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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 2010 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Al Bornmann.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Al Bornmann, David Plummer, Bob Reynolds; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Kahan Dhillon, Judy Harbeck, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA and SFDC Rep Karen Pohorylo; Secretary Carol Coyle.
Representatives from Collingwood on the Potomac, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Huntington Club, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Potomac Vallen/Riverbend, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford on the

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

MINUTES – Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Accepted .

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Gerry thanked Council for the testimony on the Budget and on the APR nominations.

Much of what was requested was restored to the 2011 Budget. APR nominations are on their way to the Planning Commission and then will go to the Board.

\$150 million for Route One – Still waiting for Belvoir to produce plans. Probably the work will start at the Fairfax County Parkway intersection and proceed north; County will pay for (feasibility?) study.

Farmers' Markets will start this Sunday in Lorton and Tuesday at Sherwood Hall Library.

Mulligan Road work should be completed but is stymied.

Visioning Task Force bus trip through the district, maybe late June; 10 seats will be raffled at the Gala.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – No meeting this month. Delegate Scott Surovell will be at the next meeting.

Consumer Affairs – No meeting because webinar director had a family emergency. Queenie urged membership to come to the Gala and support the honorees: Joan McLellan – Citizen of the Year; The Friends of Dyke Marsh – Organization of the Year; and (new category) Student Volunteers of the Year – Rachel Lau, WPHS and Jasmin Lawrence, MVHS.

Education – See minutes. Sign up starting Friday to testify on the school budget. Next meeting will have principals from MVHS and WPHS to discuss improvement plans.

Environment and Recreation – See minutes. John Friedman discussed incorporating climate change in long-range planning.

Health and Human Services & Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing – See report of joint meeting, which includes links to Housing Blueprint and related information. The Office to Prevent and End Homeless reports that strategies with

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which Blueprint is now aligned are producing results: The January point-in-time count shows homelessness down 11% and homeless families reduced 16%, despite obvious rising needs.

Planning and Zoning – See minutes. Huntington Run community, on Kings Highway, is developing plans to raze the community and rebuild with high rise – shops, living space. APR has postponed this.

Public Safety – See minutes. Public Safety fared well in the budget process. Next meeting will host a Fire Department Captain.

Transportation – See minutes. Jim Rees from Mount Vernon presented plans for the Presidential Library. Levels of service at the rebuilt Route One/Fort Hunt Road/Huntington Avenue intersections were discussed. One resolution.

Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – Committee is now conducting its Listening Tours; six communities have signed up, and two have already received presentations. Committee members are explaining what MVCCA does for the District and listening for what members feel are important issues. Kahan feels that the value of this organization is being strengthened.

SFDC – Looking for volunteers for a fundraising committee.

RESOLUTIONS

TR-2009-01: FAIRFAX COUNTY REVIEW OF TRAFFIC SERVICE LEVELS AT WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AREA NEAR FORT HUNT ROAD AND RICHMOND HIGHWAY AND RICHMOND HIGHWAY AND HUNTINGTON AVENUE INTERSECTIONS

Purpose of the resolution is to direct County DOT to use post-construction numbers in evaluating level of service; presently they are using pre-construction data. Amendments were to spell out abbreviations. Approved 23-0-0. Gerry will make this a Board Matter.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

Eleanor Quigley (Wellington Heights) requested volunteers to help remove ivy from Lamond Park on Saturday from 10 – 12. Katherine Ward (Wellington) requested that the Council website be better managed; resolutions are not being tracked.

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Sheldon Hoenig (Wessynton) discussed the Costco proposal for use of the Multiplex site (which is actually in Lee District but will impact traffic on Route One). They want a special exception to build larger than 8,000 square feet. County staff rejected initial plans because the loading docks would face on Route One, building would face inward, and they do not want to plant any buffers. Concern was expressed about the traffic that will be generated.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:30 pm
Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Al Bornmann (MVCCA Co-chair), Hollin Hall Village, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sect. 4, Tauxemont, Wellington Estates, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North.

