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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

November 30, 2011 8:00 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Al Bornmann.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Al Bornmann, David Plummer, Bob Reynolds; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, John Jeszenszky, Betsy Martin, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA and SFDC Rep Karen Pohorylo; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan; Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

Representatives from Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Potomac

Valley-Riverbend, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates.

MINUTES – Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Supervisor Hyland gave a brief overview of the 2012 County Budget. Home values have increased minimally (~2.3%); commercial real estate has increased more. Budget includes an increase of 5% transfer to schools. Deficit of about \$114.5 million; County

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Announcements

Student of the Year applications are due by January 20th to the student's career specialist. The application can be found on our web site, www.mvcca.org.

At the November MVCCA Council meeting, the following were unanimously elected as the MVCCA Officers for 2012:

Co-Chairs:

Al Bornmann
Jim Davis
Bob Reynolds

Treasurer:

Patricia Gowland

Secretary:

Carol Coyle

Council Minutes

Executive has found some sources so that the effective deficit is about \$60 million. County departments have been told to prepare budgets reflecting 5%, 10%, and 15% reductions in spending.

Fast Eddie's should not be used as a dance hall (resulting in dangerous over-crowding). Proposing a change in County Zoning ordinance to require prior approval if a facility is intended to function as such.

County Executive Tony Griffin is retiring in April. Supervisor would like input on characteristics needed in his replacement. Nationwide search will be narrowed down to about 5 applicants who will then be interviewed by the BOS.

Question from Pat Rea (Mount Vernon on the Potomac) re: why Sunrise doesn't pay taxes; land is owned by Fairfax County and leased to INOVA which doesn't pay taxes.

Question from Katherine Ward (Wellington) requesting update on river taxi; Gerry will check on this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – See The Record. Committee met last night (December meeting) with Susan Datta from the County Budget Office. Next meeting January 4, 2012.

Consumer Affairs – No meeting this month. Next meeting December 6; need quorum to vote on sewer resolution.

Education – See The Record. Walt Whitman MS and MVHS have received \$1 million STEM Grant from the Army. School Board rep Dan Storck will be at the December 7 meeting.

Environment and Recreation – See The Record. 2 Resolutions.

Health and Human Services – See The Record. Next meeting on December 6 will include a review of the past year and set some guidelines for 2012. Louise made a plea for us to support our local food banks.

Planning and Zoning – See The Record. Presentations were made on behalf of a proposed Marriott at 8668 Richmond Highway; request from Waywood that proposals for cell towers require a canvass of an area wider than the nearest communities; a new proposal for development of North Hill. Next meeting December 5.

Public Safety – Meeting was joint with Health and Human Services to discuss the County Emergency Response Plan; Dallas advises that all communities should become familiar with this plan, just in case. Next meeting December 1 at MV Governmental Center.

Transportation – See The Record. Presentation by Laura Miller, BRAC Coordinator; Fort Belvoir now has more employees than the Pentagon! (And the Pentagon has traffic infrastructure to deal with

Treasurer's Report				
January 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011				
Balance Available	<u>\$ 10,195.93</u>			
January 1, 2011				
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance
	Monthly	YTD		
<u>Receipts</u>				
Dues-Current Members	-	\$3,888.00	\$4,000.00	\$(112.00)
Dues—New Members	-	-	200.00	(200.00)
Gala Income	-	4,365.00	6,000.00	(1,635.00)
MM Interest Income	0.21	2.19	-	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 0.21</u>	<u>\$ 8,255.19</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,947.00)</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>				
Administrative Exp	-	\$250.85	\$300.00	\$49.15
Gala Expenses	-	4,097.27	6,000.00	1,902.73
Gala Expenses-Spring 2012	-	300.00	-	-
Insurance	-	660.00	700.00	40.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	-	341.18	650.00	308.82
Public Safety—Mailings	-	-	100.00	100.00
Record Production	310.00	1,460.00	1,550.00	90.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards	-	520.50	600.00	79.50
Web Site	-	-	300.00	300.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 310.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,629.80</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,870.20</u>
Balance Available	<u>\$ 10,821.32</u>			
November 30, 2011				
Wachovia Checking	\$	5,817.31		
Wachovia Money Market bal		5,004.01		
Total Money Available	<u>\$</u>	<u>10,821.32</u>		

this.) Catherine is pooling all of the resolutions and correspondence requesting traffic improvements to Route 1 and will present it to our Senators, Congressmen, State reps, etc.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – See The Record. Next meeting December 1 at MV Governmental Center. John announced that he will be leaving as chair of the committee at the end of the year.

Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – Next meeting December 12. Listening tours are winding down, so if your community wants one, get in touch with Kahan ASAP.

Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation – Karen introduced the new Executive Director of SFDC, David Bursel.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations – Next meeting December 15. Legislative program is available online.

RESOLUTIONS

E&R 2011-05 RESOLUTION: ALIGNMENT OF LORTON ARTS FOUNDATION SERVICE ROAD A change in language (Eleanor Quigley, Wellington Heights) to make the preservation of trees more important was approved 21-1-1. After some discussion a third resolve was added:

C) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of any site plan be postponed until after a meeting is held to determine appropriate actions related to the trees and road placement.

Approved as amended 27-0-0.

E&R 2011-06 RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY POLICY 303 (which allows telecommunications facilities in parks only as a last resort). Resolution came about as a result of the P&Z subcommittee on Cell Towers but is intended only to affect a change in Park Authority policy. There was enough in the resolution that needed further interpretation that it was tabled and sent back to the committee.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

New President from Stratford Landing is Rob Maher. Joe Gilliland (PV/RB) requested more information on the possible relocation of Route One north (at the northern edge of Fort Belvoir) around or through the Woodlawn Stables. He was directed to the stakeholders at Woodlawn for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2012 was approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Chair Gretchen Walzl presented the slate:

Co-chairs Al Bornmann (incumbent)
Jim Davis
Bob Reynolds (incumbent)
Treasurer Patricia (Trish) Gowland
Secretary Carol Coyle (incumbent)

Approval by acclamation.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 30, 2011
Walt Whitman Middle School

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Al Bornmann (MVCCA Co-chair), Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon, Stratford on the Potomac, Sect. 4, Riverside Gardens, Williamsburg Manor

Susan Datta of the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget attended the meeting and provided a preview of county finances for the upcoming annual budget process. This preview was presented to the Board of Supervisors on November 29, 2011.

The county presently projects an increase in residential real estate revenue of 2.7% if the real estate tax rate is maintained at the current rate of \$1.07. The county currently estimates increases in disbursements of \$178 million which will include \$80.5 increase for schools. Overall the county expects a shortfall of \$114 million despite additional revenue of \$130.9 million. The county is currently looking at several actions to address the shortfall which do not include a residential real estate tax increase.

The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be held January 4, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Walt Whitman Middle School. The main topic of discussion was the sewer resolution, which was passed and appears elsewhere in the *Record*.

The Committee then addressed the low turn-out of member reps for meetings. Longtime members felt that the webinars generated more participation. The Committee recognized that with colder weather rapidly approaching, member reps may not venture out for meetings. The Committee wanted to retain its commitment to MVCCA and agreed to try teleconferencing with periodic face-to-face meetings.

In order to keep the interest, each Committee member will research a consumer issue and lead the discussion. A member rep volunteered to research certain utility issues encountered by consumers for the January 2012 meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. via teleconference.

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EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met on December 7, 2011, at 8pm, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing and Wellington.

The intended purpose was to discuss the superintendent search, budget outlook, and changes to the school board processes with Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District School Board member.

However, the extremely inclement weather resulted both in low attendance and delays in Storck's ability to arrive in a timely fashion. Therefore, those present decided to postpone the intended discussion and adjourn early.

Before adjourning, members did discuss the impending April departure of Cluster 4 Assistant Superintendent Scott Brabrand, who has accepted a position as Superintendent of Schools in Lynchburg, VA. Members saw this development as very unfortunate, given the loss of energy and leadership abilities Dr. Brabrand has demonstrated in his work in the Cluster, but also as a continuation of the high turnover rate the Cluster has experienced in leadership and staffing.

