



MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

September 25, 2013 8:00 p.m.
South County Governmental Center

PRESIDING: Co-chair Jim Davis.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Jim Davis, Chris Low, Gretchen Walzl.
Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbec, Betsy Martin, Dean Sherick, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; SLRSP chair Katherine Ward; SFDC/FCFCA Rep Karen Pohorylo. Treasurer Trish Gowland; Secretary Carol Coyle.
Representatives from: Belle View Condos, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North.

MINUTES – Approved.
TREASURER’S REPORT – Accepted.

Agenda was suspended to allow special and Fairfax County Department of Transportation to make presentations. Pat Ferguson from the Fairfax County Office of Elections reminded us that voters who will be unable to vote on election day at their regular precincts may vote at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center M-F 3:30 – 7; Saturday 9 – 5. Poll workers are needed for the upcoming elections. Polls are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.; workers are needed from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; shift may be split between two people. Worker must be a registered Virginia voter, not necessarily a Fairfax County resident. Workers may be volunteers or may be paid \$175. For information: www.fairfaxco.gov/navigate or elect@fairfaxco.gov

Tom Burke, Senior Transportation Planner, spoke about update of transit corridors to the 2050 level. Dan Hardy of the County’s transportation consultants discussed the need for a High Quality Transportation Network, that is integral and interactive with other studies and the comprehensive plan and improve speeds and mobility.

1. What are the destination corridors, e.g., Alexandria/ Crystal City
2. Commuter corridors, e.g. VRE
3. District circulators

Consider access v. mobility; short rides v. long rides; transit-oriented development.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning this month, Council meetings will return to the Lecture Hall at Walt Whitman Middle School.

The November and December General Council and Executive Board Meetings will be held a week earlier than normal due to the holidays. The Executive Board will meet on November 7 and December 5. The General Council will meet on November 20 and December 18.

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Possibilities include express buses to metro or workplaces; extend the blue line to Potomac Mills; light rail to Fort Belvoir and backup to Newington Station.

Google: Countywide Transit Study and make or support suggestions.

VRE is updating their long-range plan; a 3rd rail? What kinds of jobs follow these improvements. Military.

This information should be available on the County website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance – See The Record. Meeting with Sen. Adam Ebbin and Del. Scott Surovell.

Consumer Affairs – See The Record. October 21 joint with E&R.

Education – Meeting was joint with HHS and PS. Another meeting next Thursday.

Environment and Recreation – See The Record. Next October 21 joint with CA.

Health and Human Services– See The Record. Next Thursday, October 3, MVGC. One resolution.

Planning and Zoning – See The Record. Committee still in need of a permanent chair.

Public Safety – See The Record.

Transportation – See The Record.

CO-CHAIRS

Nominating Committee: 2 volunteers: Ellen Young, Karen Pohorylo; 3 appointed: Frank Cohn (chair), Katherine Ward, Bob Reynolds. Transportation Liaison to the Multi-Modal: Frank Cihak, Catherine Voorhees.

RESOLUTIONS

Joint Resolution EDU/HHS-2013-J01:

RE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

MVCCA recommends 4 actions to expand opportunities for early education in combination with quality child care.

Approved 17-0

PUBLIC TIME

Bob Reynolds (Riverside Estates) is disappointed with turnout at Council meetings; suggests we sent electronic reminders. Should email addresses and phone numbers be published in The Record?

Bike path at Belle Haven Country Club is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Big Announcements for Homecoming @ WPHS and MVHS.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

January 1 –September 30, 2013

Balance Available January 1, 2013 \$9,948.65

	Actual Monthly	Actual YTD	Approved Budget	Variance
Receipts				
Donations	\$0.00	\$1,199.00	\$0.00	\$1,199.00
Dues-Current Members	\$0.00	\$2,940.00	\$3,500.00	(\$560.00)
Dues-New members	\$0.00	\$54.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gala Income*	\$0.00	\$4,222.00	\$4,000.00	\$222.00
MM Interest Income	\$0.20	\$1.87	\$2.50	(\$0.63)
Total Receipts	\$0.20	\$8,416.67	\$7,502.50	\$860.17
Disbursements				
Administrative Exp	\$179.52	\$305.32	\$400.00	\$94.68
Gala Expenses	\$0.00	\$3,907.69	\$3,300.00	(\$607.69)
Insurance	\$0.00	\$773.00	\$700.00	(\$73.00)
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	\$0.00	\$204.00	\$302.50	\$98.50
Record Production	\$190.00	\$915.00	\$1,900.00	\$985.00
Student of the Year Stipends/ Awards	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
Web Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total Disbursements	\$669.52	\$6,405.01	\$7,502.50	\$1,097.49

* Refund from Ft. Belvoir Golf Club
Balance Available September 30,
2013 \$11,960.51

Wells Fargo Checking \$6,951.91
Wells Fargo Money Market \$5,008.60
Total Funds Available \$11,960.51

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Mount Vernon Government Center

Fairfax County has recently launched a new way to search county government expenditures on the county website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/Transparency/ which allows the public to browse budget and other data.

