



Mount Vernon  
Council  
of Citizens'  
Associations

# Record

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## MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

January 27, 2010 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

**PRESIDING:** Co-chair Al Bornmann.

**ATTENDING:** Co-chairs Al Bornmann, David Plummer; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, David Dale, Kahan Dhillon, Judy Harbeck; FCFCA Rep Karen Pohorylo; Treasurer Brenda Hebert; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Huntington Club, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, River Towers, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, United Voice at King's Crossing, Waynewood,

Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills.

**MINUTES** – Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Accepted.

**SUPERVISOR'S TIME** – Supervisor says we need to write to our Northern Virginia legislatures and the Governor and ask that we return to the old formula for figuring the local composite index for school funding; it would mean an additional \$61million for Fairfax County Schools.

Supervisor's APR Task Force includes representation from MVCCA and South County Federation because those are the people who are actively involved in the MV District. He feels that there is no conflict with our by-laws (Board members can't serve on policy-making committees) as this task force is making recommendations, not deciding policy.

\$150 million for Route One Improvements. Decisions need to be made re: how to spend; probably improving north from the County Parkway to Woodlawn.

Assessments will probably be down again this year, tho' not as drastically as last year

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance** – No meeting this month. Next meeting February 3, 7:30, in the WWMS Principal's conference room.

Special meeting Tuesday, March 2, to discuss the advertised County Budget, which will be published February 23. County Executive Tony Griffin has been invited to this meeting.

**Consumer Affairs** – Minutes as published. Next meeting will address restaurant ratings. If you would like your favorite restaurant checked out, sign list or e.mail Queenie at [queenecox@aol.com](mailto:queenecox@aol.com).

**Education** – Minutes as published. Judy echoed Supervisor Hyland's suggestion that we write our representatives and Gover-

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Committee Chairs appointed by the Co-Chairs are listed in this Record under MVCCA BOARD.

Please check the MVCCA web site to download applications for MVCCA's Citizen of the Year, Organization of the Year and Student of the Year to be awarded at this year's Gala.

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nor. She will make bullet points available. Next regular meeting is February 3 at 7:30. Special meeting February 10 at 7:30.

**Environment and Recreation** – Betsy Martin will be the new chair. Minutes as published. A question was raised re: why we have the “worst air quality in Fairfax County,” due to our location between so many heavily-traveled roadways (Parkway, Route One, Beltway).

**Health and Human Services** – Minutes as published. Next meeting will be joint with Public Safety on Thursday, February 4, 7:30 p.m., at MV Governmental Center on neighborhood emergency preparedness. Louise asks that presidents make sure their neighborhoods are represented. Thursday, February 25, 7 p.m. Route One Task Force for Human Services with Deputy County Executive for Human Services to discuss impact of the FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan.

**Planning and Zoning** – Minutes as published. Joint with Transportation for a presentation by Stewart Schwartz of the Coalition for Smarter Growth ([www.smartergrowth.net](http://www.smartergrowth.net)). Next meeting will re-visit the McDonald’s at Cooper Road and draft a resolution on controlling residential compatibility in the County.

**Public Safety** – Minutes as published. Next meeting Thursday, February 4, 7:30 joint with Health and Human Services for presentations on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training and Shelter in Place. Next CERT Training begins March 1

**Transportation** – Minutes as published. Next meeting February 1, 8 p.m., WWMS Library.

**Affordable and Workforce Housing** – The January 21 minutes will be published in the next Record. Next meeting Thursday, February 25.

See article page B4 today’s (1/27) Washington Post on County’s Housing Blueprint.

**Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning** – Minutes as published explain the Council’s vision for the future of the District. Committee would like to make presentations at all neighborhood meetings. Please send contact information and date of your next community meeting to Kahan Dhillon, [KSDJR@REGENTCOMPANY.COM](mailto:KSDJR@REGENTCOMPANY.COM)

**SFDC - Smitty’s property** has been sold. Plans are incomplete but it is expected to be an international market of some sort. Hollywoods and Vines will stay.

Land Design Consultants is interested in a parcel of land in Sacramento Shopping Center for a Burger King. SFDC suggested they review county regulations regarding drive-through windows and request a special exception permit.

National Amusements was contacted regarding the Multiplex site; several retailers are interested, including a Costco, but nothing definite.

SFDC new board members:

- Ed Rowen- Cox Communications/At-Large Board Member
- Derek Sauerwine- Baywood Hotels/At-Large
- Nancy Lindgren- M&T Bank/At-Large
- Jeff Todd- Roy Rogers/Chamber of Commerce Rep
- Philip Son- Sunflower Florist Shop/Chamber of Commerce
- Tamara Wichelns- Hampton Inn Suites/Hyland appointee

SFDC new executive committee:

- Kyle Talente-President
- John Thillmann-First Vice-President
- Roger Reutershan- Second Vice-President
- Steven Blanco-Treasurer

## CO-CHAIRS’ REPORT

Approval of Committee chairs: David Dale is now chair (not acting chair) of Planning and Zoning. Betsy Martin has been appointed chair of Environment and Recreation. All other current Committee Chairs were reappointed for 2010.

New member: Midtown Alexandria Station Condominiums.

Approved 21-1-0.

Catherine Voorhees is our rep to Congressman Moran’s Route One Task Force.

Discussion of the difficulty hearing speakers. Motion to pay for use of the microphone Approved 23-1-0.

