



Mount Vernon  
Council  
of Citizens'  
Associations

# Record

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## MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 2010 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

**PRESIDING:** Co-chair David Plummer.

**ATTENDING:** Co-chairs Al Bornmann, David Plummer, Bob Reynolds; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Kahan Dhillon, Judy Harbeck, Betsy Martin, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA and SFDC Rep Karen Pohorylo; Secretary Carol Coyle.

**REPRESENTATIVES from:** Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, \*Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Shadowbrook, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, \*Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor,

United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, \*Woodley Hills. (\* co-chairs, not voting)

Unanimous vote to welcome returning association Union Farm and new association Midtown Alexandria Station.

**MINUTES** – Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Accepted.

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### MVCCA 22nd Annual Gala

You don't want to miss this year's MVCCA Gala. The gala will be held on **Saturday, May 1st** from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn & Suites (at the intersection of Route One & Ft. Hunt Road).

In addition to honoring our 2010 Citizen and Organization of the Year, we will be recognizing our youth. You will meet and learn more about our newest award recipients for Student of the Year.

You will enjoy a luscious catered dinner buffet: mesquite grilled chicken; seared flank steak; grilled shrimp; wild rice; steamed vegetables; garden salad with dressing; sliced fruit tray; cheese tray; rolls with butter; dessert; and coffee. An alternative meal selection will be available upon request in advance.

First, we had an auction with our Mount Vernon District Supervisor, then we had dancing with our Mount Vernon District Supervisor; and last year, we had—Kisses for our Mount Vernon District Supervisor. So, for this year, we have an exciting and rare opportunity for you that includes our Mount Vernon District Supervisor. Stay tuned...make sure you sign up for our listserv to receive more detailed information or check our website every week. Tickets for the gala remain at the 2008 price--\$40 per person.

# Council Minutes

## SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Board Matters for March 23, 2010 includes a list of items that Supervisor Hyland asks the Board of Supervisors to restore to the FY2011 Budget. He will add to his list any additional items that are approved by the Council.

Lorton Healthplex and completion of the Fairfax County Parkway are under way.

RE: Mount Vernon Estate plans for George Washington Presidential Library: What was initially presented to Gerry as a small research library with limited meeting space has escalated to a conference center and two-story library with ample parking for the anticipated 10,000 visitors annually.

The County says that since Mount Vernon is considered a public use, so by right they can build a library. However the land is in an R-2 zone which allows (with a special exception) for a conference center but NOT a library; this seems to be the reason for this change.

They are not required to come to P&Z for our approval. Jim Rees has indicated that they want some level of green building, LEEDS certification. The state does retain some control over the property, primarily if the Ladies should default.

Site plan has to be approved by the County before construction starts. There was some agreement that this was not observed during Mount Vernon's last construction project.

RE: North Hill. Site plan is available at Gerry's office. RHA is considering housing to be constructed on the property. Eleanor Quigley pointed out that there are many unoccupied housing units in the Mount Vernon area that would qualify for low-income or workforce housing and that the money allocated to be spent on North Hill might be better used to purchase some of this real estate.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Affordable and Workforce Housing** – No meeting.

**Budget and Finance** – See minutes. Next meeting April 7; David hopes to have a representative from the State speak to the committee. One resolution.

**Consumer Affairs** – See minutes.

**Education** – See minutes. Things are looking better since the last meeting because of some shifting of money; this is not a supportable way to balance the budget. One resolution.

**Environment and Recreation** – See minutes. Next meeting April 7; John Friedman will speak on Adapting to Climate Change. Potomac Clean-Up is scheduled for April 10; if you are interested, e.mail Betsy at the address on the Council website.

**Health and Human Services** – See minutes for discussion of the committee's annual resolution responding to the County's proposed budget plan for the next fiscal year.

Reorganization made possible reductions in FY 2010 expenditures, but some reductions and omissions in funding of ongoing Initiatives, particularly in mental health and housing, threaten the County's ability to sustain critical services and deserve an MVCCA recommendation to restore funds.

Next meeting Monday April 5, joint with SCAWH, to consider the

BOS approved Housing Blueprint in detail, with Mount Vernon rep to the RHA Elizabeth Lardner and Office to Prevent and End Homelessness Director Dean Klein. One resolution.

**Planning and Zoning** – See minutes. Development of Kings Crossing includes a "Wal-Mart Super Center" (per Wal-Mart's attorney) which will be 50-80% neighborhood grocery.

Two resolutions.

**Public Safety** – See minutes. Next meeting will have a rep from the Fire Department. CERT training began March 8 with 17 people. (David Dale says, "It's GREAT!")

**Transportation** – See minutes. Next meeting April 5 with Jim Rees.

**Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning** – See minutes. "The Listening Tour" already has three neighborhoods signed up with interest expressed by several others. Committee is working with people from Lee District.

**FCFCA** – Federation does not want MLK pool on Fordson Road closed.

### Treasurer's Report For period from January 1, 2010 through April 8, 2010

	Budget 2010	Actual to Date	Budget/Actual
<b>Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2010 (1)</b>		<b>\$11,219.16</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Dues	\$4,000	\$3,714	\$(286)
- 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>\$3,714</b>	<b>\$(4,586)</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Record Production	\$2,200	\$445	\$1,755
Record Postage	0	0	0
Administrative	500	44	456
Gala Expenses	3,200	400	2,800
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
Membership Meeting Exp	0	40	(40)
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$8,300</b>	<b>\$1,589</b>	<b>\$6,711</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of April 8, 2010</b>		<b>\$13,344.16</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.

