



Mount Vernon
Council
of Citizens'
Associations

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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

November 28, 2012 8:00 p.m.
South County Governmental Center

PRESIDING: Co-chair Jim Davis.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Al Bornmann, Jim Davis;
Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Betsy Martin,
Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; SCLRSP chair Katherine
Ward; Transportation Commissioner Frank Cohn; Treasurer Trish
Gowland; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from: Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood on
the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount
Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, River Towers,
Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV,
Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton,
Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTION RESULTS

The nominating committee is pleased to announce that
our full slate of nominees were elected by proclamation by
the MVCCA membership.

Congratulations to:

Chris Low -- Co-Chair
Jim Davis --Co-Chair
Gretchen Walzl -- Co-Chair
Trish Gowland -- Treasurer
Carol Coyle -- Secretary

Katherine Ward
Chair Nominating Committee

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Student of the Year CIVIC AWARD

Qualified Students may now apply for the 2013 MVCCA
Student of the Year Civic Award. Award is based on
community/civic involvement and not on academics.
Applicants need not be college bound. Award may be
used to offset expenses for entering into the workforce,
military or to attend a trade or technical school.
Applications must be submitted to the appropriate high
school career counselor or teacher no later than January
18, 2013. For more detailed information, please see
enclosed application packet."

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MVCCA DUES

Dues are due now. Go to www.mvcca.org for the
membership form.

MVCCA BOARD

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E&R	Betsy Martin	703-360-0691
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Council Minutes

MINUTES – Approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Accepted.

SUPERVISOR’S TIME

County budget: If the rate remains the same, average tax bill will go up about \$120.00.

Supervisor has read Transportation Committee’s letter to the Board of Supervisors re: impact fees on development and asked that it be sent to each of the Supervisors. He says that BoS feels the addi-

tional fees might be dis-incentive due to 1) already have proffers; 2) commercial developments pay a larger amount; and 3) the areas where both assessments have been successful are less densely developed. Development Process Committee would have to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – See Education Committee minutes.

Consumer Affairs – No meeting. Telecon on December 4.

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Treasurer's Report

January 1-November 30, 2012

Balance Available January 1, 2012	\$ 10,571.53			
		Actual	Actual	
		Monthly	YTD	Budget
				Variance
Receipts				
Dues-Current Members		\$ 3,432.00	\$ 4,000.00	(568.00)
Dues-New members		\$ -	\$ 200.00	(200.00)
Gala Income		\$ 3,937.00	\$ 6,000.00	(2,063.00)
MM Interest Income	\$ 0.21	\$ 2.30		
Refund from web registry		\$ 105.00		
Total Receipts	\$ 0.21	\$ 7,476.30	\$ 10,200.00	\$ (2,831.00)
Disbursements				
Administrative Exp		\$ 725.48	\$ 300.00	\$425.48
Gala Expenses		\$ 3,817.30	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 1,882.70
Gala Expenses-Deposit for 2013			\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Insurance		\$ 670.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 30.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting		\$ 276.93	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 723.07
Public Safety-Mailings			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Record Production	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 110.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards		\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00	(\$300.00)
Web Site		\$ 168.98	\$ 300.00	\$ 131.02
Total Disbursements	\$ 130.00	\$ 7,998.69	\$ 10,550.00	\$ 2,551.31
Balance Available November 30, 2012	\$ 10,114.44			
Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 5,107.92			
Wells Fargo Money Market	\$ 5,006.52			
Total Funds Available	\$ 10,114.44			

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Education – Mount Vernon member of the Board of Education, Dan Storck, held a Town Meeting. See The Record.

Environment and Recreation – See The Record. Potomac Watershed Trash and Litter.

Health and Human Services & Affordable and Workforce Housing – Chair urges us to read her report in The Record.

Positive living for adults with disabilities. See HHS website for Affordable and Workforce Housing. North Hill RFP has not yet been published.

Planning and Zoning – No meeting.

Public Safety – See The Record. Dean Sherick is interim chair.

Transportation – See The Record. Zoning ordinance has not been enforced. Next meeting will be on the 10th because Redskins are playing on the 3rd. What would be the fiscal impact if there were an impact fee on by-right development?

Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – Sunoco resolution is tabled and will be published in December.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2013. Elected by acclamation.

Co-chairs Jim Davis, Chris Low, Gretchen Walzl.

Treasurer Trish Gowland. Secretary Carol Coyle.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

Non-residential real estate values are expected to rise 0.7% in Fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

A new approach to county budget planning which includes a multi-year planning cycle is being used to assess county expenditures and would allow some expenses to be deferred with the knowledge that those expenses will reoccur in later years.

There is concern that the federal budget issues may affect county revenue, particularly sequestration. The county is also considering sales of county owned vacant land to raise revenue.

It is expected that the Fiscal Year 2014 budget will include a 5% increase in the school transfer. The FY2013 school transfer was \$1,848,079,349. The FY2013 adopted budget general fund disbursements totaled \$3,537,786,676.