<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>			
<b>For period from January 1, 2010 through February 11, 2010</b>			
	<b>Budget 2010</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>	<b>Budget/Actual</b>
<b>Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2010 (1)</b>		<b>\$11,219.16</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Dues	\$4,000	\$3,084	\$(916)
- 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
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$8,300</b>	<b>\$3,084</b>	<b>\$(5,216)</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Record Production	\$2,200	\$110	\$2,090
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	660	40
Strategic Planning Meetings	0	0	0
Student of the Year Stipends	900	0	900
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$8,300</b>	<b>\$770</b>	<b>\$7,530</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of February 11, 2010</b>		<b>\$13,533.16</b>	
(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.			

**MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME**

Former co-chair Dan Burrier's mother died. She was one of the founders of the Mount Zephyr Ladies' Auxiliary which later became Mount Zephyr Citizens Association.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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Both meetings have been snowed out. A special budget meeting with Fairfax County Budget officials will be held 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 regular meeting for the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for March 3, 2010 at 7:30 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's Conference Room.

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**CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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Consumer Affairs held its webinar meeting on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The following member associations participated: New Gum Springs; Potomac Valley/River Bend; Riverside Estates; Stratford Landing; Waynewood; and Co-Chair Bob Reynolds.

The topic for the meeting was *Wanna know how your favorite restaurant fared during its routine inspection?* For more details, please see our minutes in the January 2010 *Record*. See [www.mvcca.org/coaf/Summary\\_of\\_Routine\\_Inspections.pdf](http://www.mvcca.org/coaf/Summary_of_Routine_Inspections.pdf) for a listing of 39-food establishments inspected during 2009. Here are the website addresses used during the session:

Virginia Department of Health website to search for a specific restaurant

[http://www.healthspace.ca/Clients/VDH/Fairfax/Fairfax\\_Website.nsf/food-frameset](http://www.healthspace.ca/Clients/VDH/Fairfax/Fairfax_Website.nsf/food-frameset)

How to get good restaurant service

[http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/542665/how\\_to\\_get\\_good\\_restaurant\\_service.html?cat=51](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/542665/how_to_get_good_restaurant_service.html?cat=51)

Guidelines for tipping

<http://womeninbusiness.about.com/od/tippingetiquette/a/tip-guidelines.htm>

Our next meeting will be a webinar on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Writing a check – Understand your rights and How to protect yourself from check scams. Anyone may participate. Send

the Committee Chair an e-mail so you may receive an invite with the link to the meeting.

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**EDUCATION**

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The Education Committee's scheduled February 3 and February 10, 2010, meetings were both "snowed out."

The February 10 meeting was to be joint with the Budget & Finance Committee, and to feature a presentation by Susan Quinn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, with respect to the School Board Budget adopted February 4, 2010.

Quinn's presentation was rescheduled at a date too late to report in this RECORD.

Budget information in a variety of forms can be found through a link ("FY2011 Budget") on the homepage of the FCPS website [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu). A new e-newsletter called the "Bottom Line" can also be accessed with the budget documents and provides budget facts, dates, a short narrative on the School Board's position, and also answers "rumors." Questions can be e-mailed to [TheBottomLine@fcps.edu](mailto:TheBottomLine@fcps.edu) and those most frequently asked will be answered in the newsletter.

In very general terms, the School Board restored about \$20million of the cuts made by the Superintendent in arriving at his request for about \$60million in additional funding. The School Board Advertised Budget calls for \$2.3billion, and an increase of about \$80million above last year's (and FY2008) levels.

The main items restored were the proposed class size increase, the reduction in assistant principals and instructional aides, and the Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) program. Still in the budget: fees for athletics and tests, no step or COLA for any staff, elimination of some sports, and elimination/reduction of funds for Focus and Excel and the other \$100million plus in cuts made by the Superintendent.

It is important to recognize that the School Board Advertised Budget is dependent on receipt of the approximately \$80million in additional funds. Without that increase, class size, elementary music and strings, assistant principals, instructional aides and a whole panoply of other staff positions and programs will be in jeopardy again.

One positive note is that Gov. McDonnell in his proposed budget has removed the "freeze" on the Local Composite Index (LCI), with the result that (if approved in mid-March) FCPS stands to gain \$60million in state funding both this year and the next since the LCI has a two-year reset period. Of course, since some localities will lose funds based on the LCI indicators, approval is perhaps not a foregone conclusion. Thanks to those of you who wrote to Gov.

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McDonnell urging that the 40 year old reset practice not be arbitrarily halted at a time when the Commonwealth's own formula indicates that more of our tax dollars should return to Fairfax in view of the economic crisis created by high enrollment increases in a time of recession and a real estate crash.

Next meeting: March 3, 2010, 8pm, Whitman MS library

### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 3 February 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 219 of the South County Building. Present were Betsy Martin (chair), David Plummer (MVCCA co-Chair), Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Potomac Valley – Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wessynton Homes, Williamsburg Manor, and Woodley Hills Community Association.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Invasive Species Management on the George Washington Memorial Parkway:** E&R welcomed Kevin Hull, biological science technician for the National Park Service (NPS)—GW Parkway, who works on invasive plant management. The NPS wants to increase volunteer efforts and involvement by community partners, such as local governments and The Nature Conservancy.

Currently, Mr. Hull runs three regular workdays in which volunteers pull invasives:

- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Thursday: volunteers meet in the parking lot and pull English ivy in Theodore Roosevelt Island.
- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Friday: volunteers meet at Belle Haven picnic area parking lot and work on the Haul Road Trail in Dyke Marsh Wildlife Area.
- 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month: volunteers work on TR Island.