**SFDC** – SFDC is taking a pro-active approach to Route One development. The Wal-Mart at Kings Crossing is described as a “neighborhood marketplace.” Costco, which plans to occupy the Multi-Plex property, has submitted for a special exception to allow them more than the by-right 80,000 sf.

**GALA** is May 1 at Hampton Inn & Suites. Nominations have closed for Citizen and Organization of the Year and honorees will be selected this weekend by the co-chairs. As yet the guidance counselors at the school have not received any applications from students.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

##### **PZ 2010-02 – ON REZONING 2008-MV-007 IMP BUILDING SITE**

New whereas requests brick; add “in keeping with the desires of MVCCA” Approved 18-1-0.

##### **PZ 2010-03 – ON SE2009-MV-025 CHUCK E. CHEESE**

Development conditions require keeping the area clean. Approved 19-0-0.

##### **HHS 2010-01 FY 2011 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING**

Amendment to remove reference to restoring \$10.1 million in support of the Housing Blueprint. Approved 10-5-4.

Resolution as amended Approved, 13-0-5.

##### **ED 2010-01 IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BUDGET FOR FY 2011.**

Approved 14-0-3.

##### **BF2010-01: MVCCA RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FY2011 BUDGET PLAN, AS ADVERTISED**

Addition proposed by David Dale:

WHEREAS, it is better to implement expense reductions that result in a simple delay or temporary cancellation of a County service rather than to cut funding that results in structural damage to a service that will take years to repair once the budget crisis is over, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, in an effort to limit structural damage to County agencies due to budget cuts, redirects all funding for the HCD/RHA proposed development of North Hill for FY2011 into public safety, human services, and education, resulting in the delay of the North Hill project by one year.

Approved 8-5-5.

Before posting on the website, changes will be made to reflect the Resolutions from Education and Health and Human Services Committees.

Resolution as amended Approved 11-3-4.

#### **CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

Note that legislators passed our request that the MVCCA nominations for changes to the Comprehensive Plan not have to pay the associated fee.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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### **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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No meeting was held this month. The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be May 5, 2010 at 7:30 at the principal’s conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School.

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### **CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, Consumer Affairs did not have a meeting. The webinar topic on Wiki will be discussed on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. Presented by Ron Altemus (Potomac Valley/ River Bend). So mark your calendars!

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### **EDUCATION**

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The Education Committee met at 8pm on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Sulgrave Manor, Pinewood Lakes, Stratford Landing, Riverside Estates and Riverside Gardens. Co-chair Al Bornmann also attended.

The Chair briefly discussed plans to testify at the County budget hearings on April 8, and distributed copies of the intended presentation and the resolution urging full funding of the School Board budget, as modified and passed by the Council.

Other members who had already testified or observed previous testimony discussed their impressions, noting that the vast majority of speakers appeared to be voicing strong support for schools and/or urging the Board to adopt the 1.12 residential property tax rate in view of the needs of a variety of County services. Many also urged consideration of new and diversified revenue sources, including a meals tax.

School budget issues that were specifically mentioned by speakers included music programs, foreign language in the elementary school (FLES), athletic and test fees, Project Excel and Focus.

The Chair noted that, once funding is known, we will have a further opportunity to speak to the School Board regarding allocation of funds including to programs, such as Project Excel and Focus that were cut in the Advertised School Board Budget.

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## ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Members noted that part of the administration's rationale for eliminating/reducing some programs which particularly affect our area was a proposed staffing formula redesign. Currently, schools with high levels of disadvantaged students receive additional staffing (which helps reduce class size and provide instructional support) on a sliding scale based on percentage of overall enrollment. Some also have other staffing resources, such as Excel and Focus.

The new plan would apparently have resources "follow" the children affected so they would be allocated more on a headcount basis than percentage of enrollment. Assuming that additional resources are allocated to staffing (which does not in fact appear to be the case), this might not significantly affect our schools which have many disadvantaged students but it is potentially problematic for several reasons—not the least of which is that no new resources are planned so some diversion from neediest schools is inevitable.

Additionally, the premise for additional staffing based on enrollment percentage was recognition that it is the large numbers of needy students which create a very serious impact on a school whereas schools with relatively low numbers of such students are better able to address needs without school wide impact. In other words, it is the high percentage which puts schools in difficulty, not just the presence of some such students. Abandoning that reality would divert scarce resources to relatively wealthy schools with only a few disadvantaged students and very likely without the control or structure provided by specific programs like Excel and Focus, so that those resources could be used as the principal sees fit, not necessarily for the specific benefit of needy students.

This is a subject the Committee will likely address in future meetings and perhaps comment to the School Board in May.