The Budget Committee will meet jointly with the Health and Human Services Committee at the South County Center on Richmond Highway, Tuesday, January 8.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs met on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. via teleconference. The participants re-affirmed the position of the MVCCA Consumer Affairs committee as stated in the June 2012 Record to not pursue a season extension for the Mount Vernon Farmers Market.

Also, based on the survey of the farmers during this past summer, it was noted that the farmers would not have fresh produce. It was strongly felt that the purpose for having a farmers market is to support the local farmers while purchasing fresh produce. That will not occur with a year round market particularly with Costco coming in and Wal-mart selling groceries.

Please note that no farmer or vendor participated during the "meeting." However, Denise Morgan participated and was instrumental in clarifying myths about the relationship between the Library and farmers.

Overall, it was felt that the joy is having a true farmers market compared to Alexandria. One participant mentioned that the items from certain trucks were from warehouses in DC.

There was a concern that with a time change it would be too dark during a portion of the season.

Therefore, the Mount Vernon Farmers Market season should remain intact - April to November. However, the committee supports extending the hours of operation to accommodate working people. Should the farmers request an extension of operating hours, that

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7:30 pm
Mount Vernon Government Center

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Al Bornmann (MVCCA Co-Chair), Chris Lowe (MVCCA Co-Chair), Jim Davis (MVCCA Co-Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor, Tauxemont and Stratford Landing.

The committee heard from Fairfax County Chief Financial Officer Susan Datta on the County Budget Forecast for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014.

As part of the budget planning process, county agencies are again being asked to submit a budget plan that would include 5% reductions in spending for each agency. It appears that the budget process is looking to determine what services would need to be cut if revenues, particularly the real estate portion of revenues, are to remain stable. In that regard, it is expected that real estate values are projected to increase by 2.5% in Fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

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discussion and decision should be held with the Mount Vernon Park Authority Board member.

The next COAF meeting will be held Tuesday, February 12th because the 1st Tuesday in January is January 1st--New Year's day.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee did not meet on its regularly scheduled date of December 5, 2012. The rescheduled date of December 12 took place too late for the inclusion of minutes in the December RECORD. A report of that meeting will be provided in the January 2013 RECORD.

The next regularly scheduled meeting would be January 2, 2013. The Committee may decide to change that date and, if so, members will be notified by e-mail.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met 5 December 2012, at 7 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Jim Davis (MVCCA co-chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wellington Heights, and Woodlawn Manor.

Draft amendments to the telecommunications policy. The committee considered a draft resolution recommending changes to the Planning Commission's proposed amendment of the telecommunications policy in the comprehensive plan. Issues raised include: the proposed changes to the policy should give preference to Distributed Antennae System (DAS) facilities to reflect the MVCCA's resolution; the policy should not favor placement of telecommunications facilities in public land over private land; we want to encourage technologies with the least impact; changes to the comp plan should not be wedded to any particular technology, which is likely to become obsolete; removal and maintenance of facilities are issues that need to be addressed; we should resurrect our old resolution on facilities on parkland, and circulate it to the Planning Commission and/or incorporate portions into this new resolution; we do need better cellphone coverage.

The resolution was tabled for more research and reworking. E&R members Quigley and Kitts will seek to identify technically knowledgeable people who can advise us in our work on this resolution.

Movie night. With able technical assistance from co-chair Davis, the chair premiered her PowerPoint presentation (entitled *Clean Fairfax?*) on problems with litter across the county and solutions

proposed by the *Citizens' Action Plan for Litter Prevention*, which was supported by an MVCCA resolution a year ago in October. Popcorn was served. E&R members offered many comments and lots of advice (much of it useful) on improvements to the presentation. A good time was had by all.

Updates

- Paul Phelps (Hollin Hills) reported on a Nov. 29 meeting on stormwater management. An increased property tax assessment is devoted to stormwater (up to 2 cents/\$100) resulting in a bigger budget (\$39 million) which however must also cover admin costs. The allocation for stormwater projects has been increased to \$8 million this fiscal year. Much is going to maintenance: 1500 miles of stormwater pipes are older than 40 years. They must replace 150 miles of pipe and dredge 3 lakes a year, and are also repairing dams. The \$30 million bond that passed is dedicated to improvements in Huntington. The county is experimenting with smaller Low Impact Development (LID) projects, but smaller projects need more maintenance. Of the 300 policy recommendations recommended in the first six watershed management plants, about 50% have been implemented, and 15% require new ordinances.
- Bill Cleveland (Collingwood-on-the-Potomac) reported on a meeting on the planned restoration of Huntley Meadows. They have settled on a structure for the dam to regulate the water level, and will dig several areas deeper to maximize the number of species. Construction should start in the spring.
- A public hearing on the annual report of the Environmental Quality Advisory Council will be held on Jan. 7. The report can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/report2012/.

Next meeting is January 2, 7 p.m., room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Topic: Briefing on Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) annual report.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

The HHS Committee met Tuesday, December 4, in the Engh Room of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital to focus on a goal/outcome of the human services system that is critical for the well-being for all residents of Fairfax County, *POSITIVE LIVING FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES*.

