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**MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS
OCTOBER 23, 2013 WWMS LECTURE HALL**

PRESIDING: Co-chair Jim Davis.

ATTENDING: Cochairs Jim Davis, Chris Low; Committee chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Betsy Martin, Dean S, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; Treasurer Trish Gowland, Secretary Carol Coyle.

COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED: Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley- Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wellington Heights.

MINUTES: Approved as corrected (Chris presided).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted.

SUPERVISOR – Residential Studios: Our commentary included 28 questions. (See P&Z website for the list.) There is a lot of angst about this topic. Meeting October 28th at the Governmental Center in Fairfax. MVCCA needs to take a position before the Planning Commission votes.

BOS briefing on transportation. General Assembly is releasing funding. Over 200 identified projects are currently unfunded, and more probably need to be added. Get suggestions to Transportation chair Catherine Voorhees or Supervisor Hyland as to what should be funded. Meeting with County staff at Hayfield Secondary on October 30.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The 2014 MVCCA membership form will be available at <http://www.mvcca.org/join.htm> after 16 December 2013.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the below slate of MVCCA Officers for 2014. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The election will be held at the November 20th Council meeting.

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FCPS – Schools are still the #1 reason companies locate in Fairfax County. New School Superintendent is A++. She identifies \$100 million shortfall; 2% transfer will not fund the needs; we need to pass a resolution supporting a rise in the tax rate; this will be the 8th time that Gerry will suggest (insist?) that a meals tax should be considered; suggestion that this should somehow specify that the monies collected will be added to the schools budget.

VSI Landfill – Company wants to expand again to 22 year deadline. There needs to be dialogue and final decision. Company is suggesting private golf course, area for model plane enthusiasts; Supervisor feels that the end use should be public recreation. [Katherine Ward says South County Federation has voted against ESI's request but South County Coalition is in favor.] [Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan explained Organic v. Inorganic landfills – organic is incinerated. Instead of closing the landfill in 2018 as planned, VSI now proposes 2040.]

Turf Fields - BOS and County have set aside \$1.5 million for turf fields at Mount Vernon and West Potomac High Schools. Developments at Pen Daw and Huntington and one other have proffered \$2.3 million toward athletic fields.

Libraries blew it when they destroyed hundreds of books. System is now looking at being current, what usage is being made of the facilities, etc.

Public Hearing on Legislative agenda – December 10.

METRO – Yellow line connects to Silver line to Tysons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – See The Record for report on meeting with Delegate Ebbin. Insurance decisions are in limbo until after the elections; budget issues continue. Fairfax County now has a “transparency” website. Next 1st Wednesday in November.

Consumer Affairs – Joint with E&R. No November meeting (election night); next December 3, telecon.

Environment and Recreation – See The Record. Bag law should be local authority; benefit the water quality improvement fund. Next: Green Energy Park at Lorton.

Health and Human Services – See The Record for report of the joint meeting with Education and Public Safety.

Planning and Zoning – See The Record. Two resolutions. Next November 4: Laurel Hill and Mark Luney with Pen Daw.

Transportation – See The Record. Committee discussed 5- and 10-year goals. They suggest adding the Fort Hunt Road Bike Trail to the list of projects.

Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning – The last APR is North Gateway. Katherine handed out support letters for all to sign as individuals. She will testify on November 14.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Frank Cohn (chair), Karen Pohorylo, Bob Reynolds, Katherine Ward, Ellen Young.

RESOLUTIONS

P&Z-2013-05: A&R HUNTINGTON METRO REDEVELOPMENT
Approved 12-0.

**P&Z-2013-06 (MVCCA-2013-02 in October Record):
RESOLUTION TO AMEND FAIRFAX COUNTY ZONING
ORDINANCE ARTICLE 2 SECTION 514-3-A-(3):
TELECOMMUNICATION MONOPOLES ON PUBLIC LAND IN
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**
3a3 – a portion needed to be underlined. Approved 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

January 1 -October 31, 2013

	Actual Monthly	Actual YTD	Approved Budget	Variance
Balance Available January 1, 2013		\$9,948.65		
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	\$0.21	\$2.08	\$2.50	(\$0.42)
Total Receipts	\$0.21	\$8,417.08	\$7,502.50	\$860.58

Disbursements

Administrative Exp	\$0.00	\$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	\$260.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,900.00	\$725.00
Student of the Year				
Stipends/Awards	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
Web Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total				
Disbursements	\$260.00	\$6,665.01	\$7,502.50	\$837.49

* Refund from Ft. Belvoir Golf Club

Balance Available October 31, 2013	\$11,700.72
Wells Fargo	
Checking	\$6,691.91
Wells Fargo Money	
Market	\$5,008.81
Total Funds	
Available	\$11,700.72

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Mount Vernon Government Center
Wednesday, November 6, 2013

At the November 6, 2013 meeting, the committee reviewed the Fairfax County Public Schools Budget documents, Fairfax County's proposed legislative agenda and the proposed Education Committee resolution. One aspect of the legislative agenda that was questioned by the committee was the Fairfax County's proposal to limit the use of transportation impact fees which provide revenue from development projects which do not require a zoning change. While the County prefers the use of proffers, it is unclear why the county should limit access to revenue sources.

Additionally, it was noted that the counties of Henrico and Chesterfield held referendums on a meals tax. Voters in Henrico County approved the measure while those in Chesterfield County voted it down.

The next scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's Conference Room.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs held a joint meeting with Budget & Finance and Environment & Recreation (E&R) on Monday, October 21st in lieu of its November 5th (Election Day) meeting at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Topic: Plastic Bag Legislation with Senator Adam Ebbin (D-30) as the guest speaker. For detailed information, see the E&R minutes.

Next meeting will be a teleconference on December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Topic: Fairfax County's Energy Savings Program with Energy Auditor Marty Valentine. Contact the Committee Chair to receive an advance copy of presentation to follow along. Materials may be e-mailed to you the day of the teleconference. We're flexible and going green!