Another subject which the Committee will soon address are School Improvement Plans (SIP). These have existed for some time with varying degrees of effectiveness but have recently received greater attention and emphasis. The SIP is created by each school through a process involving administration and teachers and often parents. It is intended to highlight each year one or more particular concerns specific to that school, provide a clear blueprint for how the school will address the issue and measure progress toward a goal. All teachers and administrators are expected to know the SIP and implement it as it applies to their areas of activity. Cluster superintendents are also involved in the formulation and eventually approve each school's SIP, which are available for review on the school's webpage. As examples, the SIPs for Mount Vernon High School and West Potomac High School can be found at, respectively: [http://www.fcps.edu/MtVernonHS/about/forms/school\\_improvement\\_plan.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/MtVernonHS/about/forms/school_improvement_plan.pdf) and <http://www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/documents/2009-10/2009-10%20WP%20SIP%20edit%208.pdf>

The Committee also briefly discussed communication and outreach issues and may explore this perennial concern in future meetings as well.

Next meeting: May 5, 2010, 8pm, Whitman MS media center.

The committee met on 7 April 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, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont Community Association, and Wellington.

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

### Updates—

- David Plummer gave an update and background on the North Hills project. The Redevelopment Housing Authority submitted a site plan for the residences at North Hill in February, and it is now under review by the County. The chair will invite a RHA representative to a future E&R meeting to answer questions about the project.
- Glenda Booth briefed the committee on the County's proposal to eliminate funding for 4 of 5 air quality monitors, including the one in Mount Vernon district, which records the highest level of ozone in the county. That leaves only the state-funded air quality monitor in Lee District Park. The Board of Supervisors is now considering the County Executive's proposal to not fund the four county-operated monitors and Virginia officials have said they will not take over the four county-operated monitors. Air quality data are required to be collected by states and reported to the EPA under the Clean Air Act. The metropolitan Washington area, including Fairfax County, does not meet the federal standard for ozone. The state uses the data to develop a State Implementation Plan, and a monitoring plan. The issue with removal of this monitor is that it has the highest reading on ozone levels over time. Eliminating the highest reported values results in an underestimate of air pollutants. Hyland will raise concerns about de-funding of air quality monitors in a BOS meeting. Congressman Gerry Connolly plans to send a letter to US EPA. Larry Zaragoza has also prepared a letter for MWAQC consideration to send to the Virginia DEQ urging that this monitor not be closed. Monitors with lower reported ozone levels should be the ones to be closed if any are closed.
- Christa Cook raised concerns about bus idling at Mount Vernon Estate. Dave Plummer will arrange for a letter to be sent by the co-chairs, as it has been in the past.
- Glenda Booth invited E&R members to an event May 4, 5, and 6; Friends of Dyke Marsh needs volunteers to provide adult presence while 600 middle school students visit Dyke Marsh.
- Alice Ferguson Foundation's Potomac Watershed Cleanup will be held April 10th. Volunteers are needed at 8 cleanup sites on Little Hunting Creek. To find sites, go to [http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/cleanup/SelectCounty\\_new.php](http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/cleanup/SelectCounty_new.php), select Fairfax Co., and scroll down the alphabetical list to the Little Hunting Creek sites.
- The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a

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Route 1 cleanup at 8 a.m. on April 24; Holly Dougherty (703-360-6925) is the contact.

- The MVCCA Gala will be held May 1st, at which it will be announced that Friends of Dyke Marsh has been selected as Organization of the Year. Congratulations, Glenda!

**Adaptation to Climate Change:** John Friedman (Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services) reported on his assignment from the BOS to create a plan to incorporate climate change into the County's long range planning, including floodplain delineation and building requirements in areas that will be affected by sea level rise. Current rates of sea level rise (mostly due to subsidence) imply a rise in sea level of about half a foot by 2050; taking into account climate change means a rise in sea level of between 1.0 and 1.6 feet, according to the Governor's Commission on Climate Change. (By 2100, sea level would rise by 3.2 to 5.2 feet.) Wetlands will be converted to open water, coastal flooding will become more frequent and cover new areas, annual rainfall will increase, and severe storms will become more frequent. Areas vulnerable to the impact of sea level rise include Dyke Marsh, Cameron Run, Belle Haven, and New Alexandria. Vulnerable public facilities include the New Alexandria Tide Gate and pump station, and the Lower Potomac Treatment Plant. Friedman summarized recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Climate Change, including a recommendation that VMRC avoid shoreline hardening, none of which are expected to be adopted by the new administration. Staff recommendations, including one to incorporate sea level rise in the design of all new buildings requiring special exception approval, were adopted by the BOS. Other highlights in response to questions: new floodplan maps, expected to become effective September 17, will not incorporate sea level rise, although the Obama administration has told FEMA to begin incorporating sea level rise into its delineations.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the E&R committee (Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>) is rescheduled to May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon. Chris Pryately will conduct an ecological garden tour of Wessynton's buffer restoration and water control garden on Little Hunting Creek.

### Joint Meeting

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE  
AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

On Monday, April 5, the Committee for Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing (SCAWH) met jointly in the Engh Room of INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital. The HHS community representatives present were from Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon on Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. IV, Woodley Hills, and Woodley Hills Estates; the SCAWH

representatives were from Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon on Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Stratford on Potomac Sec. IV, Woodley Hills C. A. and Woodley Hills Estates. MVCCA Co-chair David Plummer was present. Additional interested citizens included Anne Andrews, Convener of the Route One Task Force for Human Services, and citizens from Woodley Hills Estates, a total of 19 persons in all. Guest speakers were Dean Klein, Director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and Elisabeth Lardner, Mount Vernon Representative to the Redevelopment Housing Authority (RHA).

