



**MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING**

April 24, 2013 8:00 p.m.  
South County Governmental Center

**PRESIDING:** Co-chair Gretchen Walzl.

**ATTENDING:** Co-chairs, Jim Davis; Gretchen Walzl.

Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Judy Harbeck, Betsy Martin, Dean Sherick, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA and SFDC Rep Karen Pohorylo; SLRSP chair Katherine Ward.

Secretary Carol Coyle.

Representatives from: Belle View Condos, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North

**SUPERVISOR'S TIME**

Gerry reports that he has had two stents implanted in his heart. County Budget - Supervisors approved a 1 penny raise in the tax rate and a 2% increase in the transfer to schools. No idea how sequestration will affect the County. Next year the county deficit should reflect a decrease in the deficit from \$160 million to \$40 million.

Moving the Farmers Market is a dead issue. Park Authority has made their decision. The Sherwood Hall market is the most successful in the County. Site behind the skating rink would create serious traffic problems. Gerry will have his staff survey the people who actually buy from the market and see 1) if they would still participate if it were not so convenient. It was suggested that patrons of the Library be asked if the market inconveniences them. Suggestions: one-way traffic; a 'traffic cop' paid by the farmers Saturday is Springfest at Lorton Arts Center.

Maria Espinosa and Anne Hughes from Rep. Jim Moran's office. We were briefed on those committees Jim serves on (Environment and Interior, Appropriations, BRAC, and Federal Employment) and his stand on several issues including Richmond Highway. He has also introduced a 'bag bill.' Contact Anne Hughes, Press Secretary, at 202-225-3472 or [Anne.Hughes@mail.house.gov](mailto:Anne.Hughes@mail.house.gov). Maria is in charge of tours, flags, room reservations, special greetings from the White House, internships. Contact Maria Espinoza, Constituent Services Director, at 202-225-3496 or [Maria.Espinoza@mail.house.gov](mailto:Maria.Espinoza@mail.house.gov). Jim's transportation person is Zach.Cafritz@mail.house.gov.

**MINUTES** – Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Accepted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance** – See The Record. Meeting 5/1 will discuss proffers.

**Consumer Affairs** – See The Record.

**Education** – No meeting. Meeting 5/1 with Dan Storck. Modifications will have to be made to the school budget. What looks like a 1% windfall is really to pay back the retirement funds, not a 2% raise.

**Environment and Recreation** – See The Record. Public Hearing on Westgrove Park. One resolution.

**MVCCA BOARD**

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**Health and Human Services**– See The Record. No committee meeting in May, but see suggested community meetings to attend.

**Planning and Zoning** – See The Record. Joint meeting with Transportation. One resolution.

**Public Safety** – See The Record.

**Transportation** – See The Record.

**Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning** – See The Record.

## RESOLUTIONS

**E&R 2013- 01 RESOLUTION TO USE COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FUNDS TO BUILD A BREAKWATER AT DYKE MARSH**  
Approved 18-0.

**TR/P&Z 2013- 03J GRANDE AT HUNTINGTON** Amendment: A change in wording to clarify the resolves. Approved 19-0.  
Resolution approved 20-0.

## OTHER ELECTED/APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

Planning Commissioner Flanagan reported the Commission recommended the Supervisors approve draft changes regarding Telecommunication Facilities with 3 of the changes recommended by the MVCCA entered into the Commission minutes, The Commission also recommended the Supervisors approve a more holistic system for amending the Comprehensive Plan called Fairfax Forward and as supported by an MVCCA resolution. Supervisor public hearings on both will be held at a later date.

## PUBLIC TIME

Lee Blount, who is leasing part of the old St. Clair property, is having difficulty getting the necessary permits because the zoning requires 47 spaces and the property has only 43. Referred to Supervisor Hyland.

## SFDC

Meeting on mixed-use development, May 1, 8-10 a.m. at SFDC offices.

Taste and sites of Groveton, May 21, 4-7 p.m. at Beacon of Groveton.

More information at [www.SFDC.org](http://www.SFDC.org).