Dial-in: 866-866-2244 Pass code: 4636258

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8 p.m., November 6, 2013, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Mt. Zephyr, Newington Forest, Stratford Landing,

Mount Vernon Civic, Sulgrave Manor, CAHH, Williamsburg Manor North and Wellington. Several interested community members also attended.

The featured guest was Deborah Tyler, FCPS Assistant Superintendent (CAS) for Cluster 4.

Before beginning the program, the Committee considered two resolutions.

The first was a joint resolution with the Health and Human Services Committee produced as a result of the October 2013 joint meeting (reported in the October RECORD). Some concerns were expressed related to the cost of illegal immigration to public services and also on the long-term follow up on some youth programs such as graduation rates. The Committee passed it by a vote of 6-1; it is printed elsewhere in this RECORD.

The second resolution, also printed elsewhere in this RECORD, arose from the Committee discussion of the extremely serious FCPS budget deficit projected for FY2015 and the need to provide earlier input to the Fairfax County budget process while it is still in development. Committee discussions and concerns are reflected in the printed resolution. Additionally, the resolution reiterates the demand (as has been made in Council resolutions for the past several years) that the Board of Supervisors advertise a maximum tax rate for FY2015 which is adequate to permit meaningful public input on the subject of the proper balance between taxes and services and on the appropriate actual tax rate for FY2015. This resolution was approved 7-0.

CAS Tyler's "State of the Cluster" presentation and the ensuing discussion took a somewhat different format than in the past. Rather than focusing on specific test data, the Committee and Tyler had a freewheeling discussion on educational trends, the needs of Cluster 4 in specific and all students in general, crafting an education for the new century which will meet the needs of all students and prepare them for a different world and worklife than most current adults experienced, and particular interests and goals of Dr. Garza, the new FCPS Superintendent of Schools.

One of Dr. Garza's initial points has been to focus on what knowledge, skills, and abilities an FCPS high school graduate should have in order to "reverse engineer" K-12 to accomplish that result. Dr. Garza is also a strong proponent of a unified central strategic plan, which is now in development.

Many committee members and attendees made the point that recent overemphasis of one-day test results relying on fact recall has seriously undermined development of skills which will be even more essential in the future: critical thinking, the ability to synthesize and extrapolate learning across disciplines, and the ability to work collaboratively and in particular to think creatively. Tyler noted that the pendulum appears to be swinging back to a more

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balanced approach, which will again emphasize those skills and return some of the joy in learning to both students and teachers.

Another topic of discussion (which relates back to early childhood education needs in the Council's September 2013 Resolution) was the difficulty faced by schools when incoming kindergarteners arrive well below expected readiness levels and lack not only specific knowledge but also social and behavioral skills needed in the classroom setting. Some noted as well that the problem is exacerbated, not only for poorly prepared kindergarteners but all children, by the developmentally inappropriate academic demands and format which expect young children to learn skills once taught in first or second grade while reducing hands-on learning, free play and outdoor recess, music, art, and motor skills. It was noted that several nations touted for high test scores deliberately do not emphasize academics in early years and in fact do not even begin reading instruction until age 7. Early instruction, even for those children who can assimilate it, does not in itself correlate to later high achievement and may come at the expense of frustration, imperfect understanding, and problems in other essential skills such as socialization, independent learning and creativity.

Another problem discussed was the need to reduce class size at all ages to enable teachers to adequately differentiate instruction according to student progress and abilities. It was feared that given the huge budget deficit this will not only be impossible now, but class sizes may even rise. Large classes also obviously overload teachers adding to burnout fears, contribute to behavior issues and restrict opportunities for small group and hand-on experiences.

CAS Tyler is preparing a comprehensive strategic plan for Cluster 4 and asked to bring it to the Committee for input. Her request was well-received and the Committee looks forward to discussing it.

Next meeting: 8pm, December 4, 2013, Whitman MS library.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

SPECIAL MEETING WITH SEN. EBBIN

The committee met 21 October 2013, at 7 p.m. in rooms 2 and 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Chris Low (MVCCA co-chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, and Wellington Heights. Queenie Cox (chair, Consumer Affairs Committee) and David Voorhees (chair, Budget Committee) and members of their committees also attended, as did representatives of the Friends of Accotink Creek, Friends of Dyke Marsh, and Friends of Little Hunting Creek.

Paper or plastic or reusable? Senator Adam Ebbin (30th district) presented information about a bill he plans to introduce that would impose (or allow counties to impose) a fee for single-use shopping bags. Globally, 4 billion bags end up as litter; Blue Ocean estimates that 1 million birds and 100,000 sea turtles are destroyed by ingesting or becoming entangled in them. Americans throw away 100 billion bags per year; only 2% are recycled. In 2008, Clean Virginia Waterways estimated that plastic bags accounted for 10% of trash collected. Currently, recycling can use only 12% of the bags that are recycled. Plastic bags are a contaminator in the cotton industry, they adversely affect absorption of dye.

Paper bags are no better. They take four times as much energy to produce as plastic bags, and use thousands of gallons of water and bleach in the process. They are heavier, so take more energy to ship. Recycling requires the use of chemicals to return them to pulp, and most paper grocery bags are made of virgin pulp.

What's the solution? Other jurisdictions are moving in the direction of a fee. Legislation that Sen. Ebbin proposes puts the focus on preventing litter from entering waterways.

The bill would create a fee of 5¢ for each disposable bag provided to the consumer. 4¢ (minus admin costs) would go to the Water Quality Improvement Fund, which is seriously underfunded (with a shortfall of \$103 million, according to an old estimate), and 1¢ would go to retailers. The legislation does not apply to fast food retailers—only grocery stores, convenience stores, or drug stores. Certain disposable bags—e.g., drycleaning bags, bags for meat or produce, and newspaper bags—are exempted.

Statewide, retailers opposed the legislation, although opposition was milder last year than previously. Bags represent a substantial cost to grocery stores.

In response to a question about why there is no support from colleagues, Sen. Ebbin said that actually there is support, although not enough—this is a long term project. The McDonnell administration did not weigh in on his bill in the last session. The legislative strategy is to introduce the bill for Northern Virginia in the Senate. In the House, representatives from Richmond and Norfolk might put in a statewide bill. (Last year's Senate bill: <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?131+sum+SB970>.)