Louise Cleveland summarized for all present the events of the MVCCA General Council meeting on March 24, where amendments were proposed and accepted to two of the published resolutions under consideration with regard to the FY 2010 Budget Plan. The MVCCA deleted the proposed support of the Housing Blueprint from the HHS Resolution, "FY 2011 Health and Human Services Planning." The apparent reasons for this opposition were insufficient familiarity with the Blueprint document, uncertainty whether it was introducing a "new program" at a time of extreme fiscal difficulty in sustaining existing programs, and the question of whether funding requested for Blueprint goals could be postponed a year without real harm to essential programs. Explanations that the Blueprint is not a new program but a consolidation of public and private nonprofit efforts to make more housing available and to provide services that prevent and end homelessness were not sufficient to gain Council approval at this time, based on such brief acquaintance with the Blueprint itself and without knowing more about the specific priorities chosen for next year. In addition, the Council's excellent overall Budget Resolution, which supported revenue enhancement sufficient to sustain all services essential to our quality of life was amended to add this "Resolved":

*H. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, in an effort to limit structural damage to County agencies due to budget cuts, redirects all funding for the HCD/RHA proposed development of North Hill for FY2011 into public safety, human services, and education, resulting in the delay of the North Hill project by one year.*

This amendment seems to be based on several misleading assumptions about the North Hill development plans and also the structure of the budget plan. It was to gain further clarity on both the Blueprint and on the status of the North Hill plans that (even before the Council meeting) we invited our guest speakers to our joint meeting.

*Elisabeth Lardner* provided an update on North Hill planning. The plan for site development has been submitted to the Planning Staff for review. In anticipation of questions re the County Land Use Plan, she explained that while a total of 182 units are listed in the filed plan, this is not a change from previously announced plans: it includes the 115 existing dwellings in Woodley Hills Estates plus the 67 units planned for new development. With the Board of Supervisors decision to focus on giving priority to those with greatest need, 20 of the 67 units or 30% of the new homes are slated for

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rental to individuals and families with low incomes at 30% of County median income (i.e., the “30/30” goal that was advocated by many VOICE housing advocates from our area). The other 47 units, for home ownership, would provide workforce housing to accommodate projected job growth. Architects are studying various home designs with intent of selecting units that are energy-efficient and would have reduced operating costs. Target for completion is FY 2012. The North Hill Park Master Plan was approved February 24, 2010, and is available on the County web site.

The new owner of one of four manufactured homes installed by County contract in Woodley Hills Estates (to replace older units being removed from use) reported some problems in construction finishing in her unit. Ms. Lardner promised to look into this matter and assist the owner in resolving the problems. She also acknowledged the many “lessons learned”—especially in dialogue with Woodley Hills Estates residents—that she hopes will assist the RHA/HCA in design specifications and planning for the new phase.

The Housing Blueprint expresses succinctly (in 7 pages) the Board of Supervisors’ consensus on vision and goals for affordable housing policy in this time of ongoing recession and new pressures. It is not a new initiative but a reaffirmation of the policies to encourage development of affordable and workforce housing adopted in the County Comprehensive Plan. While stating that the County must continue to address a continuum of housing needs, from homelessness to workforce housing, Supervisors wanted to focus County affordable housing programs on those with greatest need while expanding the Community Partnership with non-profit and private sector creative solutions. A Housing Options group, co-chaired by Directors Dean Klein (Office to Prevent and End Homelessness) and Paula Sampson (Dept. of Housing and Community Development), then collaborated across county agencies, nonprofits, faith-based communities and housing developers to look at how to reach the goal of ending homelessness in 10 years through viable housing options. The result is a 10-year plan that for the first time integrates annual goals for specific kinds and amounts of housing (and an action plan for achieving these targets in the next 4 years) with specific services that prevent homelessness and restore families and individuals to maximum self-sufficiency. To explain the step-by-step plan, *Dean Klein* used a briefing presented to the Board of Supervisors on January 19th. (The briefing may be found at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/homelessness\\_housing\\_targets.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/homelessness_housing_targets.pdf). The Housing Blueprint and Implementation Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness are also available on the county web site.) In analysis done since his office opened, it is estimated that 2650 residential units will be needed throughout the County over the next ten-year period to meet housing needs. Working to achieve the goals of the plan to end homelessness, the County relies on a partnership between the non-profit organizations, the for-profit development industry, and the public sector. With focus on “housing first,” the County is working with this partnership both to make more affordable units available and to recognize several kinds and levels of special needs that may

require particular kinds of housing together with availability of particular services. In accommodating those with special needs, “supportive housing” will require a variety of staffing patterns, from 24-hour care to periodic visits from social workers. Detailed targets, to be achieved over the next ten years, have been developed in consultation with other communities experienced in reducing homelessness, providing benchmarks to track progress toward established goals for needs of individuals as well as families. He encouraged everyone to become more familiar with the Blueprint and agreed to return to the committees with an update in about 6 months.

It was announced that the Route One Task Force for Human Services will next meet on Thursday April 29th, at 7 pm at the Verdia L. Haywood Conference Center, 2nd floor of South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, with outcomes of state and County budgets on the agenda.