The NPS prioritizes sites for invasive removal based on whether (1) removal can be successful, (2) the site has recently been invaded by exotic invasive plants that are not yet out of control, and (3) native plant communities are threatened.

Mr. Hull is very interested in expanding the reach of this program further south on the Parkway, if there are volunteers. (It was suggested that the Saturday program might be expanded to include sites in the southern stretch of the Parkway.) Volunteer "weed warriors" who want to remove invasives from Park Service property must either work under the supervision of a Park Service employee or attend a day-long training course on invasives management offered by The Nature Conservancy. The next training opportunity is May 15. (Mary Travaglini, TNC's Habitat Restoration Manager, is the coordinator for this training course, at 301-897-8570 x210.)

People who want to receive training and/or work on invasives removal in the GW Parkway should contact Kevin Hull at [Kevin\\_Hull@nps.gov](mailto:Kevin_Hull@nps.gov). Or, show up for one of the workdays listed above.

**Long Term Strategic Planning** – The committee had a lively discussion of its scope and objectives, in response to a request for input from the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee, due March 6<sup>th</sup>. The chair will draft up responses based on the discussion and circulate them to the committee for comment.

#### Updates –

The Chair and others attended a presentation about the planned library facility at Mount Vernon. Director Jim Rees, the architect (Adam Gross), and landscape architect answered questions about the design, purpose, and use of the facility and its impacts. Interested E&R committee members may attend a March 1<sup>st</sup> evening presentation at the Mount Vernon auditorium.

The Chair and member Glenda Booth attended the first meeting of a Trash Legislative Working Group sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Both Maryland and Virginia have legislation before their General Assemblies that would put a fee on paper and plastic shopping bags. The sponsoring legislators from each state are involved with this working group.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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

### JOINT MEETING HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES and PUBLIC SAFETY

Two MVCCA Committees, for Health and Human Services (HHS) and Public Safety (PS), met jointly on Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 7:30 PM in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center's community rooms, to focus on what neighborhoods in the Mount Vernon area can do to further "all hazards" emergency preparedness.

Participating were 7 HHS and 11 PS representatives from MVCCA members Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac (2), Hollin Hills (2), Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing (2), Stratford on Potomac, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. IV (2), Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor, with Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland (HHS) and Dallas Shawkey (PS) co-chairing the meeting, and with MVCCA Co-chairs Al Bornmann and David Plummer present. With additional citizen volunteers and county professionals as our invited guest resources, the meeting included 26 keenly interested participants.

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### Detoxification Program

The PS chair opened the meeting with a short update on the Detox Diversion Program, which was one of the programs reviewed at our last joint meeting in June 2009. Detox Diversion offers an alternative to arrest that preserves law enforcement resources and increases safety by transporting intoxicated individuals to a safe place (detoxification program) and offering services that intervene in an individual's addiction. The program funds staff that travel to the site of individuals who are drunk in public and transports them to detoxification services in lieu of arrest. Therefore, police do not have to transport them to the jail (where there are no detox services) or wait at hospital for them to be medically cleared. From the Mount Vernon District this saves police officers, who would otherwise be on patrol, approximately six hours away from the District. The program was cut from the County Budget for FY 2010. However, the Police Department and the Community Services Board thought so much of the program that they came up with some funds to support it and applied to the U.S. Department of Justice for funds to support the personnel positions. An Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant was approved in the amount of \$564,000 to continue the program to June 30, 2011. There were 364 admissions in the first seven months of FY 2010. This represents a criminal justice savings of nearly 1100 hours, approximately three hours per diversion in the County.

### Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness, then and now

Local preparedness has been a continuing interest of both committees since our joint meeting on this theme two and a half years ago (July 10, 2007) clarified both strengths and weaknesses. For individuals, the volume (and somewhat daunting detail) of "preparedness" guides, available from many agencies, inspired some households to "make a plan" and "prepare to shelter in place" for at least some of a bewildering spectrum of scenarios. Fairfax County, having experienced hazards of several kinds, was completing a new "state-of-the-art" center for public safety communications and was planning for better coordinated regional and county-wide response; meanwhile attention to "Systems of Prevention" was stimulating greater coordination among county agencies and the public and private human services network. In the Mount Vernon/Lee area, however, concern was growing—among MVCCA representatives and area residents generally—that local organizations, and especially neighborhood associations, must be equipped to play a more active role in preparing our residents if we were to build a more effective response to the wide array of potential community hazards. Our first class professionals in emergency response could not do this job alone.

Our February 4, 2010, meeting made it clear that

- **County progress in expanded preparedness is now significant;**
- **Individual and household responsibility to prepare for "Sheltering in Place," for at least 3 days, is now obvious** (though each household cannot/should not prepare in the same way, and many need a link to neighborhood resources); and

- **Forging the neighborhood link**--voluntary neighborhood preparedness, with individuals trained and capable of connecting to both to other local resources and to county informational updates and coordination—**is vital, and barely begun.**

**Local voluntary all hazards preparedness**—planning and basic training for practical, appropriate responses to the full spectrum of potential communitywide emergencies—**is needed, in every neighborhood. The good news is that this is now achievable** with assistance from expanded County resources: e.g., improved web-based information, speakers and presentations for local groups, and training that can be scheduled locally as groups of volunteers are formed. Volunteers are especially needed, in our area, to train for two key groups of responders: the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

The presentations to the joint committees covered four areas: Sheltering in Place, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Citizens Corps Council, and the Medical Reserve Corps/Health Dept. role.