This is our fourth meeting in a series of six, to identify emerging challenges and community resources for effective response in Fiscal Year 2013 (which began July 1, 2012) and beyond. All six goals/challenges are stated below—see Public Meetings—to facilitate access to HHS Committee reports of past meetings and participation in those ahead. Along the way, we ask: Which concerns will benefit from greater public awareness, or from MVCCA Resolutions in support of particular actions or programs, or from other community participation in solutions?

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Participating in this month's roundtable were 11 persons, including those representing 6 MVCCA member civic associations—Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Stratford Landing, and Tauxemont—and 2 from other Mount Vernon communities (Ron Fitzsimmons of Wessynton and Julie Bloom Ellis of Sherwood Forest). Ms. Ellis is Mount Vernon representative to the county's Commission on Aging and director of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. Our panel of 3 invited guest resources represented programs in two human services agencies: from the Fairfax County Dept. of Family Services (DFS), **Barbara Antley** is Division Director of Adult & Aging Services; from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), **Alan Wooten** is Director of Community Living Services and **Jeannette Cummins Eisenhower** is Investment & Development Manager. All three emphasized the integration of human services, across multiple departments, that is underway in FY 2013 and critical to County planning for the difficult fiscal environment projected, by the County Executive's office, for the next two fiscal years. Louise Cleveland chaired the meeting.

ONGOING CONCERNS

Affordable and Workforce Housing: John Jeszenszky referred us to four items reported in November, all with no further developments at this time. North Hill redevelopment still awaits a County request for proposals, expected "soon." He will attend the Dec. 14 meeting of the Fx Co Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. He is preparing questions and invitations to panelists for the Jan. 8 HHS Committee meeting focus on Affordable Housing: see below, Public Meetings.

Human services FY 2014 planning: Louise Cleveland reviewed the schedule for HHS meetings in the first quarter of 2013, noting that—during public review of the County Executive's (proposed) FY 2014 *Advertised Budget Plan*—we will need an hoc HHS meeting (probably Saturday, March 2) of our working group tasked to examine Plan documents, identify human services issues, and rough-draft HHS recommendations for MVCCA response, for consideration at our scheduled March 5 HHS meeting.

FOCUS: POSITIVE LIVING FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Few would disagree with the description of 'positive living' that the County human services system sets as the goal/desired outcomes in shaping and coordinating efforts of multiple agencies that provide vital supportive services to many of our most vulnerable adults:

"Positive Living...is fostered through affordable and accessible supports that allow for the least restrictive daily living environment, access to community services and amenities, employment with reasonable accommodations, opportunity for social engagement, and health services that promote independence."

Working together, our guest resources updated the "Positive Living" presentation compiled a year ago for the Human Services Council (available online on the County web site) and brought us

their new draft version along with other fresh resources. The result was a lively and informative meeting, filled with good questions and thoughtful answers. Throughout, our panelists from the CSB and the DFS Division of Adult & Aging Services emphasized the efforts underway among all human services agencies to connect the individuals they serve with the cluster of services available and appropriate to their particular situation.

Environmental Trends

We need to keep in mind the growing diversity of age span (as more people live beyond age 92!), health status, and cultural preferences and interests, as well as needs for affordable housing choices and services, among this population that aspires to positive living.

The number of older adults (65+) in Fairfax County is increasing: 106,000 now and by 2030 an estimated 158,000—a jump from under 10% of the total population to over 19%. (In Mount Vernon, roughly 12% of our population are seniors.) Since the incidence of disabilities doubles every 5 years after age 65, the rising need for assistive services is expected to accelerate after 2020, when the oldest baby boomers will turn 75.

Approximately 6% of Americans (65,000 of Fairfax County residents) live with a serious mental illness, and 29% of those diagnosed with mental illness abuse alcohol or drugs (19,000 Fairfax County residents).

Nearly 7% of Fairfax County residents (70,000 people) have some disability, rising for those age 65 and older to 27%.

Though people with a disability have more challenges finding work, in Fairfax County they have an employment rate of 70.6% (whereas people without disabilities the rate is 81%). In Fairfax County, they are twice as likely as people without disabilities to live below the poverty line, 7.8% versus 4.1%.

Excluding the value of their home, 19% of older households in Fairfax have assets of less than \$50,000.

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia reports that Fairfax County residents stay healthy longer and then use less intensive care than the national average (much lower rates of hospitalization, more likely to seek rehab than lifelong custodial care, etc.). Today more elderly live in assisted living than in nursing homes (reversing the status 20 years ago). Nevertheless, demand for all forms of long-term care is likely to increase, and the trend toward assisted living to continue.

Front Doors for Information/Access

Whether you are an active older adult seeking recreational, civic, and voluntary opportunities to connect and participate in the community, or you are an adult seeking information—perhaps as a family caregiver or a neighbor—on behalf of a person of any age

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with disabilities, you will find many Fairfax County web site pages are now updated for improved access to key information and assistance. A few are “front door” directories with a wealth of links to services available in many departments.