Thus, the postponed discussion on new leadership for the system will also include new leadership for the Cluster. Members agreed that Dr. Brabrand will be difficult to replace and will urge Storck and the Board to find an individual with the abilities and energy needed to lead a Cluster with the diversity and challenges ours presents.

Members also briefly touched on budget issues. The FY2013 School Budget will be Dr. Dale's last as FCPS Superintendent and it will be interesting to see the form it takes. It is likely the the Budget will try to provide some class size reduction, some raise and/or step for teachers and may also try to address teacher workload issues related to documentation and paperwork requirements.

County Executive Tony Griffin, also preparing his last County Budget, has indicated that there may some increase in school funding included. However, the \$80M or so suggested as possible, while a welcome change from years of flat funding despite enrollment increases, would not go far toward class size reduction or salary enhancement.

Next meeting: 8pm, January 4, 2012, Whitman Middle School library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met 7 December 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Dave Plummer (MVCCA co-chair), Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley - Riverbend, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Villamay, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor, and Woodley Hills. Mount Vernon's Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan also attended.

Resolution on Non-Native Invasive Plants Harming George Washington Memorial Parkway. A resolution asking the Department of the Interior to allocate more funds for removal of exotic invasive plants on GW Memorial Parkway and urging Congress to appropriate more funds was introduced. After debate and amendment, the resolution was passed with 11 in favor and none opposed.

Deer and the Forest Ecology. Jim McGlone, Urban Forest Conservationist for Virginia Department of Forestry, gave a presentation on the deer problem and what Fairfax County is doing about it. The problem is too many deer, and the symptoms are deer-vehicle collisions, tick-borne diseases, lost landscaping, and lost wildlife habitat. The estimated deer population of Fairfax County is 100-150 deer per square mile, while the carrying capacity is perhaps 15-20 deer per square mile. The cause of overpopulation is the elimination of top predators, wolves and cougars. In the absence of population control by predators, the population is controlled by starvation, which is much slower. Development has also contributed to the deer population by removing dense forests and creating more edges, which is deer habitat.

Mr. McGlone explained the forest ecology, and the dependence of forest health on the presence of a diverse vertical structure, with a canopy of large trees, an understory of immature canopy trees and small trees, a shrub layer, and low plants on the forest floor. To have a sustainable forest, there must be a variety of age classes, with tree seedlings growing up to replace mature trees that age and die.

The overpopulation of deer has eaten the forest's shrub layer in the forests of Fairfax County. The effects of this missing shrub layer are loss of diversity of songbirds (most nest within 15' of the ground), loss of diversity of small mammals, with specialist species disappearing and leaving behind generalist species, loss of storm-water management (13% occurs due to rain falling on leaves of the shrub layer and never reaching the ground), loss of air quality, loss of carbon sink, loss of forest health, and loss of habitat for animals that eat forest pests. McGlone stressed that the generalist small mammals that survive in forests degraded by deer (e.g., white-footed mouse) are reservoirs for Lyme disease. Zoonotic diseases (e.g. Lyme, West Nile, Rocky Mountain spotted fever) are all car-

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ried by generalist animals living near humans in degraded habitats. The loss of the shrub layer in forests means extra loss of 50,000 gallons of stormwater management per acre per year. McGlone discussed these points using results from his research in the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge, for which he prepared a forest management plan. He found very little forest regeneration, with only those seedlings that deer find distasteful (holly, beech) surviving to grow taller than a foot.

The deer management program is run by Fairfax County wildlife biologist Vicki Monroe out of the police department. The emphasis is on lethal control through sharpshooters working at night, managed hunts using shotguns, and bow and arrow hunting. The number of deer killed each year has grown from 59 in 2009 to 815 in 2011. However, to reduce the population enough to restore the health of Fairfax County forests would require 10 times that many to be killed. Yet, control of the deer population for ecological restoration may not have a high priority in police budgets—the program had only a \$65,000 budget in FY2011. Homeowners can request that hunters come on their land to eliminate deer. There is a strict certification for the bow hunters in the county management program. VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries is the regulatory agency for hunting in the Commonwealth. Both sharpshooters and bow-and-arrow hunters have a very low rate of wounding but not killing deer (less than 5%). (Wounding but not killing is much higher for managed hunts with shotguns—15-20%.)

Resolution on Criteria for Locating Telecommunications Facilities in Parkland. A resolution asking the Fairfax County Park Authority to develop criteria for whether and where telecommunications facilities should be allowed on parkland was introduced. After debate and amendment, it was passed with 11 in favor and none opposed.

Updates

- The National Park Service has delayed its public meeting on Fort Hunt Park until March or April.
- The committee set April 21st as the date for the annual celebration of Earth Day in Mount Vernon.
- Planning Commissioner Flanagan reported that an out-of-turn plan amendment to change the current county policy on Distributed Antenna System (DAS) as recommended by the MVCCA was approved at the December 6 Board of Supervisors' meeting.
- Proposed widening of Lorton Road threatens significant trees and a heritage feature (Superintendent's Garden) in the Lorton Prison Historic District.

The next meeting will be Jan 4 at 7 p.m. Erin Stocksclaeder will discuss Fairfax County's Invasive Management Area (IMA) program.

On December 6, 2011, the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee met to focus on review of work in 2011 and on concerns and objectives for 2012.

The following 8 MVCCA members were represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, United Voice at King's Crossing, and Wellington. HHS Chair Louise Cleveland moderated the discussion. Prior to the meeting, all representatives were invited to e-mail their responses to four questions for discussion: the 18 responses (from 16 member associations) that were received included several from persons who could not attend Dec. 6 but who sent their comments to the chair or the entire committee.

In addition to identifying areas of concern (and potential focus for a scheduled monthly meeting), the committee was asked to RSVP concerning their personal plans to participate in 2012, by raising issues/questions of personal and neighborhood concern and also by availability to serve the committee (and assist the chair) in drafting a resolution or preparing the agenda (and resources) for a meeting with a particular focus.

Discussion of 11 potential "areas of concern" followed, with specific suggestions of questions to be explored. Members recognize that the human services "network" is a complex, coordinated partnership of public and private agencies and resources, and that this service network will continue to be stressed in 2012 by limited fiscal resources amidst growing populations and new levels of critical need for services. Federal and State reductions in funding, and a projected County revenue/expenditure gap of \$114 million, at current tax rates, for fiscal year 2013 is already impacting County human services planning for calendar year 2012. The goal of sustaining delivery of community-based services will continue to drive "redesign" and coordination of services, in search of effective means to do more with less; however, even the most effective strategic choices (including prevention programs) will be at risk.

On a positive note, County agencies are identifying effective Prevention and "first response" programs that are evidence-based and tested among the audiences for which they are designed, with the intention that a core of trained staff and an expanding base of trained volunteers will be able, cost-effectively, to bring needed programs to more local groups on demand. The HHS Committee was pleased to receive confirmation that a new 3-hour introductory forum has been developed especially for general public audiences in Fairfax County, to raise personal and community understanding of mental health emergencies and of appropriate, effective ways that individuals and local resources can respond. Since this free forum will debut in our area on January 21 (see contact info below, in Events), *we request MVCCA members to help disseminate this invitation to neighborhoods and communities that may be interested:*

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The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board invites you to a free community forum: **“Mental Health First Response -- How to tell if someone needs help and what you can do,”** on **Saturday, January 21**, from 9 a.m. - noon, at the **Emmanuel Baptist Church on Buckman Road**, just off Route One, in the South County area of Fairfax County.

Experienced CSB staff will present information about recognizing mental health and substance abuse concerns, effective ways to deal with a person in crisis, and how to access resources and assistance.

More information and a printable flyer are available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb

One person’s quick, informed action can save a life.

HUMAN SERVICES AREAS OF CONCERN IN 2012

As the committee shapes monthly meetings around particular areas, it hopes to receive further input from MVCCA members and concerned citizens re important *questions* that should be explored. *Please review the Areas of Concern listed below and contribute your suggestions to the HHS Committee, via the chair: L.Cleveland@pobox.com.*

Re each issue, we ask what is the potential in our communities for volunteer resources/solutions and for citizens to contribute to effective systems of prevention?