The guest speaker at our meeting was Scott Surovell, Delegate for the 44th District to the Virginia General Assembly. Mr. Surovell discussed his first attendance at the General Assembly as a delegate and how the General Assembly dealt with a \$2.1 billion shortfall in revenue which included cuts in Medicaid, college funding,

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Treasurer's Report			
January 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010			
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
	<u>Receipts/</u>		
	<u>Disb.</u>		
Beginning balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 11,219.16		
Receipts			
Dues-Current Members	3,804.00	4,000.00	(196.00)
Dues-New Members	84.00	200.00	(116.00)
Gala Income	-	4,100.00	(4,100.00)
Drawn from reserves	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 3,888.00	\$8,300.00	\$(4,412.00)
Disbursements			
Record Production	465.00	2,200.00	(1,735.00)
Record Postage	-	-	-
Administrative	44.00	500.00	(456.00)
Gala Expenses	1,376.95	3,200.00	(1,823.05)
Web Site	-	600.00	(600.00)
New Member Marketing	-	200.00	(200.00)
Insurance	660.00	700.00	(40.00)
Strategic Planning Meetings	-	-	-
Student of the Year Stipends	351.75	900.00	(548.25)
Membership Meeting Exp	40.00	-	40.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,937.70	\$8,300.00	\$(5,362.30)
Ending balance April 30, 2010	\$ 12,169.46		
Wachovia Checking account balance	\$ 7,169.46		
Wachovia Money Market balance*	5,000.00		
Total Money Available at 4/30/2010:	\$12,169.46		
*Money Market account opened 4/26/10.			

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retirement funding and an adjustment upward in estimated revenue. Mr. Surovell indicated that discussions regarding transportation issues were minimal and that no money has been allocated for new road construction for the next two years.

Mr. Surovell proposed legislation that would give Fairfax county the right to impose a meals tax without a referendum, but the bill died in committee. Apparently, the Virginia House of Delegates is opposed to giving Fairfax County any new taxing authority.

The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be held June 2, 2010 at 7:30 at the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Mary Stevens, Deputy Director Fairfax County Dept. of Housing and Community Development has agreed to attend to discuss the Board of Supervisors' Housing Blueprint.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs held its webinar on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Wiki presented by Ron Altemus (Potomac Valley/River Bend). Because of problems with the webinar particularly when he moved from website to website that randomly kicked certain attendees out and unable to hear him during Ron's presentation on the wiki, we were able to re-enter the webinar and use the conference telephone number but agreed that we needed a "do over."

We will have a face-to-face aka "live" meeting on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Principal's Conference Room. Ron will "re-do" his presentation using a computer with access to the internet.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8 pm, May 5, 2010, in the media center of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were Stratford Landing, Wessynton, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Wellington, Hollin Hall, Sulgrave Manor and Riverside Estates. Co-Chair Al Bornmann also attended and Del. Scott Surovell briefly visited. School Board representative Dan Storck participated in most of the meeting as well.

Speakers were Nardos King and Clifford Hardison, principals of Mount Vernon and West Potomac High Schools, respectively.

The first part of the meeting included a discussion of the process, purposes, aims and accountability measures included in the development of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), in general, but with specific reference to each school's particular SIP.

As was noted, schools have had SIPs for years but recently the process or template was changed from the prior "blunderbuss" approach to encourage schools to focus more specifically on particular areas needing attention, with specific methodologies and accountability measures.

While there is a "template" and plans are evaluated and approved by the Cluster, each school identifies its own targets through committees including staff from all disciplines, parents, students and others. Thus the school has ownership and all staff is expected to know the aims of the SIP and contribute to meeting goals.

Each school's SIP—including those for elementary and middle schools—can be found through a link located on the school webpage and parents and interested community members are encouraged to review them.

Additionally, King and Hardison also discussed the important and increasing use of the Professional Learning Community program to encourage open discussion among staff concerning progress on skill mastery, behavior, and scores and interchange of techniques and ideas to help each teacher provide the most effective instruction.

The Committee was particularly interested to hear of increased positive results from essentially using the PLC approach in vertical integration, so that schools at each level in a pyramid can be sure they are preparing their students for success at the next level and exchange best practices.

"Horizontal" integration was also discussed and the Committee was pleased at the increased level of interaction and cooperation between King, Hardison, and their respective department chairs to identify best practices and programs and raise instruction levels at both schools.

The second part of the meeting discussed the School Support Composite Index (SSCI) and Priority Schools Proposal as presented to the School Board on April 29, 2010.

The SSCI is quite complex and purports to rank schools for additional assistance, replacing Project Excel, Focus and high school Focus. In elementary and middle schools, staffing consideration based on poverty is unaffected but additional factors such as numbers of failed SOLs, mean scores and achievement gaps are also considered in the eventual formula. High schools did not have staffing consideration so poverty levels, along with the other factors, are included in the high school priority list.