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

## Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

### Treasurer's Report

January 1 -April 30, 2013 \*

Balance Available January 1, 2013					\$9,948.65
	Actual Monthly	Actual YTD	Approved Budget	Variance	
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations	\$204.00	\$204.00	\$0.00	\$204.00	
Dues-Current					
Members	\$72.00	\$2,940.00	\$3,500.00	(560.00)	
Dues-New members	\$54.00	\$54.00	\$0.00	0.00	
Gala Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(4,000.00)	
MM Interest Income	\$0.22	\$0.62	\$2.50	(1.88)	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$126.22</b>	<b>\$2,994.62</b>	<b>\$7,502.50</b>	<b>(4,507.88)</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>					
Administrative Exp	\$0.00	\$125.80	\$400.00	\$274.20	
Gala Expenses	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,050.00	
Insurance	\$0.00	\$773.00	\$700.00	(\$73.00)	
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	\$0.00	\$204.00	\$302.50	\$98.50	
Record Production	\$165.00	\$465.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,435.00	
Student of the Year					
Stipends/Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Web Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>	<b>\$1,817.80</b>	<b>\$7,502.50</b>	<b>\$5,684.70</b>	
Balance Available April 30, 2013					\$11,125.47
Wells Fargo Checking	\$6,322.12				
Wells Fargo Money Market	\$5,007.55				
Total Funds Available	\$11,125.47				

\* Due to illness and death the report is not fully complete.

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# Committee Reports

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## BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:30 pm  
Mount Vernon Government Center

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Gretchen Walz (MVCCA Co-Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Sect. 4, Stratford Landing, Wellington

The meeting included our guest speaker Fred Selden, the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning for Fairfax County. The meeting focused on the topics of proffers and special exceptions. Mr. Selden informed the committee that proffers are voluntary at least until they are accepted by the Board of Supervisors. Then failure to meet the proffer is treated as a zoning violation. Proffers are arrived at in different ways. Proffers are used to mitigate the effects of the development. For example, the school district may request cash proffers to offset the new students in the school district due to additional dwelling units. The Park Authority may request certain proffers for recreational needs.

Some members of the committee expressed concern about the lack of information available to residents to track proffer compliance. It was suggested that a list of proffers be created on the county website so that proffer compliance could be tracked. Mr. Selden stated that the school district and park authority keep track of those proffers that affect them and most proffers must be complied with prior to buildings getting an occupancy permit.

The enforcement of zoning violations was also briefly discussed. Mr. Selden noted that that zoning enforcement is primarily complaint driven. County officials generally do not look for zoning violations without a citizen complaint.

The committee also received an update from the Fairfax County on the question relating to the change in federal revenue between FCPS' FY 2013 Approved and the FY 2013 Revised budget. The explanation we received stated that the unrealized revenue of \$12 million was not due to a change in funding source or award amounts; it is due to the fact that most federal grants, including IDEA, are awarded annually and valid for a period of 27 months. In each FCPS fiscal year, there may be two or three awards (full and carry-forward amounts) budgeted. Funding from the earliest grant award is spent first and at year end, the unrealized revenue is carried forward and re-appropriated in the subsequent year. Further details can be found in the FY 2012 final budget review where the change occurred and in the response to FY 2014 budget question #1. Links to both documents are provided below:

FY 2012 Final Budget Review  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=8WCHMC4917BA>

FY 2014 Budget Question Responses

[http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/97CHJC48B257/\\$file/FY2014Responses%20for%20Posting05-01-13-2.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/97CHJC48B257/$file/FY2014Responses%20for%20Posting05-01-13-2.pdf)

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be June 5, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs held a teleconference meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss Supervisor Hyland's recent comments about the Mount Vernon Farmers Market. The committee chair was not able to attend the April 24<sup>th</sup> general council meeting because she was out of the country. However, other Consumer Affairs reps attended the meeting. The committee also viewed and discussed Supervisor Hyland's comments that were published in the April 25-May 1 edition of the Mount Vernon Gazette.

COAF felt that:

- Supervisor Hyland did not read or consider the MVCCA resolution concerning the farmers market that was passed by the general council prior to his attending the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting;
- Dismissed the work of not only the committee but also the actions sought by the MVCCA membership without merit;
- Use of a survey only during a visit to the farmers market is at best a way to dismiss the MVCCA survey because of the manner it may be conducted;
- Reliance on the Park Authority's comment that it would take approximately 2-to-3 years for the market to recover its customer base is misleading particularly since the market would have more visibility if hosted in the Belle View Shopping Center. That location is along two major routes—Fort Hunt Road and Belle View Boulevard;
- Supervisor Hyland's statement that "[s]ome people have some problems about the adequacy of the parking at the library...[and at] times, you'll have difficulty finding a space, but generally it's adequate" is an understatement. The library parking lot was designed to accommodate patrons of the library and not to host a farmers market that takes more than 30% of its parking. The bottom line is that such a reduction in parking would not be considered "adequate" for any other business establishment;
- Although the Mount Vernon Farmers Market is the oldest market in Fairfax County and has been in Mount Vernon for 30-years. It has not been at the same location for 30-years nor has it been at the Sherwood Hall Library for 30-years. MVCCA is not suggesting that the market move out of Mount Vernon but rather to a more desirable location that reduces or eliminates parking challenges and improves public safety. The current location does not. The market has outgrown its location at the library; and

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- Overall, Supervisor Hyland's resistance to moving the market stifles any potential for expansion and the encouragement of expanded business relationships within the Mount Vernon community.