And, we ask which issues would benefit from an MVCCA Resolution on behalf of an effective public action, (i.e., what resolutions should the HHS Committee draft for MVCCA General Counsel consideration)? Those suggested so far are marked below with an asterisk.

*Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2013 Health and Human Services Planning

Q. When the County Executive proposes the budget plan, on Feb. 28, for public review, how should MVCCA respond. in order to sustain resources for effective programs and services that respond to critical community needs?

*Housing First, Housing Blueprint and Strategic Response to Homelessness (Ten Year Plan), Affordable and Workforce Housing Issues

Q. In expectation of declining federal block grants, what are the best and most strategic alternatives to address the County’s social and economic needs?

Q. To understand what’s possible, with public and private funds, is the successful renovation of affordable “Stoney Brook” apartments in Lee District worth a tour?

Community Services Board: Implementing Beeman Commission Recommendations, for System Transformation

Q. How is *crisis care* being reorganized? Expanded?

Q. What are the current *mental health services for children*? How are the Public Schools and Community Services Board cooperating? What can we do to improve mental health for children?

Q. How can we *expand public awareness* of “Mental Health First Aid” and Prevention Toolkits?

Q. Why do we have so little available for *adults with intellectual disability*?

Building Resilience in Children and Youth (esp. grades 7 to 11)

Q. How available, and affordable, is early education with childcare for working parents?

Q. What has the annual FC Youth Survey revealed about risky behavior and resiliency?

Q. What programs do the County and public schools sponsor that foster well-being of children?

Q. For prevention of bullying, severe depression, suicide, what “tool kits” for public awareness, education, and “first response” training are available and effective?

Community Planning for Aging in Place, Services for Aging and Disability

Q. How can individuals and neighborhoods respond (1) to prevent isolation and health risks, esp for those unable (for various reasons) to access County services, (2) to assist appropriate transition?

Q. How can the County respond strategically to vanishing resources (State and Federal funds) in an era of rising population with needs?

*Veterans in Our Communities

Q. Who is responsible for integrating vets into the community? Assisting their transition from active duty to veteran? Connecting them with employment and services? How can we help?

*Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Response

Q. How can neighborhoods prepare for/respond to special needs nearby?

Q. Can we learn more about local trainings and who/how many respond?

*Health Care Reform--What responses/choices are open to Virginia and Fairfax County?

Q. How can the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act be leveraged effectively, to reduce the rolls of uninsured persons in Fairfax County?

Q. The Report of FC Task Force goes to the BOS in late Jan. 2012—what will the TF recommend and how do we respond?

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Q. Can Medicaid be expanded in Virginia to serve more of those eligible and serve them better?

County Health Care Access: esp. primary care clinics (inc. mental health services), as well as services for prevention and acute care

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital & Lorton HealthPlex Planning

Q. What are the likely impacts of Hospital expansion, for the southwest area and for nearby neighborhoods?

Q. Is dialogue and cooperation taking place with the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and the expanded DeWitt Health Care System?

Q. What questions would community members like the Southeast Health Planning Task Force (the community task force for Hospital/HealthPlex planning) to raise?

County Health Dept. Strategic Planning Process (MAPP)

Q. When in 2012 will anticipated reports to the community be available?

HUMAN SERVICES EVENTS IN JANUARY 2012

MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee monthly meetings for 2012 are now scheduled, at 7:30 PM in the Engh Room at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2nd floor, YELLOW entrance and parking, monthly on the first Tuesday (with a few variations):

January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10 (2nd Tuesday), August--no meeting, Sept. 4, October 2, Oct. 30 (in place of Nov. 6 Election Day), Dec. 4.

Wednesday, January 11, 7 PM The Route One Task Force For Human Services meets in Verdia A. Haywood Conference Center, 2nd floor South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. "Please join Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland and Deputy County Executive for Human Services Patricia Harrison, who will bring two presentations for our consideration/ discussion: 1) Domestic Violence trends in Region 1 including service delivery changes and approaches and 2) Update on the implementation of the first County Community-School Linked Service Model (new early identification and service coordination model for youth and families in the Mount Vernon pyramid). Convener Anne Andrews."

Saturday, January 21, 9 AM-Noon, Mental Health First Response—a 3-hour forum especially developed by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board to raise public awareness of effective ways to recognize and respond to mental health and substance abuse emergencies among youth and adults—will debut in our area at Emmanuel Baptist Church, just off Route One (3801 Buckman Road, zip 22309), free, with pre-registration requested (though not required) for planning purposes. For ADA accommodations, or to pre-register, please contact Ann Bahr at 703-324-7010, TTY 711, or by email at ann.bahr@fairfaxcounty.gov

Tuesday, January 31, 7 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center for a quarterly update on issues related to planning for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and the Inova HealthPlex at Lorton.

Please consult www.mvcca.org for the MVCCA RECORD archive of monthly committee reports and the Health and Human Services Committee page for a linked summary of monthly HHS Reports in 2010-2011 as well as resource directories for Fairfax County health and human services and for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

PLANNING & ZONING

Minutes of the December 5, 2011 Planning & Zoning Committee meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm and was attended by representatives from the following associations: Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Terrace, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. There was one land use case and consideration of a resolution concerning the 2232 application process for telecommunication facilities in residential areas.

The land use case was for a proposed 24-hour Sunoco gas station and mini-mart on Richmond Highway just north of Huntington Road. The property was a functioning Sunoco station that was taken over by VDOT as a construction staging area for the Wilson Bridge project. Sunoco has re-purchased the property and wants to once again operate a gas station there. As presented, the site would include six pump stations (12 filling locations) plus a 2500 square foot convenience store. The biggest issue is the difficulty of getting to the location, especially for northbound Richmond Highway traffic and patrons leaving the beltway to fill up then desiring to get back on the beltway. The Committee also expressed concerns about the esthetics and landscaping as it is located at the gateway to Mount Vernon, and the conflict with the long term redevelopment of the area as described in the Comprehensive Plan. No vote was taken as the applicant was seeking comment and has not yet filed their Special Exception application.

Next, the Committee considered a draft resolution submitted by the cell phone subcommittee. The Board of Supervisors has directed the Planning Commission to review the current 2232 application process, including citizen comments. The subcommittee has drafted some revisions to the 2232 application to provide additional consideration when telecommunication facilities are proposed in a residential zone. The suggested language is substantially the same as for the non-residential zone application but with some additions for distributed antenna systems (DAS), notification of neighbors, and vegetation/screening. The resolution was passed

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unanimously. The resolution has a three-page attachment based on the existing 2232 application process that shows the requested changes. Note: since The Record does not have color print, the proposed added text is underlined.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The next meeting is Monday, January 9, 2012, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School. This is one week later than normal due to January 2 being a holiday.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on the Potomac Sect. IV, and Waynewood. We were joined by Co-chair Al Bornmann.

Presentation by the National Park Police

Our speakers were Sgt. Ken Fornshill and Ofc. Jared Tyng of the National Park Police. The presentation began with a discussion of their efforts on George Washington Parkway, which stretches from the American Legion Bridge to the Mount Vernon Estate, but with emphasis on the section from the south Alexandria city line to Mount Vernon. The Park Police are responsible for public safety along the GW Parkway as well as other National Park roadways and parks, such as the Clara Barton Parkway, Great Falls, and the C&O Canal.

The Park Police have approximately 650 officers nationally with a majority of them assigned in the Washington metropolitan area. They also have members assigned in San Francisco, New York, and some National Parks and Monuments. Since 9/11 they have experienced an increase in responsibilities and resources. In New York, for instance, they now have three helicopters and a marine unit. In the Washington area, they have a SWAT team, mounted Police operating out of Fort Hunt Park, and 5 plain clothes officers. The major problems along the GW Parkway are speeding, DWI, drug use in parking areas, car break-ins, illegal interpersonal activities in parking areas, and repeat offending.