The next scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be October 21, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center where we will hear from State Senator Adam Ebbin and Delegate Scott Surovell.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs (COAF) did not meet on October 2nd. COAF participated in a combined committee meeting with Budget & Finance and E&R on October 21st. Topic: Plastic bag fee legislation. Guests: Senator Adam Ebbin and Delegate Scott Surovell. Minutes will be reflected in the November 2013 Record.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on October 3, 2013, in joint session with the Health and Human Services Committee Public Safety Committees, for a panel discussion on needs of youth in our community. Joint minutes are published elsewhere in this RECORD.

Next meeting: November 6, 2013, 8pm, Whitman MS library
Topic: "State of the Cluster" with Cluster 4 Asst. Super. Deborah Tyler

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Next meeting is 21 October, 7 p.m., rooms 2 and 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Senator Adam Ebbin and Delegate Scott Surovell will talk about bag fee legislation.

JOINT MEETING EDUCATION HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC SAFETY

Three MVCCA Committees—for Education (EDU), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Public Safety (PS) met jointly on Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center to focus on a shared concern: How may informed citizens advocate for investment in community-based services essential for "SUCCESSFUL YOUTH"?

A Presentation for the Human Services Council, "Successful Children and Youth—2012," (see below, Resources On Line) has proposed this vision of one "Result" by which to measure program/service outcomes across agencies, year by year, and engage in coordinated inter-agency multi-year planning:

Children and youth reach adulthood with the skills, interests, and motivation to lead productive, healthy lives in caring relationships with other people.

This "Result" is one of six Cross-Cutting Result Areas framed (in 2011) by the Fairfax County human services system as starting points for an ongoing effort, Results-Based Accountability (RBA),

"to measure how we work together to make a measurable difference" in conditions for "well-being for children, adults, families and communities." Working *together* toward each Result Area are County human services *in active partnership with other services* provided by Fairfax County government and Fairfax County Public Schools, as well as representatives of community "stakeholders" such as private providers and organizations representing "customers."

This fall, HHS scheduled consideration of strategic community investments toward "Successful Children and Youth" in two Joint Meetings, each focused on a distinct phase of development from birth to adulthood and each benefitting from the combined perspectives of experienced and thoughtful invited panelists.

In September, a Joint Meeting of EDU and HHS Committees addressed the extraordinary opportunity for community investment in child development from birth to kindergarten, through a Resolution "Re Early Childhood Education and Care" subsequently approved unanimously by the Sept. 25 MVCCA General Council.

In October, EDU and HHS were joined by Public Safety Committee members, to engage in dialogue with dedicated experts from public services that participate in developing the health, well-being and resilience of youth—from middle and high school age through the transition into early adult life in college and career.

We invited an outstanding panel able to open windows, from distinct yet collaborative experience and vantage points, on ways and means to help youths build personal resiliency—key to controlling youthful anxieties and impulsive emotional behavior in response to very real challenges, acquiring basic tools for "graduation" into adulthood as lifelong learners, and success as creative problem-solvers rather than self-perceived victims of circumstances. Our panelists addressed our questions about how to invest wisely in "successful youth" from several perspectives:

- **Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)**—*Dede Bailer, PhD*, Coordinator of Psychological Services
- **Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)**—*Karla Bruce*, Division Director, Regional Services/Center Operations, Regions I + 4
- **Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court**—*James McCarron*, Director of Probation Services, *Laura Harris*, Director of Domestic Relations Services, and *Roxanne Tigh*, Director of South County Probation, and
- **Fairfax County Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT)**—*Jack Dobbyn*, SCYPT Co-chair and also Mount Vernon Representative to the Human Services Council

Participating in the lively discussion with our six panelists were 17 representatives from the following MVCCA member associations: Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic (3), Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest (2), Riverside Estates (2),

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Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-IV (3), Sulgrave Manor, and Wellington.

Our basic question about how and where to invest in Successful Youth was broken into more specific parts that provoked thoughtful answers from panelists, stimulated follow-up queries, and resulted in a wide-ranging discussion reported, only in “Highlights,” below.

One recurring theme was the need to tell the story behind the data: understanding demographic changes and trends in emerging needs, identifying programs able to adapt and show evidence of good results, and spotting growing gaps between service needs and available resources. Increasing emphasis on RBA in County strategic planning—not only in the human services system and its partnering services—is one of the drivers behind changes in the questions asked, the data being collected, and the studies—updated and newly released—that are available for public view: Please see below, “Resources On Line.”

