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**MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS
FEBRUARY 23, 2011 KNOWLES LECTURE HALL**

PRESIDER: Co-chair David Plummer.

PRESENT: Co-chairs Al Bornmann, David Plummer; committee chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Kahan Dhillon, John Jeszenszky, David Voorhees; SFDC and FCFCA Rep. Karen Pohorylo; Secretary Carol Coyle. Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan.

Representatives from: Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, River Towers, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford on the Potomac IV,

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

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report accepted. Some associations still have not renewed.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Economy seems to have turned the corner. Real estate tax rate will likely be between \$1.06 and \$1.09. County Executive released his proposed budget today. Meeting tomorrow night, 7:30, at the MV Governmental Center with Budget and Finance chair David Voorhees, Supervisor Gerry Hyland, and County Executive Tony Griffin; all encouraged to attend. County's contract with Kavanti Incinerator in Lorton is being re-negotiated. County has the option to purchase and have DPW operate; Kavanti wants to continue as things are now. Gerry proposed to the BOS that they set requirements for continuing under the present arrangement and, if Kavanti will not agree, then County should take over. Kavanti has been lobbying heavily to keep the contract. Neal McBride (Newington Forest) suggested that the DPW is not necessarily capable of running this operation. SFDC has restructured. Redistricting as a result of the 2010 Census. We now have more than 127,000 and should be 120,000. BOS Committee is considering ways to shift about 7500 people from MV to Springfield Magisterial District.

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Announcements

Save the Date

MVCCA Annual Gala

Saturday, April 9, 2011
Laurel Hill Country Club
6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Council Minutes

Treasurer's Report January 1, 2011 through February 28, 2011

Beginning balance Jan. 1, 2011	\$ 10,195.93			
	<u>Actual Monthly</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Receipts				
Dues-Current Members	852.00	2,874.00	\$4,000.00	\$(1,126.00)
Dues—New Members	-	-	200.00	(200.00)
Gala Income	-	-	6,000.00	(6,000.00)
MM Interest Income	0.19	0.40	-	0.21
Total Receipts	\$ 852.19	\$ 2,874.40	\$ 10,200.00	\$ (7,326.00)
Disbursements				
Administrative Exp	44.00	153.95	300.00	146.05
Gala Expenses		300.00	6,000.00	5,700.00
Insurance		660.00	700.00	40.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting		-	650.00	650.00
Public Safety—Mailings		-	100.00	100.00
Record Production	130.00	290.00	1,550.00	1,260.00
Student of the Year Stipends		-	600.00	600.00
Web Site		-	300.00	300.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 174.00	\$ 1,403.95	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 8,796.05
Balance Available February 28, 2011	\$ 11,666.38			
Wachovia Checking	\$ 6,664.26			
Wachovia Money Market bal	5,002.12			
Total Money Available	\$ 11,666.38			

Visioning is almost finished; then the committee will begin discussing implementation.

This year's Town Meeting was the best yet; Gerry was particularly pleased that members of the Visioning Task Force gave reports (rather than just the usual elected officials).

In answer to a question, Gerry said that he is on the committee researching water taxi from Alexandria to PG County and will keep us advised.

BUDGET AND FINANCE – Budget is available online. Meeting tomorrow with County Executive, 7:30, MV Governmental Center. Next committee meeting 1st Wednesday, 7:30, WWMS.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – See minutes. Next meeting will have the Deputy County Executive for Health and Human Services. Meeting at South County Governmental Center.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – See minutes.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION – Earth Day April 23.

Committee is planning programs at several sites. Betsy would like to spread the word via community newsletters. Please advise her of contact person.

PLANNING & ZONING – See minutes. Two resolutions.

PUBLIC SAFETY – See minutes.

TRANSPORTATION – See minutes.

LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING – Listening tours continue. Southwood invited the team back. Stratford Landing says

the presentation is a good lesson in what we are. Teams are now moving out of member communities to local organizations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – See minutes.

SFDC – Looking for people for a new committee on communication. June 5 --- Green Event at Woodlawn sponsored by www.Arcadiafood.org.

FEDERATION meets tomorrow.

CO-CHAIRS

Gala will be held April 9 at Laurel Hill Golf Club.

All Committee chairs have been asked to continue.

Approved 21-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS

P&Z 2011-1 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSIDERATION OF DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEMS Approved 22-0-1.

P&Z 2011-2 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSIDERATION OF DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEMS AS PART OF APPLICATION PROCESS Approved 24-0-0.

MEMBER TIME

Site plan for the conference center and library at Mount Vernon is available at www.mvcivcassn.org

Don Hinman, Leed District representative to FCFCA, noted some vacancies that Federation needs to fill. They are also seeking a Citizen of the Year. Some discussion of the difference between Homeowner Associations and Condo Associations. Parkside at Mount Vernon rep was introduced as new member.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:30 pm
Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Belle Haven Terrace, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Williamsburg Manor

The meeting was directed to preparation of a resolution regarding the upcoming Fairfax County 2012 budget. Various proposed cuts in county services were discussed along with expected county revenue and the real estate tax rate. It was decided that various cuts are in order for some programs and the savings could be used to fund other programs including parks, libraries, public safety, health and human services, transportation and education. This committee meeting followed a public meeting on the Advertised Budget Plan on February 24, 2011 in which County Executive Tony Griffin from the Fairfax County Budget office answered questions regarding the Advertised Budget Plan. In that plan, proposed by County Executive Tony Griffin, the tax rate would remain at \$1.09, but that some Board of Supervisors may want to lower this rate. However, the \$1.09 rate would generate more revenue as last year's \$1.09 rate due to an increase in residential real estate values.

The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be April 6, 2011 at 7:30 at the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs held its teleconference meeting on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m. The following consumer tips and links were discussed and provided during the Consumer Affairs meeting via teleconference:

14-ways to save money on groceries
<http://shine.yahoo.com/event/financiallyfit/14-ways-to-save-money-on-groceries-2447559/>

FTC offers tips on wise use of wi-fi networks
<http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2011/02/wireless.shtm>

5-new online security threats to avoid
http://www.cio.com/article/660113/5_New_Online_Security_Threats_to_Avoid

Taxable or Non-taxable income
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=179077,00.html>

Eight Things to Do After Losing Your Wallet

Losing your wallet or purse is stressful. Your money, credit cards, driver's license--all gone. Don't fret too much about tracking down contact information to close accounts and get things replaced. This to-do list puts the answers you need all in one place:

1. Make a list of what you had in your wallet and tackle the important things first.
2. Immediately cancel all your credit and debit cards, letting your bank know that your wallet was lost or stolen. Request new copies of the card with a new account number.
3. If you were the victim of theft, file a police report so there is an official record.
4. Report a missing driver's license to the department of motor vehicles and request a new copy (<http://www.dmv.state.va.us/>).
5. Alert the fraud departments of the three major credit reporting companies. They will place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number, and you can request that they alert you before opening a line of credit in your name. (Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742; Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289)
6. Request a replacement Social Security card and consider not carrying it in your wallet in the future.
7. Contact either your company's HR department or your health insurance provider directly to get a replacement insurance card. If you've lost a Medicare card, contact the Social Security Administration to get a replacement.
8. For other club membership, video rental and bonus club cards, you'll have to contact the each company individually. Use the directory on consumeraction.gov to get a direct line to consumer affairs or member relations departments.

Having your cards lost or stolen can be traumatic. But these tips can help you recover. The only thing you'll have left to do is pick out a new wallet.

The next teleconference will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. There is no cost to the participant--only to the host, who is the committee chair. *Dial in number: 866-866-2244 and the participant code is 4636258.*

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EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8pm on March 2, 2011, in the media center at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Stratford Landing, Newington Forest, Huntington, Wellington, Sulgrave Manor, Mount Vernon Manor, Riverside Estates, Waynewood and Mt. Vernon Farms. A member of the public and School Board member Dan Storck also attended.

Dale Rumberger, retired former principal of South County Secondary School and Chair of the Education Committee for Supervisor Hyland's Vision Task Force, discussed recent developments following release of the Task Force report. He also touched on his current project for the School Board reviewing appropriate educational specifications for school buildings, surveying existing buildings for compliance and reviewing construction plans for renovation and new construction to assure they meet specifications and are flexible enough to meet changes which may be needed through the useful life.

In particular, Rumberger reported that there had been significant interest expressed in the Task Force recommendation that the old Mount Vernon High School (now occupied by ISA) become a center for post high school education, with one or more local colleges/universities establishing a satellite facility to offer undergraduate degree programs and graduate level courses, as well as enhancing opportunities for high school students to dual enroll and receive college credit or certifications. The Council of Governments (COG) also had such a vision except theirs skewed more toward vocational and technical training programs.

While it is not strictly a capacity-determining project, the Committee was interested in the "EdSpec" effort because it will address long-held concerns of the Committee that current capacity determinations overstate capacity resulting in crowded conditions and proliferation of trailers, and that building design could be made more flexible to address future needs as well as the ability of schools to serve the community beyond school hours by, for example, opening libraries and computer labs.