For both active older adults and caregivers, a good place to explore is: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices. This directory page advertises a new phone line for Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resources (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F): **703-324-7948** (or TTY-703-449-1186). It also provides an on-line request-for-services form, to speed appointments for consultation and assistance. The new phone line works in cooperation with Coordinated Services Planning (703-222-0880), the multilingual team that connects those seeking temporary assistance for basic needs—food, shelter, healthcare, etc.—to local public and voluntary non-profit resources. The DFS also provides both a “quick guide” and “complete guide” to Services for People with Disabilities on line: dfs/dspd/services.htm. These directories include a link to the CSB home page, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb, “your link to local services for people with mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual or developmental disabilities.”

Along with *key phone numbers* and *links to information* on many kinds of services, these pages offer a quick place to subscribe/unsubscribe to *free on-line newsletters* that help people stay informed about local events and developments of interest:

- For an e-mailed copy of the monthly *Golden Gazette*, and for *Fairfax 50+ E-news* (monthly round-up of activities), *Caregiver's Corner Online*, and *Update* (for families and advocates of those in long-term care facilities): www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/e-newsletter-subscribe.htm
- For *Access Fairfax* (news and events for people with disabilities): www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/dspd/e-newsletter.htm
- For *CSB NEWS* (newly launched newsletter helpful for consumer, family, provider, and community advocates): www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/news/news-list/htm

What's Working?

Barbara Antley described programs run by DFS and the Health Dept. that deliver a “cluster” of vital services to those most in need: thousands of meals-on-wheels in combination with other volunteer services and in-home care, thousands of congregate meals in senior+ programs and adult day health centers, and a PACE program operated by Inova for all-inclusive care for persons eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare. The Department of Neighborhood and Community Services operates 13 centers for active seniors, with an FY 2012 attendance of 287,339, and 14 adult social clubs spread around the county that currently serve 286 persons with disabilities (ages 22 to 71).

Alan Wooten described progress toward integrating services and supports needed by the full range of those who come to the CSB for assistance. The Entry and Referral call center provides access

for intellectual disability, mental illness and substance use disorders. Initiatives are underway to improve access to primary health care for all, through partnerships with the Community Health Care Network and two local Federally Qualified Health Care centers. Employment services for all CSB populations are improving, with plans to expand. Under the Housing Blueprint, the CSB is striving—in partnership with the Fx Co Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA) and private non-profit providers—to implement Housing First, widely recognized as the proven path to more effective treatment services and recovery. Wooten also briefed the Committee on the difficult limitations on Virginia’s “disability waivers” that allow a person to pay for services in the community rather than in an expensive residential facility. Many with serious disabilities are excluded from eligibility for waivers, and most who are eligible are placed on interminable wait lists.

Jeannette Cummins Eisenhower participated in the CSB report *Forging a Path Home* that identified 1,650 CSB clients as needing affordable housing as of June 2011. She is participating in the current effort to develop a “Support Services Blueprint” that can match up with the Housing Blueprint. Her presentation included a fascinating flow chart that started from an example of a hypothetical Housing Blueprint opportunity, 8 project-based vouchers set aside for people with special needs. To match 8 potential recipients with mental illness successfully, and increase the likelihood that they would be able to maintain their eligibility for this long-term affordable housing opportunity, would require a set of core support services. She guided us through the daunting obstacle course for obtaining services for all 8: service wait lists, narrow eligibility requirements, limited availability, etc. To bridge gaps, strategies are proposed and their cost estimated. A match, at a reasonable cost, emerges. This difficult analysis of the matching process is key, to identify needed services and gap-bridging strategies and to head off further service “reductions” that will jeopardize all efforts to match our limited affordable housing opportunities to those with greatest needs.

At www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb, those who hope that the Board of Supervisors remains committed to fulfillment of the Beeman Commission recommendations will find the link to the Executive Director George Braunstein’s recently posted *CSB Transformation Completion Report – Status and Future Plans*, as well as to the CSB’s report on housing needs. Both reports make clear that progress will depend on County investment.

“What can we do?”

This is the key question on our published agenda. Our panel listed specific actions that county employees are undertaking, in their continuing efforts to sustain and grow services for more people, without any planned increases in County investment in sight. (The County Executive forecasts flat revenue and rising fixed expenses that will require, for fiscal balance, each agency to plan for another reduction of 5% in each of the next two fiscal years.)