In general, there were other counter statements concerning Supervisor Hyland's comments about the farmers market during the general council meeting and his published comments in the Mount Vernon Gazette because he provided no valid reason other than the market is "successful" which we all agree. However, the MVCCA identified viable reasons for moving the market to include encroachment on the library's mission, public safety and parking concerns. Therefore, COAF is inviting Supervisor Hyland to its next meeting so that it can fully understand his position and not read his comments in the news media.

Our next meeting will be held at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> or a date convenient for Supervisor Hyland.

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### EDUCATION

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The Education Committee met at 8pm on May 1, 2013, in Supervisor Hyland's conference room in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Associations represented included: CAHH, Colingwood Springs, Riverside Estates, Potomac Valley Riverbend and Woodley Hills. Co-chair Gretchen Walzyl and several interested community members also attended.

The featured guest was Mount Vernon District School Board Member Dan Storck.

Although the discussion was wide-ranging, the primary topic was the FY2014 School Budget and the additional reductions and adjustments which would need to be made given the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' (BOS) decision to increase the school transfer by only about \$44Million, leaving a deficit of \$30-40 Million to be addressed in an already skeletal school budget.

Storck and committee members discussed their disappointment with the BOS's continued underfunding of schools which have been buffeted in recent years by soaring enrollment, costly underfunded mandates from the federal and commonwealth and reductions in both overall and specific program funding by both the US and Virginia. In addition schools are faced with rising costs for benefits, utilities, fuel and for equipment and building maintenance deferrals made in past years to balance budgets.

Storck noted that there is an interactive chart on the website allowing citizens to manipulate some budget items to demonstrate effects on the "bottom line". As he and the committee noted and the chart reflects, given the magnitude of the shortfall there are no good fixes and, in particular, there will have to be no salary

increases of any kind or even some class size increases. Looking ahead to FY2015, where the BOS has also posited only a 2% transfer increase, the problem will be further magnified.

Salary stagnation is a significant problem given that FCPS, particularly as to teachers in the 8+ years experience range, is falling farther and farther behind other local jurisdictions where a salary disparity as high as \$25000 contributes both to a "brain drain" and low morale. Storck noted that the BOS has signaled that it would look with disfavor on any teacher raises since County employees are not receiving raises. Committee members noted that this "equity" issue is a red herring: it is first and foremost an inappropriate comparison of skill set; there is little or no evidence that County employees are underpaid compared to other jurisdictions while FCPS has a clear competitive disadvantage; County employees can increase pay through promotion, lateral moves, and in some cases overtime while classroom teachers have only MSA (cf COLA) and seniority step.

Also, failure to give MSA and restore steps creates pressure at the base of the salary schedule as new hires "bunch up" and could force reduction in starting salary to non-competitive levels—particularly worrisome because new teachers usually have complete flexibility in choosing where to begin careers and can be lured by a relatively small salary differential, especially if they look up the scale and see the disparities that await! Storck noted that Gov. McDonnell will provide some state matching funds for teacher salary increases beginning in January 2014 so he is hopeful that FCPS may be able to provide some small salary relief at that time.

Other problems are the probable deferral of bus and other equipment replacements, which will likely prove more costly in the future, as well as the inability to improve and update technological capability to keep pace with 21<sup>st</sup> century needs and address improvement of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) instruction.

Given the lack of any good or preferable options, the Committee reluctantly decided not to make formal recommendations on the FY2014 budget adjustments.

Another topic discussed was the complete renovation of Woodlawn Elementary School scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2013. Although the school and larger Woodlawn community welcome the long overdue renovations, concern has been expressed that the plan includes the complete razing of the oldest (1930s) section of the building which some would like to see preserved. Storck indicated that although he has not received any negative comments from the actual community about the plans, he is open to discussing partial preservation or some sort of commemoration of the old building provided that it does not delay the renovation nor unduly stress limited construction funds, which are already grossly inadequate to meet renovation and construction needs. He also noted that the old building has been denied historic preservation

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status and has had significant mold issues which have not been completely resolved. Woodlawn has been renovated and enlarged over the years so that it is now a maze of corridors and intersecting “period” architecture which doesn’t very well serve its current population not expected enrollment increases. Storck reiterated that his overriding goal and intention is to provide present and future students with the best possible learning environment, without delay.

Next meeting: 8pm, June 5, 2013. Place and topic TBA

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### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

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The committee met 1 May 2013, at 7 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Wessynton, and Woodlawn Manor.