### Sheltering in Place

*Fire Marshal Paula Woodrum and Battalion Chief Anthony Barrero* opened their presentation with a review of how emergencies and disasters can strike quickly and without warning and force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What will you do when basic services – water, electricity, gas or telephones -- are cut off? Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. Families can cope with disaster by preparing in advance and by working as a team. The following are the basic steps: (1) Get informed, (2) Make a plan, (3) Assemble a disaster supplies kit, and (4) Maintain your plan and kit. Knowing what to do is your best protection and your responsibility.

*Getting informed* involves learning about specific hazards that threaten your community (e.g., hurricanes, etc.) and about your risk from those hazards. This information can be obtained from the Fairfax County Emergency Management Office. Learn about community plans, and designated emergency shelters. Ask about the emergency plans and procedures that exist in places where you and your family spend time, such as places of employment, school, and child care centers. Find out how local authorities will warn you of a pending disaster and how they will provide information to you during and after a disaster.

*The second step is to make a plan.* It needs to be developed with the whole family. Review the information you have gathered about community hazards and plans. Identify an 'out-of-town' contact. Following a disaster, family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know the contact's phone numbers. Then decide where you will meet after a disaster. In the event of an emergency, you may become separated from each

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other. Choose a place right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency there, like a fire. Choose a location outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Complete a Family Communication Plan. Your plan should include contact information for family members, work, and school. Your plan should include information for your out-of-town contact, meeting locations, and emergency services. A sample form for recording this information can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) – or at [www.redcross.org/contactcard](http://www.redcross.org/contactcard). In a fire or other emergency, you may need to evacuate on a moment's notice. Be ready to get out fast. Be sure everyone knows the best escape routes out of your home as well as where the safe places are in your home for each type of disaster. Plan for those with disabilities and other special needs. Plan for your pets. Prepare for different hazards.

*A disaster supplies kit* is a collection of basic items a family will probably need to stay safe and be more comfortable during and after a disaster. The kit items should be stored in a portable container(s) as close as possible to the exit door. The items to be included are three-day supply of nonperishable food and manual can opener; three-day supply of water (one gallon of water per person, per day); portable, battery-powered radio or television and extra batteries; flashlight and extra batteries; first aid kit and manual; sanitation and hygiene items; matches in a waterproof container; whistle; extra clothing and blankets; kitchen accessories and cooking utensils; photocopies of identification and credit cards; cash and coins; special needs items such as medications, contact lens solutions, and hearing aid batteries, items for infants, and pet supplies; tools; a map of the local area; and other items to meet unique family needs.

Each family should designate a safe room to move to in the event of a chemical or biological incident. The kit should be made available there. A supply of duct tape and plastic sheeting is needed to seal the door and window edges. Rolled wet towels may be used to seal the bottom to doors.

*Finally, maintain your plan.* Review it with your family every six months. Conduct fire and evacuation drills on a regular basis. Check food supplies for expiration dates and discard or replace shored water and food every six months. Test your fire extinguisher (s). Test smoke alarms monthly and change batteries at least once a year.

The Joint Fairfax County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) has prepared a DVD entitled 'Sheltering in Place' for the county. It may be seen on Channel 16, on the Fairfax County website, and copies of it may be obtained through the LEPC office of the Fire and Rescue Department.

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

*Terry Akins*, a CERT Instructor, gave a presentation on the CERT training program provided by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and set up an exhibit of CERT information for the committees' review. He was joined by *Judy Howell*, who will be an

instructor with the CERT class that begins March 1 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

A major disaster is coming sometime. It could be a flood, major fire, or a terrorist act. When a widespread disaster strikes, emergency agencies will likely be overwhelmed and will be unable to respond in a timely manner to destruction in all neighborhoods. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT trains county residents in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. They can organize spontaneous, untrained volunteers to provide needed services. They also collect disaster intelligence to assist professional responders who are trying to allocate limited resources. When help does arrive, CERT members provide this useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed.

CERT training covers areas crucial to minimizing death and destruction from an incident. These areas include (1) disaster preparedness—actions to take before, during and after a disaster, how to operate in a safe and appropriate manner, and the CERT concept and organization, as well as applicable laws governing volunteers; (2) fire suppression—safe use of fire extinguishers, controlling utilities, extinguishing small fires; (3) medical aid—diagnosing and treating airway obstructions, bleeding, and shock, using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques, head to toe assessment for patient evaluation, establishing a medical treatment area and performing basic first aid in a safe and sanitary manner; (4) search and rescue—planning, assessing situation and determining safe action, search and rescue techniques, rescuer and victim safety; (5) disaster psychology and team organization—signs and symptoms that might be experienced by disaster victims and workers, CERT organization with management principles and the need for documentation; (6) disaster simulation—hands on practice with skills learned during training sessions; and (7) "terrorism response"—terrorism threats and strategies in response, provided by the Department of Homeland Security.

Normally, CERT training is accomplished at the Fire Academy which, unfortunately, requires several long drives to the western end of the county. Recently, we have arranged to have the training class instruction portion brought to the Mount Vernon Governmental Center so that only one trip to the Fire Academy is required, for the final practical exercise. The first class was conducted Sep-Nov 2009, with 21 graduates certified. The next class will start Monday evening, March 1, and run for five consecutive Mondays for 2 1/2 hours at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Attendees must be county residents and be at least 18 years of age.