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Our monthly discussions note cross-cutting impacts of fiscal constraints on all human services. We have drafted no resolutions all year except for the detailed response to the proposed County budget plan in March 2012, "FY 2013 Health and Human Services Planning," approved overwhelmingly by the MVCCA General Council. In the past, we have supported County revenue diversification and enhancement as needed for investment in services and risk reserves. Once again, members anticipate the need for County actions to raise more revenue for the next fiscal year and are suggesting other actions responsive to the needs for services, especially among persons of all ages with disabilities:

1. Re the *Fairfax County 2013 Legislative Program*: Beware proposed state and federal "budget cuts" that shift even more costs for essential services to local government, which in Virginia lacks authority to tax sales or income. Advocate for a Virginia response to implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act—especially one that acknowledges the intense need to expand Medicaid eligibility.
2. Re the *Fairfax County Housing Blueprint*—Monitor progress toward goals and annual targets, especially for those who are homeless or at risk of losing their home and have special needs for supportive services to remain there.
3. Support community education in areas such as prevention, self-management of chronic diseases and disabilities, and wellness.
4. Support local voluntary services and non-profit providers. Support services that help caregivers to keep giving—such as adult day health care and adult day programs that help persons maintain skills and resiliency.
5. Awaken neighborhood interest in identifying, informally, (a) people who might invest time in training (CERT, Medical Reserve Corps, Mental Health First Aid) and (b) people who may need a friend nearby to check on their needs, e.g. in a winter storm power outage.
6. Work toward agreed goals in community development: The *Fairfax 50+ Plan*, published in 2007, is now under revision to reflect the broader vision of "A Liveable Community for all Ages." A draft version suggests that this community is one that...
 - allows independence and choice, regardless of age or ability
 - builds on strengths of a diverse and aging population
 - fosters business, government, neighborhood, faith-based, and non-profit partnerships
 - creates caring communities where neighbors help neighbors

JANUARY 2013 PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7:30-9:30 PM, MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets on AFFORDABLE HOUSING at South County Center, Room 221 A/B, 8350 Richmond Highway (zip 22309). See the MVCCA Affordable and Workforce Housing Page, updated with a brief history of the County and MVCCA dialogue on Housing policy and links to information that can provide a basis for informed discussion: <http://www.mvcca.org/housing.html>

Thursday, Jan. 24, 7 PM, South County Task Force for Human Services meets in the Verdia Haywood Conference Center at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway (zip 22309), on services for seniors.

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 7-9 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, 22306, for a quarterly update on health planning issues in the service area of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and Healthplex at Lorton. The Healthplex is scheduled to open in January 2013. Chairman Ken Disselkoen, Recording Secretary Louise Cleveland, L.cleveland@pobox.com

HHS Committee continues its focus on six cross-cutting goals that Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison has characterized as "conditions of well-being or results that the human services system seeks for those we serve": (2012) **Sept. 4** "Connected Individuals," **Oct. 2** "Healthy People," **Nov. 7** "Successful Children and Youth," **Dec. 4** "Positive Living for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities," (2013) **Jan. 8** "Affordable Housing," and **Feb. 5** "Economic Self-Sufficiency." *The Human Services Council's Roundtable Discussion Papers (prepared for public review of the FY 2013 Budget Plan and available on line) are a starting point for each: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil. Please direct questions and suggestions, in advance of the meeting, to the chair. All meetings are open to all, always!*

PLANNING & ZONING

Minutes of the December 3, 2012 Planning & Zoning Committee meeting

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40pm and was attended by representatives from the following associations: Wellington, Huntington Club, Collingwood Springs, Newington Forest, Hollin Hall, Montebello, Potomac Valley/River Bend, Hollin Hills, Sulgrave Manor, Wessynton, and Engleside. There were two presentations and one resolution.

The first presentation was information only and focused on community feedback. It was given by Mark Viani of McGuire Woods discussing the future special exception permit request for a service station, car wash, and convenience store on the corner of Lorton Rd and Lorton Market St (107 ((23))-B), 9400 Lorton Market St. It is a 1.47 acre parcel, zoned C-6. The applicant is proposing to develop and operate a service station on the subject property. Mark provided history on the parcel, to include the gas station was part of the approval in 2000 with the shopping center, an extension was approved in Nov 2002, but lapsed in 2005. In 2007, the service station was denied approval. Mark also discussed the allowable density provides a large constraint on what can be developed on the site. The Committee's feedback focused on this intersection being the southern gateway to Fairfax County, and any such development on the parcel should reflect this gateway, design

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should compliment the existing clock design, possible better community serving uses includes a hotel, or restaurant. Additionally, questions posed to Mark included asking if electric charging stations could be incorporated.