At the agenda time designated for action (a vote on a rough-draft resolution for the MVCCA General Council), it became clear that everyone wanted a means to incorporate new information and reshape our answer to the question, “*What kinds of investments for FY 2015 and multi-year County public planning purposes may sustain and grow our effective best-practice services and strengthen our response to the growing and changing needs nearby?*”

Therefore, the consensus decision on Oct. 3 was to postpone action on a rough-draft resolution, “Re Investing in Successful Youth” in order to reconvene at a Special Meeting Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 PM at South County Center, when all three committees will consider and vote on a revised version.

This plan will allow the Committee Chairs to receive additional information from panelists, digest recommendations from recently released studies, revise the draft resolution to recommend ways to support effective youth services (emphasizing some needed in our area), and circulate a new draft resolution in advance to all three committees. Upon discussion and vote on Oct. 29, a resolution recommending MVCCA actions is to be ready for consideration at the November 20 MVCCA General Council and Annual Meeting.

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Q-1: What do we learn—through the Fairfax County Youth Survey and other resources—about the extent to which youth—in the County and in our Richmond Highway Corridor—may be at-risk of falling short of “success”? What developmental assets does a young person require for “success”?

Jack Dobbins reported that the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT) is reviewing data from multiple sources that point to deeply negative circumstances that can put the emotional

and behavioral health of youth at risk: studies, for example, of youth suicide (and reported attempts) in Fairfax County, trauma to young survivors of domestic violence, and ‘disproportionate contact of minority youth’ with the juvenile justice system, as victims as well as offenders. The Fairfax County Youth Survey—based on voluntary and confidential responses of youth in public schools to a carefully structured and independently analyzed set of questions—reveals much about extent of risky behavior and associated ‘Risk’ factors, such as circumstances and behaviors associated with depression or dangerous substance use. However, the Youth Survey also reveals six ‘Assets’ that make a measurable difference in an individual’s resilience and ability to make positive choices. (The empowering presence of “Three to Succeed” is explained in each of twelve Youth Survey Fact Sheets available on the County web site.)

In September, SCYPT received an inter-agency report on *Youth Behavioral Health Services* that considers all 262,000 youth (defined as everyone under age 18) living in the County, identifies existing resources, depicts a large gap in the current system serving youth with emerging mental health needs, and requests that \$1 million in new funding from the County General Fund be included in the FY 2015 budget plan.

The SCYPT is now “fired up,” has added two meetings to its core team agenda, and begun to make preliminary recommendations based on findings. SCYPT has recommended the \$1 Million.

HHS Committee member **Lainge Bailey**, coordinator of Nexus public forums on “building better brain-ways” for youth (sponsored by the citizen advisory board of the Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health), provided a written summary of National Institute of Health findings released in late September, re brain development in adolescence: major changes take place, in response new challenges, that do not result in an “adult” brain before roughly 22 years of age. Such NIH information is the latest indicator of why serious mental and emotional disturbances, and risky behaviors, emerge so frequently in this age group, even in the “best” as well as “worst” of circumstances.

Q-2: Do our schools, communities, and juvenile justice system have good tools—strategic services and programs that can heal wounds, overcome disparities, and build wellness and resilience? Which services are available nearby that match the complex needs of diverse individuals and families and can be delivered when and where they are most needed—e.g. through our school pyramids that bring together students from Mount Vernon and Lee Districts, through services of the juvenile justice system, and through other community-based services for youth?

The vast FCPS system, the largest in Virginia, currently enrolls roughly 183,000 students. Though the Special Needs division is focused on a fraction of this number, this is a very substantial number of at risk students and families that need services tailored

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to each situation and to a wide spectrum of cultural diversity. **Dede Bailer** emphasized that the model for Special Needs has shifted from emphasis on diagnosed “illness” or “disability” to health—wellness, recovery, discovery of abilities, and sources of resilience. The Youth Survey—developed over the years and tested against other data—now allows us to respond to age-related risks at each age level in middle and high school and also to see trends in age-cohort groups. For example, though depressive symptoms are widely reported, as much as 32% among Hispanic girls, reported suicide attempts are very few, thankfully, in comparison with both national data and County data prior to the most recent years. We may speculate that this reflects good work in the schools. A staff of 98 psychologists and 95 social workers provide individual and family counseling, a free service. The Resiliency Project, mental health education incorporated into the general school health curriculum, and specialized training for parents and administrators are examples of prevention services. A new program acknowledges potential for positive peer leadership in prevention strategies. In August, students from our local high schools were among those selected for peer leadership training in prevention strategies in SOS and Mental Health First Aid. Questioned about the “Three to Succeed” strategy, Bailer points out that “just one” can make a significant difference. Which one? Any one. It could be one encouraging adult mentor in a community setting. It will depend on individual circumstances, family.