### Citizen Corps Council

*Al Bornmann*, the Mount Vernon District representative on the Fair-

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fax County Citizen Corps Council, gave a presentation on the Council. The purpose of the Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safe, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. It builds on community strengths and develops action plans to involve the whole community, including local businesses. Working directly with the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Fire and Rescue, Police, and Health Departments, the Council brings together first responders and other community organizations crucial to emergency preparedness and the development of volunteer opportunities and training to meet community needs.

The core programs under the Council are Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), CERT, and Fire Corps.

### Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) / Health Dept. role

Fairfax County Health Department Emergency Coordinator *Marc Barbieri* explained that the department's mission is

- to monitor for biohazards (checking air, water, reports from hospitals, etc.),
- to identify specific emergent threats (recognizing that pandemic infectious disease, environmental hazards, or a deliberate terrorist bio-attack could develop very quickly, for example, here in Mount Vernon),
- to plan for a medical response to potential hazards that is specific and effective for a particular event in a particular location, and to deliver medical supplies that are needed. Local area plans include mapping of sites for potentially hazardous materials and also preparing a number of storage sites for stockpiled medical supplies for response.

However, the key to effective mass medical response within the Mount Vernon area—for example, if an event calls for mass inoculations or dispensation of specific medications to a large population within a period of 3 days—will be the local voluntary citizen group that is prepared in advance to assist the limited number of trained professionals in public safety and medical care, in setting up and organizing local sites for such mass medical response. Barbieri emphasized that a County of 1.3 million people, employing fewer than 2 thousand responders, must have volunteers in a disaster area who are trained to help, safely and effectively. The voluntary Medical Reserve Corps, established nationally in 2002 and in Fairfax County in 2003, has a thousand volunteers countywide who have received initial training (about 10 hours in the first year), annual updates, and opportunity to participate once a year in a mass training exercise. This Corps enhances County preparedness immeasurably, at a savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

*Barbara Watts*, Medical Reserve Corps volunteer and trainer, and member of the MRC Mount Vernon High School team, urged the committee representatives to become “Ambassadors for the MRC”

in the Mount Vernon District. She described the local need to recruit many more volunteers and emphasized the simplicity of participation: initial training can be done in a limited time frame (often as a small group meeting scheduled locally), with additional materials and updates on-line. Volunteers learn the basic organizational plan and the range of jobs to be filled (most of which do NOT require medical training), so that each can choose a role on the local team that suits personal skills and receive any specific training or information needed.

In Mount Vernon District, the logistics of readiness to operate mass immunization centers when needed means we should have 2 teams (for 2 daily shifts) of 240 trained volunteers for each of the three public high school sites in the Mount Vernon District. MRC enrollments, currently, are South County 88, West Potomac 111, and Mount Vernon 100. Our goal should be to identify and train 480 volunteers in readiness to work at each.

Barbieri and Watts emphasized that need for an organized response could arise at any time in our area and will prevent dangerous delays and confusion over local transport to sites, waiting times, and necessary screening and paperwork to administer medications safely. Preparedness, with volunteers ready to support the available professionals, would mitigate the threat and enhance health and safety for the entire community.

### Emergency Preparedness Information

Go to the County's information page, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency), for updates and for links to essential information that will help individuals and households prepare: make a plan, receive alerts (see CEAN) and communications, assemble a basic kit. (Hint: print out the “Important Phone Numbers” page, now, before the next failure of utility systems.)

“Know your neighbor”—and discuss your neighborhood's needs and resources at a neighborhood meeting—may be the ideal starting point for improving Emergency Preparedness in our area. The PS and HHS Committees will develop a list of links to suggestions and resources for Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness with the goal of posting it on the MVCCA public web site.

### Public Meetings on FY 2011 Budget Plan

**On Tuesday, February 23**, the *Fairfax County Advertised Budget Plan for FY 2011* will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, in a morning session televised on public access Channel 16. Shortly thereafter, web site [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) will publish the County Executive's slide presentation and summary (Citizen Guide) as well as the full budget with all line items, for public review and testimony to the Board of Supervisors at hearings on April 6, 7, and 8.

**On Tuesday, March 2**, 8 PM, the MVCCA (through its Budget Committee) will host a public meeting with County Executive Anthony Griffin, in the Jack Knowles Lecture Room of Walt Whitman Middle School, to discuss questions on the *Advertised Budget Plan*.

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### Public Meetings on Human Services

#### Thursday, Feb. 18, 7 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task

**Force** meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, for an update on operations at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital and planning for the future Lorton Healthplex.

#### Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 PM, Route One Task Force for Human

**Services** convenes at Verdia Haywood Conference Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Deputy County Executive for Human Services Patricia Harrison will present the *FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan* as it impacts human services (including housing).

**Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 AM-1 PM, AD HOC meeting of MVCCA's HHS Committee**, in INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital (IMVH) Board Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), to draft a response to the *Advertised Budget Plan*.

**Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 PM, MVCCA's HHS Committee meets**, in IMVH Engh Room, to finalize language and approve a Resolution on "FY 2011 Health and Human Services Planning," for consideration by the MVCCA General Council at their March 24 meeting.

### Public Meeting on Public Safety

#### Thursday, March 4, 7:30 PM, MVCCA's Public Safety

**Committee** meets in Community Rm. #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center, to review the *Advertised Budget Plan for FY 2011* impact on Public Safety with representatives from the Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Department.

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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 Club, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wessynton Homes, and Williamsburg Manor North. There was one land use case and one resolution.