**Fairfax County Stormwater Management Ordinance.** Paul Shirey (Chief, Division of Code Development and Compliance) briefed the committee on the draft stormwater ordinance (available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwaterordinance/draft\\_stormwater\\_ordinance.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwaterordinance/draft_stormwater_ordinance.pdf)), which is in late stages of development and must be adopted by 6/13/14, with implementation 7/1/2014. Final issues may be resolved at the Board of Supervisors Environment Committee meeting May 7. The Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for July 25. It is anticipated that the final stakeholder meeting will be in the Summer.

The new ordinance imposes new requirements for stormwater control on new development, and on redevelopment. The state’s requirements are in some ways more, and in some ways less, stringent than the current county requirements. Key issues still being discussed and resolved include:

**1. BMPs(best-management practices) in residential areas.** New state regs will result in more BMPs on new individual lots to meet water quality requirements, and Fairfax Co. will have to use state-approved facilities (mostly LID—low impact development—facilities, such as pervious pavement, bio-retention facilities, infiltration trenches, swales, green roofs, etc.) The challenges of BMPs on individual lots are certain requirements (e.g., max. 70’ flow path on the roof), the possible incompatibility of vegetated facilities with homeowner preference for manicured landscapes and lawns, and the problem of homeowners removing or modifying the facilities, which becomes an enforcement issue.

The recommended approach is to allow current county standard BMPs, updated to Virginia specifications, to defer certain Virginia BMPs that have unresolved implementation issues, and to establish an evaluation process for new state-approved BMPs.

**2. Inspections and maintenance of stormwater facilities in residential areas.** Issues are, who does the inspection? And, who is responsible for maintenance?—owner or HOA or county? Staff is considering continuing the current practice of private maintenance of LID BMPs in residential areas, or switching over to county maintenance. This only applies to new development.

**3. Adequate outfall and detention requirements.** The state’s detention and water quality requirements will be more stringent than the county’s, and will require updating of the PFM (public facilities manual). However, the county’s pre-development forested condition requirement will be kept, and the current PFM 2-year detention requirement will be kept in addition to the state-required 1-year and 10-year control. (1-year is for channel protection, 10-year for flood protection.)

**4. Single family home exemption.** The state law exempts single family homes that are separately built, not part of a larger development, and that disturb less than one acre from the water quality control requirements. Localities subject to the Ches-Bay Preservation Act may regulate single family residences where land disturbance exceeds 2,500 sf. Currently, lots with less than 18% imperviousness are exempted. In January, Staff had proposed 5000 sf of disturbance and 10% imperviousness as the threshold for exemption; after much feedback these and other factors are under discussion and review. According to Mr. Shirey, the impervious value is the most important factor for the exemption; anything less than 18% would reduce currently exempted activity.

Asked how the new regulations will affect water quality controls for commercial development and highways, Mr. Shirey said the new regulations apply to new development; somewhat different standards apply to redevelopment. The ordinance will affect both residential and commercial development. State regulations also apply to VDOT, but they have a separate permit. In response to a question about whether preserving or planting trees is considered a BMP, Mr. Shirey said that reforestation is, but preservation of existing trees is not. One member noted that it would be important to provide sufficient funding to educate the public and facility owners so that people understand the purpose of these facilities and how to maintain them. A member questioned what the impact would be on the community rating system for FEMA, and Mr. Shirey noted that was a question for another staff person (Don Demetrius). Another asked whether there is documentation of the need for the new requirements, and what the end result will be in 10 years. Mr. Shirey noted that the county has to do it, and that this activity feeds into the TMDLs (total maximum daily loads) being established by the EPA. The new requirements are not intended to improve existing water quality, but will require higher standards for controlling stormwater from new development and redevelopment.

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## Updates.

- The chair thanked Ellen Young (Belle View Condos) for agreeing to serve as vice chair. She will run meetings when the chair is traveling.
- Committee members are very keen to see the rest of the movie "On the Edge" about Dyke Marsh, and the chair promised to try to get a DVD that works.
- Committee members discussed an article about the snakehead fish (see a video at ([www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/counting-snakeheads-in-the-potomac/2013/04/29/74e3ee8e-b103-11e2-bbf2-a6f9e9d79e19\\_video.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/counting-snakeheads-in-the-potomac/2013/04/29/74e3ee8e-b103-11e2-bbf2-a6f9e9d79e19_video.html))). Larry Zaragoza (Wessynton) noted that in the past there has been a PCB advisory for fish in Little Hunting Creek so members should exercise caution in eating this or any fish taken from local waters. Many members were not tempted by snakehead filet.
- Tree Commissioner Eleanor Quigley noted that a new urban forester, Jay Banks, has been hired. An app called I-Tree is available for tree identification.
- There was a hearing on April 30 on the master plan for Westgrove Park, at which several E&R members testified. Randy Torgerson (Westgrove) noted that his community will request that a trail connecting the Westgrove neighborhood with Belle View Elementary School be added to the plan.