An attendee noted that, out of the 5¢ fee, 1¢ goes to retailers, and a certain amount to admin costs. The legislation doesn't provide an incentive to consumers. Wouldn't it be more effective if grocery stores provided consumers with bonus points or some other incentive? Should retailers give away reusable bags, since the source of the problem starts with retailers?

Sen. Ebbin noted that his bill supports incentives for consumers, since it would give 2¢ per bag rather than 1¢ to retailers who offer

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some credit or incentive to consumers. He said there is no appetite in Virginia to require retailers to give away canvas bags.

An attendee asked how we can be helpful. Sen. Ebbin responded that we need the Board of Supervisors to include it in their legislative package. An attendee recommended we should all email the supervisor and cc Chairman Bulova, asking the BOS to put this on its legislative agenda. If we have a network of environmental activists—we should ask them to contact their supervisors. An attendee suggested we contact CVS, Safeway, and other retailers to seek their support.

Sen. Ebbin asked the group whether they prefer a law that applies locally, or statewide. Attendees clearly preferred that it be local, saying that passage of a local law would be easier and sooner. He also asked whether the funds should go to a statewide water quality improvement fund or a local one. Here again the preference was for a local fund. One attendee noted that making it local helps make the business case, as a demonstration project, and another thought the area defined by a local fund should be large enough to support meaningful projects. Another asked whether making the fund local would sweeten the deal for supervisors.

Other litter related topics were also raised: one attendee placed higher priority on doing something about Styrofoam, which is a big component of the trash picked up at Dyke Marsh. Another noted the problem of cigarette butts dumped beside roadways. The problem of educating people about not littering was discussed; if a bag fee passes, localities might be given the option to spend funds on educational campaigns.

Other topics. In response to a question about what new budget concerns were coming up in the state, Sen Ebbin responded, everything related to human services. He said Medicaid expansion depends on who's elected as governor. A 12-member panel is charged with making a recommendation. In response to a question about where Virginia stands in terms of retirement pension funding, he noted that two years ago the legislature changed from a defined benefit to a hybrid system—retirees can now have half their funds self-invested. He introduced a bill to make a constitutional amendment to require the state to contribute to the fund and keep it solvent.

Next meeting is 6 November, 7 p.m., rooms 2 and 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Kevin Munroe will report on the restoration of Huntley Meadows. Conrad Mehan will make a presentation on an application for a special exception to continue landfilling activities at the Lorton construction debris landfill until 2040, and to establish a Green Energy Park involving renewable energy generation facilities, including wind, solar, geothermal, and methane gas collection.

REGULAR E&R MEETING MINUTES

The committee met 6 November 2013, at 7 p.m. in rooms 2 and 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, and Westgrove.

Huntley Meadows Restoration. Kevin Munroe (Park Manager) reported on the just-completed restoration of Huntley Meadows Park, a hemi (or emergent) marsh that is about half vegetated wetland and half open water. Restoration was needed due to (1) six tons of silt that flowed into the wetland from poorly managed construction during the 1980s, raising the water level by 10", one-third the depth of the wetland, (2) aggressive plant species growing on the silt and displacing native species, and (3) changing and unpredictable beaver activity. These changes caused loss of biodiversity and some rare species (e.g., bitterns). To restore the hemi-marsh, an earthen berm was installed to hold back water, along with a water control structure to create the seasonally fluctuating water levels that are required by a hemi-marsh. The 23 acre wetland was expanded into the surrounding forest, doubling its size, five deeper habitat pools were dredged to provide year-round habitat, and logs and brush piles were added. Construction began in April and is basically done; people will be allowed back in Dec. 3. Members asked whether more silt is expected. Mr. Munroe said the neighborhood is mostly built out, so a high influx is not expected. Every 15 or 30 years, some dredging will be necessary. The restoration cost \$3 million from two different park bonds and a small amount from a state grant.

Update on Dyke Marsh Restoration. Glenda Booth (Friends of Dyke Marsh) reported that the Department of the Interior has granted \$25 million to support the restoration of Dyke Marsh. (It was one of 45 projects to restore Atlantic coast marshes, wetlands and beaches, rebuild shorelines, and research and model the impacts of storm surges; see www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/upload/20131023-Approved-Projects-List.pdf for all 45 projects.) Along with \$2.5 million in mitigation funds already received, the grant would cover 90% of the full restoration of Dyke Marsh. The National Park Service will soon issue its restoration plan, in the form of an Environmental Impact Statement, which will be the subject of a public meeting. The \$25 million grant was part of funds appropriated by Congress to respond to the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and to prepare for and prevent harm from future severe storm events.

Lorton Green Energy Park. Conrad Mehan (EnviroSolutions, a.k.a. Furnace Associates) accompanied by Francis McDermott made a presentation on an application for a Special Exception to continue landfilling activities through 2040 at the Lorton construction debris landfill past its currently scheduled closure date of Jan. 2019, establish a Green Energy Park involving renewable energy

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generation facilities, remove the previously approved public park uses and the dedication requirement rescinded by the Park Authority in 2009, entitle two private, limited access active recreation end uses, and create and operate an observation point as a private, controlled access accessory use.

The landfill is currently operating under a special exception that was amended in 2007 to allow an increase in height from 290' to 412'. Upon its 2019 closure, the landfill was to be dedicated to the Park Authority and turned into Potomac Overlook Park, with landscaping added to soften the view of the landfill from nearby communities. When the landfill closed, EnviroSolutions planned to move across Furnace Rd. and operate a sorting/recycling facility for construction debris, a by-right use.

The situation changed when the Park Authority decided in 2009 not to take ownership of the land, and when the industry collapsed in 2010 due to the recession's impact on construction, so EnviroSolutions lost more than half its volume. In 2010, a county task force recommended that a Green Energy Triangle be created in 24-36 months, and that it not require county money or legislative changes to be accomplished.