The land use case was for Special Exception Amendment SEA 79-V-093-02 to replace the McDonalds restaurant located at 8735 Richmond Hwy (corner of Cooper Road) with a new more modern McDonalds. It will continue to have a drive-thru and will operate with the same hours. If approved, the new restaurant will have stormwater management features, not currently present, outdoor lighting that conforms to the current stricter lighting standard, and eliminate the parking between the building and Richmond Highway. The applicant has agreed to provide landscaping along Cooper Road and to relocate the proposed bike rack to a safer, more visible location in the front. The Committee voted to "not oppose" the application, as presented.

Next, the Committee discussed the land use options for several parcels on the east side of Richmond Highway just south of East Lee Avenue (ye olde "Dairy Queen" site). These parcels are the subject of an out-of-turn Plan Amendment (S09-IV-MV2) that will be heard by the APR Task Force. The site is part of the Beacon Hill Community Business Center (CBC) so higher density may be

appropriate, but the lots are very shallow and border residential land, so low density may be better. The Chair was seeking guidance from the Committee so he can bring the recommendations forward to the APR Task Force. The Committee was not overly concerned with the density, and recommended that 1) the building (s) should be brought forward to Richmond Highway, 2) all parking is behind and underneath 3) the buffer for the residential zone not be reduced or waived, and 4) use can be an office, retail, residential mix with a preference for smaller non-national-chain retail or restaurant.

Next, the Committee moved on to consideration of a draft resolution that requests a change in the zoning ordinance (ZO) to add a definition of and requirement for residential compatibility. The Comprehensive Plan speaks to infill compatibility, but by-right infill is only restricted to the ZO which does not specifically restrict or control house compatibility (think: McMansions). More work is needed on the resolution to make it both effective and enforceable, yet not burdensome to prospective developments and homeowners.

Lastly, the Committee provided feedback to the Chair to be brought forward to the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. The LRSP Committee feedback consists of goals and desires in the purview of the P&Z Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40. The next meeting is Monday, March 1, 2010, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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This month Public Safety Committee held a joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee. The minutes for that meeting are printed in this Record as Joint Meeting Health & Human Services and Public Safety.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center Community Rm. #3. We will be reviewing the impact of the Fairfax County Executive's Advertised Budget for FY 2011 on the Police and on the Fire and Rescue Departments. Capt Moyer will brief us on the impact on the Police. A representative from Fire Station #9 will discuss the impact on them.

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## TRANSPORTATION

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The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, February 1, 2010 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were Bob Reynolds, MVCCA co-chair and representatives of 17 member citizen associations (Belle Haven Civic, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Montebello, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Potomac Valley-River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens,

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Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills). The January minutes of the Transportation Committee, as written in the Record, were approved.

1. **The 2010 Virginia General Assembly** convened in Richmond on January 13<sup>th</sup> and will adjourn on March 13<sup>th</sup> (unless the session is lengthened due to snow days). The Chair brought several transportation bills that are pending to the attention of the Transportation Group. The Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance is monitoring transportation bills and those interested in these bills should consult [nvta.org](http://nvta.org) (click on Virginia General Assembly on the left).

Under Planning and Prioritization, 10 bills are pending, except for two, Northern Virginia legislators are the chief patrons.

House Bill 818 (and its companion Senate Bill 634): Our delegate Scott Surovell is the chief patron and there are 20 House patrons and four Senate patrons sponsoring this bill. This bill relates to the composition of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and would change representation on the CTB based on current Congressional districts. Thus, Northern Virginia would go from one CTB member to three CTB members. However, the composition of the Board would only be increased by 1 person.

The idea is to increase the number of CTB representation to metropolitan areas in order to get more funding for highway projects in Northern VA. Politically, do not know if the rest of the Commonwealth would agree with Board representation based on population.

A second bill (HB 1131) was brought by Delegate Keam from Vienna. The composition of the CTB would be changed to increase the number of Board members from Northern Virginia by one, and provides for the allocation of construction funds within primary, urban and secondary systems by the CTB based on (i) population, (ii) traffic congestion, (iii) ambient air quality, (iv) functional classification of highways, and (v) other important objectives as determined by the CTB. Both of these bills would increase Northern Virginia's representation on the board that decides how to allocate transportation funds.

HB 277 brought by Delegate Albo requires the CTB to establish a Washington Bypass transportation corridor. The substitute bill (2/4/2010) indicates that the bypass will only be completed when Maryland has a similar facility and that it will be a toll road.

Under Funding, there are 21 bills pending. These are bills designed to improve the transportation funding of the Commonwealth. In addition, there is a construction funding bill (HB 1103 - Sickles) that allocates primary system highway construction funds among the nine highway construction districts on the basis of the ratio of vehicle miles traveled on primary highways divided by the

lane miles of primary highways in each highway construction district, weighted 90% and a need factor, weighted 10%.

And there are two bills directed to Highway Maintenance Funding:

- HB 276 (Albo) requires the CTB, when allocating funds for highway maintenance, to do so on the basis of achieving a minimal level of disparity among highway construction districts in meeting asset performance standards (substitute bill engrossed by the House 2/11/2010).
- HB 1124 (Keam) would increase payments to districts where traffic volumes exceed the state average by more than 20 percent (tabled 2/2/2010).

The purpose of this agenda item was to see if the Transportation Committee members felt a need to advocate these bills, or modifications, or to pass other comments on to the legislature. The Chair encouraged individuals to write to their delegates concerning bills that mirrored some of the concerns that the committee had over the last year. (Funding, planning and prioritization, rail, etc.).