**Next meeting** is June 3, 7 p.m., Mount Vernon Government Center. Topic: to be announced.

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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The Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) did not meet in May but plans to meet Tuesday, June 4, at South County Center Room 221 A/B.

The Fairfax County Human Services Council (HSC) has invited community advocates to "a dialogue with the Human Services Community" on Saturday, May 18, 8:30 AM to 12 noon, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, (zip 22035). Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources William Hazel will be keynote speaker for this opportunity for agencies, stakeholders, partners and community advocates—i.e. all who are interested—to "identify opportunities for collective actions." Additional resource information and materials are available on the Council's home page: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil/>

HHS members able to attend the May meetings held in Human Services Region I (as announced in our April Report to the MVCCA Record) will report on these in our June meeting. The May 2 meeting of the South County Task Force for Human Services discussed outcomes of the Virginia and Fairfax County budget processes with Supervisor Hyland, Virginia Senator George Barker, Delegates Adam Ebbin and David Albo, Deputy County Executive for Human

Services Pat Harrison, et al. At the May 10 Nexus Forum "Supporting Transitions" more than a dozen expert presenters focused on how they work together to meet developmental/health needs of children and youth at times of transition, from infancy through elementary, middle, and high school programs and into adult status.

The May 21 quarterly meeting of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force is now postponed and will be rescheduled.

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## PLANNING & ZONING

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Minutes P&Z Committee Meeting  
May 6, 2013

Meeting came to order at 7:35pm at the Mt. Vernon Government Center in Room 1.

**Community Attendees:** Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Club, Wellington Civic Association, Hollin Hills Association, William H. Randall Civic Association, Riverside Estates, Potomac Valley River Bend, Mount Zephyr, Montebello, Huntington Club, A Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc., Waywood, additionally, Earl Flanagan, Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner.

**Presenters:** Timothy Sampson, Walsh, Colucci, and Jennifer Siciliano – INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital Representative.

Our presenters were there to discuss their application to allow enrollment at Mt. Vernon Hospital's child care center to open to the public, not just employees of the hospital in order to maintain the operation of the center by making it a more viable operation.

Several questions were asked by committee members.

- What are the hours of operation? 6:00 am to 6:30 pm daily
- Is it subsidized? Yes, currently by INOVA Hospitals
- Who runs it? Currently, INOVA Hospitals, but they are looking to lease out the service contract to another entity.
- Mr. Flanagan asked that the language in the comprehensive plan be changed to "state that preference will be given to employees of the hospital." Mr. Sampson said yes they are willing to do that but must be careful how it would be enforced.

This application comes before the Planning Commission on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sampson has asked that the committee draft a resolution for this application.

After the presentation, we moved to address both the resolution for the child care center and the property located at 835 Herbert Springs Road.

After discussion and drafting a resolution, the Child Care Center resolution was approved with no opposition (12-0).

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Next we discussed and drafted a resolution for the property located at 835 Herbert Springs Road. The applicant for this property previously presented at our April meeting. After much discussion, it was agreed to present a resolution with a vote of 7-4. After drafting the resolution, the vote was 10-1-1 to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. Next meeting of P&Z committee will be Monday, June 4<sup>3rd</sup> at the Mt. Vernon Government Center.

Sincerely submitted,  
Gretchen Walzl  
Co-chair MVCCA, Acting Chair P&Z

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

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The May meeting of the MVCCA Public Safety Committee was held on May 2, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center. Associations represented at the meeting included: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Huntington Community, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Stratford On The Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, and Waynewood.

The speaker for the meeting was Ms. Lynne Rowson, Community Outreach Specialist for the Fairfax County Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. Ms. Rowson's presentation focused on sexual assault awareness information that had been part of a campaign during the month of April which was designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Ms. Rowson's presentation was intended to dispel common myths associated with sexual assault, define the terms involved, identify resources and services which are available for victims and to bring community awareness to the prevalence of sexual violence.

Sexual assault and abuse is defined as any type of sexual activity that a person does not agree to include: inappropriate touching or fondling, various forms of penetration and sexual intercourse which one says no to. Statistics on the subject include:

- Someone is sexually assaulted in the United States every 2 minutes
- 1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted by their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 1 in 6 men will be sexually assaulted by their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Among high school students surveyed nationwide, 8 percent reported having been forced to have sex
- 15 percent of sexual assault victims are under the age of 12
- 60 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.

The types of sexual assault discussed were rape, which has various definitions depending upon the jurisdiction; incest aka child sexual abuse; dating and partner violence; and sexual harassment. Also discussed was the topic of consent and how a person's age, mental ability and other factors determine whether one actually agrees to participate in the activity.