The GW Parkway was not built for the traffic it has today. It has changed from being a beautiful roadway to and from Mount Vernon to being a major commuter roadway. The result is clogged traffic during rush hours. It is expected that there will be more congestion south of Alexandria with the build up at Fort Belvoir. For Park Police assignments on the Parkways, they have divided the Parkway into three sections: 1. South of Alexandria, 2. North of Alexandria, and 3. The Clara Barton Parkway. On the GW Parkway 8 to 10 officers work in such a way as to be flexible to respond to traffic density. However, during rush hours they ensure that at least one cruiser is south of Alexandria because without that cruiser they would find it almost impossible to respond to an incident south of Alexandria due to the jammed up traffic on Route #1 and on Wash-

ington St. The Park Police on the Parkway work twelve hour shifts. While the Mounted Park Police used to be on the Mount Vernon Trail, today they are mostly transported to the District to patrol the Mall. The GW Parkway recently has experienced an average of about one vehicle fatality a year. The intersection at Belle View Blvd. has incurred many vehicle accidents. The major problem is the poor sight lines for vehicles coming from Belle View Blvd. As to the issues of bicyclists on the Parkway, yes it is illegal for them to be on the GW Parkway; however, the Park Police have not been enforcing that regulation. The National Park Service will be installing signs along the Parkway and then Park Police will start enforcing the regulation. They do consider the use of bicycles on the GW Parkway a danger to both the cyclists and the vehicle traffic. Traffic is just too heavy and there is limited room for cyclists who are going at much lower speeds than vehicles.

Park Police cruisers have the equipment to track the speeds of multiple vehicles going in their direction as well as in the opposite direction. They do not have license plate scanners yet. They have riot gear so they can back up police as needed. It was noted that they still have some communications difficulties with local police that they are working to correct.

The Park Police are the only police that can enforce regulations on the GW Parkway. Traffic citations and other citations issued on the Parkway are adjudicated in the Federal Court in Alexandria. It should be noted that the Park Police have arrangements with Virginia, DC, and Maryland localities that permit the Park Police to make arrests, issue traffic tickets, etc., in those jurisdictions. For instance, if a Park Police cruiser happens to be on Richmond Hwy and observes a speeder, the Park Police may stop the vehicle and issue a Virginia ticket which will be adjudicated in the Fairfax County Court in Fairfax City. Park Police go to applicable courts as needed – including the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

New Park Police hires must satisfactorily complete fourteen weeks of training at the National Academy plus eight to ten weeks of specialized Park Police training before they become Park Police. Pay for the Park Police appears to be significantly higher than nearby jurisdictions. As a result they have not experienced difficulties in hiring.

Old Business

The chair provided some responses to questions from the last committee meeting. In regard to the question about the number of Medical Reserve Corps volunteers in the Mount Vernon District. Marc Barbieri from the Fairfax County Health Department has provided the following: currently there are a total of 282 non-medical volunteers and 153 medical volunteers for a grand total of 435 volunteers in the District. He stated that they still need more to be able to meet the possible needs of a serious disaster. The CERT class that ended in November had eight graduates. The committee briefly discussed ways to attract more students. It is

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planned to have another CERT class starting in March or April 2012.

New Business

The chair provided the approved schedule of committee meetings 2012. As before, the committee will normally meet at 7:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month except in August when there will not be a scheduled meeting. There followed a short discussion about subjects for the committee meetings.

There was a brief review of the work of the MVCCA's Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning. It is expected that their findings and recommendations will be sent to the MVCCA Board in January. The items for public safety will be sent to our committee for review and response. This will probably be a subject for our January and/or February meeting(s).

Finally, the chair gave a brief overview of the current budget situation for FY 2013. The budget review and input will be a subject for committee review in March/April.

January Meeting

Our January meeting will be begin at 7:30 pm Thursday, January 5, 2012 in Community Rm. #3 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 5, 2011 in the conference room across from the principal's office of the Walt Whitman Middle School (the library was locked). Catherine Voorhees chaired the meeting. Attending were representatives of 14 member citizen associations (The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Vernon Terrace, Newington Forest, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park, and Woodley Hills).

The November minutes of the Transportation Committee, with an amendment that the Huntington representative explained that Generation Y wants short commutes and prefers mixed residential living, as printed in The Record were approved.

Guest Speaker – Neil McBride representing the Lorton Heritage Society (LHS) expressed concerns that corridor widening of Lorton/Furnace Roads may harm significant historical features.

Fairfax County (FC or County) had agreed in 2001 to a number of historic-preservation commitments concerning the prison property when the County took control of the former federal land. In essence, the agreement provided for special monitoring over all of the 552-acre D.C. Workhouse & Reformatory Historic District within

which are located ALL of the several heritage-oriented features – including many significant trees - that will be impacted by the County's \$60M Lorton Road Project.

As a result of LHS's own on-site surveys and discussions about this project with lower-level staff, we learned that the County failed not only to survey, record and recognize several of the more historically-significant features (and their accompanying trees), but also to develop plans for their necessary stabilization, preservation, restoration or rehabilitation.

At risk, according to the current alignment of the road and storm water bio-retention facility in Fairfax County plans, is a Victorian-era recreational garden that was built by the prison Superintendent with inmate labor over 6 decades ago. Neil provided pictures of the garden (not a floral garden, but a recreational garden where picnics, etc. were held) that was built in a sunken style, with a Japanese wooden bridge and stone walls that were glued together, as well as an old aerial picture of the land surrounding the Superintendent's house and showed how trees (now over 60 years old) encircled the perimeter of the Superintendent's property.

The new road is planned to be expressway-styled and 150 ft wide or more with a substantial median and horse/bike trails. The planned road will require considerable grading and the sunken garden is on edge of road grading and could be damaged during construction unless protected. The road design is not yet completed as there are 3 wetlands involved and VDOT needs to be notified.

Yet, FC Staff tried to justify its rationale for this project's being so destructive to the Historic District's environmentally- and historically-sensitive features via the following commentary provided to LHS in late November/early December:

The current alignment cannot be changed ... I would encourage the Lorton Heritage Society to work with County staff to identify areas for tree plantings. Back in the early 20th century, hundreds of acres of forests were removed to make way for prison agriculture and grazing. I'm sure there are plenty of areas at Lorton where a civic-minded group could help re-establish trees.

Evidently, this FC Staffer is not sensitive to environmental (saving Fairfax County's ever shrinking tree canopy) and historical issues, or, this staffer is aware of 60-year old trees that can be uprooted and replanted by civic-minded citizens that can preserve historic gardens. This logic follows the same tactic that the developer, Lorton Arts Foundation (LAF), recently used in its attempt to distract the LHS, the County's Tree Commission, its Urban Forester and even our very own E&R Committee in order to excuse the inarguably negative impacts of LAF's new access road on several similarly-significant features at the nearby Workhouse

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Campus. The LHS and the MVCCA were not fooled last month and it shouldn't dissuade them from insisting on a more intelligent pro-heritage and –tree response from FC Government on this Lorton Road issue either.

AIM: To save the sunken garden, which is in a very limited area, road need not be rerouted in order to save the recreational garden and significant trees on site need to be saved. Final road redesign is due in March 2012.

Lorton and especially the Lorton Heritage Society are seeking is to have the proper heritage and tree review and survey processes be conducted and as soon as possible. We feel confident that such an activity will NOT cause any substantive change to or deferral in the overall project ... which has so far experienced about a two-year delay.

Transportation Committee members agree with the County that Lorton and Furnace Roads need to be widened to 4-lanes to accommodate the traffic volume in that area. But, the median is wider than the two-lanes of road where the road would pass the sunken recreational garden and the median width varies along the planned road.

In summary, the priority should be to focus on protecting at least the historically- and architecturally-significant "Recreational Garden's" sunken terrace area along with those trees that provide the substantive environmental context around which the Prison Superintendents had originally designed it. Hopefully and with the E&R Committee's help, we will come up with a jointly-sponsored resolution that the entire Council can finally approve early next year.