The applicant for a Special Exception Amendment requests:

- Approval to extend the landfill's useful life to Dec. 31 2040;
- Approval to add a vegetated berm to develop a near-level 40-acre platform by filling between the existing slope and that berm; the northern and eastern slopes of the landfill would be planted with 5,800 trees;
- Approval to erect three wind turbines in Phase 1, to create renewable energy through electric generation facilities using wind, solar, methane produced on site, plus heat and cooling capability through geothermal facilities, and establish the near-level platforms for future creation of a Green Energy Park to include up to 12 wind turbines, 50 acres of solar panels, and/or more advanced technologies.

If these requests are approved, then the applicant proposes to

- Sacrifice its by-right mixed waste reclamation use across Furnace Rd. from the landfill and instead erect a solar farm on the site;
- Capture, process, and deliver methane to the county (sufficient to generate the equivalent of 2 million kwh annually) for the Workhouse Arts Facility or other county facility, over the life of the landfill;
- Donate to the county 50% of the revenue (in excess of 2.5¢ per kwh) from sale of electricity generated by the wind and solar infrastructure;
- Provide educational features on renewable energy at the Workhouse Arts Center or other place;
- Install an observation point near the wind turbines and run a shuttle bus to it, with parking near the solar farm;
- Contribute \$3.2 million to FCPA for recreational facilities in the Lorton area;

- Deed 5 acres with a passive park to the Lorton Valley Homeowners Association, to be used as a private, passive recreation park;
- Contribute \$15 million towards a specified local community or county need.

Local reactions have been mixed. Lorton Valley Homeowners Association and Newington Forest support the SEA, as do members of the South Run Coalition, while South County Federation (SCF) opposes it. SCF opposes because they wanted the landfill closed in 2019, because landscaping has not satisfactorily hidden the view of the landfill, and because a contribution of \$15 million was deemed insufficient to overcome the negative features of the SEA. SCF asked for a recreation center to be built.

Mr. Mehan reported that their landscaping efforts have not had the hoped-for results. Their plan included too many shrubs and too few trees, so the landscaping is not visible from afar. Depredation by deer has been a problem, and some trees don't do well in such a windy site. They are now planting more trees and fewer shrubs, and since May have worked with the county's urban forester. The application includes many more trees and a more random placement of them to improve the viewshed.

Another member asked about a local resident's complaint that dust blew into his neighborhood from the landfill. Mr. Mehan said that the company has not received any dust complaints in recent years, and that he did not believe it is a problem. Since 2007, water trucks to keep dust under control are used on the site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Another member asked what the predicted bird take from the turbines would be. Mr. Mehan said their consultants say there is not an impact. They have done what Mr. Mehan referred to as an off-the-shelf study which will be submitted to Fish and Wildlife but is not available to the public. It is not a field study of the site, which he says is not required. The landfill is supposedly not in the flyway, he maintained. Mr. Mehan said EnviroSolutions is proposing to monitor bird impacts and share the data. A member suggested they make this offer official by including it in their written proposal to the county. A member asked whether there are any endangered species in the area, and Mr. Mehan mentioned eagles.

A member asked whether the site is appropriate for wind generation, and Mr. Mehan said that if the turbines reach 475', they hit a "wind river" that makes it a good spot for turbines. A feasibility study was done by Geosyntec and a white paper was prepared by county staff to support the development of a green energy park on the site. The cost of the originally proposed energy park was \$26 million. The current applications, which reflects a compromise of many different stakeholders' objectives, will require more than \$30 million of investment and cash outlays; these costs are not borne by the county.

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A member asked what if the SEA isn't approved and the project doesn't happen. Mr. Mehan said they will build the amenities as it is required to do, and will use the mixed construction waste facility across Furnace Rd., which he noted will increase the truck traffic on Furnace Rd. They will be unable to grant access to the park amenities due to the liability risk originally anticipated to be covered by the FCPA. The park would be dismantled after the post-closure period.

A member asked what Fairfax County would do with funds the county could receive, noting that county actions could increase greenhouse gases and pollution, thus offsetting any reductions from the project.

Next meeting is 4 December, 7 p.m., room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Topic: to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, October 29, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee met to vote on the Resolution, *Re Investing in Successful Youth*, developed jointly in communication with the Committees for Education and Public Safety, for consideration of the MVCCA General Council on November 20.

In the Oct. 29 HHS Committee meeting, the following MVCCA members were represented: Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Hills, Newington Forest, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, and Wellington. All voted to approve the resolution (with amendments) and directed the chair to accept "friendly" amendments from the other two Committees that clarified the intent. MVCCA Co-chair James Davis was present as liaison to the Council.

The Committees for Education and for Public Safety scheduled separate November meetings to consider the Resolution and additional business; Education, meeting on Nov. 6, approved the Joint Resolution on Youth. Public Safety, on Nov. 7, lacking a quorum, discussed the Resolution but did not vote. (See Committee Reports.)

RESOLUTION ON YOUTH

The Joint Resolution culminates a three-month effort to focus on one of the "Cross-Cutting Results Areas"—shared goals—of the County human services system, "Successful Children and Youth." A Presentation for the Human Services Council in Dec. 2012 (available on line) proposes this vision by which to measure program/service outcomes and engage in coordinated interagency 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.

In September, we chose to consider "children" (focusing on early childhood), meeting with an excellent panel and developing the Joint Resolution (EDU/HHS) *Re Early Childhood Education and Care*, approved by the MVCCA General Council Sept. 25.

In October, we focused on the health, well-being and resilience of "youth"—middle and high school age through transition into early adult life in college and career, asking "How may informed citizens advocate for wise investment in community-based services essential for 'Successful Youth'?"

As reported in the *October MVCCA Record* (please see pages 3-6), we met October 3 with an outstanding six-person panel that provided valuable perspectives on both successful interagency cooperation and on difficult gaps in services that have developed during several years of fiscal constraints and uncertainties and that impact both present status and multi-year planning of essential services. Reports that became public in early October provided additional findings and recommendations that deserved attention.