Minority youth are in “disproportionate contact” with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, in domestic relations services that see the youthful survivors of trauma of many kinds and the juveniles who come to attention of Court services through complaints. The three-person team of panelists from Court services was clear that the goal is, wherever possible, to keep children and youth away from the Court and the Juvenile Detention Center (\$219/day), expensive places where nothing good is likely to happen for the child. Laura Harris described Domestic Relations services such as supervised parental visitation and exchange programs that provide a safe, child-friendly setting and a new program, Safe Havens, begun under a federal grant. Probation Director **Jamie McCarron** prepared for us a handout showing the array of better—and less expensive—alternatives to detention that place youths under appropriate supervision, encourage school study and positive social relationships, and reduce measurable recidivism dramatically: Supervised Release (\$79) and Intensive Supervision (\$34). He calls our attention to The Evening Reporting Center—South County, directed by **Roxanne Tigh**, a stellar program begun under a grant destined to be eliminated at the end of FY14 unless \$262 thousand is included in the County budget. (In FY13, 100% of 37 participants graduated/completed ERC no new complaints.) Laura Harris described how she sees the cycle of domestic violence come full circle, unless there is serious intervention to break the cycle: the abused and traumatized child becomes an adult in a controlling abusive relationship and has no idea what it takes to be an adult or a parent. But the JDR District Court, which each year handles fewer complaints of juvenile delinquency

and more domestic violence, receives shrinking support each year (from all levels of government) and cannot sustain its model programs that seek to implement “best practice” in ways to break the cycle and direct young lives in a positive direction.

Neighborhood and Community Services’ **Karla Bruce** reminds us that NCS, with the other human services, recognizes our area as deserving focused resources, staff and facilities, for positive resilience-building activities. After-school programs are underway in all our middle schools, the South County teen center is both a refuge and a place for positive activity and interaction with others, we made a strong case, here, for funding for multiple computer learning centers. Collaborative efforts with schools and community organizations will continue to be necessary for all potential Neighborhood and Community venues and ventures.

As panelists expanded on findings of the *Youth Survey* and on the *Youth Behavioral Health Services* inventory and analysis of resources and needs (in which some had participated), each added data and valuable insights from the programs they know well. Each provided glimpses of the “story behind the numbers” that is driving intensive efforts to collaborate effectively and meet complex needs, in the face of fiscal constraints. Both schools and human services are committed to “reallocating” their existing resources to meet changing needs and will “focus” resources in places—like the Richmond Highway Corridor—where greatest need is evident.

However, the FCPS new *Citizen’s Guide* provides graphic illustration of how “enrollment”—rising numbers of youth—continues to drive the train. Meanwhile, the *Youth Behavioral Health Services* study presents a pair of 3-tiered triangles, one inverted, that illustrates a problem of resources and needs. In behavioral health, resources are concentrated at the top, where the most intensive services and “case management” are required for about 1500 “at risk” youth with high emotional/behavioral needs. At bottom are 262 thousand youth (the general population) matched with the last remaining resources for prevention education—mainly public school counselors. The most obvious service gap is in the middle tier, where “a minimum” of 500 youths have emerging needs for case management services and another 6000 should have “access to individual, group, or family counseling.”

Committee members have watched several years in which “planning” has consisted largely in “redesign” of services to cut personnel cost, limit services to “greatest need,” and step back from incremental annual investments in collaborative County Initiatives to deal with major issues such as housing. Savings—if based on real efficiencies rather than cost-shifting to another agency—have not been reinvested. The least “mandatory” services appear to be slipping the most: (1) staff training that is real professional education in best-practice is replaced by “cross-training” less credentialed (less expensive?) employees to cover multiple tasks (as in the latest strategic plan for our libraries), (2) Prevention education for the general public and/or adapted for special audi-

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ences is stalled, and trained personnel to present programs are... vacancies.

Are we ready to start investing? Stay tuned.

RESOURCES ON LINE

The Fairfax County Youth Survey web page, <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/demogrph/youthpdf.htm>, highlights new data from the 2012-2013 school year and provides links to a video, 12 Fact Sheets, and a 2-page introduction of Prevention "Tool Kit" materials for use of community groups.

- Mental Health First Aid training is now available in new 8-hour formats, including one for adults who work with youth.
- See the Fact Sheets on Middle School Youth and on Depression and thoughts of suicide, which continue to be reported by many youth (and to be associated with high-risk behavior of several kinds).

The Fairfax County Public Schools web site, www.fcps.edu, now provides *A Citizen's Guide to Understanding the Budget*, September 2013, as well as pages describing the Special Needs division and the "Resiliency Project."