The next meeting of the HHS Committee will be May 4, 7:30 pm, at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Engh Room (2nd floor), Yellow entrance and parking.

The next meeting of the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing is scheduled for May 6, 7:30 pm. at the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane.

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### PLANNING & ZONING

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Minutes of the April 5, 2010 Planning & Zoning Committee meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Council co-chair Robert Reynolds. There was one APR land use case and no resolutions.

The Huntington Club Unit Owners Association has filed a Comprehensive Plan amendment to re-plan their garden-apartment style residences to a high density mixed use development. Their current buildings are quite old and are becoming very expensive to maintain. By planning the 20 acre property to higher density they hope to redevelop the land in a way that will provide new housing for all current condominium owners and provide office and community serving retail space. This site is appropriate for high density development since it is adjacent to the Huntington Metro station.

The Committee did not take a vote on this case since the hearing with the APR Task Force was the next evening. The Committee’s concerns about traffic, impacts on neighboring single family homes, and the total size of the project were conveyed to the Task Force. If the nomination text is adopted, the Huntington Club representative will appear again during the rezoning process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next meeting is Monday, May 3, 2010, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, and Stratford on Potomac Sec IV. We were joined by Co-chair Al Bornmann.

The chair opened the meeting by providing a brief review of the previous month's discussion of the reductions to the Police Department, particularly with regard to the Mount Vernon District, that are contained in the advertised Budget Plane for Fairfax County for FY 2011. The elimination of the School Resource Officers (SRO) in middle schools, the reduction of two PCA positions from each police station, the Administrative Assistant II positions from each police station, the elimination of the Sheriff Deputies from dayshift at the Mount Vernon jail, and loss of the emergency services at the Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health, plus the reduction of overtime hours will adversely impact the safety net in the Mount Vernon District as officers will undoubtedly be diverted from their regular duties at the station to fill in for personnel/administrative needs within the station and for transporting requirements. The elimination of the Marine Patrol Program was also noted.

The chair provided copies of the MVCCA resolutions prepared by the Budget Committee and by the Health and Human Services Committees concerning the advertised budget. Both of these were passed at the MVCCA Council meeting on March 28.

The chair provided copies of Supervisor Hyland's document entitled 'Consideration Items for Fiscal Year 2011 Budget' which was sent to the members of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and asks for elimination of the reductions for the above items as well as a few others in the Fire and Rescue Department and in the Falls Church-Fairfax Community Services Board. The chair will provide testimony to the BOS as the Vice Chair, Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) on April 8.

The chair noted that the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center began on Monday, March 12, with 17 students in the class. It is expected to continue each Monday through April 5. It is planned to have another class begin in September.

The chair revisited the letter sent to Supervisor Hyland by Nicholas Beltrante recommending the establishment of the Civilian Police Review Board for Fairfax County. The chair noted that he had been called by a reporter from the Mount Vernon Gazette to discuss the proposal. The chair responded to him that the letter had been reviewed with the Public Safety Committee. The Committee had discussed the proposal and did not choose to support it. The reporter was obviously looking for an answer that the Committee supported the proposal. The chair brought the item back to the Committee to see if there was any change in support for this pro-

posal. After some discussion, the Committee again decided unanimously, not to support the idea for the same reasons given at the January 2010 meeting. The chair noted that there is evidently no such board in any Virginia jurisdiction. There evidently is one in Prince Georges County in Maryland. He will obtain some information on how it is formed and operates to provide to the Committee.

Julia Romero, Mount Zephyr, provided a review of concerns about the APR under review for a town center to replace Smitty's Lumber site on Richmond Hwy. The concern by Mount Zephyr, and by Mount Vernon Manor, is that the APR was prepared without any review and input from those communities. The communities did learn about it shortly before it was in final review. They believe the proposal will allow more vehicle and pedestrian traffic into their communities. It includes the opening of cul-de-sacs to through traffic. This raises safety concerns about who will be coming through the community. MVCCA Chair Bornmann noted that the APR is just a proposal as to what the Mount Vernon District wants as a goal for this site. He stated that there will be more reviews of this APR before it becomes accepted as a change to the CPI. The communities will have further opportunities to voice their concerns before that happens.

The chair then gave a brief review an ongoing problem concerning the morning traffic on Quander Rd. between the intersection of Belle View Blvd. /Beacon Hill Rd and West Potomac High School. He was invited to the March Transportation Committee meeting to discuss the issues. It seems that there is serious traffic backup from about 7:30 a.m. weekday mornings as a result of changes to some class start times. They start earlier requiring earlier student arrival; however, the bus departure schedule for pickup was not changed with the result that more students arrive before buses have left for their runs. This results in very heavy congestion wherein vehicles take too long to go through the cycle for dropping off students. Parents have reported taking 30 to 45 minutes to go through the drop-off. Some students have been so late they had to get excuses for tardiness. It does not appear that a solution will be found before the end of the school year. A small group meeting has been proposed with the principal, the SPTA, VDOT, and the police to arrive at a solution. The chair will follow this item and report progress.