Old Business

a) The Transportation Committee, via a new resolution, is trying to spur action/completion of Richmond Highway expansion (6 lanes) between the Beltway and the Occoquan River, especially thru Fort Belvoir with rail mass transit. The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations has passed 18 resolutions on this topic in the last 10 years.

Fort Belvoir Main Post (east of US Route 1) has more employees (26,400) than the Pentagon (23,000 employees). The Pentagon has had rail/bus transportation infrastructure since 1976; yet there has been no action on improving the US Route 1 Corridor and providing rail transportation infrastructure down US Route 1 to Fort Belvoir and/or a transportation/transit center at Fort Belvoir. Fortunately, our elected US Congressmen were able to secure funds for widening US Route 1 through Fort Belvoir. Fairfax County worked hard (and is still working) to secure the money and to plan the road design. But, a transit center and rail mass transit to Fort Belvoir are lacking and are important keys to enable traffic to flow along US Route 1.

Historic dilemma: The widening of US Route 1 with Metrorail mass transit requires a right-of-way that takes out too many businesses, and US Route 1 widening without mass transit is a no go. Result ... stalemate

The Transportation Committee and the MVCCA has been advocating monorail at least since September 22, 2001 and despite 10 resolutions requesting action on rail mass transit, 3 of which explicitly mention monorail and several request exploration of all types of rail transit, no action has been taken by our elected officials. Monorail or a monobeam system may enable the current buildable lots along US Route 1 to remain viable businesses because it need not be in the US Route 1 right-of-way, just nearby and without much real estate required. However, local entities are pushing Metro extension or light rail and thus oppose monorail. Result ... stalemate

Immediate aim: Expand US Route 1 to 6 lanes from the Beltway to the Occoquan; conduct and implement the Mass Transit Study (long Delayed – 7 resolutions since January 28, 2004); and provide funding for transportation projects (5 resolutions since June 2007 request our elected officials to take action for funding).

The Transportation Committee passed the resolution with a summary of the 18 resolutions attached. If approved, this transportation resolution with the summary and each of the 18 pertinent resolutions approved by the MVCCA over the past 10 years will be attached.

b) George Washington Library at Mount Vernon – The project to build the library and conference center is underway. At the present time, no transportation issues have surfaced. However, there are concerns from residents near the site that the "tree buffer" that was promised by the Mount Vernon Estate is extremely skimpy. Will Mount Vernon provide a realistic tree buffer that screens the conference center and library from the roads and adjacent residential neighborhoods, as they did after completion of the Mount Vernon parking lot adjacent Route 235?

c) Bicycles on the George Washington Parkway – Members commented that bikes on the "bike path" is too dangerous for some cyclists due to the numerous people that walk or stroll along the Potomac River path and because the speed of the bicycles is much greater than the speed of the walkers or strollers. In the past, bicycles have been given preferred times (e.g. Sunday AM). Would that be an option today? After the car/bicycle accident that seriously wounded a bicyclist, there is not much bike traffic on the Parkway now and the law is largely unenforced. No action by transportation committee at this time, but at our January meeting, we plan to hear from a bicycle enthusiast as to whether a compromise can be reached that would allow bicycles at designated times.

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New Business

a) Northern Virginia transportation alliance of the Northern Virginia business community passed a resolution that Virginia's Governor and the members of both parties in the state legislature must work together and do whatever is necessary in the 2012 General Assembly to secure significant, new, dedicated, reliable transportation revenues. The above resolution references 10-years of MVCCA resolutions requesting such a dedicated funding in no fewer than 5 resolutions.

b) Fairfax Water needs to replace a water main on US Route 1 between Woodlawn Trail (across the street from the Hybla Valley McDonald's to Spring Drive near the top of hill close to Popkins Lane). Fairfax Water has asked for a noise variance from 9:00pm to 7:00am to perform work between those hours from February 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012.

Concerns were raised about Fairfax Water performing work up to 7:00am as a consistent flow of traffic begins around 6:00-6:30 am (especially, with vehicles heading south to Fort Belvoir). Has Fort Belvoir been consulted? And, what about school busses being able to move across Route 1 during construction? The MVCCA Board asked that Transportation work with the Education Committee to ensure school busses get students to school on time.

ADJOURN

The next Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, **January 9, 2012** at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The committee met at the Mount Vernon Government Center at 7:30 pm on December 1. The community organizations represented at the meeting were: Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Mount Zephyr, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV, and Woodley Hills Estates. MVCCA Co-Chair Al Bornmann also attended. Elisabeth Lardner, Chairman of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) attended as the evening's guest speaker.

The chair reviewed the minutes of the October 27 meeting which the committee approved. Next the chair summarized the main issues discussed at the November 30 general meeting of the MVCCA.

Elisabeth Lardner described where the County stands regarding the Housing Blueprint for the current fiscal year. She outlined the reductions in federal funding with 11% less in Block Grants (CDGB) and 38% less in funding in the HOME program. In Virginia, even though Governor McDonnell approved a Housing Trust Fund in November 2010 to enable a "consistent source of 'gap' financing for affordable housing development," funds have yet to be

assigned to the fund. The fund is unlikely to relieve any of the shortfall expected in providing for affordable housing.

The Bridging Affordability rental subsidy program initiated in the County this summer has a fixed amount funded from rentals of a County owned property. The shortcoming of this project is that no additional funds are available once the fixed amount is expended and any funds in use require annual reauthorization (and the retention of the project that is currently 'throwing off') of the funds for such a use. The County's "Penny for Affordable Housing Fund" is no longer available for affordable housing projects, it has been reduced to half a penny which is completely allocated for debt service on existing projects.

The "Residences at North Hill" project is progressing but slowed because added requirements for final approval. When asked why additional approvals are required when the project was finalized six months ago, Ms. Lardner explained that VDOT wanted to reassess the design of the turn lane at the exit to Richmond Highway. Storm-water management has been an ongoing challenge, but appears to be close to resolution. The North Hill project will be considered by the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with two other projects Lewinsville and Lincolnia. Construction is still scheduled to start in 2012.

With no member issues to discuss, Chairman Jeszenszky informed attendees that he is resigning as chairman at year's end and thanked members of the committee for their work and support.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON — LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING —

Meeting minutes not available.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

COAF-2011-01: RESOLUTION ON OWNERSHIP OF BUILDING SEWER, MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 65-6-5

- 1) **WHEREAS** homeowners in Fairfax County are required by Section 65-6-8 of the Fairfax County Municipal Code to have an independent sewer and an independent water service connection with a public or private sewer and/or water system (“Every building, whether residential or non-residential, attached or detached, and every business establishment having an outside entrance in a multiple-tenant building, shall have an independent sewer and an independent water service connection with a public or private sewer and/or water system”);
- 2) **WHEREAS** homeowners in Fairfax County assume ownership, by law, of all subsurface sewer laterals up to and including the juncture with the main County sewer line, as per Section 65-6-5 of the Fairfax County Municipal Code (“The ownership of building sewers, including the connections between buildings and sewer mains and including those portions located within a recorded easement, the rights-of-way of public or private streets, shall be vested in the owners of the premises on which such building sewers, or portions thereof, are located. The County shall not be responsible for operation or maintenance of such sewers. (15-95-65; 18-98-65.)”);
- 3) **WHEREAS** sections of the sewer lateral connecting the building to the County sewer main may be located within a public street;
- 4) **WHEREAS** Fairfax County law does not require the seller of a property to disclose a subsurface break in the sewer lateral or prove that no such break exists;
- 5) **WHEREAS** homeowners are often unaware of the sewer line ownership stipulations included in Municipal Code 65-6-5;
- 6) **WHEREAS** homeowners will be forced to apply for permits, to demolish a public road, and to hire licensed contractors in order to replace or repair a broken sewer lateral that is located outside of their property line and that may have been broken by the construction of a public storm drain or a public utility line, or some other action or entity in no way related to the homeowner;

A) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to adopt legislation to transfer from the building owner to the County, the responsibility of operating and maintaining building sewers, or portions thereof, that are located within a public street.