For consideration in November, HHS and EDU Committees present the findings and recommendations embedded in the Joint Resolution *RE Investing in Successful Youth*. Our hope is that these recommendations will be approved in time to contribute an MVCCA voice on Fairfax County BOS planning for the 2014 Legislative Program (for Commonwealth actions) and for the multi-year budget planning process for FY 2015 and beyond.

RESOURCES

The Joint Report in the October *MVCCA Record* lists informational resources for considering the needs of "Successful Youth." Subsequently, the **Youth Behavioral Health Services—Interim Report**, September 2013, with recommendations of the Interagency Youth Behavioral Health Services Workgroup, was presented to the BOS Subcommittee for Human Services and to the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT): on the County web site, search "Interim Youth Behavioral Health..." for the full report or see the summary slide presentation in the SCYPT agenda packet for their Sept. 25 meeting.

The Community Health Improvement Plan is now published on the "Live Healthy Fairfax" Page of the Fairfax County web site; it is downloadable as a 56-page PDF document. The Table of Contents lists seven priorities chosen for multi-year community strategic planning and implementation. This will be a resource for the December HHS Committee meeting.

HEALTH FORUM NOV. 20

The South County Task Force for Human Services will meet November 20, in South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Room 221 A/B, in the early afternoon, 1 PM. You are invited to participate in this meeting—and to invite other area residents who may have a particular interest in community health and health care equity and advocacy. The new afternoon time is

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intended to avoid conflicts with evening meetings and late afternoon rush hour traffic.

The **Southeast Health Planning Task Force**, begun in 2003 to address the crisis in planning the future of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, agreed in its final meeting on Oct. 1, 2013, to "fold" its ongoing concerns for health and wellness (including integrated behavioral health services) into the South County Task Force for Human Services, which will include health issues in each meeting and provide the open public forum for concerns in the southeastern area of the County.

MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee members will want to participate at the meeting of the South County Task Force for Human Services, on Nov. 20, to join in identification of the kinds of issues MVCCA members would recommend become part of this public forum. It is anticipated that both Lee and Mount Vernon Supervisors will be present, as well as Deputy County Executive for Human Services Patricia Harrison and Interim Director of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Dr. Don Brideau.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 3, 7:30 PM at the South County Center, Room 221-C, the MVCCA HHS Committee will meet to discuss priorities for community strategic planning in the Fairfax County / Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax *Community Health Improvement Plan*.

PLANNING & ZONING

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Member attendance: Burt Kronstedt; Hollin Hills, Ron Fitzsimmons; Wessynton, Neal McBride; Newington Forest, Karan Cerutti; Mt. Vernon Civic, John Harris; Williamsburg North Manor, Bruce Bade; Potomac Valley/River Bend, Don Martin; Hollin Hall, Eleanor Quigley; Wellington Heights, Ray Novitske; Huntington, Alex V.; Collingwood Springs, Richard Johnson; Wellington, John Joyce; Huntington Club, Wayne Wisniewski; Waynewood

Guests: Keith Martin; attorney Woodlawn Hospitality, Mark C. Looney; attorney Cooley LLP, A. Douglass Cann; land development manager Chesapeake Realty Partners, Josh Wooldridge; senior development manager Bainbridge, Greg Riegle, attorney McGuire Woods

Call to order: 7:40PM

Approval of October minutes: Motion, Eleanor Quigley; Second, Ray Novitske; Motion passed 12-0-0

Presentations:

1) Woodlawn Hospitality, LLC, Proffer Condition Amendment Application PCA 2012-MV-001 and Special Exception Amendment Application SEA 2012-MV-001. Keith Martin, attorney; Woodlawn Hospitality, LLC

Keith Martin, came before the P&Z Committee in 2012 regarding the construction of a Baywood Hotel at 8668 Richmond Highway and the corner of Woodlawn Ct., which the committee did not oppose, (ref. P&Z-2012-07).

Mr. Martin explained that due to a mathematical computation error from the architect, the original application did not reflect a building size increase of 1582 square feet. With the additional square feet added the FAR increases to a 0.63 from a 0.62.

The maximum building height shall not exceed 57 feet 6 inches to the top of the parapet. The applicant shall construct a left hand turn lane on Richmond Highway onto Woodlawn Ct. as shown on the GDP to VDOT specifications, as determined by VDOT. Building will be designed to meet LEED Certification and inter-parcel connection will be added on the south side.

Resolution of support: Motion, Bob Reynolds; second, Ray Novitske. Motion passed 14-0-0.

2) Amendment, Village of Accotink Mixed-Use Project, Josh Wooldridge; Developer and Greg Riegle, attorney; McGuire Woods

This project has several parcels, with the central parcel being 9115 Anderson Lane. The application has not yet been filed, but, the applicant wanted to brief the committee on some changes to an already approved mixed use rezoning in the Village of Accotink. Two of the more significant changes are the deletion of a building "appendage" and road cross over located to the west that included an road cross over with units above. All the units are now in one building on the east side of Anderson Lane and the area previously occupied by the appendage building will be open space. Another significant change is the reorientation of the internal garage resulting in deletion of the access point on Backlick Road. This will serve to improve the walkability of Backlick Road. The site was originally comprised of nine separate parcels with eight existing single-family homes. The approved 283 dwelling units and up to 18,000 square feet of secondary uses will front on the future expanded Richmond Highway (US Hwy 1). This property will serve as a catalyst for the proposed revitalization of the village of Accotink as envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan Amendment approved on June 7, 2011. The goal of the project is to take advantage of the site's strategic location along US Hwy 1 at the NW quadrant of the new Tulley Gate entrance/intersection to Fort Belvoir, to transform the dated, obsolete automobile-serving structures into a dynamic mixed-use project establishing a unique sense

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of place for the Village of Accotink. In addition, the project's design affords the creation of an inviting, pleasant, and safe pedestrian experience, and providing critical residential living and retail/service options convenient to an area of the County which is experiencing a great influx of new job growth.