The remainder of the meeting was spent in discussing budget issues and adopting the Resolution printed elsewhere in this RECORD. The Resolution, passed 8-1, sets forth the Committee's discussions.

Other issues the Committee will likely consider in the next meetings include the future of the honors program at West Potomac and in FCPS generally and school discipline.

Next meeting: April 6, 2011, 8pm, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 2 March 2011, 7:00 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Present were Betsy Martin (chair), Dave Plummer (MVCCA co-chair), Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, River Towers Condo, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wessynton, Woodlawn Manor, and Woodley Hills. The Mount Vernon representative to the Park Authority Board, members of the Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness (PACK), and others also attended.

Bacterial Sources of Contamination of Local Streams: Laura Grape (Senior Environmental Planner, Northern Virginia Regional Commission) reviewed sources of bacterial contamination of local streams, 95 percent of which are listed as impaired by the state. When streams are impaired, the state must implement a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) or pollution diet to reduce anthropogenic sources of pollution in order to meet (or come closer to meeting) water quality standards. In Four Mile Run, removing the dog waste component would reduce the controllable sources of bacterial contamination by half. To identify sources of bacterial contamination, the USGS used bacteria source tracking (BST) or *genetic fingerprinting* in three streams across Virginia, including Accotink Creek. Dogs ranked 3rd as a source (geese were 1st and humans 2nd) (<http://pubs.usgs.gov/wri/wri034115/wrir03-4115.pdf>). Although in Fairfax County dog owners or custodians are legally responsible for picking up after pets, many do not. A small survey suggests that being a good neighbor is cited as a reason to pick up after pets more than concerns about water quality. Strategies for improving compliance include pet waste stations and signage in notorious "dog poop alleys"; hiring pet waste disposal companies; and identifying areas for managed dog parks. In urban and suburban areas, managed dog parks are considered an asset in terms of meeting TMDL commitments and for water quality in general. Picking up dog waste is important, because of the enormous quantity of it. In Northern Virginia, there are .58 dogs per household X 702,708 households X 0.42 lbs./day or 171,180 lbs. of dog waste generated per day or 31,240 tons per year, about half of that in Fairfax County. Reducing dog waste reduces the risks of transmitting human diseases through roundworms (pulmonary inflammation and blindness), cryptosporidium (gastroenteritis), campylobacter, E. coli and giardia, which causes diarrhea and can be fatal. Bacterial pollution is much higher after storm events than other periods. The measure used is an indicator, not a direct measure of disease-causing organisms. It's good to have E. coli in your gut, but not good to be exposed to fecal contamination in the water.

In response to questions, Ms. Grape affirmed that sources of human E. coli identified in the streams include combined storm-water and sanitary sewers, homeless encampments, leaking sewer pipes, and failing septic fields. A member reported observing that a sewage overflow into the basements of two houses was pumped

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out on the lawn and asked if that was legal. The company who did the pumping spread lime and said it was okay. Ms. Grape said it likely was not legal, and should be reported. In response to a question about whether local streams would meet water quality standards for bacteria if controllable (pet and human) sources could be eliminated, she said they would not. A committee member noted that the problem is due to development: in the past, when the area was forested, infiltration into the soil would remove bacteria, but now it washes into storm drains and streams. In response to another question, Ms. Grape said she did not know of any design standards for managed dog parks that benefit water quality and promote compliance with laws requiring owners to pick up after pets.

Proposed interim use of Westgrove Park as an off-leash dog area (OLDA). The chair opened the floor to the audience for 10 minutes for comments on the proposed interim use. Representatives of several citizens' associations spoke in support. Randall Torgerson (President, Westgrove Civic Association) reported that in a survey of his neighborhood, 61% of responding Westgrove residents favored an offleash dog area in Westgrove Park, 18% were against it, and 21% were indifferent. (95 of 130 homes responded.) He supported an off leash dog area at Westgrove Park on an interim basis, and said his community does not view this use as inconsistent with preserving the natural habitat of the park or with proceeding with development of a Master Plan. Ellen Young (Associate President of Belle View Condominiums) reported that a majority of her Board favors the interim use, although they have not surveyed the community yet. The president of Wellington Civic Association sent a letter stating that an overwhelming majority of their members support the proposed interim use.

The committee then began debate on the issue. Paul Phelps (Hollin Hills) moved to pass a resolution that MVCCA recommends that FCPA grant the interim use, conditional on (a) the FCPA presenting a specific proposal and using a process it considers appropriate for review; (b) PACK agreeing to serve as the dog owners' sponsoring organization; (c) the interim OLDA being located in the already-disturbed area inside the oval track; (d) the OLDA being fenced, with its design negotiated by FCPA and PACK; (e) leash restrictions being enforced outside the designated OLDA; (f) FCPA conducting an inventory of the natural resources of the park and demarcating the RPA and natural areas as no-dog areas until this is done. The motion was seconded. Phelps explained that the resolution attempts to balance the interests of the dog owners with concerns about protecting stream quality and preserving natural areas of the park. The committee voted to make several amendments. Condition (a) was amended by adding a requirement that FCPA seek the views of neighborhood groups, and (d) was amended by striking the requirement that the OLDA be fenced. Two committee members raised concerns about whether dogs could be controlled in an unfenced dogpark, and spoke in favor of a fence for environmental reasons and reasons of dog and human safety. Others disagreed, saying repairing the perimeter fence of

the 22 acre park would make it safe for dogs, and reporting that Arlington finds no difference in ability to control dogs in fenced and unfenced dog parks. A footnote that said grass was a preferred surface was struck after a member objected that grass had been a problem at another dog park because it turned to mud, and questioned whether the information in the footnote was correct. Finally, the preamble was amended to add a reference to the FCPA policy allowing an interim use to be authorized.

Sally Kiefer (River Towers) moved that a second resolution be substituted for the first, and her motion was seconded. Her resolution states: "Whereas granting an interim use of a property violates the Fairfax County Park Authority's public master planning process which involves citizens in deciding what type of park will be established; Whereas granting an interim use to one group without public involvement is unfair to others who wish to use park property or help decide on the park's uses; Whereas granting an interim use to one group is unfair to others who followed established procedures, committed to sponsorship, agreed to FCPA conditions and raised funds for offleash dog parks; Whereas the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Board of Supervisors should not grant an interim use without getting agreement from all adjacent property owners;

Be it resolved that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen Associations urges the Fairfax County Park Authority Board of Directors and staff and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to deny requests for an interim use of the Westgrove Park property."

Kiefer explained that the authors of the resolution are not against dog parks or dogs per se, but strongly feel that the regular master planning process should be followed. Others agreed, objecting that dog park advocates were cutting in line ahead of other potential users who have not had the opportunity to propose alternative uses. Opponents to Kiefer's resolution objected that it seems to (falsely) assume that there would be no opportunity for public input before granting the interim use.

The motion to substitute failed by a vote of 2 in favor, 11 opposed.

The committee then voted to pass the original resolution, as amended, with 10 in favor and 3 opposed.

The meeting adjourned about 10:30 p.m. The next meeting is April 6, room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Erick Oberg (acting Natural Resources Manager, National Park Service) will discuss plans for planting trees and removing invasives along the George Washington Parkway.

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HHS Committee members met 3 times following the Feb. 22 presentation of the *Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2012 Advertised Budget Plan*, in order to receive information, draft a resolution of response, and discuss and vote on a statement of policy and planning at the meeting on March 1. The following MVCCA members were represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Pinewood Lake, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington. HHS Chair Louise Cleveland was present.

Re FY 2012 Planning for HHS

The Resolution, "FY 2012 Health and Human Services Planning," with its Attachment, "MVCCA FY 2012 Recommendations to Sustain Critical Human Services," expresses a consensus of the participating committee members and was approved unanimously for consideration by the MVCCA General Council.

People in the Mount Vernon District, including many who participate in the MVCCA, have long been proactive in addressing the needs and coordinating resources in the southeastern area designated as County Human Services Region I, which includes people on both sides of the Richmond Highway (aka Route One) corridor. This area is recognized in planning as the primary service area of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital as a community hospital and of health and human services that need to be "community-based" here in order to provide services effectively, when and where they are needed. Decades of civic participation in both public and private strategic initiatives have helped build major nonprofit organizations here that are among the cornerstones of the countywide public and private network of health and human services. Members of the HHS Committee share with many neighbors awareness that the County Human Services System must play a necessary role in coordinating services and programs of 8 County agencies while collaborating on cross-cutting issues with other major public services (particularly in schools and public safety) and while partnering also with private and nonprofit resources in this vital service network.