The final item is a 'Restore the Constitution Rally' scheduled for the period 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, April 19 at the Fort Hunt National Park. Copies of the flyer were provided. The stated purpose of the 'rally is to assemble publicly and peaceably while legally and openly armed in order to underscore the gravity and urgency of a simple message: Restore the Constitution!' A permit has been approved by the National Park Service. There will be representation from across the nation. At the end of the rally, there will be caravans to take the attendees to Gravelly Point Park, just north of Reagan National Airport 'to walk up the line.' This appears to be the point at which they will hook-up with the Second Amendment March being held in Washington, DC. The concern of Mount

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Vernon District communities is the 'openly armed' part. It is expected that there will be some alcoholic beverages consumed, legally or not. The chair advised that the police in Alexandria and Fairfax County as well as the Park Police are aware of the rally and will be prepared to address any problems.

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

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### TRANSPORTATION

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The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, April 5, 2010 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were representatives of 19 member citizen associations (Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Woodland Park, Woodley Hills).

The March 2010 minutes of the Transportation Committee, as written in the Record, were approved.

**Guest Speakers - Jim Rees from the Mount Vernon Estate, Sean Reagan - construction planner for the Proposed National Library for the Study of George Washington, Will Johnson of Wells & Associate and Sarah Hall (legal consultant)**

Jim Rees explained that most presidents have a separate library storing documents about their presidents so others can study and thus, the idea is to build a Presidential Library at Mount Vernon for George Washington, our first president. This library will hold archival records and 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century items relating to George Washington, but will only be accessed by invited scholars.

Sean Reagan described that there is about 55 acres of land owned by the Mount Vernon Ladies between Route 235 North and South. The library project will have 12 acres of land within an 8 ft. tall chain link black vinyl fence (perhaps barb wired?). The fence will be inside Route 235 about 30 feet so that passersby will not see the fence.

Only 6 and a half acres will be disturbed to build the U-shaped building housing the library, Mt. Vernon administration offices for 25 staff personnel and conference rooms, parking lots (54 spaces) and a guest house (about 6 bedrooms). The idea is to have educational seminars at the Library/Conference center for teachers from across the nation. They plan to have 4 such seminars over the summer months. The teachers would stay in an existing building on the Mount Vernon estate side.

The library/offices/conference rooms would be 44,000 square feet (35,000 square feet on the surface, rest in the basement for stor-

age). The building would be made of natural materials (stucco, stone, etc.) with plenty of windows providing natural light to the library and reading room for scholars, and have a slate roof. The area around the building would be wooded so that the building would be mostly invisible from the highway (i.e., most of the year).

Two entrances: a private drive from 235 S (located about equidistance between the bus turnaround jug handle and Post Office exit) that would curve around into the library (behind the Post Office parking lot); and a gated emergency entrance (closed about 99% of the time). The private drive would be gated with a security pass key system, except when they expected a number of non-staff visitors (teachers attending the seminar) and follows outside the contour of the wetlands.

Will Johnson of Wells & Associates answered several questions concerning the amount of traffic and how Mount Vernon planned to avoid congestion due to the new curb cut on Route 235 S. As currently planned, the library will not be a major trip generator as the scholars (6 at the most) and the 25 administration staff would be the usual occupants of this proposed building. A conservative estimate of the amount of traffic would have 520 vehicle trips per day (the actual figure should be much lower than this) and stop signs would be at the private drive and the emergency entrance. A traffic study is not required for this low volume of additional trips.

Q: Would Mt. Vernon provide a dedicated left-hand turn lane on Route 235S for cars turning into the private lane?

A: Mount Vernon is not concerned, as they do not think the small amount of cars accessing the new library to be a problem; but they indicated a willingness to manage parking and provide assistance in busy times. Mount Vernon is currently working with VDOT to obtain two curb cut permits allowing the proposed private drive and emergency entrance. No left turn lanes are planned.

Q: BRAC traffic and traffic associated with the new Army hospital might complicated rush hour on Route 235 S. Currently, there are a number of cars doing the reverse commute and this is before all 12,000 new Fort Belvoir are scheduled to arrive in September 2011. Has Mount Vernon given any consideration to the future traffic patterns?

A: Construction would start around April 2011 and would continue for 19 months for an opening of the new facility in the fall of 2012. They had not considered the traffic that BRAC and the new hospital may bring to Route 235 S.

Q: When would cars arrive at Library?

A: Non rush hour mostly. (Comment: depending upon the number of cars going to the new hospital, it may make sense to have a Right, Right, Right turn approach through the local neighborhoods instead of stopping traffic soon after the traffic light.)

Q: Is the Post Office temporary?

A: It was when it was built; now most people in Mount Vernon and who visit Mount Vernon feel it belongs where it is; so permanent for foreseeable future.

Q: Would the emergency entrance be used during construction?

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- A: Probably (Comment: so vehicles driving on Route 235 N would have to negotiate lines of dump trucks, as well as other large vehicles hauling in construction supplies? - Sean Reagan interjected that they have asked that the construction vehicles use the private drive.)
- Q: Will there be busses accessing the private drive?
- A: Mount Vernon does not expect them; as large vans (mini-bus) will be used for groups.
- Q: Could the bus parking line across from private drive entrance be used as a third travel lane? Since there is not enough room for a dedicated left-hand turn lane, if no busses were allowed to park across from the private drive, a travel lane could be created so cars could move about cars waiting to turn into the private drive.
- A: If necessary, that could be one way to manage the traffic. But, at this point, Mount Vernon does not feel it is a problem.
- Q: What about truck traffic during construction?
- A: There will be a maximum of 75 workers on site during construction. The workers will park away from site on the other side of brick wall. Mount Vernon will manage this type of logistics during construction. Mount Vernon uses parking assistants now on busy (tourist) days. Again, VDOT will approve curb cut plans, and monitor project (loosely).