Other highlights of project:

TREE PRESERVATION AND TREE COVER REQUIREMENTS:

The existing site can be characterized as open yards surrounding the existing single family homes. Most of the lots are completely clear with only small trees. Tree cover is being preserved to the extent possible along the periphery of the Property and in the significant remaining open space. With these tools, the site is able to achieve the required 10-year tree canopy coverage of 10.6%

TRANSPORTATION: To offset the potential traffic created by the project, the project itself will provide vital housing the shortest distance to the most recent influx of workers that are being relocated to Fort Belvoir as a result of the current BRAC activities. The convenient and central location of this project will provide future residents with the ability to walk or bike to most parts of the base property. In concert with the expansion of US Hwy 1 through the Village of Accotink, this intersection will be receiving a major upgrade and facelift. A ring road on the rear of the project will increase connectivity and greatly improve both auto and pedestrian circulation within the Village. The applicant supports working with adjacent Fort Belvoir to provide pedestrian, cycling, and bus opportunities to get to nearby major employment facilities such as the new Belvoir Hospital, Headquarters Complex, and Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency.

PUBLIC FACILITIES: The project will provide a new focal point along the Richmond Highway with the creation of a retail plaza that will anchor the new Tulley Gate entrance to Fort Belvoir. Furthermore, the project will serve as an inviting link from where Fairfax County Parkway intersects US Hwy 1 and then enters the base property. And finally, the open space provided along the existing creek will contain walking paths that will be open to the public.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The proposed project will provide 5.0% affordable dwelling units after receiving a 17% increased adjusted density. The resulting unit count is 16 affordable dwelling units provided on-site with 283 total units in the project (267 market rate + 16 ADUs).

They expect construction to begin in the second quarter of 2014.

3) Penn Daw Plaza: Mark Looney, attorney; Cooley LLP and Randy Kenna, developer; Combined Properties

Though in the Lee District, Mr. Looney understands the effects this project will have on the Mount Vernon District. The project is located at 6226 North Kings Highway, Alexandria, VA 22303. The applicant is proposing to revitalize the aging Penn Daw Shopping

Center with a mix of multi-family units, townhouses and retail uses. This is in line with the Comprehensive Plan Amendment adopted in 2012. The project will feature high quality site design and architecture with buildings aligning Poag Street and Kings Highway and an active central plaza surrounded by a variety of retailers. Mr. Looney eluded the desire of the developer to secure a grocer that will fulfill the need for a "higher end" grocer, with open markets on the weekends.

Rezoning to allow 400 multi-family units, 41 townhomes, and up to 45,500 sq. ft. of retail uses. The proposed development contains 42.41 units per acre, exceeding the PDH-40 density of 40 units per acre. The additional units are provided in workforce and affordable housing units in accordance with Zoning Ordinance requirements and the policies adopted by the BOS in the Comprehensive Plan. The 15 dwelling units above the 40 units per acre represent bonus units available to the applicant in accordance with the adopted workforce and affordable housing policies.

The 25 page Penn Daw Plaza proffer statement can be viewed on the P&Z webpage by Tuesday, November 12, 2013. The statements includes various transportation improvements and TDM practices, as well as open space and recreation improvements. Contributions to Fairfax County Public Schools are included as well.

Old Business

Answers to the questions submitted by the MVCCA regarding RSU's can be reviewed at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/rsu/rsu.htm>

Other districts and individual questions are included in the document as well. They are identified before each question. The link will be posted on the MVCCA website.

The P&Z MVCCA Resolution on A&R Huntington Metro Development was approved by the GC on October 23, 2013, and is now listed on the resolution tracker.

New Business

The P&Z Committee Chair, E&R Chair, Strategic Planning Chair, and the MVCCA co-chairs will be meeting with the South County Federation to discuss the proposal for ESI's Green Energy Park at the Lorton Landfill. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the South County Federations Resolution of opposition on the project. We will also be touring the landfill and meeting with HOA's in the affected area who are supporting the project. ESI is expected to go to the PC and BOS in January or February. The P&Z and E&R Committees' will be working together on a joint resolution; after all affected parties are heard.

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The next meeting is Dec 2, 2013 at Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Auditorium, at 7:30PM.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations' Public Safety Committee conducted its monthly meeting on November 7th, 2013 in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Meeting Room #1. The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the following communities being represented: Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Waynewood and Wellington.

The main topic for the meeting was reviewing Joint Resolution 3 from the Health and Human Services Committee and the Education Committee on Investing in Successful Youth. This resolution was the result of a joint meeting of both committees as well as the Public Safety Committee in October. Comments on the resolution indicated that it was well documented and addressed a great number of important issues. There was one comment received regarding the use of the word "invest" as that may infer the need for additional tax revenue. Also mentioned was possibly looking at just specific items which could be used separately in different resolutions. Unfortunately, a quorum was not present so a vote was not taken on the resolution. The comments raised during the meeting would be provided to the MVCCA Board of Directors.

There were no items discussed under Old Business.

New Business Items:

Fairfax County has launched an online radio station as a means to provide emergency information during incidents. The weblink is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/radio

A news article on Neighborhood Watch programs was discussed with the representatives sharing the current status of their individual programs.

Fairfax County Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler, Jr. conducted an online "Ask the Chief" online chat on Wednesday, November 6. Checks will be made to obtain transcripts of that event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center in Community Meeting Room #1.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were the Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner and representatives of 16 member citizen associations (The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Montebello, Marlan Forest, Mount

Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills and Woodland Park).

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

Countywide Dialogue on Transportation – Transportation Project Survey

A public hearing on Oct 30, 2013 at Hayfield Secondary School kicked off Fairfax County's outreach to citizens on What transportation projects should be funded and what projects are missing from the county's list. Take the survey!

The list of all projects can be seen at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/cdot/>

The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DGPZVQV>

The survey closes November 22, 2013. There are 6 categories of projects. You are asked to vote for three projects each in categories 1-5 and for five projects in category 6. Below you will find all the unfunded Mount Vernon District projects. You may note that we do not have three listed in some categories. You can either vote for less or look up the projects in other Districts.