The Fairfax County Government demographic data and analytic reports provide abundant evidence of high levels of (1) poverty among young people and their families, (2) food insecurity measured in the Youth Survey and in statistics on youth eligible for free and reduced-price school meals, and (3) prevalence of languages other than English in daily use in homes of youth. The *Successful Children and Youth Presentation*, below, includes a convenient summary.

Successful Children and Youth—2012 Presentation to the [Human Services Council](#), is available on their web page as a 56-slide PDF documents to read or download (see Updates to the Roundtable Dialogues 2012 on the Six Cross-cutting Results Areas).

The **Successful Children and Youth Policy Team**, [SCYPT](#), maintains a web page that will be a continuing source of public information and dialogue on the issues. Two new reports that provided the basis for SCYPT recommendations in their Sept. 23 meeting were *Suicide in Fairfax County*, a 65-page Report to the FC BOS (September 2013) and *Youth Behavioral Health Services*, a 57-page Interim Report (with a summary slide Presentation) prepared by the FC Interagency Youth Behavioral Health Work Group. Earlier reports, on Domestic Violence and on Disproportionate Minority Contact, provide in-depth analysis and additional recommendations related to well-being of youth:

- **Domestic Violence and Affordable Housing White Paper**, Commission for Women Report presented January 2013 to the Board of Supervisors, 31 pages, describes traumatic impact on women and children and recommends immediate expansion of

safe housing options to meet critical needs:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw/pdf/dvahwhitepaper.pdf>

- **Disproportionate Minority Contact for African American and Hispanic Youth: the Story Behind the Numbers and the Path to Action**, Center for the Study of Social Policy Report, September 2012, is available two ways: as a 47-page Report or a 29-slide summary Presentation Sept. 18, 2012 to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board (Search County web site, "disproportionate minority contact"). Institutional analysis of disproportionality in the juvenile justice system (where youth are victims as well as offenders) leads to several recommendations.

NEXT MEETINGS:

A Special Joint Meeting--Health & Human Services, Education, and Public Safety Committees—will reconvene on **Tuesday, October 29**, 7:30 PM, at South County Center (SCC), 8350 Richmond Highway, Room 221 A/B to consider and vote upon a draft Resolution: Re INVESTING IN SUCCESSFUL YOUTH, which if approved will be submitted in the *MVCCA Record* for consideration at the November General Council, on Wednesday Nov. 20.

HHS will count the Oct. 29 meeting as their "November" meeting. (*HHS Note:* A panel discussion on Fifty Plus/Positive Living for Seniors & Adults with Disabilities, previously scheduled for Oct. 29, will be rescheduled.) HHS meetings on the first Tuesday in December and January are scheduled as shown below.

- **Tuesday, December 3, Affordable and Workforce Housing**, SCC 221-C
- **Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, Health Care**, SCC 221-A/B

The Education Committee will hold their regular November meeting, on **Wednesday, November 6**, 8 PM, at Walt Whitman Middle School Media Center (Library) with Asst. Superintendent for Cluster 4 Deborah Tyler.

The Public Safety Committee will hold their regular meeting on **Thursday, November 7**, 7:30 PM, at Mount Vernon Government Center, Community Room #1.

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes
October 7, 2013
Mt. Vernon Government Center, 7:30PM

A&R Huntington Metro Redevelopment

Sean Pink, A&R Development and Molly Novotny, Cooley LLP presented a mixed-use development located on a 1-acre site bound by Huntington Ave, Biscayne Dr and Glendale Terrace. Seven stories along Huntington Ave tapering back to three stories along Glendale Terrace as recommended by county staff to "soften" the project on the side facing current neighborhoods.

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Building five stories over wood frame, over two story parking garage. Maximum of 141 market rate 1 and 2 bedroom units, with 15% dedicated workforce housing, (80% AMI). Neighborhood serving retail on ground floor, totaling 6400 sq. ft. Multiple public spaces are located around the building with option for outdoor restaurant seating. Floor plans and street perspective views can be seen at sfdc.org, and soon at mvcca.org on the Planning & Zoning page. A resolution of support was approved 11-0

Green Energy Park, construction debris landfill in Lorton

Conrad Mehan with EnviroSolutions (ESI) presented their project for a green energy park in Lorton. The project includes a unique application of solar/wind/geothermal/methane applications that will produce significant renewable energy to the area. Energy produced from the Green Energy Park will enable a significant building complex, such as the Lorton Arts Foundation Workhouse to be taken off the electrical grid.

1. The application requests a further amendment to the SE. It includes the following major changes:
 - i. Establish renewable energy generation facilities including wind and solar, geothermal infrastructure and methane gas collection systems as "interim uses" to further the County's "Green Energy Triangle" initiative; these facilities are presented as the "Lorton Green Energy Park."
 - ii. Extend the useful life of the existing construction debris landfill to continue landfilling activities until December 31, 2040;
 - iii. Remove the previously-approved public park uses and the dedication requirement rescinded by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board in 2009;
 - iv. Entitle two private, limited access active recreation "end uses";
 - v. Create and operate an "Observation Point" as a private, controlled access accessory use.