The impact of sexual assault can affect the victim in a number of different ways including depression, eating disorders, relationship issues such as trust, feelings of guilt and shame which may lead to self-harm, flashbacks, negative coping skills which may generate alcohol and drug dependence, as well as post-traumatic stress disorders.

Services provided by the Office of Women include accompanying the victim of sexual assault to the hospital to have a forensic examination performed. For Fairfax County, INOVA Fairfax Hospital is the only medical facility that has Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) who are trained to conduct such examinations for the collection of any possible evidence of the crime. The Office for Women accompanies the victim if the person is a resident of Fairfax County and/or the assault occurred in Fairfax County. This service can be requested by calling the hotline at 703-360-7273 or by going to the hospital and asking a nurse to call the Office for Women.

Another free service is sexual assault counseling by specially trained individuals that can provide 8-10 sessions which can be conducted at a number of different locations across Fairfax County. There also is a free psycho-educational coping skills group which can assist persons who have undergone the trauma of sexual violence and more about this group can be learned by calling Tanya Clausen at 703-704-6719.

Other sources for assistance due to sexual assault include:

- 24-hour Crisis and Assistance Hotline at 703-360-7273 (TTY 703.435.1235)
- National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)
- National Online Hotline at <https://ohl.rainn.org/online>

The personnel of the Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services can also assist individuals with securing protective orders and, due to the nature of their activity, maintain a close relationship with Child Protective Services.

Ms. Rowson provided information on two additional web sites to further the committee members education on the topic of sexual assault which were Men Can Stop Rape, Incorporated at [www.MenCanStopRape.org](http://www.MenCanStopRape.org) and a 15-minute video entitled "First Impressions: Exposure to Violence and a Child's Developing Brain" which can be found on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brVOYtNMmKk>.

The committee thanked Ms. Rowson for her time and providing such an informative presentation.

Old Business:

The Fairfax County budget for FY2014 has been adopted and the police department will not be losing the 4 civilian logistic positions which had been on the list of cuts. Supervisor Hyland had submitted a measure to retain those positions which was successful.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

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### TRANSPORTATION

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The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 7:30pm in a Mt. Vernon Government Center community room. Attending were an MVCCA co-chair, the Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner and representatives of 16 member citizen associations (Belle View, The Fairfax, Fairhaven, Hollin Hall Village, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North and Woodley Hills).

The minutes of the April Transportation Committee meeting as printed in The Record were approved.

**The Grande at Huntington** continues. Last month, the MVCCA Council passed a resolution concerning this rezoning application basically in the triangular property bordered by US Route 1, Jamaica Drive and Shields Avenue, which requested that all stakeholders affected by the change in the intersection of Kings Highway, Shield Avenue and School Street be informed and that the final transportation configuration be further studied to minimize negative impacts to adjacent communities. Tom Burke of Fairfax County Department of Transportation informed us (MVCCA) that a community meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2013 to discuss transportation network changes in the Penn Daw area, primarily at the intersection of North Kings Highway and Shields Ave/School St. and Tom asked for out help in getting the word out about this community-wide meeting.

The Chair will be attending the community-wide meeting and asked the Committee for the bullet points that the MVCCA should bring to the meeting. The following discussion ensued:

The final version of the traffic pattern calls for right in, right out of main entrance of The Grande at Huntington off of Shields Avenue. This is not entirely acceptable, in that it is unclear how the hundreds of new residents were to get to US Route 1 without cutting through adjacent neighborhoods.

What plans can be in place to secure mediation to increased traffic through residential streets?

In the final version, a median separated School Street from north-bound traffic and did not allow vehicles from US Route 1 via Shields Avenue. This poses a problem for emergency vehicles access to the homes down School Street, as well as access from School Street to the nearby Mount Eagle Elementary School and

access to the church located at the corner of School Street and Kings Highway. How will customers get to the businesses in the School Street Shopping Center?

While the Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner indicated at the April MVCCA Council meeting that there was no money in coffer for this problem, it is understood that the three projects in that immediate area are going to contribute to the cost of the traffic configuration.

In addition to the main entrance/exit off of Shields Avenue, the rear entrance and access off of Jamaica Drive is not resolved either. The local communities have been working with the developers and understand that this project will be a multi-year process.

Another question concerned the developer's monetary proffer for parks: can this proffered money be shared with the transportation needs?