The Resolution expresses the committee's continuing concern that prevention services (including both effective, proven programs developed in the private sector and those well tested in public agencies) are vital to the future of the service network and the well being of the community, yet there is a tendency in the face of fiscal downturns to reduce public funding (and sustain only services mandated and at least partially supported from non-County sources) exactly as intensity of need rises and strain becomes evident in both private and public response. One of the most effective funding tools available to the County is the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), used to strengthen nonprofit programs that leverage County funds from their own contributions at roughly 1:3. Ironically, in the past two years a number of our most effective programs for prevention, early intervention, and cost-effective crisis response have been reduced just when they should have

expanded, and others have survived deep County cuts only by attracting non-County funding, and some critical ones are now very much at risk of reduced funding from both Federal and State sources. It has been estimated that such programs are reducing other public costs by \$4-22 per \$1 spent on prevention and strategic intervention, and our best hope of containing an unsustainable increase in public costs—in all public services—lies in preventing unnecessary and very costly hospitalizations, incarceration, and chronic dependency. It is much more cost-effective to build resilience, recovery and maximum self-sufficiency.

The Attachment to the Resolution describes particular programs, identifies funding risks that are hidden in describing "level funding" in the *Advertised Plan*, and recommends two strategies for funding that would assure service capacity locally and countywide at minimal cost.

PUBLIC EVENTS RE HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, to receive updates on operations and planned enhancement of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and on planning for the Inova Lorton Healthplex. Information, 703 780-1773

Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 PM, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets in IMVH Engh Room (2nd floor, Yellow entrance). Sarah Hall, representing the Inova Health System, will present the long term plans for phased expansion of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. These meetings are always open to the public. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151

Thursday, April 14, 7 PM, Route One Task Force for Human Services meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center on Parkers Lane. Please join Supervisor Gerry Hyland and Deputy County Exec. Pat Harrison, as well as elected state legislative reps for an update on County and State budgets and other matters impacting human services. Convener Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773

Friday, April 29, 8:45 AM-3:45 PM, NEXUS Spring Conference "Best Practices in Prevention and Intervention for Children and Youth" meets at Virginia Hills Administrative Center for the Fairfax County Public Schools, Multipurpose Room #1, 6630 Diana Lane, Alexandria, 22310. NEXUS' vision is "working together to reduce mental health problems for the young, under sponsorship of the Advisory Board for the Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health. Coordinator Lainge Bailey, laingebailey@earthlink.net

Please consult www.mvcca.org, Health and Human Services Committee page, for committee information updates as well as links to resource directories for Fairfax County health and human services and for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

PLANNING & ZONING

The P&Z committee did not meet in March. The next meeting is Monday, April 4, 2011, at 7:30 pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

The spring CERT training will begin on Monday, April 4, 2011 in Community Rms. #2 and #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center at 7:30pm. There will be a total of six sessions held on the following Mondays at the same time. The instructor will be Terry Akins from the Fire and Rescue Department. Fairfax County residents who want to attend must be at least 18 years of age. The training is free of charge. Applicants should send their name, address, telephone number, by email to Dana Powers at:

Dana.Powers@fairfaxcounty.gov. Please add the chair of the Public Safety Committee as a cc: shawkey@erols.com so that we may track how many attendees we have. The class size is limited to about 24. Last fall we were unable to accommodate some applicants due the class being full. It will pay to apply early.

Presentation

Capt Randy Joyce, the new Commander, Mount Vernon Police Station, and Lt. Mike Wall, Assistant Commander attended to help us review the impacts of the County Executive's Fiscal Year 2012 Advertised Budget Plan for Fairfax County on public safety. Capt Joyce replaced Capt Moyer only the week before. Capt Moyer was promoted to Major and moved to a new position in the Police Department. Capt Joyce gave us a summary of his career. He has previously served at the Mount Vernon Station in the bicycle patrol in the 1998-99 period, so he comes with significant experience at this station. We welcomed him and congratulated him on his new assignment.

The chair made a copy of the Citizen's Guide to the Budget available for review and gave the members a copy of the County Executive's presentation of his budget plan to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Basically, it is a stable budget with no expansion in county programs and no major cuts in those programs. He proposes that the residential tax rate remain at \$1.09. He leaves \$30M unassigned for the BOS to use as it sees fit. It includes no compensation increase for county employees. The committee noted that this will cause a problem if FCPS employees are given a raise but the county employees do not also receive a raise. The county public safety sector has not had a raise in three years. Further, the county promised in 2006 that it would reduce the required police contribution to retirement. Because of funding constraints, it has not kept to its compensation plan. It was noted that the Police do not contribute to Social Security.

The chair asked Capt Joyce to continue to monitor the use of police officers as replacements for Police Communications Assistants (PCA) on the Station front desk. Last year in the budget process, the County reduced the number of PCAs at each station to the

point that when one is on vacation, sick leave, etc., a Police officer must fill in for them. This reduces the number of officers available for regular duties such as patrol. The number of hours they must fill in will be needed to justify additional PCAs when sufficient funding is available for the County to return the number of PCAs to required numbers. In this regard, the reduction in overtime hours due funding availability has restricted some flexibility in Police initiatives to emerging problems.

It was noted that the Advertised Budget continues to provide a 25% pay supplement to the County magistrates. Under new rules enacted by the state two years ago, the requirements for new magistrates have changed. New magistrates now 'negotiate' their salaries with the state. They are not eligible for the local pay supplement. It is noted that the new magistrates have negotiated significantly higher salaries than is paid to current magistrates who are under the old pay scales. This has resulted in significantly higher pay for new hires than for older magistrates. The County pay supplement will help reduce this inequity as well a raise their total pay. When the supplement was initiated four years ago, the County provided \$365,000 for the supplement. Due normal attrition, the total amount has dropped to \$195,000 for FY 2012.

The chair noted the passing of the 'Ashley's' law which requires that police cruisers must use both sirens and flashing lights when on emergency runs. He also noted the phasing out of the Beacon project which was initiated six years ago to help address the needs of people with substance abuse problems. This was a replication of the Delancey St. project in San Francisco.

March Meeting

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will begin at 7:30 pm Thursday, April 7, 2011 in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Catherine M. Voorhees chaired the meeting. Attending were representatives of 15 member citizen associations (The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Southwood, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Woodley Hills.

The February 2011 minutes of the Transportation Committee, as written in the Record were approved.

More Flights at Washington National Airport?

A recent Washington Post article highlighted Congressional actions now moving towards adding more flights, particularly beyond the

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1,250-mile perimeter outgoing flight limit to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. According to the article, it appears that our elected Congressional delegation has fallen for the "lets reach a compromise" approach rather than holding to the "just say 'No!' because it's not safe principled position.

The Waywood Transportation Committee representative, who is a former pilot, stated that the main runway at National Airport is too short (6,869 feet long) and as a result, there is a limited ground area for maneuvering airplanes into and out of National Airport. Most airports have runways (plural) that are able to handle larger aircraft. This enables commercial jets (e.g., Delta, Continental, etc.) to land on (or take off from) more than one runway. National Airport has a single runway that is 2/3 of the length of the multiple runways at Dulles International, and aircraft can only land or take-off from that runway as the two other runways are even shorter than 6,869 feet. Consequently, there is little room for error (operator and/or bad weather related error).

According to Aviation Week, five more commercial airlines are to be added to the number of airlines currently flying into and out of National Airport. And, airlines currently using National Airport are asking for extensions (to their current flight schedules). Thus, there will be more airlines flying into and out of National Airport and more flights flying off with full fuel tanks (heavier loads) as they are headed non-stop to the West Coast and/or Alaska. The number of flights added to National Airport may be 32 (16 incoming and 16 outgoing flights being added) or 150 (75 incoming and 75 outgoing flights) depending upon which congressman is the source. But, several congressmen, including Representative Connelly and both of our senators tout the "compromise" that Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson (R-TX) brokered that appears to allow 16 new flights (actually 32 if both incoming and outgoing flights are counted singularly). Is this a "compromise" that allows 16 new flights every two years, for example, until the request 75 flights are met? The number of runways and length of an airports' runways should limit commercial flights into and out of airports; however, National Airport seems to follow congressional lawmakers whims rather than the laws of physics when deciding to add new flights to National Airport.

If constituents are concerned about the increase in flights at National Airport, they are encouraged to write their US Representative and US Senators. The transportation committee will review how many flights have been added since the 1990s when noise was the chief concern. Now, the question is can the number of flights at National Airport be controlled to keep both passengers and those of us on the ground safe.

Resolution re: Adoption of the Transportation Impact Fee

Since 1989, the Virginia Assembly authorized Fairfax County to impose transportation impact fees on any new development (by-right and rezoned developments) to pay for its proportionate-share

of the cost of existing, new or expanded transportation infrastructure benefiting the new development. That is, for over 20 years, Fairfax County has had the authority to impose fees for reasonable transportation infrastructure on all new development requiring a building permit. If Fairfax County had adopted this transportation impact fee 20 years ago, the traffic congestion at the Kings Crossing Wal-Mart would have been avoided as dual dedicated left-hand turn lanes could have been financed by Wal-Mart.

