center, televised on the public access channel 16. Shortly afterward, the full Budget Plan, the ppt presentation, and the executive summary (Citizen Guide) will be published on the county web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov, for public review in March (with public testimony at BOS hearings on April 6, 7, and 8, BOS mark-up April 20, and approval April 27. Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2011 begins July 1, 2010.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 PM, Route One Task Force for Human Services convenes at South County Center, Verdia Haywood Conference Center (2nd floor), 8350 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria VA 22309. Deputy County Executive for Human Services Pat Harrison will present an overview and answer questions on the *FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan* as it impacts human services (including housing policies). MVCCA members will benefit having a representative at this meeting. Convener Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 AM (venue TBA), AD HOC meeting of HHS Committee to draft a response to the *Advertised Budget Plan*, for consideration of the MVCCA General Council meeting on March 24. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151.

Tuesday, March 2, 7 PM, MVCCA Budget Committee holds an open public meeting with Fairfax County Executive Tony Griffin, Walt Whitman Middle School Knowles Lecture Room, for dialogue on the *FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan*.

Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 PM, HHS Committee meets at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Room (2nd floor, use Yellow entrance and parking please) to focus on approval of a Resolution on FY 2011 Human Services Planning, to be presented to the MVCCA General Council on Wednesday, March 24.

To access recent reports in the monthly MVCCA RECORD on 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. Other links will connect you to informational resources for Fairfax County health and human services, the FY 2011 Budget planning process, and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

PLANNING AND ZONING

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, Montebello, Newington, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley - Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton Homes, and Williamsburg Manor North. There was one land use case, a presentation on the principles of *smart growth*, and no resolutions.

The land use case was for Special Exception Amendment SEA 79-V-093-02. The McDonalds restaurant located at 8735 Richmond Hwy (corner of Cooper Road) wishes to demolish the existing building and build a new more modern McDonalds restaurant. It will continue to have a drive-thru and will operate with the same hours. Some waivers are requested: a reduction in the parking requirement and streetscape plantings. If approved, the new restaurant will have stormwater management features, not currently present, and outdoor lighting that conforms to the current stricter lighting standard. The Committee asked the applicant to consider options to provide landscaping along Cooper Road, eliminate the curb-cut from Richmond Highway, and relocate the proposed bike rack to a safer, more visible location. There was also confusion about whether a bike lane is required in front. The applicant will explore the concerns and return. No resolution was passed.

At 8:30pm the Transportation Committee joined the P&Z Committee for a presentation by Stewart Schwartz of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. The web site is www.smartergrowth.net (not .org). The emphasis is on making land use decisions that will move Richmond Hwy to a more urban experience in the commercial centers like Beacon Hill, leaving other areas for open space or lower density residential. One of our underlying problems is the current need to make a separate driving trip for every function: school, work, shopping, recreation, etc. A well designed center facilitates a "park once, walk between" modality, reducing the number of car trips, and hence, the overall amount of traffic. An example of what is possible was shown by comparing the maps of the redeveloped Gallery Place metro stop in DC and the town of Herndon. About 75% of Herndon would fit within a few blocks of Gallery Place. The difference is lack of building height and the enormous amount of land devoted to parking lots and streets. Additionally, to create an urban streetscape we need to move building fronts out to the curb and put the parking behind.

The Committee also reconsidered the resolutions that were sent back to Committee at the December Council meeting. Committee members will be working with the developers to make the hotels at the IMP site to have mostly brick facades and improve the site synergy. For the Telegraph Road industrial rezoning, the Committee tabled the motion until the specifics of the ball field are finalized.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45. The next meeting is Monday, February 1, 2010, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Mount Vernon, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor North.

Due to unforeseen events, the speakers to give the presentation on the Mall Police were unable to come. They have tentatively been rescheduled for the May 6 meeting.