The Committee, and School Board member Storck were very concerned that such a sweeping change was proposed for immediate implementation with so little information and input from any party other than Dr. Dale's staff.

Certainly, the SSCI has some extremely unlikely results in the rankings with the result that poverty schools who were told they would not likely see significant drop in assistance have in fact lost significant funds and in some cases lost all extra funds.

While the Committee recognizes that programs need periodic revisiting, it urged Storck to try to suspend implementation and

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maintain the status quo (adding some funds from the VRS reserve if necessary) for at least one year to allow evaluation and review and permits schools to adjust.

The Chair was also instructed to make that argument in upcoming Board budget testimony.

At the next meeting, the Committee will hear explanations of SSCI and the Priority Schools Program which will have significant effects on nearly all Mount Vernon schools.

Next meeting: June 2, 2010, 8pm, Whitman MS media center
Speaker: Dr. Richard Moniuszko, Deputy Superintendent (and/or staff)
Subject: SSCI and Priority Schools Program

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee's regularly scheduled May 5th meeting was rescheduled to 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8, in the Wessynton neighborhood. Present were David Plummer (MVCCA co-Chair), Hollin Hills, Woodley Hills, and Wellington. The chair was absent due to illness.

Chris Pryately conducted an "ecological garden tour" of Wessynton's buffer restoration and water control garden on Little Hunting Creek that's been installed by Wessynton Homes with a small grant from the county. This project is a good example of how homeowners' and citizens associations can take steps to make environmental improvements (and beautify the landscape) in our own back yards and common areas.

The lower part of the park area is in an RPA – the stream is in a concrete culvert, but its flow is perennial. This restricts the projects that can be undertaken within 100 feet of the lower stream. In this area, near the pool and tennis courts, they have made good use of grass swales and riprap to filter runoff from pavement.

The upper part of the park is non-RPA, which gives the homeowners' association more leeway in making improvements. In addition to planting native trees, shrubs and water plants, they have hired contractors to remove ivy from ground and trees, installed rocks and check dams to slow water flow, and allowed fallen trees to lie across slopes for additional erosion control. Future projects will include cutouts to prevent erosion of the gravel path, additional tree and shrub plantings, and continuing efforts against ivy. Chris said that they may "edit" their forest by removing smaller tulip poplars, which dominate the plant community, in favor of more desirable trees such as oaks, maples and beeches.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the E&R committee is Wednesday, June 2, in room 219 of the South County Government Center.

The MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met on Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 PM in the Engh Room of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital to plan its focus for the next six monthly meetings, June through December (omitting August, when no MVCCA meetings are scheduled). Participating were representatives from MVCCA members Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollindale, Pinewood Lake, Stratford Landing, and Tauxemont. In addition, some members who were ill or out of town made suggestions via e-mail.

The committee expresses strong interest in the County's ongoing reorganization of human services with emphasis on Crisis Prevention and Intervention—i.e. strategic approaches that connect resources among public agencies and partner with private nonprofit efforts. These particular concerns were identified:

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and Lorton Healthplex. The committee looks forward to an update from IMVH CEO Barbara Doyle on the Hospital's operations, and on plans for enhanced services there, at the new Inova Behavioral Health outpatient clinic on Richmond Highway, and at the long-awaited Lorton Healthplex (where emergency services will be licensed under IMVH).

Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax. The County Health Dept. is beginning a two-year comprehensive strategic planning and community health improvement process that has been implemented successfully in other jurisdictions nationally, *Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP)*. Subcommittees start work this month, with several citizens from Mount Vernon District participating. HHS's volunteer, Betsy Stephens, will participate in the "Community Themes and Strengths" group and keep MVCCA reps informed along the way.

Services for Older Adults, Aging in Place. How is the County responding to rising numbers of seniors, and also persons of any age with disabilities or chronic illness, who wish to remain in their homes and their community, and as active as possible for as long as possible? Our district is said to have the highest proportion of those over 65, and most hope to stay in their homes for many more years.

Mental Health. How is the Community Services Board implementing the recommendations of the Beeman Commission, in FY 2011, for transformation of the public mental health system? Will the CSB, Family Services, and public schools be able to coordinate and strengthen services for at-risk youth and their families (see below, June 15 NEXUS forum)? Despite budget cutting, are we able to expand prevention services and programs?