### Old Business

a. While the widening of US Route 1 through Fort Belvoir is funded, what about portions of US Route 1 between 235 North/Buckman Road and 235 South/Mulligan Road (approximately 3 miles)? The MVCCA has advocated for rail transit and 6-lanes of through traffic from the Beltway to the Occoquan since 2001 (over 12 years). However, the key problem appears to be land acquisition. Yet, we are told that land prices along the Route 1 corridor are relatively inexpensive compared to other corridors. The chair checked the Fairfax County assessment values for commercial property on Richmond Highway, which ranged from \$64,680 for a 1943 building having 2,464 square feet on about 11,000 square feet of land assessed at \$182,900 to \$795,000 for a 3,500 square foot building built in 1961 on 18,295 square feet of land assessed at \$402,490 to the 11 store Beacon Mall Shopping Center, which was assessed at \$42,860,630 for the buildings and \$17,592,080. For some reason, which the chair does not understand, not all businesses on Richmond Highway appear to have a real estate assessment.

Small businesses may not have the ability to move away from their customer base and it may be difficult for some businesses to continue if land is given to widen US Route 1. However, in March of 2009, Kathy Ichter, Director, Department of Transportation for Fairfax County ([kathy.ichter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:kathy.ichter@fairfaxcounty.gov)) distributed various cross section options for U.S. 1 including four aerial photographs of various intersections along U.S. 1 from Route 235 (N) to Fort Belvoir with an overlay showing 176' and 150' footprints so the committee could visualize how property owners (businesses) would be affected. A smaller road footprint would allow the vast majority of businesses to continue. Although Kathy Ichter stated then that property owners have known for 20 years of Fairfax County's plan to widen US Route 1. All landowners still would have to agree to the widening of US Route 1.

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Evidently, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors believes that the Mount Vernon area is a tax drain and not a tax generator. Ed Long, the Fairfax County Executive, was silent when asked what revitalizing US Route 1 means to him (when he mentioned other revitalization areas in Fairfax County, but not the one closest to us). And he wondered what were the attractions to US Route 1 as the Board of Supervisors looks at the area as receiving tax dollars and not as a business area. As County Executive, Ed Long should know that the US Route 1 corridor is conveniently located between The Pentagon and the largest military employer in Northern Virginia, the main post at Fort Belvoir located between US Route 1 and the Potomac River. Hence, the reason the Board of Supervisors should seriously be looking at revitalizing the corridor and providing the much-needed rail transit to our area.

Mr. Long should also be made aware that US Route 1 from the North, as well as the South has commuters to get to Fort Belvoir. According to Laura Miller, the BRAC coordinator for FCDOT, 3,400 new employees were added to the main post (the total number of employees on the main post is 26,000) and 8,500 employees were added to the North Belvoir area. A large number of these new employees live in Maryland and commute via automobile. With 26,000 employees at the Fort Belvoir main post and the contractors that work with these military employees, Fairfax County should be embracing US Route 1 and revitalizing the business area to support the large network of contractors that work with a military operation.

It does not appear that Fairfax County and VDOT are aware of plan details of other transit study funds (in the past) that were used elsewhere in Fairfax County. Currently, Delegate Scott Surovell and Senator Toddy Puller have secured funding of a transportation study that is being conducted by the Commonwealth. While the 1997 study was finished (Route 1 Corridor Study, Fairfax & Prince William Counties, VDOT June 1997, issue #4, "Public Bulletin"), the end result of the study expressly stated that the centerline of US Route 1 could not be determined between Armistead Road (Lorton) and 235 N/Buckman Road without a transit study.

During the first full week of May, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will select a consultant to conduct the long awaited study of the corridor -one that will make an important determination about the preferred mode of transportation along US Route One. Officials will be left to decide if it should be bus-rapid transit, light rail or Metrorail. The Chair will speak with Delegate Surovell to identify a guest speaker regarding the criteria of road expansion. Are the criteria regulatory or statutory? Are the criteria based on the number of cars that actually go through the corridor (a much greater number) or the number of people that live on the corridor?

Another possible delay: we may have to wait for Mulligan Road project to finish in order to provide traffic counts. Yet, Mount Vernon residents have been waiting for Mulligan Road for 12 years

and BRAC had not expanded the number of employees at Fort Belvoir to beyond that of the number of employees at The Pentagon. The most recent communication about the completion time for Mulligan Road indicates that the date the road opens for traffic is now June 2014.

b. What about the construction across from the Hybla Valley Shopping Center? A small shopping center (5 stores) is being built at US1, between Fordson & Boswell Roads. While there is limited parking, the developer hopes that many customers will be local, such as walkers from the Gum Springs Community.

c. What is the status of the transit center on US Route 1? The Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner stated that the County has narrowed the site down to three possible locations, but they are not telling anyone what the proposed locations are.

d. Fort Hunt Road Trail – The County began removing trees and widening the goat path from Quander Road to the Martha Washington Library last month. When finished, a paved, 8-foot wide version of the existing trail will enable bikes and walkers to walk to the library. The project is slated to finish sometime this summer.