The meeting opened with a revisit and discussion about the draft resolution on illegal and intrusive motorcycle noise. Co-chair Reynolds attended and brought some new information. He and Todd Koenings, the originator of the resolution, had discussion about the information. Todd will provide the chair with the agreed new information concerning the federal and state code as well as EPA regulations regarding the inspection and maintenance of motorcycle mufflers.

The chair then reviewed the available information on the upcoming Fairfax County budget development for FY 2010. The school superintendent has presented his proposed budget to the FCPS School Board. The county executive will present his proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors on February 23. The county has a funding shortfall of about \$360 million for FY 2011. This will mean another round of painful cuts in both budgets. At our meeting on March 4 we will review the impacts on public safety.

The chair provided copies of the public safety related portions of the Fairfax County Legislative Program for 2010. The Program was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2009. It provides requests to the General Assembly concerning legislation changes that the county would like enacted. The county presented it in December to the General Assembly delegates and senators representing northern Virginia. This document is also the basis for county lobbyist support in Richmond. The chair also provided a copy of the County Executive's memorandum entitled 'Annual Memorandum – State and Federal Lobbying by County Agencies, Boards, Authorities and Commissions – General Assembly, 111th Congress.' This memo serves as an annual reminder concerning Fairfax County's policy on lobbying at the state or federal level. Established County policy prohibits independent lobbying of the Virginia General Assembly, the Governor's Office or any other state agency or official by county agencies, board, authorities or commissions on issues that are not included in the adopted legislative program and/or policies of the Board of Supervisors. This County policy also extends to lobbying legislative issues at the federal level, in particular, with members of Congress or their staff, or executive branch officials.

The committee then reviewed a letter dated December 6, 2009, addressed to Supervisor Hyland from Mr. Nicholas R. Beltrante, a Mount Vernon District resident, proposing the establishment of a

Citizens Review Board. The proposal arises as a result of the incident where David Masters was shot by a policeman after evidently stealing some flowers and being involved in a chase. There is not very much specific information as to the composition of the Board and its powers. However, after discussion, the committee believes that there already exists sufficient internal review in the Police Department and then appropriate access to the Commonwealth's Attorneys office and the courts for follow-on review of police actions. The proposed Board would not add significant additional review and would be redundant to existing review.

The chair deferred consideration of a draft resolution to encourage use of the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) equipment by Fairfax County until additional information supporting the system is obtained. The chair provided copies of the Public Safety Committee meeting schedule for the year.

The next Public Safety meeting will begin at 7:30pm Thursday, February 4 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center in Community Rms. #1-3. It will be a joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee. There will be presentations on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for community associations and Shelter in Place for homeowners.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, January 4, 2010 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were Stewart Schwartz, Coalition for Smarter Growth and representatives of 13 member citizen associations (The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Woodland Park).

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

A BRAC/Rt. 1 Stakeholders Meeting hosted by Congressman Jim Moran was held on January 6, 2010 to discuss transportation improvements related to BRAC in view of \$150 million in federal funds approved for transportation improvements around Fort Belvoir. These federal funds were attached to a Defense Appropriation Bill for transportation improvements. The Transportation Chair was invited to the meeting to represent the citizens of Mt. Vernon Council Member Associations. Prior to the meeting, the chair asked the assembled committee members:

What transportation improvements do we want to see along US. 1?

Committee discussion with Summary from BRAC/US Rt. Stakeholders Meeting:

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Widen U.S. 1 to 6 lanes plus turn lanes from North of Telegraph Road to at least 235 South (intersection with Mulligan Road); two left turn lanes into Pence gate (going south on US 1) as this will be the entrance to the new state-of-the art military hospital; review turnout plans for US 1 prior to construction and observe hospital traffic/logistics after the road is widened. Kathy Ichter, Fairfax County of Transportation indicated that Fairfax County is currently working of the turn lanes and that both two left turn lanes for Pence gate and a left turn lane into the shopping plaza where Burger King are part of their plans.