The second presentation was on the proposed Sunoco Station at 5928 Richmond Hwy. The Chair opened this presentation by providing some of the recent history of the Sunoco, Special Exception Permit, and that the resolution P&Z 08-12 which did not oppose the Sunoco Special Exception Permit application was being returned to the P&Z Committee to be discussed, modified and voted on, before being presented back to Council. Sara Mariska of Walsh and Colucci provided an overview of the proposed service station which includes six filling locations and a 2600 sf convenience store. As presented, one of the access points on Richmond Highway is right-in/right-out. Discussion and questions focused on the following: this site is located at the Northern Gateway to Fairfax County, and a service station is not inline with the proposed Northern Gateway Comp Plan language MVCCA has previously submitted; this land has been vacant for a number of years and is a challenging site by itself; the surrounding tenants/property owners, of Suntrust Bank, the auto dealer, and residential towers are probably not looking to sell or redevelop their land anytime soon, and become part of a larger assemblage; VDOT previously approved the access to the service station, traffic counts conducted on 15 Nov 2012 demonstrated only 1% of traffic turns left onto Huntington Ave from Richmond Highway, concern that a right out onto Richmond Hwy would create a traffic safety hazard due to possible vehicles cutting across traffic to turn left onto Huntington Ave; right exit traffic onto Richmond Highway would be into a non-through lane which becomes a right-turn lane at the next intersection; Sunoco would recoup their initial investment in approximately 10 years; there would be an estimated 1,953 vehicle trips to the service station daily, and of these 60-80% are already pass through traffic on Richmond Hwy; whether a time constraint can be added as a development condition to the Special Exception approval and whether this would address the concerns of creating an interim use while also ensuring the long term redevelopment is inline with the proposed Comp Plan language MVCCA submitted; and whether better architecture could be incorporated into the development. During this period of discussion, the previous P&Z 08-12 resolution was brought to the floor, discussed, and amended to include 3 (numbers 8-10) Whereas statements and a development condition of a 15 year expiration of the Special Exception Permit after the issuance of the non-residential use permit (non-RUP) added to the Therefore, Be It Resolved statement. The resolution was changed to P&Z 2012-12, 8 voted in favor of the amended resolution to not oppose, and 1 voted to oppose.

The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee will be on January 7 at 7:30pm in a Community Room of the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2611 Parkers Lane. Updates to the City-side/Belle Haven Towers Development, which was initially presented in July 2012, and Huntington Club will we presented.

PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 6, 2012

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac-Section IV, and Waynewood.

Fairfax County Police Department – Organized Crime and Narcotics

Captain Michael Wall, Commander of the Organized Crime and Narcotics Division (OCN) of the Fairfax County Police Department was the speaker for the December meeting. Captain Wall provided an overview of OCN's role in combating criminal activity in Fairfax County. The division is divided into three sections: Narcotics, Street Crimes and Money Laundering.

The Narcotics Section is comprised of 3 supervisors and 15 detectives whose main focus is on long-term investigations to identify individuals involved in dealing drugs as well as firearms which often encountered during these transactions. With the current street price of \$7000 per pound for "high-quality grade" marijuana, there can be an enticement for those believing such dealings can generate a quick buck which is one reason why individuals become involved in the business. Other drugs routinely encountered during these investigations include Ecstasy, cocaine, and heroin as well as prescription medications which are not in the possession of the original patient.

The Street Crimes Section is staffed with 3 supervisors and 12 detectives and their activities include "buy-bust" arrests which are often accomplished by approaching individuals in areas where illicit drug activity has been reported. The staff also works closely with officers from the various patrol areas to gain additional leads and tips for possible opportunities for generating these encounters.

Money Laundering is the third section of OCN and this group is comprised of 1 supervisor and 4 detectives. The Money Laundering Section addresses the issues generated by funds raised through illicit drug activity, illegal gambling and other criminal enterprises. As with the other sections of OCN, the Money Laundering staff works off tips from informants, detectives and private citizens who suspect illegal activity. The Money Laundering Section often becomes involved in seized assets which could be vehicles, property and cash that have been identified as being acquired with money that has been received through criminal activity.

OCN has three narcotics dogs which are trained to detect the presence of drugs and can be used to assist the staff during their investigations. The dogs are Labrador Retrievers and they are called upon to assist with the Highway Interdiction Team (HIT) who conducts vehicle checks on the highways in an effort to curb drug

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activity throughout the County. The HIT personnel are trained to identify specific indicators associated with drug couriers and the dogs can provide a quick assessment of a vehicle without an intrusive search.

The Mount Vernon District and the Richmond Highway Corridor have been subject to a number of long-term investigations where illicit drug activity has occurred. One recent investigation was completed in October with the arrest of over 100 individuals on 168 various charges from Fairfax and Prince William counties after the combined efforts of police agencies from both jurisdictions as well as the Virginia State Police. This investigation resulted in the seizure of \$500,000 in assets, 23 guns along with the recovery of stolen property.

Recent trends in drug activity show an increase in the use of heroin as well as prescription drug abuse. There does not appear to be an increase of drug activity in schools but there is always a concern with students being exposed and involved in illicit drug activity. OCN is committed to continuing their work to make Fairfax County a jurisdiction where individuals engaged in criminal enterprise are arrested and this action is a deterrent for others seeking to participate. Individuals with information pertaining to illicit criminal activity are encouraged to contact the police department or OCN directly at 703-802-2200.

Old Business

- The current session of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which was being conducted on Monday evenings at the Mount Vernon District Governmental Center, has been completed. A check with CERT staff will be made to determine when the next session is scheduled to occur.
- A request was made to determine the current status of various resolutions which will be examined for future action in the coming year. One topic raised during this discussion was that of cell phone towers and the impact these structures have for public safety.