Discussion:

The transportation committee felt that our primary need is to widen U.S. Route 1 to 6 lanes from Buckman Road/Rt. 235 to Lorton. While most of our local government officials (Moran, Hyland, McKay, Bulova, State delegates and State Senators, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, etc. are on board, the funding issue determines where U.S. Route 1 will be widened first. That is, what locations will provide the longest widened area at the lowest price?

The officials mentioned above recently experienced the AM rush hour traffic jam on U.S. Route 1 as they drove via the Fairfax County Parkway through Fort Belvoir to the South County Center for the BRAC/Rt. 1 Stakeholders Meeting at 8am. Thus, they are currently sympathetic to the need for Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) to be widened. However, the area most probably to be widened is from the Fairfax County Parkway north to Mulligan Road. Congressman Moran was able to find \$150 Million to widen that section of U.S. Route 1, but the Richmond Highway Community needs to lobby our legislature to come up with the money to widen U.S. Route 1 from Buckman Road/235 to Mulligan Road. Thus, there is a need for legislation for transportation funding.

Based on expenditure for Right-Of-Way, the officials' priorities for widening U.S. Route 1 are:

1. through Fort Belvoir
2. US1 N of Fort Belvoir to Buckman Road (Mike's Restaurant)
3. U.S. 1 S of Armistead Rd to Gordon Blvd in Prince William County

This order is acceptable to the transportation committee as they realize segments must be built.

It is noted that the segment from Buckman Road (south) to Buckman Road (north)/ 235 North is missing. The chair explained that the most business impact is on that section of the road. A U.S. 1

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center-line study has existed for over 5 years and according to that study, the number of businesses affected is a small percentage of the total. However, the Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber believes that the widening will put a number of businesses out of business. Thus, the Mount Vernon Council should work with the Chamber and Lee District to establish a vision for reinventing the Richmond Highway corridor.

On easements, Virginia differs from most other states in that usually VDOT owns the land under sidewalks, etc. That is, in Virginia, one does not own the land under the sidewalks where in other states, it is the property of the person whose house is located on the parcel of land. Thus, while the state may have had an easement for over 40 years for a frontage road, for example, the state usually buys the land on which the frontage road exists unlike in other states.

Regarding a flyover at Tulley gate and the Fairfax County Parkway, such efforts usually require an environmental impact statement, which takes years to complete, and thus would delay a project by years. Since BRAC will occur according to law in September 2011, officials are in agreement that road widening must occur quickly.

In addition, smart signal light/timing technology could be put to better use on US1. Currently, if a car comes to a stop at a side road, the traffic light on the main road changes to red making a car stop, even if there is only one car on the main road. Smart technology can indicate how many cars are on the main road and when the light should change to red thereby avoiding unnecessary interruptions.

Other Gen Assembly bills of interest:

A constitutional amendment to establish permanent and separate transportation funding (HJ 5 was continued from 2009).

HB 47 would provide a tax credit to employers for expenses incurred in allowing employees to telework pursuant to a signed telework agreement for taxable years on or after January 1, 2011, but before January 1, 2013. An employer would be eligible for a credit of up to \$1,200 per teleworking employee.

Other pertinent input: Puller/Surovell Town Meeting (January 23, 2010)

Concerning funding budget, Governor Kaine's proposed budget vs. funding budget proposed by Governor McDonnell. The new Governor did not indicate his priorities except to state that there would be no new state taxes.

The committee discussed the school budget and wondered why the state (and local government) does not provide funding for transportation needs.

**2. Long Range Strategic Planning (LRSP)** The Transportation Committee's representative to the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee, Frank Cihak (Southwood), brought the committee up-to-date on what the LRSP committee was searching for feedback from all of the MVCCA committees. The Transportation Committee discussed the Feedback Form generated by the LRSP committee. Frank Cihak will draft our feedback for transportation committee approval, argument, critique, etc. for our March meeting based on our 2007 goals.

Add MAINTENANCE to the list (maintenance should be done routine, but it is not, and is often overlooked)

Add LIGHTING and STRIPING. While both could be part of Pedestrian Safety, improved lighting at intersections and where driveways are located would help motorist. In addition, reflective paint striping is needed in many locations. It is difficult to see where the lanes are in the rain.

### 3. New Business

a. If you have potholes in your neighborhood, telephone VDOT at 703 383-VDOT to report them. VDOT fixed the reported potholes in Hollin Hall Village within 2 days of receiving the complaint.

b. storm drains - stormwater is supposed to enter the storm drains and drain to a nearby creek. However, if the storm drain does not work (pooling of water instead of draining), Fairfax County is only responsible if there are internal clogs of the pipings. It is VDOT's responsibility if the water pools on the roads. The chair would like to know if other communities are having problems with their storm drains. Please contact Catherine Voorhees ([cmvoorhees@cox.net](mailto:cmvoorhees@cox.net)) or your transportation committee representative.

c. Intersection of Quander/BelleView Blvd at West Potomac High School during morning drop off and afternoon pick up. The new West Potomac High School principal is concerned about student safety and has established a bus lane and a car lane for dropping off of students. While this system may slow traffic dropping off students at the school, the back-ups on Quander Road and Belle View Boulevard are quite lengthy. One parent complained that they needed to cross Fort Hunt Road by 7am to enable their student to be on time for a 7:20 am class start. At that hour, it takes 4 minutes to travel from the Quander Road intersection to West Potomac High School.