B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to amend, effective immediately, Section 65-6-5 of the Municipal Code to read:

The ownership of building sewers, including the connections between buildings and sewer mains and including those portions located within a recorded easement, the rights-of-way of public or private streets, shall be vested in the owners of the premises on which such building sewers, or portions thereof, are located. The County shall not be responsible for operation or maintenance of such sewers located within a recorded easement or the rights-of-way of private streets. The County shall be responsible for operation and maintenance of building sewers, or portions thereof that are located within a public street.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION COAF-2011-01

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

E&R-2011-07: RESOLUTION ON NON-NATIVE INVASIVE PLANTS HARMING GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY

- 1) **WHEREAS**, the George Washington Memorial Parkway is a national park and a historic roadway from the American Legion Bridge to the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens and was designed to provide an commemorative and scenic gateway to the former plantation of our first president;
 - 2) **WHEREAS** the George Washington Memorial Parkway is an important landmark in the history of American park development and highway design;
 - 3) **WHEREAS**, large numbers of American and foreign tourists and school groups travel the parkway daily to visit the Mt. Vernon Estate and Gardens;
 - 4) **WHEREAS**, the Mount Vernon trail is used year-round by many people for walking, running, biking, picnicking, scientific research, and simply enjoying the wooded areas and view of the Potomac River;
 - 5) **WHEREAS**, the native trees, native plants and natural areas along this historic parkway are being overwhelmed and destroyed by exotic invasive plants;
 - 6) **WHEREAS**, this destruction of trees and natural areas will continue apace unless more serious efforts are undertaken to arrest it;
 - 7) **WHEREAS**, the present volunteer efforts in conjunction with the National Park Service are insufficient to solve the problem;
 - 8) **WHEREAS** the National Park Service does not have sufficient funding or staff to adequately address non-native invasive plants on its properties;
- A) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) requests that the U. S. Department of Interior provide additional funding to the National Park Service to undertake an effort to better control the invasive, non-native vines and plants which are destroying the trees and other habitat along the parkway; and
- B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the MVCCA requests that the Congress appropriate funds in the forthcoming fiscal year to the Department of Interior for expanding the control of invasive species along the George Washington Memorial Parkway; and

C) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA requests that the National Park Service staff for the George Washington Memorial Parkway promote and support workshops in the Mount Vernon area to encourage area residents to better control non-native invasive plants and use more native plants.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION E&R-2011-07

E&R-2011-08: RESOLUTION ON CRITERIA FOR LOCATING TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN PARKLAND

- 1) **WHEREAS** residents and businesses are requesting improved telecommunications coverage, the need for wireless capacity and coverage is growing, and telecommunication carriers are applying to place facilities in residential neighborhoods and nearby parks;
- 2) **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission have established policy giving priority to locating telecommunications facilities in commercial areas and providing incentives for collocating antennas on existing telecommunications and other commercial facilities;
- 3) **WHEREAS** residents object to towers in or near their neighborhoods because of real or perceived negative impacts on property values, community aesthetics, quality of life, and health;
- 4) **WHEREAS** parks have been established for recreation and to protect and preserve natural habitats and environmentally sensitive areas and historic and cultural resources, and the Fairfax County Park Authority has a responsibility to manage parks as a public trust;
- 5) **WHEREAS** communications facilities can impact the recreational uses of parks and can have environmental impacts, including bird collisions with towers, increasing impervious surfaces, and the disturbance and destruction of natural habitat;
- 6) **WHEREAS** Fairfax County Park Policy 303 allows Park Authority property to be considered for placement of a telecommunication facility if "a determination has been made that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of parkland and that all possible planning to minimize harm is included in the proposed project," but criteria for such a determination are unclear;

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A) BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests that the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) change its Policy 303 to develop precise and concrete criteria for determining whether and where telecommunications facilities should be allowed in parks, and these criteria should ensure that natural resources and park activities are not significantly impacted;

B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the public should be provided the opportunity to comment on the criteria;

C) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the criteria should prohibit telecommunications facilities in environmentally sensitive areas (refuges, nature preserves, Resource Protection Areas, etc.), in areas with rare or state- and/or federally-listed endangered and threatened species, or in areas where FCPA determines that other natural or historical or cultural resources or recreational features should be protected;

D) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the criteria should take into account potential impacts on natural resources (including water quality, habitat fragmentation, and wildlife), viewshed, and recreational value of the parkland of road construction, installation of power lines, damage and removal of vegetation, size and location of footprint, lighting, pole height, guy wires, etc. (see the attached list of what the criteria might include);

E) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the amended policy 303 should ensure that when telecommunications facilities are determined to be suitable on parkland, best practices are incorporated into their design, and that telecommunications companies mitigate impacts to the recreational uses of the park and to natural resources, by, for example, planting trees to replace those destroyed.

Attachment: Examples of Criteria for Siting of Communication Facilities in Fairfax County Parks

(Drawn from existing U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Guidelines)

1. Any applicant proposing to construct a new communications facility should be strongly encouraged to collocate the communications equipment on an existing communications or transmission facility.
2. If collocation is not feasible and a new facility is to be constructed, communications service providers should be strongly encouraged to construct a facility of no more than 125 feet above ground level (AGL), using construction techniques which do not require guy wires (e.g., use a lattice structure, monopole, etc.). Such facilities should be unlighted if Federal Aviation Administration regulations permit.
3. Communications facilities should not be sited in or near wetlands, other known bird concentration areas (e.g., state or

Federal refuges, staging areas, rookeries), in known migratory or daily movement flyways, or in habitat of threatened or endangered species. If significant numbers of breeding, feeding, or roosting birds are known to habitually use the proposed construction area, relocation to an alternate site should be recommended.

4. Seasonal restrictions on construction may be required in order to avoid disturbance during periods of high bird and wildlife activity.
5. Towers and related facilities should be sited, designed and constructed to avoid or minimize habitat loss in and near the facility's "footprint." Road access and fencing should be minimized to reduce or prevent habitat fragmentation and disturbance, and to reduce above ground obstacles to birds in flight.
6. In order to reduce the number of facilities needed in the future, providers should be encouraged to design new facilities structurally and electrically to accommodate the applicant/ licensee's antennas and comparable antennas for at least two additional users (minimum of three users for each structure), unless this design would require the addition of lights or guy wires to an otherwise unlighted and/or unguyed tower.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION E&R-2011-08

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PLANNING & ZONING

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION P&Z-2011-11

P&Z-2011-11: RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE 2232 APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **WHEREAS** telecommunication carriers are increasingly filing applications in residential areas of Fairfax County as potential sites for their telecommunication facilities and related equipment compounds;
2. **WHEREAS** telecommunication facility applications within residential areas need special consideration to preserve the residential nature of an area, maintain the neighborhood's character, and ensure the affected residents are notified;
3. **WHEREAS** The Mount Vernon Council has previously resolved that all telecommunication facility applications in residential zones must include an alternative for a distributed antenna system;
4. **WHEREAS** telecommunication facilities may be approved pursuant to completion of a 2232 application;
5. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has called upon the Fairfax County Planning Commission to review the 2232 application process for installation of telecommunication facilities within Fairfax County;
6. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Planning Commission has created a Special Committee to carry out the request of the Board of Supervisors to review the application process for installation of telecommunication facilities within Fairfax County and the review process includes receiving comments from citizens;
7. **WHEREAS** the attached document proposes changes to the 2232 application process for telecommunication facilities to reflect the Mount Vernon Council goal of adding protections for neighborhoods and to emphasize the preference for distributed antenna systems over cell towers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests that Supervisor Hyland submits the attached suggested modifications of the 2232 application process to the Planning Commission Special Committee for consideration as a part of the changes to the Fairfax County 2232 application process.