New Business

- A listing of dates for the 2013 meeting schedule for the Public Safety Committee meetings was provided. The Committee will meet the first Thursday of each month with the exception of July which will occur on July 11th due to the July 4th holiday. There will not be a meeting in August.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MVCCA Public Safety Committee will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013 in Community Room #1 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:30pm in conference rooms C and D of the INOVA Mt. Vernon. Attending were Christopher Low, (MVCCA co-chair elect) and the Mount Vernon Transportation and Planning Commissioners, representatives of 16 member citizen associations (Belle View, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North and Woodley Hills).

The minutes of the November Transportation Committee meeting were approved as published in The Record.

Guest Speaker: Delegate Scott Surovell, US Route 1 development from the Commonwealth's perspective

Status on widening US Route 1 thru Fort Belvoir – Environmental Study completed – “no adverse impact” to the land due to the widening. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and VA state approval of the US Route 1, option B, which is the southern bypass thru the horse farm has occurred. The road “process” is about to start. First, FHWA has approved 4 contractors to bid on this project. The contractor bids are to be selected in about 6 months.

The US Route 1 corridor generally – Delegate Surovell has posted a number of articles about US Route 1 on his web site (Dixie Pig blog).

About 2 years ago, Delegate Surovell invited Garrett Moore, Northern Virginia Administrator of VDOT, to travel US Route 1 during rush “hour” as Garrett Moore is the VDOT point person for development along US Route 1. They left the Polo Grill in Lorton around 4:00pm traveled north to I-495 and they headed back south on US Route 1 to the Polo Grill. It took 2.5 hours to travel 14 miles along US Route 1. Delegate Surovell asked Garrett Moore what it would take to bring rail to US Route 1 and it turns out that the location or centerline study, which began in 1992, and never finished for the 7 miles between 235S and I-495. A VDOT report that was published in 2009 stated that a centerline was not decided on that stretch of road because a transit study was never done.

According to the US Government, “Major revisions of U.S. numbered highways, such as US 1, require a transit study before VDOT can widen this section of the road.

State Senator Toddy Puller put in legislation on funding the needed transit study, and it sailed thru the Virginia Assembly to passage in 2010. This bill appropriated \$1 million in funds to pay for the federal transit study. However, Fairfax County and others wanted to expand the study to an “alternatives” study, which is much more costly (\$2.5 million more) so that federal funding could be obtained for the transit finally decided upon. While the alternatives study

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considers other transit options, such as public transit, the switch to a more costly study has SLOWED any movement on improving US Route 1 between US 235S and I-495. Delegate Surovell has been waiting for months to hear if the US government will fund the extra \$2.5 million for an alternatives study and he has spoken to both Fairfax County officials (no word yet) and US transportation officials (who implied that they considered that matter already). When the Chair asked if we should be writing our Congressman on the subject, Delegate Surovell was not sure.

The bottom line is that this transit study is needed to move forward and Fairfax County has appeared to stall improvements for another 10 years??

The total widening of US Route 1 to 6 travel lanes plus transit will cost \$0.8 billion today, and that figure will increase with each passing year. When Delegate Surovell knocked on 12,000 doors in the district he represents, the citizens want rail transit and the support is for a Metro expansion. However, the Supervisors in Lee District (on one side of the highway) and the Mount Vernon District (on the other side of the highway) do not agree on a future "look" for US Route 1. Delegate Surovell encouraged Transportation Committee members to engage Lee District residents regarding transit needs for the corridor, which follows density patterns on the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

Key Question: What do Lee and Mount Vernon district people (communities) want for development along the US Route 1 corridor?

Metro is in the process of long range planning. It is surprising that Fort Belvoir is the largest military employer in Northern Virginia, but there is no rail to Fort Belvoir. Fort Belvoir exceeded the number of employees at The Pentagon where there is rail transportation in 2011. While a Blue line of Metro extension would be the shortest and cheapest, there are right-of-way objections from CRX who owns the railroad bed.

Improvements required - higher density in the Comprehensive Plans in order to obtain government funds and approval; Citizen acceptance of higher density plans and a vision for the US Route 1 corridor that both Lee and Mount Vernon citizens support. While money is short today (funding needs are 10X the funds available), these issues need to be addressed in order to improve the transportation infrastructure of US Route 1.

Presentation – Sunoco gas station on US Route 1 near Huntington Ave

Sara Mariska, the land use attorney representing Sunoco, updated plans presented to transportation committee in March 2012. A convenience store is located closest to Huntington Avenue and 6 pumps (12 pumping stations) under a canopy parallel to the convenience store. There are still two access points from US Route 1, one of which is needed so that the fuel tanker can service the

station. That access point is further from the US Route 1/ Huntington Avenue intersection. That access is also to be a right in, right out which could cause vehicles to slow down in front of moving traffic or cars exiting the station could cause accidents. The Sunoco folks conducted a study of the nearby bank's patron's movements onto US Route 1 and the numbers of the study were few that cross over several lanes of traffic to turn left on Huntington Avenue. The second access off of US Route 1 is an entrance only as folks may pass the first entrance when the fuel tanker is servicing the station.