Green Energy Park Features & Benefits:

- 3 medium wind turbines on top of the applicant's landfill within 1-3 years of approval
- 3 acres of solar panels on land owned by the applicant within 1 year of approval
- 2 million Kilowatt hours of electricity generated by the landfill's methane gas system provided to the county annually for use at local county owned facilities. Cost savings \$250,000+ annually.
- 1 million square feet of geothermal capacity for the planned regional sports complex
- Renewable energy education feature
- County shares revenue from sale of wind/solar generated electricity
- \$15 million of income over life of the landfill operation for local community needs

- 2 nature parks adjacent to the landfill site. One for the general public. One for the adjacent HOA.
- Constructing the landfill to accommodate a potential 45+ acre green energy park on the landfill in the long term. Capacity for 12 wind turbines and 45 acre solar array with current technology.
- Installation of an "Observation Point" on top of the landfill during its operational life and during its post-closure period that will allow controlled access to the top of the site, enabling the ability to observe both the Green Energy Triangle area and the nearby Potomac River.
- Branding the County nationwide as a renewable energy leader.
- Avoiding the impact of a minimum of two new waste facilities that would be needed to replace the construction debris landfill should it close in 2018, as currently required. This translates into avoiding, at least, 236,000 tons of greenhouse gases and consumption of over 21 million gallons of diesel over the life of the project.
- Provide long term disposal and recycling capacity for construction debris, via the extended fixed closure date, which is vital to the county's economic vitality, redevelopment and revitalization projects.

In addition, a tier one and two consultation of environmental impacts on wildlife was obtained which concluded a minimal impact. Supporting documents and maps can be viewed at mvcca.org, on the Planning & Zoning webpage.

Telecommunications resolution

Earl Flannigan presented the resolution at the Planning & Zoning September meeting, (see minutes). Mr. Flannigan asked for committee support for the resolution at the October meeting. Resolution was supported 8-2.

PUBLIC SAFETY

See minutes under "Joint Meeting—Education, HHS, and Public Safety" on page 3 of this Record.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were an MVCCA co-chair, the Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner and representatives of 14 member citizen associations (Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Montebello, Marlan Forest, Mount Vernon Civic, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Woodlawn and Woodley Hills).

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

Five (2018) and Ten Year (2023) Goals - The Transportation discussed a proposed outline regarding 5 and 10 year plans for Transportation committee.

In general, the committee approved the Five and Ten Year Goal Proposal, with the following comments. North-South connections should include the mile and a half of US Route 1 from Armistead Road to the Occoquan River as traffic congestion is routine during rush hour (i.e., US Route 1/I-95 split backs up to Telegraph Road during the evening rush). The Chair noted that this segment was on VDOT 6-year Improvement Plan since about 2004, but was cut from the 6-year Improvement Plan in FY2009. See the link below showing FY2009 cuts http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/resources/NoVA_Phase_Cuts_Cancelled_Unfunded_Projects_060608.pdf The Chair spoke with a Prince William Transportation Planner and he suggested that our committee work with Federal as well as local elected officials to try to get this segment back on the 6-year improvement plan. This segment includes the obstacle of the railroad underpass for those going to and coming off of I-95. Several times a year, truck drivers make the mistake of exiting at this location, which results in the semi-truck hitting the bridge and getting stuck causing a bottleneck. Committee members suggested that we work with the South County Federation and Fairfax County Department of Transportation to resolve this problem area.

With respect to the proposed areas for a Transit Center on US Route 1, there are three options: 1) Dart Drive going south to the Late Nite Video Store; 2) Hybla Valley Center at Haft Drive; and 3) Buckman Road next to the South County Center. It was the sense of the Transportation Committee that the Hybla Valley location would best serve the needs of US Route 1.

Regarding transit, the transportation committee felt that fixed guideway transit from Huntington to Fort Belvoir and due south to Lorton/Woodbridge along or near US Route 1/Richmond Highway should be implemented. In addition, light rail out to extend beyond Fort Belvoir with a spur to connect with VRE.

The Southwood Transportation representative reminded us that the recommendation route starts with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, who hopefully obtain funding from the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). It is the Northern Virginia CTB member that sells the projects to the rest of the CTB. Thus, we need to lobby our local elected officials, as well as our federal elected officials (US Route 1/Richmond Highway is a federal highway) and we need to make sure that the Northern Virginia CTB representative is aware of the project. Once a project is funded (with local and federal dollars and cooperation with the owner of the railroad bridge), the project can be built.