Youth. How are youth needs addressed (esp. 7th to 11th grade), especially for resilience and mental health, recreation, positive choices, etc. In the schools? In Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court's programs?

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The Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Director Dean Klein (see April HHS/SCAWH report) will return to report on progress, in about six months.

Those who have been watching the development of major County Initiatives that benefit from human services strategies express frustration with a planning process that was largely a “public review of proposed reductions in services.” As service needs grow, in several areas, and State funding decreases, the citizens are seeking a more proactive approach to identifying and funding emerging service needs.

Nevertheless, it is hoped that the cost-saving consolidation of two human services departments—Systems Management for Human Services and Community Recreation Service—will produce some “lemonade.” Starting July 1, the new Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services provides data analysis and other expertise for “Cross-System Infrastructure Support” countywide, while also working in each region of the county to coordinate local resources and facilitate public/private partnerships. At our next meeting (June 1, see below) South County Director Telly Whitfield will report on FY2010 accomplishments in local community-building activities and give us some insight into what’s to come in FY 2011.

JUNE MEETINGS RE HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, June 1, 7:30 PM MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets, in Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Conference Room C/D (2nd floor, Blue entrance and parking), with South County Director for Human Services Telly Whitfield, focusing on neighborhood and community programs in our area this past year and what’s ahead.

Wednesday, June 2, 7 PM Route 1 Task Force for Human Services meets at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, for an update on Housing and a discussion of the “Future of the Route One Task Force” (now in its 35th year).

Tuesday, June 15, 7-9:30 PM, “NEXUS—On Successful Strategies” convenes at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. At this 4th Round Table sponsored by the Advisory Board of the (newly named) Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health, outstanding presenters engage in “Building Together—Better Mental Health Services for Children and Youth.”

Please consult www.mvcca.org, Health and Human Services Committee page, for links to our annual summaries of monthly reports and to informational resources for Fairfax County health and human services as well as for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

PLANNING & ZONING

Minutes of the May 3, 2010 Planning & Zoning Committee meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm. There were representatives from the following member associations: Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Zephyr,

Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton Homes, and Williamsburg Manor North. There were two land use cases and no resolutions.

The first land use case was an update on the proposed Inova Lorton healthplex. Inova seeks to rezone so that a second building for offices and ground floor retail can be built in addition to the healthplex. The proposed plan calls for an effective FAR of 0.4 in two buildings plus a parking garage. The transportation issues have mostly been dealt with. The surrounding communities are concerned about the height of the building, especially since it will be on a hill. Since there are still issues to be resolved with the South County Federation, no vote was taken.

The next land use case was a proposal to place a 125 foot tall cell phone tower on the athletic fields of Sandburg Middle School. The current light standards are 80 feet tall, so this tower would be significantly taller. Up to 4 carriers could be located on the tower. Residents from the surrounding area spoke out both for and against the tower – leery of potential adverse health affects and an unsightly pole but desiring improved cell service. Since the applicant has not actually met with the surrounding associations, no vote was taken.

Last, an item from Supervisor Hyland’s office was brought to the Committee’s attention. A resident’s neighbor has constructed a bare cinder block wall along the side property line. The resident asked if that type of unattractive wall could be prohibited in the zoning ordinance. There is current litigation about the wall, so few details were available. The Committee decided that no action should be taken until the Court case is resolved; it may be determined by the Court that cinder block is already prohibited.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25. The next meeting is Monday, June 7, 2010, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Manor, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, and Wellington.

The chair opened the meeting by providing a review of the actions by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in completing the Fairfax County Budget for FY 2011. For the Police Department, the BOS restored the proposed eliminations of the 26 School Resource Officers (SRO) positions in the middle schools, the Marine Patrol Program on the Potomac River, and the two Traffic Safety Officers. The BOS did restore one of the two Police Citizen Aide (PCA) positions in each of the eight police district stations that were proposed for elimination. This will require that the station commanders develop creative solutions to minimize the need for sworn officers to substitute for PCAs when they are on vacation, sick, or away on

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training. Capt Moyer has a proposal that he is reviewing with other station commanders. They hope to develop a standard way of scheduling PCAs so that the adverse effects will be minimized. The BOS did not restore the elimination of the Administrative Assistant II positions at the eight police district stations. Currently, there are two Administrative Assistant positions at each station. These positions share administrative tasks required to support approximately 130 personnel at each station, which includes copying, filing, and sending informational cases for each detective; completion of time and attendance sheets for all sworn and civilian personnel at the district station. Additional duties shared, but not limited to, include management of personnel evaluations, alarm reports, general daily filing duties, mail management, and handling phone inquiries. The workload associated with this position cannot be effectively accomplished by the remaining Administrative Assistant III. Consequently, officers may be assigned from patrol duties to provide support as needed. This reduction will adversely impact the internal efficiency and function, as well as customer service and responsiveness within each police station.