The plans for this gas station have local resident approval as the site would fill a gas station void on the west side of the highway. The P & Z Committee passed a resolution saying they did not oppose it, but their resolution did not address the fact that US Route 1 is in an Highway Corridor Overlay District, which under the current zoning ordinance requires access to the service station/mini-marts to be provided by a public street other than one intended to carry through traffic (FC Zoning Ordinance 7-608, 1B).

The Wellington representative reminded the committee that the MVCCA (Council) approved a comprehensive plan amendment so that this area becomes a high-density development, and that county staff conducted the required transportation study for the Council. Thus, the comprehensive plan is to remove one story businesses with individual driveway access along US Route 1 and the current zoning ordinance discourages automobile oriented businesses, which are not in a shopping center containing at least 6 commercial uses. This proposed gas station violates the comprehensive plan and the current zoning ordinance with respect to the Highway Corridor Overlay District.

Motion: The transportation committee opposes the proposed gas station because it does not conform to the comprehensive plan and the current zoning ordinance for the Highway Corridor Overlay District. The motion to oppose passed.

Old Business

Mulligan Rd: the project construction is well underway.

Transit Center on US Route 1: from a list of some 16 sites, Fairfax County staff has selected the best 3, but these have not been made public yet. Consultants will conduct a study.

Traffic counts on the George Washington Parkway – still have not heard if the defective counters have been replaced.

New Business

I-95 express lanes are open but very little use so far. A committee member who used them remarked that he had no problems with the express lanes and found that the exit ramps were closer to one's point of destination than if the regular lanes were used.

Future Speaker: Ask Delegate David Albo to the March 2013 meeting.

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The next Transportation Committee meeting will be joint with Planning and Zoning to see a presentation of the Huntington Club redevelopment. The meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:30PM. Location to be determined. Conference Rooms C and D of the hospital will accommodate both committees.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON — STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANNING —

The Strategic and Long Range Planning Committee will meet January 22 at the Mount Vernon Government Center at 7.30pm.

This will be our organizing meeting.

PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z-2012-12: RESOLUTION ON THE RETURN OF SUNOCO TO 5928 RICHMOND HIGHWAY

- 1) **WHEREAS** Sunoco has filed a Special Exception application to rebuild a gas station and convenience store at 5928 Richmond Highway, and
- 2) **WHEREAS** The property had previously been used as a Sunoco gas station and was closed during the construction of the I-495/ Richmond Highway interchange, and
- 3) **WHEREAS** During the closure the previous Special Exception expired, and
- 4) **WHEREAS** The current plan includes six filling locations and 2400 sf retail store, and
- 5) **WHEREAS** Access to the property will be from both Richmond Highway and Old Richmond Highway, and
- 6) **WHEREAS** Most patrons are expected to be from the Alexandria and Mount Vernon area, and
- 7) **WHEREAS** The Comprehensive Plan discourages auto-oriented uses on Richmond Highway, this particular site, due to its location and history, is an appropriate location for a gas station,
- 8) **WHEREAS** it is estimated that there will be 1,953 trips per day to this gas station; of which 60-80% are already existing pass-through traffic, and
- 9) **WHEREAS** Traffic issues for exit traffic onto Richmond Highway were not considered significant in light of a non-through lane at the exit and with 1% or less estimated to cross lanes of traffic for left turn, and
- 10) **WHEREAS** the proposed nomination for the Comprehensive Plan related to a North Gateway is not consider to be in conflict due to timelines projected for that project,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose the Special Exception as presented, only if a development condition for the approved Special Exception Permit is a 15 year expiration of the Special Exception Permit after issuance of the non-residential use permit (Non-RUP).

END: P&Z-2012-12

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 19, 8:00 p.m.
South County Center, Room 221
8350 Richmond Highway

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. 10, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG ⁽¹⁾	1/8	7:30	SCC-Rm. 221 A/B	D. Voorhees
COAF	2/12	7:30	TBD	Cox
EDUC	1/2	8:00	WMES/Library	Harbeck
E&R	1/2	7:00	MVGC/Rm. 3	Martin
HHS ⁽¹⁾	1/8	7:30	SCC-Rm. 221 A/B	Cleveland
PL/Z	1/7	7:30	MVGC/CommRm	Matthews/Dale
PSAF	1/3	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 1	Sherick
TRAN	1/7	7:30	TBD	Voorhees
SLRP	1/22	7:30	MVGC	Ward

⁽¹⁾ Budget and HHS Committees meet jointly at South County Center, Room 221 A/B, 8350 Richmond Highway

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MVCCA Student of the Year Civic Award 2013

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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 2013 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 9, 2012 through January 18, 2013.
- Deadline to turn in application to the student's career specialist: January 18, 2013.
- Deadline for career specialist to transmit letter of recommendation and student's application to MVCCA: February 13, 2013. (Late applications will not be accepted).
- Selection made by MVCCA Civic Award Committee during March 2013.
- The recipients will receive the award on April 27, 2013 at the MVCCA Annual Gala that will be held Ft. Belvoir 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).

2013 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. 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 18, 2013. Late applications will not be accepted.