The Hollin Hills Transportation member will address the group next month to discuss what the MVCCA can do to assist both student safety and keeping the roads from being clogged.

d. After attending the Washington Car show, the Woodley Hills Transportation member indicated that the future is for more use of electric cars. Thus, gas use may go down (?) and likewise revenue from the gas tax will go down. So should legislators consider tax-

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ing drivers on the number of vehicles miles that they drive? Apparently, in Europe, citizens are taxed per vehicle mile.

Before we move to electric cars, infrastructure planning is needed so that charging stations are built into buildings or buildings can be retrofitted with a charging station. Questions also exist as to how does one pay for charging their batteries.

e. On February 1, 2010, the Fairfax County Code was revised to make expand parking restrictions in residential neighborhoods. The Chair had an over 30 foot long moving trailer parked in her front yard (within 15 feet of the fire hydrant). The trailer had three axles and was over 8 foot in height. But, would the police implement the law?

The Chair telephoned the police non-emergency number at 6pm and left her complaint. After the Transportation Committee meeting, around 10pm, the Chair called the police non-emergency number again and asked if the police gave the commercial vehicle a warning. The officer explained that he did not see any notations about the Chair's complaint. But, after being told that the expanded parking restriction became effective that day and that the Transportation Committee discussed whether or not the police would leave a ticket, the officer had a local police officer look into the matter. A police cruiser arrived and issued a ticket to the illegally parked trailer. The next morning, the Chair called the moving van company and explained that their truck was illegally parked overnight in a residential neighborhood.

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

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING**

The January monthly meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. The following community organizations were represented: Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV and Woodley Hills Estates. Al Bornmann MVCCA Co-chair was also present.

The Committee will continue to research possible alternatives for making Accessory Dwelling Units more easily attainable for single family homeowners. Coordination will be made with County staff and other interested agencies.

No additional progress was noted on North Hill development. The four new homes built by the County in Woodley Hills last year have now been sold and are occupied.

As requested by the Long Range Planning Committee, the SPAWH goals and objectives are being reviewed and updated as needed.

The committee was provided information on a public hearing on December 8, on the topic of Affordable Housing, Community and Economic Development. The summary outlines current and future County needs for affordable housing.

Elisabeth Lardner, Mt Vernon FCRHA Rep., informed the Committee about a the DRAFT Housing Blueprint that was developed by the County Housing Committee based on the discussion that took place at the 2009 Board of Supervisors retreat. The Blueprint was to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval January 26<sup>th</sup>. Members were asked to review a draft and provide comments if any. The Housing Blueprint was approved. It has four goals:

- To end homelessness in ten years

- To provide affordable housing options to those with special needs

- To reduce waiting lists for affordable housing by half in ten years

- To produce Work Force Housing sufficient to accommodate projected job growth

and includes an option to spend \$10.1 million on affordable housing in the next fiscal year. The Blueprint can be found at:

[http://www.e-ffordable.org/documents/DRAFT%20HOUSING%20BLUEPRINT\\_REVISIED\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.e-ffordable.org/documents/DRAFT%20HOUSING%20BLUEPRINT_REVISIED_FINAL.pdf)

For its next meeting, the Committee is scheduled to attend the Route One Task Force for Human Services meeting on February 25, 2010, 7 pm. at the Verdia L. Haywood Conference Center, South County Center, Second Floor. 8350 Richmond Highway.

### **— LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING —**

Meeting cancelled due to weather conditions. Next meeting will be on March 8th at 7 pm at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

Please contact the Chair Kahan Dhillon with any questions you may at [ksdjir@regentcompany.com](mailto:ksdjir@regentcompany.com) or 703-768-8437.

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# Committee Resolutions

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## PLANNING & ZONING

### **P&Z-2010-001: RESOLUTION ON SEA 79-V-093-02 – MCDONALDS AT COOPER ROAD**

- 1. WHEREAS** McDonalds Corporation owns the land and McDonalds restaurant at 8735 Richmond Highway and
  - 2. WHEREAS** McDonalds wishes to demolish the elderly existing building and replace it with a newer, more modern McDonalds restaurant of approximately 4200 square feet, and
  - 3. WHEREAS** The new building will have environmental benefits by adding storm water management features that are not part of the current development, and
  - 4. WHEREAS** The new building will improve the streetscape by being closer to Richmond Highway with all parking on the side and rear of the lot, and
  - 5. WHEREAS** The new design will facilitate non-car customers by including a bike rack that is in a well lit and visible location and a crosswalk to the bus shelter, and
  - 6. WHEREAS** Within the constraints imposed by the overhead utility lines, the site plan includes landscaping along Richmond Highway and Cooper Road to provide pleasant visual elements to that corner,
- A) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose Special Exception Amendment SEA 79-V-093-02, *as presented*.

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 24, 8 p.m.  
Walt Whitman Middle School  
Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

### AGENDA

#### Call to Order

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

#### Published Items and Resolutions

#### New Business

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

#### Adjournment

## COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	2/25	7:00	see minutes	Jeszenszky
BUDG*	3/2	8:00	WWMS/LH	D. Voorhees
BUDG	3/3	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	3/2	7:30	Webinar	Cox
EDUC	3/3	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	3/3	7:00	SCGC-Rm219	Martin
H/HS	3/9	7:30	IMVH/Engh	Cleveland
PL/Z	3/1	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF	3/4	7:30	MVGC-ComRm3	Shawkey
LRSP	3/8	7:00	MVGC-Rm2&3	Dhillon
TRAN	3/1	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

\* A special budget meeting with Fairfax County Budget officials.

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