As a related matter, the BOS restored funding for the proposed elimination of Emergency Services at the Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health. If this had not been funded, the two positions that provide comprehensive psychiatric emergency services to individuals who are experiencing acute distress and in need of emergency/crisis intervention and quick, accessible support related to mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual development. In addition to this crisis intervention, services include psychiatric evaluations, and psychotropic medication; preadmission evaluations for voluntary and involuntary hospitalization and crisis residential services. This reduction would have impacted about 382 individuals who would no longer receive 547 emergency psychiatric services in the community. The only remaining alternative would be walk-in Emergency Services in the Woodburn Center Emergency Services site, which is approximately 45 to 60 minutes by car or two hours by bus from this part of the County. In an emergency, police on duty would be pressed into service to provide transportation to the Woodburn Center taking them out of the district.

For the Office of the Sheriff, the BOS directed that the Sheriff continue to provide daytime lock-up services at the Mount Vernon Satellite Intake Center (called the Mount Vernon Jail). If this had been eliminated, Mount Vernon police officers would have been required to transport prisoners to the Adult Detention Center (ADC) during the day as the jail would be closed. The police officer would be out of the district for about three hours while performing this task.

For the Fire and Rescue Department, the BOS restored the proposed reduction in the hours of the Basic Life Support units, the proposed elimination of the Seventh Fire and Rescue Battalion which was recently established, the proposed elimination of the Hazardous Materials Support Unit, the proposed elimination of the

second set of gear to firefighters, and the proposed elimination of weekend Fireboat Patrols on the Potomac River and Pohick.

It was noted that the funding for the pay supplement for Fairfax County magistrates has been kept in the Budget. Further, it was moved from the General District Court section to the Office of the Sheriff section as the General District Court offered this for reduction when reductions were imposed. Hopefully, this will end that problem.

The chair reported that the 'Restore the Constitution Rally' in Fort Hunt National Park on Monday, April 19 went off without significant incident.

Finally, the chair advised that it is planned to have another CERT class beginning in September this year.

The next Public Safety meeting will begin at 7:30pm Thursday, June 3 in Community Rm. #3 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Our speaker will be SFC Christopher Burbrick who will give a presentation on the Mall Police support provided by the Fairfax County Police.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, May 3, 2010 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were representatives of 17 member citizen associations (The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon Terrace, Mt. Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wessyn-ton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park, Woodley Hills).

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

Proposed Costco -After Lee District's Land Use Committee is appraised, the group proposing to develop the Old Multiplex cinema site adjacent to WalMart indicated that they would meet jointly with the Planning and Zoning and Transportation committees of the MVCCA. At this point the development group does not have specific plans for the area, but during the MVCCA April Council meeting, a citizen described the situation: Costco is looking at the site for a large building (over 80,000 square feet), which would trigger the "Big Box store" zoning regulations. While removal of buffer areas and a parking area without trees are waivers that were mentioned at the MVCCA April Council meeting, the transportation committee's concern should be the level of service (LOS) at the three intersections adjacent this area. Currently, Sherwood Hall Lane backs up past the library during the PM peak travel time and the ability to make it through the three traffic lights without a stop is non-existent (LOS F).

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Moreover, it appears that the Commonwealth (VDOT) wants this section of U.S. 1 to have 8 travel lanes plus turn lanes. A VDOT letter dated November 2009 explained that no center line was established for U.S. Route 1 from the Beltway to Fort Belvoir Parkway because Fairfax County supports a "no build" option from Route 235/Buckman Rd to the Beltway (and the center line committee did not want to commit to the "no build" option). The transportation committee will invite Doug Koulemay, the Northern Virginia member to the Commonwealth State Transportation Board to a future meeting to learn more about the 6 versus 8 travel lane controversy. An invitation should also be extended to Scott Surovell who represents constituents along this corridor.