The MVCCA Transportation Committee is working on a resolution to request Fairfax County to adopt such a Transportation Impact Fee, as Stafford County has done (in 2003). While Prince William and Loudoun Counties have decided against adopting the Transportation Impact Fee, their reasoning was that their counties were collecting sufficient monies under the proffer system. The average proffer in Prince William County in 2008 was \$30,000 per unit built due to the rezoning, and the average proffer in Loudoun County in 2008 was over \$46,000 per unit built due to the rezoning. In 2008, Fairfax County only obtained proffers that averaged \$15,000 per unit built due to a rezoning. That is, Fairfax County was collect half or one-third of the amounts adjacent counties were charging. Loudoun County, in response to the high volume development demands, recently raised its proffers in eastern Loudoun County to just under \$60,000.

Old Business:

Costco traffic goals: The area of Richmond Highway (Route 1) between Sherwood Hall Lane and Janna Lee Road is a bottleneck under current conditions. The Transportation Committee discussed what Costco plans to do to accommodate its customers. Vehicles coming from the North on Route 1 can turn right into the Wal-Mart parking lot and use an existing connector road to the proposed Costco. Vehicles coming from the South on Route 1 can turn left onto Ladsen Lane (no lengthening of the dedicated left turn lane, but a light timing change). There is no more room to lengthen the dedicated turn lane at this location. Vehicles will be expected to go North past the proposed Costco and turn left at the Wal-Mart and Sherwood Hall Lane traffic light. Costco proposed adding a second dedicated turn lane on northbound Route 1 at this location.

What is needed is 3 travel lanes in each direction from Sherwood Hall Lane to Janna Lee Road to enable traffic to flow without a bottleneck. A transportation committee member spoke about future plans for Buckman Road and Route 235 (Buckman Road traffic may go out to Route 1 at the Janna Lee Road traffic light and the traffic light at Buckman Road may disappear so U-turns would have to be done further south of Route 235). Costco is coming to the Planning and Zoning Committee's April meeting (April 4, 2011 @ 7:30pm).

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New Business

No turn on red at Shenandoah and Fort Hunt Roads traffic light –

The Wellington Civic Association brought up the feasibility of adding a sign to the current No Turn on Red Sign “while pedestrians are present” like the No turn on red signs in the Alexandria City. The Hollin Hall Village CA and the Tauxemont CA are adamantly against changing the traffic light at this location.

History – Over 15 years ago, Hollin Hall Village and Tauxemont CAs fought for a safe way to cross Fort Hunt Road at this location. Most of the traffic is on Fort Hunt Road and VDOT questioned whether there was enough traffic on Shenandoah Road to warrant a traffic light. 4-way stop signs were not considered because they would inhibit the Fort Hunt Road traffic. It was not until a fatality occurred at this intersection that VDOT agreed to place a traffic light at this location.

Shenandoah Road traffic hits a magnetic trigger so that the normally red light turns green on Shenandoah Road to turn; otherwise the light is always green for Fort Hunt Road. The wait cycle to allow traffic from Shenandoah Road to turn onto Fort Hunt Road is short, but the wait cycle when the pedestrian walk button is pushed is long (to enable seniors to walk across the road). However, the pedestrian walk button is seldom used. There was a question whether the line of sight from Shenandoah Road (Tauxemont side) was sufficient to allow a right turn on red when no pedestrians are present. If a change must be made, have “when pedestrians are present” signs on Fort Hunt Road and Shenandoah Road (Hollin Hall Village side). The chair will ask VDOT if a No Turn on Red while pedestrians are present is appropriate for this location. Perhaps, the pedestrian walk cycle could be shortened?

Transportation Committee meetings to start earlier-

Transportation committee members present at the March meeting were in favor of moving the start time to 7:30 pm (so we can end at 9:30pm). One member that arrives early asked that we get the janitors on board so that the library is opened when we arrive. At the March meeting, I said I would request that the room be opened by 7:30pm and that our April meeting would start at 8pm. However, the Planning and Zoning chair asked that transportation committee members attend Costco’s presentation on April 4, 2011 at 7:30pm in the Auditorium so members should attend the first 30 minutes of the Planning and Zoning meeting to hear Costco’s final presentation on this matter and then, the transportation committee will go to our regular meeting room at 8pm

ADJOURNED

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on April 4, 2011 in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School beginning at 8PM.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The Committee’s meeting was on February 24, 2011, 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. The community organizations represented at the meeting were: Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, Woodley Hills Community Assn. and Woodley Hills Estates. Guest speakers present included John Payne, Cynthia Ianni and Tom Armstrong from FC Dept. of Housing and Community Development and Scott Matties from Cunningham & Quill Architects. Also attending was Elisabeth Lardner Mount Vernon Representative to the Redevelopment Housing Authority.

Minutes of the last meeting of February 3, 2011, were reviewed and approved.

John Payne gave a brief update on the status of the development of the Residences at North Hill. He indicated that the second site plan is being reviewed by the Board of Supervisors and they are scheduled to vote in June 21st on a bond package that includes funds to construct the 67 units. Scott Matties described the three types of homes that were selected to fit the the restricted terrain and showed how the units will be placed to take advantage of the sun and protection from the wind. Type A is a single wide 2 bed room unit 15’x66’ or 990sf. Type B is a double wide 3 bedroom unit 30’x42’ about 1260sf and Type C is a larger 3 bedroom unit 30’x48’ about 1440sf. The units were selected for sustainability and star energy rating and will have universal design features such as window sills lower than 36”, wider doors, lever door handles etc. There was much discussion on the configuration and floor plans but members generally agreed that the designs were well thought out.

Committee members were concerned about the County’s plan to inspect and keep up the units especially the rental units. It was explained that the County now owns several thousand units and has a staff to oversee them. The committee members stressed the importance of having a plan in hand when the units are leased that clearly states occupant responsibilities and the consequences for non compliance. The briefers took back notes on the comments they received and promised to ensure that clear owner responsibilities will be developed for owners and renters.

The following meetings of interest were noted:

Board of Supervisors Housing Meeting – March 1, 3 pm, Fairfax Govt. Ctr. Conf. Rooms 9&10.

FC Affordable Housing Committee – March 25, 9:30 – 11 am, Fairfax Govt. Ctr. Conf. Rooms 4&5.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2011, 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center Conference Room.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON — LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING —

The MVCCA Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning continues to conduct the MVCCA Listening Tour. The Committee didn't meet this month due to a Listening Tour stop which needed to be scheduled for the same day as the Committee's regular meeting date. The Committee's next meeting will be April 11th at 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Please contact the Chair of the Committee Kahan Dhillon either by phone at 703-768-8437 or e-mail at ksdjir@regentcompany.com with any questions you may have or to schedule a Listening Tour stop for your community.

SFDC

-Retail Summit "Retail Trends and Opportunities: National, Regional and the Richmond Highway Market" Wednesday April 13, 2011 8:00AM to 10:00AM Hampton Inn & Suites, 5821 Richmond Highway Alexandria, VA 22303. \$40.00 registration fee before April 1st, \$50.00 after. To register call 703-360-5008 or visit www.sfdc.org

-Green-way on the Highway at Woodlawn Plantation, Sunday, June 5th from noon to 4:00PM. Admission is free. To learn more about this event as well as sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities visit www.sfdc.org or contact Tony Fontana at (703)360-5008 e-mail: tony.fontana@sfdc.org

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

Next membership meeting on Thursday March 24, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Packard Center 4022 Hummer Road Annandale, VA

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

B&F-2011-001: MVCCA RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FY 2012 BUDGET PLAN, AS ADVERTISED

1. **WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Executive has presented the FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan for Fairfax County, which complies with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) budget guidance and proposes a Real Estate Assessment at the rate of \$1.09/\$100 assessed valuation; and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the FCPS and the taxpayers of Fairfax County continue to be adversely affected by under-funded mandates of the United States federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia, as well as by the failure of the Commonwealth to partner fully in programs such as Medicaid that make federal funding available to states and localities, and to fairly distribute that funding which is provided:
3. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA recognizes that the Federal Government is facing serious long and short-term financial deficits that could worsen. The Federal share of expenditures for a number of mandated programs (e.g. Medicaid) is expected to decrease in the coming years and the Commonwealth of Virginia will be required to pick-up the short fall. In FY2012 and for the foreseeable near future, Fairfax County will continue to face the challenge of increasing public needs as well as mandates for many public services, coupled with continuing risk of falling revenues; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA further recognizes that while the economic downturn has created unprecedented reductions in revenue in both the Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County, which has required careful consideration of County services and reduction or elimination of many County personnel and programs over the last three years, nevertheless Fairfax County should also give consideration to residents of the county when the elimination of services and personnel will only add to the burdens and disadvantages and unemployment already in existence; and,
5. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Advertised Budget Plan presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) on February 22, 2011 proposes to address the slight increase in revenue sources for FY 2012 by holding most county expenses at the same level as last year; and,
6. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA is in agreement that most of the programs and personnel retained by the FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan are essential and should be maintained, however in the current budget climate some programs should be considered for reduction and the savings applied to funding education, parks, libraries, transportation, public safety and health and human services; and,

7. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA recognizes that budget savings could be achieved by eliminating certain equipment acquisition and maintenance expenses as well as programs that have not achieved desired results; and,

8. **WHEREAS**, schools in the area represented by the MVCCA are among those most at risk and most heavily affected by the growth in population of students who require additional services and staffing, have benefited from increased resources as demonstrated by significant progress in achieving mandated benchmarks, and will require continued additional targeted resources if progress is to continue; and,

9. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA finds that the Transfer to Fairfax Public Schools proposed in the FY2012 Advertised Budget is inadequate to preserve the value of this critical, priority service and should keep pace with enrollment growth and without consideration of any increased state education funding which may or may not become available during FY2012;

A. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the Board of Supervisors to look at all available sources of revenue including, but not limited to a meals tax and increases in the BPOL tax rates for providing the additional funding necessary to fund the essential programs described herein; and,

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MVCCA supports the school board request for transfer to the Fairfax County Public Schools, and recommends the transfer should at least include \$17,800,000 to cover the costs of new students; and,

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to limit structural damage to County agencies due to budget cuts, the MVCCA recommends that all funding for the HCD/RHA proposed development of North Hill for FY2012 be used instead for public safety, human services, and education, resulting in the delay of the North Hill project by one year; and,

D. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA recommends that funding for boats and helicopters be reviewed to determine if funding for these items can be eliminated from the budget and that new equipment expenditures be approved only after a publicly available cost benefit analysis or similar justification; and,

E. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA recommends that public funding of the Economic Development Authority (EDA) be eliminated and alternative sources of funding such as user fees be considered for continued funding of the EDA; and,

F. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that therefore the MVCCA recommends that one-half of one percent (0.05%) of the FY 2012 budget be retained for a reserve fund; and,

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G. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA, in consideration of all of the above, urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in adopting a Budget for FY 2012 to include tax rates and revenue enhancements that take full advantage of the revenue sources available to the County as authorized by the Virginia General Assembly and thereby provide for County revenue sufficient to avert unacceptable loss of essential public services including environmental quality, libraries and schools, public safety, transportation, and the health and human services network.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION B&F-2011-001

EDUCATION

EDUC-2011-001: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FY2012 ADVERTISED BUDGET

(1) WHEREAS the Fairfax County School Board (School Board) has approved its Advertised Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012 School Budget) which requires a fund transfer increase from Fairfax County (Requested Transfer) of \$48.8Million or 3% above FY2011 levels; and

(2) WHEREAS the Fairfax County FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan (County Advertised Budget), presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) on February 22, 2011, for the fourth straight year proposes no increase in school transfer, under funding the FY2012 School Budget by at least \$48.8Million (Schools Shortfall); and

(3) WHEREAS Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) from FY2009 through FY2011 reduced costs by more than \$465Million, and reduced per pupil spending to FY2008 levels despite the continued impact of underfunded educational mandates such as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Virginia Standards of Quality (SOQ); and

(5) WHEREAS these reductions, compounded by several years of County "hold harmless" flat school transfers which did not even cover the cost of a 10,000 student enrollment growth, have already significantly impaired FCPS' continued ability to provide a quality education to all children by:

(a) Increasing class size;

(b) Eliminating non-mandated after school and summer school programs, and eliminating or reducing funding for programs aimed at diverse populations including Young Scholars, College Partnership, Project Excel and Focus schools;

(c) Reducing staffing of psychologists, social workers, office staff and assistant principals;

(d) Cutting school supply accounts and textbook accounts;

(e) Holding all baseline budgets to FY2007 levels except for mandated changes;

(f) Imposing test and activity fees;

(g) Cutting central administration staff and budget share to less than 1%, the lowest in the region, reducing the ability to respond to the School Board, public and individual school needs and adequately manage responsibilities; and

(6) WHEREAS schools in the area represented by the MVCCA are among those most at risk, most heavily affected by the growth in population of students who require additional services and staffing consideration, most likely to suffer from school service reductions and imposition of fees, and whose progress toward fulfilling community expectations in addressing achievement gaps and meeting mandated benchmarks is most fragile and most threatened by reductions already suffered;

(7) WHEREAS teacher and staff salaries have also been held to FY2009 levels, eliminating both step and market scale adjustments, even though workload has increased due to class size increases and responsibilities have multiplied due to staff reductions in support areas;

(8) WHEREAS the contractual "step" is the only monetary recognition of service available to classroom teachers, unlike other public positions where promotions or transfers to other departments can provide advancement in compensation; and

(9) WHEREAS effective compensation for teacher leaders has also been actually reduced by the elimination of Teacher Leadership programs, summer school, stipends for National Board certification and tuition and by reduced contract length; and

(10) WHEREAS freezing of teacher salaries has also put FCPS at a further competitive disadvantage to other local systems which continue to have higher pay scales, especially at experienced teacher levels, and is not conducive to attracting quality staff to FCPS or to the profession; and

(11) WHEREAS additional factors negatively affect the School Budget including: the likely need to rollback and/or refund test fees (\$2-4Million); new mandates for computerized SOL testing potential (\$8Million), possible new mandates with respect to Physical education (\$18-23Million), possible reductions in Title 1 funding for neediest schools, changes in Virginia school funding levels, and the need to address the long overdue rollout of full day kindergarten to all FCPS schools; and

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(12) WHEREAS the County and FCPS in the fall of 2008 and 2009 conducted a number of County-wide citizen dialogues (Dialogues) to inform FCPS and the BOS about citizens' views on budget priorities and the appropriate balance of services to property tax burden, and citizens at the Dialogues clearly indicated that maintaining the service levels and quality of schools was a top priority and that revenue including property tax rates would need to rise to preserve schools and other services; and

(13) WHEREAS public education is a priority core mission of local government, the BOS has recognized that obligation in its historically strong support of the schools and citizens have reiterated that primary core mission status in the strong support for schools voiced in the Dialogues; and

(14) WHEREAS satisfaction of a priority core responsibility is not demonstrated by a particular budgetary percentage but rather through meeting its legitimate budgetary needs through available funds, or, in the alternative, to raise revenue sufficient to all priorities; and

(15) WHEREAS the County Advertised Budget projects a general fund revenue increase of 3.1% (\$103Million) in FY2012 which would be more than adequate to fully fund the School Shortfall (applying the BOS' oft recited pledge that more than one-half the budget supports schools would generate in excess of \$50million) and moreover includes a \$30Million discretionary balance (Fund Balance), assuming no change in the recommended residential real property tax rate of \$1.09 which was also the maximum advertised rate adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on February 22, 2012; and

(16) WHEREAS the 1.09 maximum advertised tax rate would cost the average taxpayer less than \$10 more per month in FY2012, after several years of minimal or no increases (indeed the total increase in average tax bill from FY2006 through FY2012 is only about \$29 per month) even though school enrollment and need for school and County services was burgeoning; and

(17) WHEREAS FCPS made significant and detrimental cuts during periods when County revenues were flat or decreasing in expectation that when revenue recovered, critical cuts could begin restoration in the order of priority as determined by the School Board which has sole authority as to expenditures; and

(18) WHEREAS holding FCPS to a flat transfer even though enrollment and County revenue is increasing, does not satisfy the County's priority core mission nor express the will of citizens, particularly given cuts already suffered and those which would be necessitated by such failure of adequate funding; and

(19) WHEREAS the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) recognizes that increased revenue predictions, particularly should there be a decrease in tax rate, may

not be adequate to fully fund the Schools Shortfall and meet other responsibilities,

(A) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA), in consideration of all of the above and in recognition of significant reductions already made, fully supports the FY2012 School Budget as presented, including the Transfer Request; and

(B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA urges the BOS, in adopting a Budget for FY2012, to fully fund the School Shortfall but in any event and, at a minimum, to provide an increased transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools which at least compensates for the cost of enrollment growth in FY2012 (\$17.8M, whether by employing a portion of the Fund Balance or otherwise providing funds from expanded County revenues; and

(C) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA urges the BOS to establish a residential property tax rate of \$1.09 for FY2012 in order to minimally satisfy its stewardship obligations to meet core needs, protect important County assets, and preserve quality of life and hope for the future, and to actively consider for employment such other revenue enhancement opportunities which may be available by law.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION EDUC-2011-001