Question regarding the CSX railroad bridge at I-95: it is now 4 lanes; is the future plan for 6 or 8 lanes? The VDOT 6-year

Improvement Plan that was cancelled would have widened Route 1 from 4 lanes to 6 travel lanes. While two of the lanes would be 12 feet wide, the third lane would be 15 wide to accommodate bicycles. However, it is unknown how the widening would occur at the split.

Once US Route 1 is widened through Fort Belvoir, there are 2 pieces of US 1 in Fairfax County that would only have four travel lanes: 1) the one and a half mile section from Armistead Road to the Occoquan River and 2) the section from Buckman Road South to Mulligan Road. The first and southernmost section could be cheaper and easier to fix than the second section, as the second section has too many businesses to buy out and could be more expensive. The first section also has the railroad bridge problem that is a safety hazard and should be fixed.

With respect to pedestrian safety, sidewalks and trails, the Chair will invite Chris Wells of Fairfax County Department of Transportation, pedestrian program manager to address the next or a future MVCCA transportation meeting. In particular, transportation members would like to know the status (or lack of status) of the completion of sidewalks on both sides of US Route 1 in our area, some neighborhood areas that need sidewalks to get to bus stops and the lack of a bike trail adjacent the Belle Haven Country Club (BHCC). While the MVCCA understands that the country club has fulfilled its obligations, the existing "trail" is inadequate, not safe and a public hazard. The MVCCA recently issued a resolution requesting that a major trail be built along the BHCC and the committee would like to know how to get this needed trail project into the Fairfax County Capital Improvement Project list.

Regarding Alternative Fuels and Technologies – some transportation committee members question why the transportation committee needs to act now on hybrids, electric cars, natural gas cars and charging stations. The Chair explained that Fairfax County was considering zoning amendments, etc. regarding the same and that citizens should be aware of what the county is doing. While some feel that fossil fuels are here to stay, the Chair explained that her experience driving hybrids in our area has been positive. All electric cars exist and people are driving them to and from work and on long trips (from Delaware to Maine in one day) using the super-charging stations built along I-95.

The Chair will revise the proposed Five and Ten-Year Goal outline and send committee members the finalized copy to approve at our November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **proposed Zoning Amendment** for affordable housing called studio residential units (SRUs) has been delayed as the Board of Supervisors recognized that more public input was needed. Currently, small public citizen groups are meeting with the Planning Commission Hearing being moved to February 2014?

Committee Reports

b. **Fort Hunt bike trail** – The Chair reported that Supervisor Hyland's chief of staff indicated that the Council needs to request that the major trail be added to the Fairfax County Capital Improvement Project list. The Chair has several photographs of the trail with a yardstick to show the actual length and will be sending a letter to Supervisor Hyland explaining that the July 2013 MVCCA Council resolution was to create a major trail between the guardrail and the Belle Haven Country Club fence in order to complete the trail between the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and the newly completed section from Quander Road to Martha Washington library on Fort Hunt Road.

c. **Mulligan Road** - new completion date 6-14-14

d. **Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis** – The first public meeting was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 from 6-8pm at the South County Government Center. Public Input is wanted. Please send your comments via internet: route1multimodalaa.com, via facebook [route1multimodalaa](https://www.facebook.com/route1multimodalaa) and via twitter [@r1multimodalaa](https://twitter.com/r1multimodalaa). The second public meeting is scheduled for February 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Pole Road 22309 regarding greenspace maintenance: overgrown vegetation hinders highway view in several intersections (e.g. Leaf Road & Mulligan Road and Pole Road & Frye Road). Unfortunately, some of the overgrown vegetation is on Fort Belvoir property so it is difficult for self-help. The Engleside community contacted Supervisor Hyland's office and hopes to have progress on these matters involving tree and/or brush trimming, as these pose a problem for both school and FC Connector buses. The Chair recommended calling 1-800-FOR-ROAD to contact VDOT for assistance. Explain the hazard. VDOT does respond to these inquiries & complaints. One committee commented that it is best to focus on one spot at a time, get it fixed and then mention the next problem area.

Adjourn

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on November 4, 2013 at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON – STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANNING –

The Committee has not formally met however, the Chair has continued to work with the County staff regarding a previously approved APR Nomination for the North Gateway land units. North Gateway is located at the corner of Rt1, Huntington Ave and WWB. It consists of 17+ acres. The MVCCA approved nomination/resolution occurred in 2009 as part of the Area Plan Review Process to amend the Comprehensive Plan. We have been awaiting a public hearing at the Planning Commission ever since. The holdup

was the completion of a traffic study that was being conducted by the FCDOT staff on MVCCA's behalf. That study is now complete and both the PZ and FCDOT staffs are drafting their alternative recommendation for this nomination.