Rail to Fort Belvoir; public transit into Ft. Belvoir (bus now, rail later - unloading point outside the secured area?) There is a possible rail line from Franconia-Springfield parallel to I-95 and then along the Fairfax County Parkway to Fort Belvoir. However,

Money allocation for US 1 should not go inside Fort Belvoir as the federal funds are for accessing the hospital. As Congressman Moran stated at the BRAC/Rt. 1 Stateholders Meeting, "In order to get that care [from the state-of-the art hospital], you've got to be able to get to the hospital in a reasonable amount of time." Thus, the widening of US 1 is a definite priority of Governor Tim Kaine and Virginia Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer. Fairfax County Chairwoman, Sharon Bulova, also stated that the "Richmond Highway project is #1 for us." Kathy Ichter added that Fairfax County wants to get the project done.

At the January 6, 2010 BRAC/US Rt. 1 Stakeholders Meeting, Kathy Ichter acknowledged that Fairfax County was currently working on the engineering design for widening US 1 and had been for 5-6 months as the County approved \$3 million for the engineering design in July 2009. But, the project is not shovel ready just yet. Supervisor McKay, Transportation Chair of the BOS nodded with Kathy Ichter's statements and Congressman Moran indicated Supervisor McKay will follow through to make sure the designs are timely done.

Pedestrian needs: sidewalk to homeless shelter south of Tulley gate, mid-road islands, and the completion of sidewalks along both sides of US 1 so bus commuters have sidewalks instead of goat paths to cross.

What are BRAC plans for transportation? (The transportation committee would like to see them). At this point in time, plans are not available. But, Kathy Ichter indicated that certain items that Fairfax County would like to see implemented (a flyover from Tulley gate to the Fairfax County Parkway) would take too long before digging occurs. All the officials recognize the time deadline of September 2011 is like tomorrow in transportation time. Plans needed by March 16, 2010 and the money will be obligated in September 2010. Thus, we need to make sure our officials make the March deadline.

RENOVATE, REVITALIZE and REINVENT the Richmond Highway Corridor.

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Stewart Schwartz explained how a "main street" effect could be created without using Richmond Highway as the main street. For example, where there are larger parcels or the possibility of creating larger parcels, a mixed-use development could be created with a grid of streets. These streets to one side of Richmond Highway could establish a walkable community. Not only does a grid of streets make the community more pedestrian friendly, it also serves as a by-pass for traffic when there is an accident on the primary route (Richmond Highway).

Old Business:

VDOT Budget - The Southwood representative reviewed the budget materials that VDOT provided after last months meeting. There are still questions as to who decides on improvements to an area and how the money is allocated in specific categories. With respect to funding allocation, roadway maintenance is given priority first, then roadway construction with roads under "600" (e.g., 235) being distributed via a formula. In 1993-1995, a Northern Virginia transportation program established transportation funding for certain area in the Virginia Code (e.g., Route 28 from a 2 lane road to a super highway). However, US 1 is not mentioned in this list? Does the Commonwealth control improvements on Federal Highways? Can Richmond Highway be added to the list of projects in the Virginia Code?

In summary, VDOT information gave an overview, but does not explain allocation or who and what criteria rank projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next transportation committee meeting will be February 1, 2010 at 8pm in the Walt Whitman Middle School library.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The SCAWH is scheduled to meet **Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:30 pm**, at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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— LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING —

The MVCCA Long Range Strategic Planning (LRSP) Committee met on December 14th and began discussing and outlining the process for creating a MVCCA Long Range Strategic Plan. The Chair presented a draft process plan that outlined a schedule the Committee could follow and for Committee comment. The Committee made revisions to process plan and throughout the discussions the Committee felt it was imperative to build upon the successes of the open, transparent, and engaging process utilized during the creation of the APR Nominations.

The Committee discussions emphasized greater outreach to Council member associations and organizations as well to Community stakeholders throughout the upcoming process. The Chair also presented a feedback form that would be utilized to retain information from the MVCCA Committees as the LRSP Committee also felt it important to further engage and involve all MVCCA Committees as key components in the LRSP Committees work. The feedback form was reviewed by the LRSP Committee and revisions were suggested.