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

E&R-2011-001: RESOLUTION ON THE INTERIM USE OF WESTGROVE PARK AS AN OFF LEASH DOG AREA

- 1. WHEREAS**, the former Westgrove Sewage Treatment Plant was reduced to a pumping station (still active) and the 22-acre property was transferred to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) in 2001 and is now known as Westgrove Park;
- 2. WHEREAS**, Westgrove Park includes a stream, buffered by a designated Resource Protection Area (RPA), that drains to the Potomac River through Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, a unique ecosystem and the largest temperate freshwater tidal marsh in the National Park Service system;
- 3. WHEREAS**, development of a master plan for Westgrove Park was initiated in 2005 but was suspended indefinitely due to lack of community consensus on future use(s);
- 4. WHEREAS**, dog owners have been using Westgrove Park as a *de facto* off-leash dog area for about five years, but animal control officers recently began enforcing the leash law and ticketing owners of unleashed dogs;

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5. **WHEREAS**, the Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness (PACK) has asked FCPA to designate a portion of the Westgrove Park for interim use as an OLDA (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/OLDA_development.htm), with no additional improvements, until such time as the county obtains citizen approval and identifies funds for alternative use(s);

6. **WHEREAS**, the FCPA Executive Committee did not support PACK's proposed interim use, because (a) it did not meet FCPA guidance for operating an OLDA (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/OLDA_development.htm), and because (b) it did not satisfy the preference that such uses be master-planned, and because (c) on-site access and parking do not meet public use standards;

7. **WHEREAS**, the only off-leash dog park in Mount Vernon district is at Grist Mill Park, located 11 miles away on heavily-travelled roads, and the closest dog park is Founders Park, located 3.5 miles away in the City of Alexandria;

8. **WHEREAS**, Section 41.1-2-4 of the Fairfax Code permits an "off-leash or dog exercise area" (OLDA) to be designated on FCPA land by resolution of the FCPA, and policy 103-1-3 of the FCPA policy manual allows the authorization of this use on an interim basis;

9. **WHEREAS**, PACK has demonstrated the need and desire for an OLDA in this area including with a petition with over 500 supporters, a need that was also rated as one of the greatest unmet needs by FCPA itself in an assessment conducted in 2004 using standard metrics;

10. **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Hyland has publicly supported the OLDA and has asked the Mount Vernon representative to the Park Authority Board to support interim use for an OLDA at Westgrove Park, and has asked FCPA to begin master planning Westgrove Park;

A. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA affirms Supervisor Hyland's request that the Park Authority initiate the public master planning of Westgrove Park as soon as possible;

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA recommends that FCPA grant interim use of a portion of Westgrove Park as an OLDA, subject to the following conditions:

a. FCPA shall present a specific proposal for consideration and seek the views of neighborhood groups, the Belle View Elementary School, and Martha Washington Library;

b. There shall be a designated "dog owners' sponsoring organization" with responsibility for monitoring the use of the interim OLDA in accordance with FCPA guidance;

c. The interim OLDA shall be located within the already-disturbed area of mowed grass enclosed by an oval asphalt driveway (i.e., the site of the former sewage treatment plant);

d. The specific design of the OLDA is to be negotiated by FCPA staff and the dog owners' sponsoring organization;

e. Leash restrictions will be enforced outside of the designated OLDA and the RPA and natural areas should be demarcated as no-dog areas;

C. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the FCPA should conduct a formal inventory of the natural resources of Westgrove Park in order to inform final decisions about appropriate and compatible use(s) for a final park plan.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION E&R-2011-001

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HHS-2011-001: FY 2012 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PLANNING

1. **WHEREAS**, in planning for Fiscal Year 2012, the citizens of Fairfax County and their elected Board of Supervisors (BOS) continue to face difficult choices, in the effort to sustain the essential public services that citizens want provided locally;

2. **WHEREAS** high quality services, built with fervent public support countywide and with significant County investments in BOS-approved strategic Initiatives, are widely understood to be critical to our community's well-being and essential to our quality of life;

3. **WHEREAS** the citizens in the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) who participate annually in the public review of the County Executive's proposal for a balanced Plan for the next Fiscal Year hereby acknowledge, re the *Fiscal Year 2012 Advertised Budget Plan* (or, "*Advertised Plan*") for July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012:

- **the dedication of County employees** at every level who have worked, with success in some critical areas, to provide "smarter" services that meet intense levels of demand in cost-effective ways;
- **the high quality and transparency of public information**, published on line and made available on request for participation in local governmental decision-making—both in the tools for the annual budget review and also in the data and analytic reports used to evaluate investment in BOS-adopted Initiatives and to choose cost-effective strategies that maintain County capacity to respond to emergent crises in the community; and
- **the clarity of FY 2012 budget constraints and recommendations** incorporated in the *Advertised Plan*, which is balanced—given that the residential real estate tax rate is held

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at the same level as last year—and which provides a small degree of flexibility (an “Available Balance” of \$30 million, or less than 1%) for consideration of 7 listed “Options,” or choices, for adjusting the *Plan* within the principles on proposed expenditures the County Executive has adopted, in an effort to impose constraints equitably across all agencies: no compensation increases for County employees, no new programs or expansions of programs from FY 2011 levels, spending increases included only for “critical requirements,” limited infrastructure investment, and County “Transfer” for School Operations/Debt Services at the FY 2011 Adopted level plus a \$2.8 million increase for debt service;

4. WHEREAS the MVCCA recognizes that the BOS has now advertised \$ 1.09 per \$100 assessed valuation as the maximum tax rate for homeowners, that adoption of this stable rate will be required to fund the *Advertised Plan* (with a \$30 million margin for all adjustments), and that this rate will be mitigated for many homeowners by recognition that (1) only those whose homes have increased in assessed value (as of January 2011) will pay more tax dollars this year than last and (2) tax relief remains available for some elderly and disabled homeowners (under terms limited by the State);

5. WHEREAS the County’s Human Services System provides essential services through its coordination of 8 County agencies, each with complex funding sources and mandates, as well as through its necessary responsibility to work in effective partnerships—together with other public services (schools, public safety, etc.) and with many private and nonprofit providers in the entire regional network of health and human services—in support of the County’s priorities and strategic Initiatives;

6. WHEREAS the Human Services System has played a critical role in developing and coordinating County resources essential to the strategic Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors during the past decade, after extensive citizen participation and review of data, best practice, and analytic reports, among them: the *Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*, the *Housing Blueprint* goals for strategic use of limited resources (to provide for those with special needs as well as bridge affordability for the low to moderate income workforce), the *Beeman Commission recommendations* for needed transformation of the public mental health system, the Youth survey and the *Fifty Plus* analysis of demographic aging and its meaning for County planning;

7. WHEREAS the MVCCA continues to support the identification of cost-effective prevention, intervention, and recovery-oriented services that will maximize the self-sufficiency of individuals and families and the well-being of neighborhoods and communities; and **whereas** the heart of County strategic Initiatives must lie in choosing effective prevention strategies—whether we are considering services that assist “aging in place” and family caregiving for frail persons with disabilities, or services that offer alternatives to

highly risky choices among youth, or healthcare services that assure countywide availability of an appropriate level of community-based crisis care equipped to treat causes and prevent the repeated unnecessary hospitalization, incarceration and chronic dependence that have enormous and ever-escalating costs to individual, family and community well being;

8. WHEREAS the MVCCA, one year ago, described the critical leadership role of the County’s Human Services System, in a time of strain on resources, as requiring these actions:

- *Mitigate severe strains that emerge in “safety net” services* made available to County residents through the public and private network of health and human services;
- *Maintain capacity for continuing County leadership and cost-effective allocation of its resources through well-informed strategic planning and cost-effective BOS Initiatives;* and
- *Sustain and strengthen the County’s capacity to respond to emergent community crises through community-based programs—*effective, scaleable, locally delivered programs and strategies for prevention, early intervention, and assured availability of appropriate levels of care;

9. WHEREAS the MVCCA finds in the *Advertised Plan*, despite its strict constraints on increased spending this year, several community-based programs that we anticipate will be able to provide “smarter” human services that meet intense levels of demand, *at no cost increase to the County*, through program redesign, through inter-agency collaboration (e.g. for greater efficiency and effectiveness in services for children), and/or through success in identifying non-county sources of funding (while recognizing that even these redesigned programs are indicators of increased strain in the human services network generally and of increasingly risky reliance on federal/state grants to sustain effective prevention programs), among them:

- **The System of Care strategy**, that will coordinate services for at-risk children and youth, and their families, integrating efforts in the public schools with those available through County agencies, implementing state changes to programs, reducing some costs, and improving outcomes for youth and their families, while deploying some increased funding the County will receive under Virginia’s Comprehensive Services Act (CSA). [However, if services delivered to “non-mandatory” CSA-eligible youth are reduced, this will result in both higher CSA costs as well as higher costs shifted elsewhere in the system (juvenile justice, foster care, etc.)];
- **Intensive Community Treatment Teams** developed by the Fairfax/Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), that will build capacity for community-based case management and outreach services for persons with mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders, in a redesign of services and in response to the BOS-approved Beeman Commission recommendations, to be funded through Medicaid revenues and at no net cost to the County—thereby reducing the number of persons requiring costly hospitalization and improving the