A workshop was conducted with attendants from several commercial development and traffic consulting firms (they were supporting the MVCCA pro-bono) and the County Transportation and Planning staffs. The purpose of the workshop was to use our 2.0 FAR (Floor Area Ratio) nomination and show the staff how it could work successfully on this site. The staff continues to want a lower FAR (approx. 1.67). While the difference in number may seem slight, it can be problematic for a developer who will be paying a rather large sum of money to purchase these parcels and then redevelop the site into a transit oriented commercial and residential community.

Comment: MVCCA APR guru's still believe a 2.0 FAR is appropriate and in light of the ongoing Multimodal Rt1 Alternative study it may even be appropriate for a higher FAR. This point has been discussed with the County staff.

It is important that our MVCCA member organizations continue to support this previously approved nomination/resolution. We will be asking for our member organizations to sign and send a letter to the Planning Commissioners supporting North Gateway at the 2.0 FAR.

Committee Resolutions

PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z-2013-05: A&R HUNTINGTON METRO REDEVELOPMENT

1. **WHEREAS**, the proposed project bounded by Huntington Avenue, Biscayne Drive and Glendale Terrace on a 1-acre site is in keeping with other proposed projects in the area supported by the MVCCA;
2. **WHEREAS**, the proposed project will include 15% of work-force housing at the 80%AMI level;
3. **WHEREAS**, the proposed project will include public spaces that surround the building that may be utilized by surrounding neighborhoods;
4. **WHEREAS**, the proposed project has considered surrounding older neighborhoods by creating a townhouse look façade and tapered down structure on the sides viewed by existing neighborhoods;
5. **WHEREAS**, the structure of the proposed project will utilize energy and water saving measures through high efficiency HVAC and lighting, as well as low flow plumbing fixtures, water closets and rooftop rainwater collection,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association supports the A&R Huntington Metro Redevelopment.

END: RESOLUTION P&Z-2013-05

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MVCCA-2013-02: RESOLUTION TO AMEND FAIRFAX COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 2 SECTION 514-3-A-(3): TELECOMMUNICATION MONOPOLES ON PUBLIC LAND IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

1. **WHEREAS** Telecommunication monopoles on public land in residential districts zoned for single family or detached dwellings are allowed by right and not subject to a Special Exception public hearing before the Board of Supervisors that would allow citizens to petition their electors for the redress of grievances; and
2. **WHEREAS** the height of objects other than dwellings in residential districts zoned for single family or detached dwellings is limited to 60 feet; and

3. **WHEREAS** objects taller than 60 feet can be highly visible, attract attention, and may not be harmonious with the surrounding community; and
4. **WHEREAS** telecommunication monopoles on public lands in residential districts regularly trigger local opposition that leaves neighborhoods in turmoil for years because they have no public hearing before their elected officials; and
5. **WHEREAS** Citizens of Loudoun County, Arlington County, Prince William County and the Independent City of Alexandria all enjoy the right to petition their elected officials at a Special Exception public hearing for telecommunication monopoles and related facilities on public lands; and
6. **WHEREAS** the Constitution of Virginia Article 1 Section 12 guarantees the citizens of Virginia the right to "petition the government for the redress of grievances";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Associations requests Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland propose the following underlined change to subsection 3A (3) in Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Article 2 Section 514, to wit:

3. Monopoles, with related unmanned equipment cabinets and/or structures:

A. Shall be permitted as follows and in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 3 through 3K below:

- (1) In all C Districts, I---1, I---2, I---3, I---4, I---5 and I---6 Districts, and commercial areas of PDH, PDC, PRC, PRM and PTC Districts.
- (2) In any zoning district in a utility transmission easement which is ninety (90) feet or more in width.
- (3) In any zoning district, on property owned or controlled by a public use or Fairfax County governmental unit, except when the public use or Fairfax County governmental unit is located next to a residential district zoned for single family detached and attached dwellings.

END: RESOLUTION MVCCA-2013-02

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 23rd, 8:00 p.m.
Walt Whitman Middle School, Lecture Hall
2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria

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—Nov. 7, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG*	10/21	7:00	MVGC	D. Voorhees
COAF*	10/21	7:00	MVGC,Rms. 2&3	Cox
EDU	11/6	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
E&R*	10/21	7:00	MVGC,Rms. 2&3	Martin
HHS**	10/29	7:30	SCC/Rm. 221A/B	Cleveland
PL/Z	11/4	7:30	WWMS/Auditorium	Pohorylo (Acting)
PS	11/7	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 1	Sherick
TRAN	11/4	7:30	WWMS/Library	Voorhees
SLRP	No meeting scheduled for Oct.			Ward

* BUDG, COAF, and E&R are meeting jointly

** Special Joint Meeting of HHS, EDU & PS for vote on Resolution: see p. 6, Next Meetings.

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