### **Resolution re: Analysis of traffic flows at intersections of US1/Huntington/Fort Hunt after Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction**

The Wellington Community brought forth a resolution seeking VDOT or FCDoT do a follow-up study on the traffic at the intersections of Ft Hunt Road and Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue and Richmond Highway that were altered due to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project. Clearly, these intersections are at the Gateway to Mount Vernon and several Annual Plan Review (APR) nominations have been made in and around those intersections. The only way to attain correct and factual information regarding the current level of service (LOS) at these intersections is to conduct a post Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Completion traffic assessment at these intersections.

Since new lanes and traffic patterns at these intersections have been finished the county should have the new data regarding the new level of service so that APR nominations are reviewed with correct and factual information, it should be time to reconsider/reevaluate these intersections.

The requested analysis/reassessment of LOS is a requirement upon completion and the resolution asks to have traffic analysis of Huntington Avenue/US1/Fort Hunt Road now.

VOTE Yes 19, No 0, Abstentions 0

### **Old Business - West Potomac High School traffic jam in AM on Quander/ BeaconHill**

Becki Bradi updated the group as the attempts to resolve AM congestion into the West Potomac High School. First, the conflict of buses into car traffic has lessened as quicker bus unloading allows the busses to leave the school before the height of the car traffic (that starts as early as 7:55am).

There are several routes that feed into the school: some come from US 1 at Five Guys, others merge onto Quander Road north of the school, a large volume come up Belle View Boulevard to Quander, while a smaller number cross Belle View from Fort Hunt Road on Quander Road, but there is only one exit: Quander Road south (toward Fort Hunt Road). Thus, while 700 cars come to West Potomac from different directions, all 500 cars must leave on Quander Road southbound (200 cars are students who park at the school).

The morning traffic is worse than the afternoon traffic because students stay after school for classroom assistance, as well as for extracurricular activities.

VDOT's position is that the traffic light action is now at its peak efficiency. But, this is because VDOT measures peak efficiency on 24 hours of data. That is, except for 45 minutes of the day, the traffic light works fine and thus, VDOT states that the traffic light is working properly and at its maximum efficiency. Pedestrian safety is a problem at this intersection.

Q: How about a light cycle variation in the AM?

A: The VDOT authorities were reluctant, but in February, they changed the traffic light cycle so that the Fort Hunt Road side of Quander Road gets a longer green light. But, Becki noticed that the longer traffic light does not help when the queue on Quander Road to the school is filled with cars. That is, there is no where to go when the light is green.

The Chair spoke with Don Moyer of VDOT whose job it is to phase traffic signals. According to VDOT standards, after a traffic count, the side of the road with the least traffic (over a 24 hour period) goes first. The idea is that the side with the most traffic green light signal is more easily varied depending on the amount of traffic. The Chair believes that switching the phasing of the cycle so that the cars leaving West Potomac move first may help as one of the many problems is that the queue is filled while the cars leaving West Potomac are stopped.

Q: Would a sign "no turn on red" at the traffic light help?

A: Again, the authorities were reluctant as they only looked at whether the line of sight distance was acceptable. There are 4 other conditions where a No Right Turn On Red sign is appropriate: one of which is an exclusive pedestrian phase. Should this intersection have an exclusive pedestrian phase?

Most parents who have experienced the morning drop off in previous years believe that this year is worse than last year. One of the changes that the new principal made was to limit two lanes of car

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traffic entering the West Potomac campus to a single lane. This was done to separate bus traffic from car traffic and for student safety. However, the lack of the additional lane to stack cars up could be why the volume of traffic is too much for the traffic light.

The Chair believes that bus entrance and car entrance could be separated in two different areas. The busses could go in behind the school and drop/pick students off/up. This would achieve the student safety issue while increasing the number of cars that could be stacked up on the campus while dropping off individual students.

Currently, not one organization is taking an overall look at the problem, not VDOT, not the school (although the school is providing personnel to direct traffic and has looked into possibilities), not Fairfax County Department of Transportation. Instead, both VDOT and the school have stated that there are too many cars coming to the school. But, a similar number of cars came to the campus last year and did not have the same problem. This led one committee member to suggest that the traffic pattern go back to the way in was in previous years while a long-term solution is obtained.

Committee members would like Supervisor Hyland's support to push key stakeholders to work together to solve this traffic mess before one of our 16-18 year old drivers has a fender bender or worse. Becki Brady indicated that she would draft the resolution.

### Fort Belvoir Development briefing

The PowerPoint presentation by Colonel Mark Moffatt can be obtained from the Internet by typing in this address:  
[http://0304.netclime.net/1\\_5/000/000/a55/69c/SFDC\\_30MAR10.pdf](http://0304.netclime.net/1_5/000/000/a55/69c/SFDC_30MAR10.pdf)

There are lots of traffic improvements planned for inside the base as main post and Belvoir North area expects 3,500 and 8,500, respectively, which have started to arrive.