The multiplex theatre has been closed for 5 years and no traffic jams occurred back then arising from this property. But, traffic has increased in the last 5 years (with more due to BRAC) and a big box store will generate at least 7000 vehicles trips per day for the store to be economically successful.

June Guest Speaker - Sierra Club Sustainable Metro DC Coordinator, Phillip Ellis

He is working on two projects of interest to the transportation committee. One concerns the Council of Government (COG) report, which generally discusses the regions traffic woes although solving our transportation needs is considered key in the report. The second relates to the funding of Metro. The focus of the Sierra Club is generally the environment, clean air act and transportation effects.

Old Business

BRAC/US Route 1 task force update

Fairfax County has funded the design (\$750K) of a widened US 1 from the Fairfax County Parkway to the Woodlawn estate. US 1 would be widened to 6 travel lanes plus turn lanes and have room for sidewalks and trails along the highway. The cost estimate from the Fairfax County Parkway to Mulligan Road (Roy Rogers) is currently about 142 million dollars. This includes right of way (ROW) compensation, as well as widening the road. At the present time, Fairfax County staff has written agreement with Fort Belvoir to provide the necessary ROW. The preliminary design plans are in Supervisor Hyland's office. If you have the chance, go to Supervisor Hyland's office and ask to see the plans.

But, before the road can be widened, Congressman Moran needs to move the \$150 million from an operations/maintenance fund (one year fund) to a multi-year fund so that the money is available to build the road. For whatever reason, this appropriations process is moving slow and Congressman Moran is working on it.

Colonel Moffat, Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation and BRAC at Fort Belvoir is tentatively scheduled to be our July 2010 Transportation Committee meeting guest speaker. The chair asked Colonel Moffat to address the Transportation Demand Management Plan. According to Colonel Moffat, the plan is about

80% complete and they would like to be finished by August 2010. Hopefully, in July, the Colonel will be able to bring a copy of the Transportation Demand Management Plan or at least tell us what it entails.

The areas that the transportation committee would have Colonel Moffat focus on are the following: the railroad bridge at US 1 (Has any decision been made by the post concerning a future railroad bridge as the current bridge must come down for the widening of US 1?); time (schedule) targets rumored to be unrealistic (Is the post on-target for scheduled completion?); can he assist in the expediting of land transfer for the ROW from Fort Belvoir to Virginia (or, what is the process for ROW land transfer?); basically focus on Richmond Highway and measures being implemented to lessen the impact of 12,000 additional employees at Fort Belvoir (main post and North); would Fort Belvoir financially support a transit study to move its employees and its contractors along US 1?

National Library for George Washington at Mount Vernon

Since Fairfax County is treating this project as being a "public use" (rather than a private entity development), the development is not being required to go through a Special Exception hearing where citizens requests are more binding. While Fairfax County staff believe that an Acts of Assembly dated April 4, 1877 established the Mount Vernon Ladies, there is no current statute or regulation where the Commonwealth controls what goes on at this privately held property. The 1877 Acts of Assembly was necessary because women could not buy property at that time. Thus, the reason why the 1877 Acts of Assembly states that "The governor of Virginia shall annually appoint and commission five fit and proper men, who shall constitute a board of visitors for Mount Vernon." The governor of Virginia no longer annually appoints five men to a Board of Visitors. On the same date in 1877, an Acts of Assembly was written that a married woman has the right to acquire, hold, use, control and dispose of property, as if she was unmarried. However, it was not until 1933 that the Virginia Supreme Court wiped away the last vestige of woman's marital disabilities, as affecting property rights. Consequently, while the so-called Married Woman's Act still exists in the Virginia Code, there is nothing regarding "control" over Mount Vernon.

Accordingly, the transportation committee discussed a resolution regarding the "controls" that would be obtained if a Special Exception process were employed. There are 5 resolves that focus on 1) the construction phase, not the general use phase; 2) the Route 235N entrance should be for emergency use, not general use; 3) retain the stop sign at the circle (i.e., no lights, no encouragement for traffic increase, no flyovers/bypasses); 4) resolve our concerns; and 5) keep us informed of changes. If answers to our questions regarding the traffic management during the construction phase are forthcoming, the project does not get larger and the second entrance is for emergency use only, the transportation committee would be comfortable with the Mt. Vernon Presidential Library.

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Potholes

Telephone VDOT at 703 383-VDOT, or go to the VDOT website (virginiadot.org) and click on the Report a Pothole icon on the home page. One can report more than potholes (broken curbs, stormdrain issues, etc.). We had a wicked winter and need to keep the complaints (reports) flowing until our maintenance issues are resolved.