e. What about the rest of the Fort Hunt Road Trail? One trail area that the MVCCA thought had been agreed to is from Belle Haven Road to the top of the hill. Unfortunately, guardrail and striping was placed on Fort Hunt Road but not in accordance with the special exception conditions approved by the Board of Supervisors. The Chair has asked Supervisor Hyland to look into this and when and who would be responsible for completing this small section of the trail.

f. Fairfax County repaving schedules – Delegate Mark Sickles on his webpage states that VDOT announces paving and sealing for 2013 and there were supposed to be attachments showing 2013 Fairfax Slurry and Sealing Locations and Paving Locations. However, the links reveal that the pages cannot be found. Folks still want Fort Hunt Road repaved from Sherwood Hall Lane to Collingwood Road or further.

The Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner stated that VDOT does conduct pothole repairs and VDOT is responsive when you call in a complaint. Dial 703-383-8368. This telephone number is good for potholes, broken traffic signs and referrals for other type of traffic problems.

### ADJOURN

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on June 3, 2013 at 7:30pm in a community room at the Mt. Vernon Government Center (on Parkers Lane). The Chair hopes to have a speaker about the US Route 1 Transit Study and/or someone from the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON — STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANNING —

There was no meeting in May. The next meeting will be in June - date to be determined.

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## Committee Resolutions

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### PLANNING & ZONING

#### **P&Z-2013-02: RESOLUTION ON REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION (SE 2010-MV-019) FOR 835 HERBERT SPRINGS ROAD, ALEXANDRIA VA 22308**

1) **WHEREAS** the Applicant/owner of the property located at 835 Herbert Springs Road, Alexandria, VA 22308 (Tax Map 102-4 (1) 77B) is requesting a Special Exception for the illegal placement of 550 cubic yards of fill in the property's floodplain and Resource Protection Area (RPA), including the installation of a rip-rap revetment and topographic grading; and

2) **WHEREAS** a dock was built attached to the land and into the Potomac River without proper permits, and

3) **WHEREAS** the applicant's engineers stated that the current installed rip-rap has sink holes behind it and that it is necessary to shore up the existing fabric behind the rip-rap to protect the shoreline; and furthermore, the applicants engineer stated that the County will monitor and approve this process; and

4) **WHEREAS** the Corps of Engineers indicates that removal of the current revetment installed by the applicant will cause more damage to the shoreline than if it remains in place.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations (MVCCA) does not oppose the request for this special exception provided that the:

- applicant does no further damage to or filling in of the RPA or floodplain;
- applicant does not build in the RPA and floodplain when he builds his new home on this property;
- applicant replants and restores the RPA with the required plant material specified by the County;
- applicant corrects issues related to the dock;
- applicable County Staff offices monitor this project every step of the way to include the construction of the new home to ensure that no more missteps are made by the applicant or his contractors.

**END: MVCCA P&Z-2013-02**

#### **P&Z-2013-04: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE PROFFERED CONDITION AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR INOVA MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL**

1) **WHEREAS** the Applicant, INOVA Health Care Services located at 2501 Parkers Lane, Tax Map 102-1 ((1)) 4 (part) already operates a day care center for the benefit of employees of INOVA Hospital (PCA 94-V-010); and

2) **WHEREAS** The Application Property is zoned to the C-3 District and is subject to proffers dated August 2, 1994 adopted pursuant to RZ 94-V-010 approved on August 8, 1994. The Application Property is also subject to special exception approval for medical care facility use, among other uses, pursuant to SEA 82-V-012-6 approved on September 13, 2011; and

3) **WHEREAS** Applicant provides child-care services to the employees of INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital; and

4) **WHEREAS** Hospital employee usage has resulted in a greatly under utilized condition for the facility; and

5) **WHEREAS** the applicant desires to open the unutilized capacity to non-employees in order to maintain economic viability and preserve the child-care service.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose the Application Property (PCA 94-V-010) request to open the enrollment to non-INOVA Hospital employees providing they give enrollment preference to children of INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital employees.

**END: P&Z-2013-04**

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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, May 22nd, 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—June 13, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	6/5	7:30	MVGC	D. Voorhees
COAF	6/4	7:30	MVGC	Cox
EDUC	6/5	8:00	TBD	Harbeck
E&R	6/3	7:00	MVGC/Rm. 3	Martin
HHS	6/4	7:30	SCC-Rm. 221 A/B	Cleveland
PL/Z	6/4	7:30	MVGC/CommRm	TBD
PSAF	6/6	7:30	MVGC/CommRm1	Sherick
TRAN	6/3	7:30	MVGC/CommRm	Voorhees
SLRP			TBD	Ward

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