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quality of recovery-oriented crisis care available throughout Fairfax County. [Note that MVCCA recommendations for additional funds to sustain other highly effective CSB programs related to acute care are described in the Attachment to this Resolution.]; and

- **Public Health Nurses in the schools**, now being placed, by pyramid, in relation to demographic data and an analysis of intensity of medical needs such as medication management, resulting for example in 4 additional PHNs in Mount Vernon area pyramids where intensity of need is well documented (9,600 children with medical care plans), enabling better service countywide, at no added cost, under State Education funding for this purpose, shared between schools and the Health Dept.;

10. WHEREAS the MVCCA has also identified as *deserving consideration for increased County funding* certain programs in the County Human Services System that we deem to be critical in sustaining the County's capacity—in partnership with other public and private nonprofit resources—to respond to emergent community crises, deliver effective services where and when they are most needed, and deploy proven strategies of community-based prevention and intervention that offer our best hope of reducing the human and fiscal waste of unnecessary hospitalizations, incarceration, and chronic dependency; and **whereas** these programs are described in the Attachment to this Resolution, titled "MVCCA FY 2012 Recommendations To Sustain Critical Human Services," together with specific recommendations for funding, either under Option #5 by direct allocation to particular agencies and programs, or under Option #4 by funding a Reserve intended to provide minimal capacity and flexibility to mitigate impending reductions in State and Federal grants to these programs and to maintain County capacity to respond to emergent community crises,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations recommends that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors act to sustain the public and private network of essential health and human services and to assure funding of critical programs (*as described in the Attachment to this Resolution*) needed for cost-effective prevention, early intervention, and response to emerging community crises, throughout the Fiscal Year 2012 and in years to come, in the following ways:

- First, after full consideration in public hearings, adjust the *FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan* to increase funding directly (under Option #5), from the \$30 million Available Balance, to certain programs that respond cost-effectively to intense documented demand for assistance with basic needs and crisis care and, in doing so, sustain strategic planning through County Initiatives and partnerships (especially in community-based crisis care, prevention of homelessness, and priorities of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool), **by allocating amounts totaling \$3.775 million;**

- Second, set aside funds (as in Option #4) in a Reserve for Risk & Crisis Response to be available during FY 2012, to mitigate estimated risk that federal and state funding will be withdrawn mid-cycle from critical programs in the County's Human Services System and to retain County capacity for cost-effective response to emergent community crises (including CSB response to regional crisis care issues), in amounts that could provide at least 50% of the estimated funds at risk (in Family Services, currently \$4.232 million) and 100% of estimated requirements for CSB provision of crisis care (\$1 million), funding this Reserve at a **minimum of \$5.0 Million.**
- Third, adopt the full advertised rate of \$1.09 per \$100 assessed valuation for residential real estate tax this year, while also continuing to seek more diversified County revenue enhancements that may sustain the quality of our essential public services, including those provided through the health and human services network, so that the County will retain and continue to strengthen its capacity to manage and respond effectively to emergent community crises.

ATTACHMENT to MVCCA Resolution 2011-HHS-01 MVCCA FY 2012 Recommendations To Sustain Critical Human Services

MVCCA recommends for consideration, that the Board of Supervisors provide additional support for certain human services programs and agencies, as described below, in order to

- *Mitigate severe strains that emerge in "safety net" services* made available to County residents through the public and private network of health and human services;
- *Maintain capacity for continuing County leadership and cost-effective allocation of its resources through well-informed strategic planning and cost-effective BOS Initiatives;* and
- *Sustain and strengthen the County's capacity to respond to emergent community crises through community-based programs—effective, scaleable, locally delivered programs and strategies for prevention, early intervention, and assured availability of appropriate levels of care.*

SUMMARY OF DIRECT ALLOCATIONS RECOMMENDED: MVCCA recommends allocating a total of \$ 3.775 million directly to certain programs now, to support unfunded requirements and Initiatives (Option #5): the CSB (for Medically Monitored Detox Services and Hospital/Jail Diversion to Detox, \$875,000), the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (to sustain effective prevention services, \$900,000), and the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (to strengthen nonprofit partnerships and address priority needs cost-effectively, during conditions of great stress to the health and human services network, \$2 million).

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR A RESERVE FOR RISK & CRISIS RESPONSE:

MVCCA recommends that at least \$5 million be set aside in reserve (Option #4), to mitigate identified risks of state/federal reductions in funding (particularly impacting children and families) and to preserve flexibility and capacity for cost-effective strategic response to community crises emergent during the funding cycle (particularly CSB response to the regional attrition in capacity for acute crisis care).

DESCRIPTION BY AGENCY/PROGRAM FOLLOWS

— Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) MVCCA recommends adding \$2 million directly to the CCFP allocation.

Though characterized as “level-funded” in the proposed budget, the CCFP is in fact threatened with potential reductions of \$2.17 million in 3 Federal block grants (for community development and community services) that are annually “consolidated” (with other grants and County funds of \$8 million) into a Pool that awards funds to proposals from major nonprofit organizations who partner with the County in providing a range of prioritized critical human services, typically leveraging County dollars with private matching contributions roughly 3:1. This is a bargain for County taxpayers: At this time of intense demand for both basic emergency “safety net” services and cost-effective prevention programs, these organizations respond quickly in the very communities where most needed. Nonprofit partners under strain in meeting demands are greatly strengthened by these program funds. *Amounts currently estimated to be at risk of reduction are (Federal) FY 2011 \$270,000 (CDBG), FY 2012 \$250,000 (CSBG) and \$1,650,000 (a 66% reduction of current CDBG).* One strategy would be to set aside \$2.1 million, in addition to other amounts known to be at risk from federal and state reductions, to be available to the County Human Services System during FY 2011 in responding—in partnership with nonprofit organizations—to community crises. However, adding \$2 million directly into the FY 2012 CCFP would assure that funding from “consolidated” sources would be at least “level,” and direct funding would strengthen the ability of the CCFP to plan effectively for grants (over the next 2-year cycle) to nonprofit partners in the countywide network of services. This would be a highly effective response to the continuing intense need for “safety net” services.

— Community Services Board (CSB)

- **MVCCA recommends \$875,000 be added to CSB funding, for Items 1 and 2 below.**
- **MVCCA also recommends \$1 million, for Item 3, to be set aside in a Reserve for Risk and Crisis Response, to assure adequate acute care services in FY 2012, to be contracted through the CSB as needed during the transition to a more cost-effective regional response (through development of Community Crisis Centers).**

- **MVCCA also recommends watchful waiting in March 2011 re the Infants & Toddlers Connection, to assure that the State baseline support for this critical program will be adjusted, as expected and hoped, to meet the growing need.**
- **MVCCA supports consideration of unfunded needs for services for adults, including students graduating from high school in June 2011, with Intellectual Disabilities but makes no funding recommendation at this time.**

People receiving CSB services tend to be some of our community's most vulnerable, having significant needs. When access is delayed or not available, it impacts the health and well-being of that individual and his or her family. The following CSB priorities are not funded in the FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan, and they require attention.

The first three items are connected to the urgent need to build community-based capacity for acute care services, in an era when licensed and staffed Psychiatric “beds”—in both public State and regional private hospitals—are disappearing and when failure to develop a cost-effective local strategic response will entail ever greater costs in public safety and elsewhere. A combination of funds directed to two reduced/ understaffed services and funding held in reserve for contracting for additional services while developing capacity locally and regionally is recommended.

A fourth program, Infants and Toddlers Connection, which is experiencing a rapid increase in the number of children eligible for services, is listed below (with no additional dollars recommended) for “watchful waiting” in March 2011) to assure that the State funding formula is adjusted as anticipated.

It is important to recognize that the CSB will require a degree of flexibility to respond to changing needs through the most cost-effective strategies, and that County funding is essential for this. Cumulative cuts have removed \$22 million in County General Funds to the CSB over the past decade, fully \$16.6 million in FY 2009-2011 alone. Even CSB gains in efficiency and in securing non-County funding for some programs were not made available for reinvestment elsewhere in the public mental health system, for example in community-based acute crisis care or prevention programs in the schools, as recommended by the Beeman Commission.

(1) Medically Monitored Detoxification

This is a brief, intensive service involving monitored use of medications and possible medical side effects from either the medications or withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. Our community is currently experiencing a severe shortage of medical detoxification services. In FY 2010 *more than 400 people* needing this service could not be served, leading to otherwise unnecessary (and dangerous) incarceration and emergency room visits. To date in FY 2011, 285 individuals who were referred to the Fairfax Detoxifica-

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tion Center by the Diversion to Detox staff were unable to receive the medical detox services they required. *Funding of \$600,000* would immediately and meaningfully address the CSB response to individuals in need of the service while the CSB completes its analysis to build internal capacity for this level of care – looking at staffing ratios, bed utilization, payer options and regulatory standards, etc. This funding is recommended as a priority by citizen boards in both mental health and public safety.