Interchange Projects: (vote for 3)

#4 - Improve interchange at I-95/FFC Parkway

Roadway Extension Projects: (vote for 3)

None listed for Mount Vernon

Roadway Spot Improvement Projects: (vote for 3)

#27 - FFC Parkway from I-95 to Telegraph Road
#30 - Intersection of Fort Hunt Road/Collingwood Road
#39 - Intersection of Silverbrook Road/Southrun Road
#40 - Intersection of Silverbrook Road/Lorton Road

Roadway Widening: (vote for 3)

#48 - Cinder Bed Road from Allen Park Road to Rolling Creek Way
#55 - Hooes Road from FFC Parkway to Silverbrook Road
#56 - Newington Road from Cinder Bed Road to Telegraph Road
#59 - Route #1 from CSX RR Underpass to Occoquan River
#60 - Route #1 from Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway to Napper Road
#61 - Route #1 from Armisted Road to I-95 Ramps
#72 - Telegraph Road from Leaf Road to Hayfield Road

Transit Projects: (vote for 3)

#79 - Transit Study for Route #1 corridor: Huntington to Woodbridge
#81 - Enhanced bus service on FFC Parkway
#85 - Cross County bus service to Vienna/Centreville

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Pedestrian/Bicycles (vote for 5)

- #120 - Walkway E side Ft Hunt: Belle View Blvd-Belle View Elementary
- #131 - Walkway N side Gunston Cove: Cranford - Amsterdam
- #132 - Walkway N side Hooes: Ox Rd to Furnace
- #154 - Complete Potomac Heritage Scenic Trail: Rt #1-Grist Mill
- #165 - Walkway W side Quander: W Potomac HS to Quander Elementary School
- #166 - Complete walkway W side Riverside: Elkin to Pennsylvania Blvd
- #188 - Improve 19 sidewalks+14 new ones Rt #1: Ft Belvoir-Alexandria
- #191 - Walkway W side Old Mr Vernon Rd: Mt Vernon Hwy- Westgate
- #206 - Complete walkway Gunston Rd: Rt #1 - Potomac River

Regarding the Roadway Spot Improvement projects, #30 constructs left turn lanes in both directions on Fort Hunt Road at Collingwood Road plus adds pedestrian signals, and walkways on both sides of Fort Hunt Road.

With respect to the Roadway Widening Projects, there are 3 projects that would widen Route 1 to 3 travel lanes in each direction, which has been a goal of the MVCCA for over 10 years. #60 would widen the section of Route 1 from Fort Belvoir to Napper Road to 6 travel lanes. As the SFDC has recently announced this project would aide in getting good mixed use redevelopment to the Richmond Highway Corridor.

Fairfax County goal: Will do a transportation project in every district, but no effort to even out the dollar expense. Survey responses will be reviewed by county officials as indicating what the community wants, but money needed per project, is important.

The Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner added that complete sidewalks are needed on US1, preferably on both sides. It is Fairfax County aim to complete just one side. Complete is the key word as missing segments, not matter how small, can stop a pedestrian or one in a wheel chair from navigating the "walkway". Likewise, schools need sidewalks out from school for a mile on all roads as that is the standard length to determine whether a bus goes to a community. A number of people drive their kids to Belle View Elementary because there is no sidewalk on the east side of Fort Hunt. Walkways should also be provided at shopping centers so that folks can walk to them.

The Committee noted that a lot of US Route 1 sidewalks have been funded previously but never installed. The Committee hopes that the 9 pedestrian intersection improvements and 19 walkways listed as funded as part of Richmond Highway Pedestrian Transit Initiative complete the wholes along US Route 1.

With respect to the unfunded pedestrian trails, the committee recommends that those that add sidewalks to school should receive

priority (#121 Fort Hunt Road Walkway, #165 Quander Avenue Walkway) and US Route 1 (#188 Richmond Highway Pedestrian and Transit Initiative – 19 intersection improvements and 14 new walkways from Fort Belvoir to the City of Alexandria).

The committee noted that a number of pedestrian walkways are not included in the funded or unfunded list. In particular, a walkway from US Route 1 to Mount Vernon High School and a sidewalk on Fort Hunt Road from Collingwood Road to Belle View Elementary. Likewise, the completion of the Fort Hunt Bike Trail from Belle View Blvd to US Route 1.

Chris Wells (FFx DOT) and Charlie Strunk (FCDOT – bike trails) will address the Transportation Committee in December. We need to change the County's focus from little segments to overview lengths (e.g. all along US Route 1). There are three particularly bad spots: 1) at Fordson Rd/US Route 1, a pedestrian island is isolated from a completed sidewalk; 2) US Route 1 at a Plumbing store, there is a sidewalk disconnect (land owner will not permit sidewalk to be built); and 3) W side, US Route 1 @ Dogue Creek a disconnect, no walk bridge over the creek (Funded projects #783 and 784 need to be completed).

BRAC increased the amount of traffic going southbound in the morning and going northbound in the evening on the GW Parkway. Residents who live across from the Mt. Vernon Bike Trail have access if they are willing to risk a crossing that requires standing on a thin median and waiting for traffic to clear once they navigate one direction on the GW Parkway, the US Park Service opposes pedestrian/bike bridges over the Parkway. Would the Park Service do a study of this problem (pedestrian crossing of parkway)? If an alternative bike trail connecting to the Mt. Vernon Bike Trail was completed, a safer bike trail would enable our children to get to Old Town, National Harbor, Mt. Vernon mansion, etc. without out having to cross heavy traffic. The alternative is a Bike path along Ft Hunt Road could also relieve congestion on Mt. Vernon Bike Trail. However, the MVCCA's resolution to complete a small section of the Fort Hunt path (Belle Haven Road to just north of Hunting Cove Place) is not on either the funded or unfunded County Transportation Projects.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on December 2, 2013 at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Chris Wells and Charlie Strunk of FC Dot's Sidewalks and Trails division are our guest speakers.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON – STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANNING –

No minutes this month.