New Business

At the April 27, 2010 Board of Supervisor Meeting, an amendment was approved to 82-5A re: fines in a residential parking district, mostly near schools & metro. While the agenda indicated that the fines be raised from \$40 to \$75, the 82-5A amendment has not been entered into the Fairfax County Code (i.e., it is not effective, yet).

Political signs in VDOT right of ways - while the Virginia Code has rules against ads, the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance has regulations for political signs (12-103 3.L). A permit is required along with a \$100 bond for as many signs as a candidate has. However, the signs are allowed 75 days before the primary or election and must be taken down 15 days after the primary or election.

Discussion on US 1 Corridor, long-range plans would like to attract businesses and upscale stores/shopping areas. But, these desired developments need upscale neighborhoods. And US 1 houses low-wage workers for the current stores and those who need affordable housing. Businesses and upscale stores/shopping areas reject areas without the demographics to support their markets. Thus, a Catch 22.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be Monday, June 7, 2010 at 8pm in the Walt Whitman Middle School Library. Adjourn 10PM

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Committee held its monthly meeting at 7:30 pm on May 6th at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. The community organizations representatives attending were: Collingwood on Potomac, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Woodley Hills Civic Assn. and Woodley Hills Estates. Also attending was Elisabeth Lardner, Mount Vernon Representative to the Redevelopment Housing Authority.

Chair, John Jeszenszky began the meeting with special congratulations to Joan McLellan for her selection as Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association Citizen of the Year. Joan represents Stratford Landing on the committee.

An examination of the County's Housing Blueprint, begun in the joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee in April, continued at this meeting with recognition that this document

stemmed from the Board of Supervisors discussion on affordable housing at the 2009 summer retreat. Their review reinforced the general affordable housing policy enunciated in the Comprehensive Plan with recognition for the continued need for affordable housing in view of the growing populations of seniors and persons of any age with disabilities. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged that partnering with non-profits and providing resources for projects already underway were important strategies to follow. The announced goals in the Blueprint refocus on clear objectives year by year, during the next ten years regarding affordable housing.

Through the concepts adopted in the Blueprint, the Board of Supervisors resolved to address the housing needs of the homeless and those with extremely low income. Partnering with non-profits is to be a way of providing affordable housing for persons with special needs. The County also intends to extend its incentives in the private market to increase the availability of workforce housing. There are also plans to encourage the development of residential studio units and to continue to provide assistance to first-time home buyers.

The site plan for North Hill has been completed and a copy has been delivered to Supervisor Hyland's office. The plan shows the array of the manufactured homes is similar to the configuration shown during the County briefing in the spring of 2009. The community will have 50 double wide and 17 single wide homes. Discussion of two recent articles on North Hill in the Mount Vernon Gazette showed there was misunderstanding about the MVCCA position regarding the redevelopment of North Hill. Committee members were asked to remind their associations that the MVCCA passed a resolution in May of 2007 which supports the by-right development of 11 acres of North Hill into a planned manufactured home community while redeveloping the remaining acres as a useable community park. (published as amended in July 2007 RECORD).

For its next meeting, the Committee is scheduled for May 27, 2010, 7:30 pm. at the Mount Vernon District Government Center.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING

The MVCCA Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning (SCLRSP) didn't meet this month as it was decided by the SCLRSP at its April meeting that in May it would focus on its scheduled MVCCA Listening Tour stops. The SCLRSP will meet next on June 14th at 7:00 pm at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. The SCLRSP will be reaching out to the MVCCA membership organizations in advance of its June meeting to schedule Listening Tour stops however community associations in the meantime are encouraged and welcome as well to contact the Chair of the Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning Kahan Dhillon either by e-mail ksdjr@regentcompany.com or phone 703-768-8437 to schedule a Listening Tour stop.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 26, 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—June 10, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	5/27	7:30	MVGC	Jeszenszky
BUDG	6/2	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	5/25	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	Cox
EDUC	6/2	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	6/2	7:00	SCGC/Rm.219	Martin
H/HS	6/1	7:30	IMVH/Room C/D	Cleveland
PL/Z	6/7	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF	6/3	7:30	MVGC-ComRm3	Shawkey
LRSP	6/14	7:00	MVGC	Dhillon
TRAN	6/7	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

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