(see attachment on next pages)

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COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA
APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 15.2-2232 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

PROPOSED CHANGES TO: PART II STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

Consider changes to:

6.0 PROPOSED FACILITY PLAN [FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONES](#) (AT A SCALE OF 1" = NOT MORE THAN 50')

Provide a plan to show as relevant to the specific application, 1) the plan view and 2) the elevation of the proposed use showing its relation to existing site features and existing or proposed facilities. Include the following information, [or provide a detailed explanation for any requested information that has not been provided](#), for the proposed use and activity:

- Subject and adjoining property boundaries
- Public right(s)-of-way and names
- Countywide trails required by the Comprehensive Plan
- Scale and north arrow
- Zoning district
- Locations, dimensions, and maximum heights of all existing and proposed structures
- All required minimum yards (front, rear, side) and transitional yards
- Distance of proposed structures to lot lines
- Proposed access from a public street to the proposed use
- Location and number of existing and proposed parking spaces
- Notation stating area of subject property, area of [temporarily and permanently](#) disturbed sites, area of existing and proposed structures, [as well as, dimensions of proposed equipment compounds including roofs](#)
- Notation stating whether the property is served by public water and sewer and other public utilities
- Existing topography with a maximum contour interval of five (5) feet
- Existing vegetation, proposed limits of clearing, and proposed landscaping and screening as required by the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance [and the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Tree inventory to include dimensions \(including but not limited to: height, width, deciduous or non-deciduous variety, crown size, species\) of trees available to camouflage the proposed structures and preserve the desirable existing vegetation](#)
- Delineation of any floodplain designated by the Federal Insurance Administration, United States Geological Survey, or Fairfax County, and delineation of any Resource Protection Areas
- Location and width of all existing overhead or underground utility easements
- [Location, length and width of temporary and permanent roads to proposed facility](#)
- [Limits of clearing and grading to construct proposed facility, including equipment compounds](#)
- Any features of the proposed use, such as emergency access, fencing, exterior lighting, loudspeakers, etc. as may be applicable or requested.

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The plan shall be reproduced as a blueprint (maximum 24" x 36") with a measurable scale. A minimum of three (3) copies of the plan shall be submitted by the applicant to the 2232 Review coordinator. [A copy of this application shall also be delivered by certified mail with a return receipt request to all adjacent landowners and those neighbors who reside within a 500 foot radius of the proposed facility. Copies of the aforementioned return receipt request must be submitted with this application.](#)

Consider Adding:

[5.5 PROPOSED FACILITY PLAN FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONES \(AT A SCALE OF 1"= NOT MORE THAN 50'\)](#)

[For proposals in residentially zoned areas or areas adjacent to residentially zoned property, provide a plan to show an alternative miniaturized or micro-cell architectural solution, as relevant to the specific application, 1\) the plan view and 2\) the elevation of the proposed use showing its relation to existing site features and existing or proposed facilities. Provide a thorough statement of explanation for any information requested below that has been excluded as inappropriate. Include the following information as appropriate for the proposed use and activity:](#)

- [Subject and adjoining property boundaries](#)
- [Public right\(s\)-of-way and names](#)
- [Countywide trails required by the Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Scale and north arrow](#)
- [Zoning district](#)
- [Locations, dimensions, and maximum heights of all existing and proposed structures](#)
- [Provide area, dimensions and location of all equipment appurtenant to the proposed installation, including but not limited to, the proposed specifications for the hub](#)
- [Tree inventory to include dimensions \(including but not limited to: height, width, deciduous or non-deciduous variety, crown size, species\) of trees available to camouflage the proposed structures and preserve the desirable existing vegetation](#)
- [All required minimum yards \(front, rear, side\) and transitional yards](#)
- [Distance of proposed structures to lot lines](#)
- [Proposed access from a public street to the proposed use](#)
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- [Notation stating whether the property is served by public water and sewer and other public utilities](#)
- [Existing topography with a maximum contour interval of five \(5\) feet](#)
- [Existing vegetation, proposed limits of clearing, and proposed landscaping and screening as required by the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance and the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Delineation of any floodplain designated by the Federal Insurance Administration, United States Geological Survey, or Fairfax County, and delineation of any Resource Protection Areas](#)
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- [Limits of clearing and grading to construct proposed facility, including equipment compounds](#)
- [Any features of the proposed use, such as emergency access, fencing, exterior lighting, loudspeakers, etc. as may be applicable or requested](#)

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The plan shall be reproduced as a blueprint (maximum 24" x 36") with a measurable scale. A minimum of three (3) copies of the plan shall be submitted by the applicant to the 2232 Review coordinator. A copy of this plan shall also be delivered by certified mail with a return receipt request to all adjacent landowners and those neighbors who reside within a 500 foot sight radius of the proposed facility. Copies of the aforementioned return receipt request must be submitted with this application.

7.5 COMPREHENSIVE RADIO FREQUENCY EVALUATION OF PROPOSED AREA TO BE SERVICED

Provide a detailed justification of your application through a comprehensive explanation of why your proposed facility is technologically necessary to further your business purpose. Include the following in your justification:

- Define the geographic location which you propose the facility requested would service;
- Define through detailed radio spectrum diagrams the current signal strength provided by the applicant in the area proposed to be serviced as defined above;
- Provide dropped call data for the proposed area to be serviced including but not limited to: 1) number of your customers in the area to be serviced; 2) frequency of dropped calls within the area to be serviced relative to the total number of calls carried. Include the location of all telecommunication facilities within a three-mile radius of the proposed location;

9.0 CLOSING STATEMENT OF THE APPLICANT:

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY STATEMENTS FOUND TO BE INACCURATE IN ANYWAY WILL DEEM THIS APPLICATION NULL AND VOID. I UNDERSTAND THAT PROVIDING ANY KNOWINGLY INACCURATE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION MAY SUBJECT ME TO THE LAWS GOVERNING PERJURY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, INCLUDING ANY FINES AND POSSIBLE INCARCERATION. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT ACTING AS AN AGENT OF AN APPLICANT IS NO DEFENSE AGAINST ANY MISLEADING, OR MISINFORMATION THAT I HAVE KNOWINGLY PROVIDED ON THIS APPLICATION UNDER OATH.

City/County of _____
Commonwealth of Virginia

The foregoing instrument was subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 20____ by

(Printed name of person seeking jurat) (Signature of person seeking jurat)

Notary Public
Notary registration number: _____
My commission expires: _____

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION P&Z-2011-11 ATTACHMENT

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TRANSPORTATION

TRANS-2011-03: TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT FORT BELVOIR

- 1) **WHEREAS** according to Fairfax County Department of Transportation BRAC Coordinator Laura Miller, Fort Belvoir Main Post (area south of US Route 1) has more employees than the number of employees at the Pentagon (prior to BRAC, both the Pentagon and Fort Belvoir Main Post had 23,000 employees; now Fort Belvoir Main Post has 26,400 employees and lacks the transportation infrastructure present at the Pentagon);
- 2) **WHEREAS** the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations has passed several resolutions requesting the study of rail and the authorization of planning a monorail as well as a light rail system along Route 1 between the Huntington Terminal and Army Museum in Fort Belvoir with intermediate stops since September 22, 2001 in order to combat traffic congestion;
- 3) **WHEREAS** resolutions requesting for rail along Route 1 were passed in 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010 and several urgent resolutions regarding BRAC were passed in 2007 (e.g., widen Route 1 to 6 lanes, initiate planning for Transit Transfer Centers adjacent to Fort Belvoir and the Army Museum and update the Traffic Congestion resolution of 2004 to reference the urgent need for transportation infrastructure due to BRAC), as well as resolutions regarding the need for dedicated funding of transportation infrastructure in 2007, 2008 and 2011 (summary of resolutions is attached).

A) NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors work together with the State Senators and Delegates representing US Route 1 and the Federal US Senators and Congressmen that represent those areas to fund, plan and construct Phase III from Woodlawn Plantation to Buckman Road (North) to widen US Route 1 to 6 travel lanes and dedicated mass transit.

B) NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the MVCCA that the Richmond Highway Fixed Guideway Study that was approved by the Virginia Assembly in 2011 be completed and funding be secured to implement the study no later than December 2013.