The new army hospital expects 1,000,000 trips per year. The transportation committee would like to have a Fort Belvoir representative come to our May meeting to discuss traffic input (directions/vol), on traffic into hospital, on traffic vs time of day, etc. What is there Demand Management Plan to reduce volume (e.g. carpools, buses)?

### On US1 Centerline study

A 250-page study has been done that shows best US1 centerline route to minimize taking of real estate. However, the Chair noticed that, as of November 1, 2009, the VDOT Steering Committee did not recommend to a Centerline Location for US1 between the Beltway and Fort Belvoir Woods Parkway. Hence, the Commonwealth Transportation Board did not take action on this section of US 1.

Adjourned

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be Monday, Monday, May 3, 2010 at 8pm in the Walt Whitman Middle School Library.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

See Health & Human Services section for minutes of the joint HHS/AWH meeting.

The next meeting of the Special Committee on Affordable and Workforce Housing is scheduled for May 6, 7:30 pm. at the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING

The SCLRSP entered into its outreach phase of the MVCCA Long Range Strategic Planning Process by conducting a MVCCA Listening Tour stop for the Mason Hill community association on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Hollin Meadows Elementary. The results from the Listening Tour stop are currently being compiled and will available for the next SCLRSP meeting.

Additionally 4 more community associations have proactively approached the SCLRSP and signed up for Listening Tour stops throughout the month of April & May. The SCLRSP will be reaching out to community associations to schedule Listening Tour stops. The SCLRSP greatly appreciates the participation of all HOA's/Community organizations throughout this process. The formal launch of the Listening Tour will occur April 21<sup>st</sup> with SCLRSP presentation to the Stratford on the Potomac community association.

On April 12<sup>th</sup> the SCLRSP met to finalize the presentation outline that will be utilized for the Listening Tour. Along with the creation of the presentation outline the SCLRSP has been split up into 3 Listening Tour Teams that will conduct the presentations on the Listening Tour. Each Listening Tour Team consists of 2 Co-Captains and 7 members. A special thanks to the Listening Tour Team Co-Captains Katherine Ward, Frank Cihak, Frank Cohn, Scott Taylor, Bruce Leonard and Martin Tillett.

The next meeting of the SCLRSP will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. To stay updated on the SCLRSP progress please visit the SCLRSP webpage at <http://mvcca.org/strategic.htm>.

To schedule a Listening Tour stop or if you have questions please contact the SCLRSP Chair Kahan Dhillon at [ksdjr@regentcompany.com](mailto:ksdjr@regentcompany.com) or by phone at 703-768-8437.

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# Committee Resolutions

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## TRANSPORTATION

### **TRAN-2010-01: FAIRFAX COUNTY REVIEW OF TRAFFIC SERVICE LEVELS AT WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AREA NEAR FT HUNT RD AND RICHMOND HIGHWAY AND RICHMOND HIGHWAY AND , HUNTINGTON AVENUE INTERSECTIONS**

1. **WHEREAS** the Woodrow Wilson Bridge improvements have been completed at the Ft Hunt Road and Richmond Highway and Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue intersections;
2. **WHEREAS**, the traffic configuration of the intersections at Ft Hunt and Richmond Highway and Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue have been altered;
3. **WHEREAS**, it is important for the Fairfax County planning staff, VDOT and FCDOT staffs and the Planning Commission and the BOS to understand the impact of these newly altered configurations have made to the level of service at the intersection;
4. **WHEREAS**, it is equally as important for the citizens of the Mount Vernon District to understand what impacts these newly altered configurations have made to the level of service at the intersection;
5. **WHEREAS**, the only way to attain correct and factual information regarding the current level of service at the intersections of Ft Hunt and Richmond Highway and Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue is to conduct a post Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project Completion traffic assessment at these intersections,
6. **WHEREAS**, Fairfax County is currently conducting its Area Plan Review for South County Comprehensive Plan and this new information would be useful for the staff, citizens, Planning Commissioners and the BOS as they make their decisions and recommendations regarding any and all APR nominations that may be impacted by the Ft Hunt and Richmond Highway and Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue intersections;

**A) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the MVCCA requests Supervisor Hyland to request that FCDOT and/or VDOT conduct such an assessment to determine what the current impact on the level of service has been regarding the intersections of Ft Hunt Rd and Richmond Highway and Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue in and around the Woodrow Wilson Bridge newly altered traffic patterns/configurations have been.

**B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this assessment be completed so that the information can be used during the current ongoing South County Comprehensive Plan Area Plan Review for 2009-2010 in order to assist the Planning Commission and the BOS in making appropriate decisions.

**END: MVCCA RESOLUTION TRAN-2010-01**

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 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—May 13, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	5/6	7:30	MVGC	Jeszenszky
BUDG	5/5	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	5/4	7:30	Webinar	Cox
EDUC	5/5	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	5/8	10:00am	Wessynton tour	Martin
H/HS	5/4	7:30	IMVH/Engl	Cleveland
PL/Z	5/3	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF	5/3	7:30	MVGC-ComRm3	Shawkey
LRSP	6/14	7:00	MVGC-Rm2&3	Dhillon
TRAN	5/3	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

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