(2) Hospital/Jail Diversion to Detox

The Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) and the CSB work together to ensure an effective response in the community from a public safety and recovery-oriented system perspective. The Diversion to Detox partnership provides cost-effective intervention and support for community needs. A CSB mobile team responds to police requests at the scene of a potential arrest and refers instead to detoxification services. The goal is to move people through the substance use treatment system instead of the criminal justice system when appropriate. To date in FY 2011, the program has served on average 63 individuals each month, for a total of 442 individuals since July. The funding for this service has been covered through a variety of sources (most recently Recovery Act funds) which are no longer available. *Funding of approximately \$275,000* per year and the existing 4/4.0 SYE are required to maintain programming at the current level.

(3) Additional Acute Care Services (during transition to Regional Crisis Care Centers)

The combination of decreased availability of acute care services such as staffed and licensed Psychiatric hospital “beds” and the growing number of individuals with acute mental health symptoms layered by other complex problems including substance use and health concerns has created a major concern within the CSB and the public safety system. While the Northern Virginia CSBs are working with the state to address regional crisis care issues, our CSB also must address the service needs of people who, even after receiving inpatient services, need some level of intensive community treatment. The currently proposed Intensive Community Treatment Team expansion (in the County Executive's budget) will partially address that need, but the CSB continues to look at other gaps in services that need to be addressed so that individuals do not unnecessarily need to be hospitalized or even end up in the Adult Detention Center. *It is estimated that \$1 million*, in FY 2012, would support contracting of additional Acute Care Services needed during transition and development (under proposals anticipated in April 2011) of crisis intervention centers, suggesting that this amount should be either allocated to the CSB directly, or else set aside in reserve for use as needed during FY 2012.

(4) Infants & Toddlers Connection

No funding recommendation at this time, but MVCCA recommends “Watchful waiting” in March 2011, for outcome of State review

This State-funded program is experiencing unprecedented growth in our area, in the number of babies requiring services (the one-day count Dec. 10, 2010, was 949, +71% over the previous year) and the higher expenses associated with increased needs. A request

for supplemental allocation of State funding in FY 2011 is pending, under review, and baseline adjustment for FY 2012 is anticipated.

(5) Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities MVCCA recommends consideration wherever possible of cost-effective services.

The County in its legislative agenda has advocated for mitigation of the State's extremely low participation in the federal/state matching for Medicaid. In State response to one area of particular concern, and in compliance with a federal Dept. of Justice investigation and request, some adults who are profoundly disabled (and eligible for a Medicaid waiver) will receive assistance in transferring to community care centers. In Fairfax County, one thousand persons eligible for an Intellectual Disability Medicaid waiver are currently on a wait list to receive services. In addition, the CSB has identified a significant gap in the existing County funding (initiated by the BOS, but not increased since 2003) for young adults who upon graduating from high school lose eligibility for mandated funding: only 12 of the anticipated 95 graduates in June 2011 would be funded for a year of transitional CSB services such as vocational training, employment supports, or day services. The CSB estimate of County funding required to serve the rest is \$1.2 million.

— Family Services

MVCCA recommends that a minimum of 50% of federal and state funds at risk of reduction for programs in Family Services (estimated currently at \$4.232 million) be allocated to a Reserve for Risk and Crisis Response, for mitigating such risks to funding and capacity for crisis response.

People affected by economic recession and job loss continue to come to Department of Family Services for help in record numbers, many for the first time. Meanwhile, Fairfax County has experienced a 20% increase, over 3 years, in calls to the domestic violence hotline, but the County has the worst ratio in Virginia for domestic violence “beds” (shelter) available per capita: 1 bed: 31,000 persons. The wait list (variable, up to 90 persons) for individual counseling for survivors of domestic violence is one sign of the strain throughout the County and nonprofit service provider network of health and human services.

(1) Healthy Families This program provides a medical home and other supports for at-risk children, and it has proven to be among our most effective strategies for prevention of child abuse and neglect, providing (for example) social workers who work with the Health Dept. in prenatal screening and counseling of young mothers and who work frequently with schools in providing services for at-risk families. Statewide funding that had been cut 10% in FY 2011 is now reduced by 25% for FY 2012 and will be redistributed, according a formula yet to be determined, resulting in an estimated loss to Fairfax County of up to \$100,000 in FY 2012.

(2) Self-sufficiency

If the federal Workforce Investment Act is zeroed out this year (as currently proposed), the County would lose \$2.5 million, or 70% of funds needed to maintain Skillsource Centers and would probably

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close even the busy Skillsource Center in South County. In 2010, 62,000 people visited Skillsource Centers looking for help in finding a job (up 63% from 2008).

(3) Child Welfare: State budget proposals would cut 40% from statewide funding. In Fairfax County, *estimated risk would equal \$132,000*, or 4 positions and services to about 120 families per year; in South County, for example, this could result in loss of least 1 position (at United Community Ministries, UCM). In addition, if State "General Relief" for all but "unattached children" is eliminated as proposed, *this would result in a \$400,000 loss in funds* to the County for this purpose. In addition, the U.S. House of Representatives has proposed reducing baseline funding for Head Start by 15%, or *\$1.1 million to this County*.

(4) Affordable Childcare / Early Education for Working Families

No funding recommendation at this time, but deserving further County investment

The *Advertised Plan* includes \$1.275 million in funding to the Child Care Assistance and Referral Program, fully offset by State and Federal funding, which will continued to serve mandated children, such as those whose parents participate in TANF/VIEW, and maintains County funding levels for Head Start. CCAR and Head Start are integral supports for low-income working families, enabling parents to be more productive in the workforce and children to enter school prepared to succeed there and thrive throughout their lives. However both programs now have many children on wait lists (CCAR 2,925 / Head Start 1,326) and face challenges to their state and federal support. Making day care affordable for working families through sliding scale fees for safe, quality programs should continue to be a County priority.

(5) Adult & Aging Services

No funding recommendation at this time, but actions that support of family caregiving and prevent or delay institutional care are overdue.

In the *Advertised Plan*, in response to the 17% increase in Adult Protective Services investigations, 1 position will be upgraded to provide a professional social worker based in the South County (Region I) area. Home-based Care services have suffered cumulative reductions of \$1.7 M over 3 years, resulting in reduced services (for each person currently served) and likelihood of a wait list. Mandatory screenings for Medicaid waivers that would provide funding for Community Based Care Services (with no local match) are being performed in increasing numbers, by county social workers, but it is not clear that actual home-based services can be provided. Strategic planning for cost-effective response to issues in *Fifty Plus* is overdue.

— Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court (JDRDC)

No funding recommendation at this time, though 2 programs deserve County investment

Although not anticipating further State reductions in funding this year, previous cuts have forced greater reliance on County funding and reduced the capacity to meet the increased demand in effec-

tive prevention programs: (1) Supervised Visits Program (which protects vulnerable family members who are often at risk of domestic violence) and (2) JDRDC's single Evening Reporting Center (in South County). The Center works with youth in the community to prevent their placement in the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) and has proven highly effective in redirecting youth to positive choices and in preventing recidivism, as shown by declining numbers of South County youth found in the JDC. The JDRDC's programs in prevention and early intervention have proven highly effective and—if maintained at a level to serve more youth—would reduce cost shifting (e.g. for jail services) to public safety.

— Office to Prevent and End Homelessness

MVCCA recommends at least \$900,000 in funding be directed to the Office, in FY 2012, to sustain effective HPRP prevention strategies under this Initiative.

Federal stimulus funding of \$1.7 million in the current year to the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) enabled 900 persons to receive services that prevented or ended their homelessness. Two prevention services essential to implementing the *County Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* were organized, in partnership with nonprofit organizations, and demonstrated their effectiveness: the community based Housing Opportunity and Support Team (HOST) case managers to identify and coordinate appropriate services and a Housing Locator Network that acts as a facilitator for nonprofits and County programs, for rapid scouting of appropriate and affordable homes. Homelessness, in this year of rising unemployment and people (including renters) displaced by foreclosures, actually declined in the County's annual survey. Yet without a continuing source of prevention funding, homelessness will increase again, in the Route 1 corridor and countywide, with many costs to individuals, families, schools, and community. Prevention is much less costly than alternatives. The staffing needed to sustain effective HPRP prevention programs in FY 2012 requires \$400,000. Restoring an additional \$500,000 would assure continued progress in the Initiative to prevent and reduce homelessness, benefitting the entire community in many ways. *MVCCA, therefore, recommends funding of at least \$900,000.*

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION HHS-2011-001

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 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

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New Business

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MV Supervisor's Time
Other Elected Representatives and Public Time

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Apr. 14, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

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BUDG	4/6	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	4/5	7:30	Teleconference	Cox
EDUC	4/6	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
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PL/Z	4/4	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
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