(see attachment on next pages)

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION TRAN-2011-03

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ATTACHMENT: Summary of Council resolutions to abate the traffic challenges on Route One

Resolution Number	Title	Action(s) Requested	Date Passed by General Council
1	MONORAIL	Immediate study of rail; Plan rail between Huntington and Fort Belvoir	September 22, 2001
2	Federal Transit Legislation	Legislation to encourage use of monorail transit technology	July 23, 2003
3	Route 1 Location Study – WMATA Light Rail Proposal	Public hearings of changes to Route 1 median; Complete a Rail Feasibility Study	January 28, 2004
4	Traffic Congestion	BOS take immediate action to curb development until future transportation requirements and funding is resolved; Comprehensive trip generation analysis be performed during review of new housing projects	July 28, 2004
5	Route #1 Rail Transit Study	Study extending rail transportation to Hybla Valley and Fort Belvoir to include comparative costs of alignment for heavy rail, light rail and monobeam/monorail	January 2005
6	Fairfax County Transportation Map	Transportation map may be amended to show type of mass transit along Route 1 (awaiting pending rail study)	June 2006
7	Route 1 Rail Transit Study	Reaffirmation of January 2005 resolution-see above	July 2006
8	Updated Traffic Congestion	In view of BRAC, BOS take immediate action to parallel measures taken by Loudon and Prince William Counties (curtail development until transportation issues are resolved)	January 2007
9	Transportation Planning in Support of Fort Belvoir BRAC	A number of items under the US Army, VDOT and VRE auspices were requested	January 2007
10	Richmond Highway Corridor Funding Requirements	Due to the urgent need to accommodate projected mass transit requirements needed to support BRAC, expedite the Richmond Highway Mass Transit Study and request adequate funding to implement its findings and to widen Richmond Highway to six lanes from the Occoquan River to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, including provisions for mass transit	June 2007
TR 2008-01 11	Speed Limit Highway Corridor Reduction	Urge BOS to fast track improvements to Route 1; improve traffic light signalization and delay any implementation of speed reduction; and state elected officials fund a rail transit study	June 25, 2008
TR 2008-02 12	Curb Cut Closure on I-95 Ramp to Woodrow Wilson Bridge	Close the curb cut between Fort Hunt Road and the WWB ramp on the east side of Route 1 to improve safety and ensure flow of traffic on Route 1	June 25, 2008
TR 2008-05 13	Transportation Improvement Proffers	Urge BOS to create the Funding Mechanism set forth in the Comprehensive Plan and require developers to pay the created impact fee; BOS to instruct staff to inform MVCCA if an escrow for Richmond Highway exists; and this proffer technique is to be used to fund improvements along Richmond Highway including a rail study	November 19, 2008

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TR 2009-01 14	Improvement of Traffic Flow and Provision for Mass Transit on Richmond Highway	Urge Commonwealth Transportation Board, FCBO, FCDOT, and VDOT to secure funding to widen Richmond Highway from Buckman Road (North) to Prince William County; and that VDOT undertake a Richmond Highway Rail Mass Transit Study to include all rail mass transit options	September 17, 2009
TR 2009-02 15	Metrorail and Alternatives	MVCCA supports HR 1635, the Northern Virginia Metrorail Extension with a priority along the Yellow Line extension along Richmond Highway	September 17, 2009
TR 2010-01 16	Review of Traffic Service Levels at WWB area	FDCOT and/or VDOT to conduct an assessment to determine the current impact of the level of service regarding the newly altered traffic patterns/configurations at Fort Hunt Road and Huntington Avenue intersections of Route 1	November 17, 2010
TR 2010-03 17	US 1 Public Fixed Guideway Transit Study	FCBO, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, FCDOT, VDOT work with state and federal elected officials to secure funding for the US Route 1 Fixed Guideway Transit Study between the Beltway and Fort Belvoir so that much need transportation improvements can be made; once funded conduct the study that would explore all transit options so that the widening and other needed improvements to Route 1 can be planned and constructed	November 17, 2010
TR 2011-01 18	Transportation Impact Fee	FCBO adopt a zoning ordinance to assess and impose impact fees on any development needing a building permit per Va. Code Sections 15.2-2319 and 15.2-2323; once the ordinance is adopted, Fairfax County enforce and collect the transportation impact fee to provide reasonable transportation infrastructure to benefit the development needing a building permit	April 27, 2011

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION TRAN-2011-03 ATTACHMENT

2012 Approved Budget

	CY 2011 Budget	Approved 2012 Budget
<u>Receipts</u>		
Dues-Current Members	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Dues-New members	200.00	200.00
Gala Income	6,000.00	6,000.00
MM Interest Income	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
 <u>Disbursements</u>		
Administrative Exp	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Gala Expenses	6,000.00	5,700.00
Gala Dep Exp - Spring 2012	-	300.00
Insurance	700.00	700.00
Public Safety-Mailings	100.00	100.00
Record Production	1,550.00	1,550.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards	600.00	600.00
Web Site	300.00	300.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	650.00	650.00
Subtotal Disbursements	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting**	-	350.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,550.00

** Total budget proposed to increase to \$1,000 for Earth Day event. \$350 committed from Wells Fargo Money Market reserve fund. Current balance in money market \$5003.80.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 21, 8:00 p.m.
Walt Whitman Middle School
Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

AGENDA

Call to Order

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

Published Items and Resolutions

New Business

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Jan 12, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	TBD	7:30	MVGC	Jeszenszky
BUDG	1/4	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	1/3	7:30	Teleconference	Cox
EDUC	1/4	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	1/4	7:00	MVGC/Rm. 3	Martin
H/HS	1/3	7:30	IMVH/Rm. Engh	Cleveland
PL/Z	1/9	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF	1/5	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 3	Shawkey
LRSP	1/9	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 1	Dhillon
TRAN	1/9	7:30	WWMS/Library	C. Voorhees

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MVCCA Student of the Year Civic Award 2012

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The Mount Vernon Student of the Year Civic Award is sponsored by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA). The purpose of the award is to recognize a high school senior from Mount Vernon HS, South County SS and/or West Potomac HS who demonstrates personal achievement through community involvement, volunteer work, and/or exceptional civic duties. The award will be made during the MVCCA Annual Gala. The amount of the 2012 award is \$300 per qualified student for no more than one student from each of the above-mentioned high schools. If a qualified student does not meet the criteria for the award, no award will be given. Failure to provide contact information may result in delay or denial of award. Amount of future awards depends on available funding.

Criteria for Award

1. Student must be a U.S. citizen and resident in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/maps/gallery_BOSdistricts.htm)
2. Must be a graduating senior of Mount Vernon HS, South County Secondary School or West Potomac HS.
3. Must be nominated by a high school career specialist or teacher.
4. Must provide a short essay (250 words or less) describing personal achievement through community involvement, volunteer work and/or civic projects.

Deadlines:

- Advertising to students: December 19, 2011 through January 20, 2012.
- Deadline to turn in application to the student's career specialist: January 20, 2012.
- Deadline for career specialist to transmit letter of recommendation and student's application to MVCCA: February 15, 2012. (Late applications will not be accepted).
- Selection made by MVCCA Civic Award Committee during February 2012.
- The recipients will receive the award on April 28, 2012 at the MVCCA Annual Gala that will be held at the Laurel Hill Golf Club.

The MVCCA Student of the Year Civic Award is not based on financial need and may be used for any purpose by the awardee(s).

2012 MVCCA Student of the Year Civic Award

Student Name _____

Contact Information _____

High School _____

Please provide in the space below or attach a short essay (250 words or less) describing your personal achievement through community involvement, volunteer work and/or civic projects during the past year in the space below. Please include your contact information and contact information (e.g. name, telephone number and/or e-mail) who can verify your contributions to a community or organization project and any other information which you feel will be helpful in considering you for this award. Excluding your career specialist, you may attach no more than three letters of recommendation.

FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER SPECIALIST ONLY

Printed name:

Signature:

e-mail address:

Telephone number:

Please provide a brief statement below certifying that the above-mentioned student meets the criteria for the MVCCA award. Letter(s) of recommendation may also be attached.

Please turn in to your career specialist no later than January 20, 2012. Late applications will not be accepted.