The Chair requested that any further revisions to any of the documents reviewed by the Committee be sent to the Chair prior to the Committees next meeting which was to be held on January 11th, 2010. The Committee then met on January 11th and completed its final review of both the process plan and feedback form. Upon the Committee approval it was agreed that both documents would be forwarded to the MVCCA Board for review and comment at its January 14th meeting.

At the January 14th MVCCA Board meeting the Board reviewed both the process plan and feedback forms and post a few inquiries it was suggested that the LRSP Committee move forward with its work as outlined in the process plan. The process plan as created by the MVCCA LRSP Committee and reviewed by the MVCCA Board can be found below and will be posted on the Committees webpage www.mvcca.org/strategic.htm.

MVCCA Long Range Strategic Planning Process Plan 2010-2011
For MVCCA Long Range Strategic Plan
(Reviewed & Amended Version
Post MVCCA Board 01-14-10 Meeting)
(Dates & Actions may be subject to alternation
due to unforeseen circumstances.)

Phase I (Groundwork):

2010

January 11th – Discuss MVCCA LRSP Process Plan/Schedule & Feedback Form with Committee and decide on draft process plan/schedule to discuss with MVCCA Board.

January 14th – Discuss MVCCA LRSP Process Plan/Schedule & Feedback Form with MVCCA Board and ask for any input/feedback.

January 17th – Forward MVCCA Committee Chairs MVCCA LRSP Feedback Form and request for information by 03/07/10 for MVCCA LRSP meeting on 03/08/10.

January 27th – Inform MVCCA General Council of MVCCA LRSP Process Plan/Schedule and address any comments or questions. Request that MVCCA General Council members present provide contacts and upcoming meetings of their association/organization.

February 8th – Review draft of presentation for Council/Community organizations and create outreach teams with schedule & goals.

March 8th – MVCCA LRSP Committee Meeting to discuss feedback forms received and begin organizing information for presentation to Council/Community organizations.

April 12th – Finalize presentation for Council/Community organizations and update from outreach teams relating to their progress. At this meeting Phase II of the Committee's work including the Committee's meetings shall be outlined and work of Phase II shall commence.

Phase II (Outreach):

April 12th – August 9th

Phase III (Follow Through):

September 13th - Collect and organize the input provided and begin draft of MVCCA Long Range Strategic Plan.

October 11th – Finalize the draft of MVCCA Long Range Strategic Plan for Council/Community meeting at which we will request any further feedback or input.

October 23rd – MVCCA LRSP Community meeting to discuss draft of MVCCA Strategic Plan with community stakeholders.

November 8th – Meet to review results from Community and finalize draft MVCCA Strategic Plan.

November 10th – Send draft of MVCCA Strategic Plan to MVCCA Committee's for final input.

December 13th – Review input received from MVCCA Committee's and finalize draft MVCCA Strategic Plan to be sent to MVCCA Board.

December 15th – Send draft MVCCA Strategic Plan to MVCCA Board.

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January 13th – MVCCA Board review. Upon MVCCA Board approval move forward to MVCCA General Council.

January 17th – Send MVCCA Strategic Plan approved by Board to MVCCA Newsletter.

January 26th – MVCCA General Council vote on MVCCA Strategic Plan

Lastly please contact the Chair of the LRSP Committee Kahan Dhillon with any comments or questions by e-mail at ksdj@regentcompany.com or by phone at 703-768-8437.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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

AGENDA

Call to Order

Approval of Secretary's Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

Published Items and Resolutions

New Business

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Feb. 11, 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	2/2	7:30	Webinar	Cox
EDUC	2/3	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	2/3	7:00	SCGC-Rm219	Plummer
H/HS*	2/4	7:00	MVGC-Rms1-3	Cleveland
PL/Z	2/1	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF*	2/4	7:00	MVGC-Rms1-3	Shawkey
LRSP				Dhillon
TRAN	2/1	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

* H/HS and PSAF (Public Safety) Joint Meeting

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