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EDUCATION

EDUC-2013-02: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

(1) **WHEREAS** the nationally-known quality education provided by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is a critical component of economic development in Fairfax County, and a very important factor in attracting business and residential development, as is recognized by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and taxpayers alike; and

(2) **WHEREAS** quality education is also critical to the well-being and future prospects of children as well as and to continued economic growth through workforce development, retention of a highly educated population, and reduction in unemployment, poverty, and crime associated with low employment prospects; and

(3) **WHEREAS** from at least FY2008 to FY2014, the ability of FCPS to deliver the quality education expected by taxpayers and businesses has been threatened by serious failures to adequately fund its operational needs; indeed flat or minimal funding increases during the period did not even cover the enrollment increase of over 15,000 students, let alone address unavoidable increased costs such as insurance, fuel, or State and Federal mandates, or increased expenses in meeting the needs of an increasingly diverse population; and

(4) **WHEREAS** during the period FY2008-2014, FCPS has held per pupil costs nearly level and reduced operational costs by hundreds of millions of dollars by a wide variety of means many of which have already negatively impacted instruction, such as increasing class sizes, reducing support staff, essentially freezing salaries for teachers while increasing workload, reducing purchases of classroom supplies, textbooks and equipment, and postponing technology improvements; and

(5) **WHEREAS** these cost reductions meant FCPS' cost per pupil in FY2013 was only \$65 more than FY2008, keeping it in the midrange of local jurisdictions and, by way of comparison, if FCPS had been funded at the same per pupil cost as Montgomery County, it would have received an additional \$240Million and compared to Arlington, more than \$900Million additional funds; and

(6) **WHEREAS** quality teachers are the cornerstone of quality education but salaries in FCPS, due to budget issues and despite increasing workload, have not kept pace with surrounding jurisdictions affecting morale and making it difficult to attract and keep the best teachers: starting salaries are only in the midrange; experienced mid-career FCPS teachers earn \$12-14,000 **less** than in Arlington and Alexandria; maximum teacher salaries are also tens of thousands below competitors; and

(7) **WHEREAS** the recent efficiency audit conducted by the Virginia State Board of Education ("Gibson Report") found FCPS to be extremely efficient, identifying only a net savings of about \$7Million over 5 years (or only \$1.4Million per year); and

(8) **WHEREAS** despite the steep cuts, salary freezes and efficiencies, FCPS was faced with serious deficits in each of the above-referenced years and catastrophe was only avoided through one-time infusions such as the Federal Stimulus, grants and the Commonwealth's moratorium on retirement contributions, none of which are now available; and

(9) **WHEREAS** current projections indicate FCPS in FY2015 will face a deficit of more than \$140Million (or more than \$183Million if a step increase for teachers is included) while the BOS projects an increase in transfer of only \$34.3Million, leaving a net deficit of about \$106Million (or \$149Million); and

(10) **WHEREAS** a deficit of that magnitude, given steep cuts already made, cannot be made up except by draconian means which must imperil education quality and even accreditation, such as further increasing class size by 2 or more students, dropping course offerings and programs and increasing the "salary gap" making it even more difficult to attract and retain quality teachers; and

(11) **WHEREAS** while deficits faced by FCPS are also due to the failure of the Commonwealth to fund education according to its own measures and to underfunded mandates of both the federal and state government, it is Fairfax County and its taxpayers which will suffer most if the BOS does not act to properly fund FCPS, close the deficit and preserve the value of FCPS as an important County asset and prime mover of future economic development; and

(12) **WHEREAS** Fairfax County taxpayers have demonstrated in a variety of public forums both support for continued quality education and an understanding that increased tax revenue may be necessary to support critical County functions; and

(13) **WHEREAS** County taxpayers deserve an opportunity to comment in a meaningful way on the appropriate balance of taxes and services, and the appropriate funding for critical functions,

(A) NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) respectfully urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to:

1. Direct the County Executive in preparing a budget for FY2015 to provide a funding increase which will as far as possible close the FCPS deficit to preserve quality education and continued growth and economic development in the County, and develop a plan for future funding which will enable FCPS also to improve education, reduce class size to at least FY2008 levels and provide appropriate teacher compensation to restore competitive parity, and

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2. Set the maximum allowable residential real estate tax rate at a level which will permit meaningful taxpayer comment on appropriate service levels compared to tax rate, and allow the BOS to respond to citizen comment in determining an actual tax rate for FY2015.

END: RESOLUTION EDUC-2013-02

————— **JOINT** —————
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JOINT RESOLUTION HHS/EDU-2013-J-02:
RE: INVESTING IN SUCCESSFUL YOUTH

1. **WHEREAS** the health and well-being of youth is a broadly shared value and a goal of public policy in Fairfax County, and quality education is often cited as the highest priority of citizens and their elected Board of Supervisors (BOS);
2. **WHEREAS** “Successful Children and Youth” is now a major Cross-Cutting Results Area of the Fairfax County health and human services system (which includes the services of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court) in coordination and collaboration with the Fairfax County Public Schools, and this goal states that “...youth reach adulthood with the skills, interests, and motivation to lead productive, healthy lives in caring relationships with other people”;
3. **WHEREAS**, multiple sources, including Fairfax County demographic data and analytic reports point to geographic areas with especially high levels of challenging circumstances for youth such as (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 more than 100 languages other than English in daily use in homes of youth; and whereas County systems for education, health and human services, and public safety/juvenile justice services each recognize that these and other disparities will impact opportunities for success for many youth now in our local school pyramids (which combine students from Mount Vernon and Lee Districts) and in the Richmond Highway corridor;
4. **WHEREAS**, through their contacts with children and families, County professionals—educators, family services social workers, health care providers, and service providers in the juvenile justice system—recognize that a significant proportion of youth is ‘at-risk’ and in need of intensive services based in the community, where services can be planned and coordinated to fit individual and family circumstances;
5. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and other Fairfax County public services also partner in efforts to focus resources effectively for all youth, especially in services that may (1) prevent failures to thrive, (2) intervene in young lives drifting into self-destructive patterns of escape from circumstances that cloud their futures, and (3) provide skills needed to overcome disparities, open opportunities for their success, and thereby build strong future families;
6. **WHEREAS** a more-or-less perfect storm of fiscal constraints and uncertainties has stimulated extensive efforts to consolidate and redesign “smart” services that could serve ever greater numbers of those with “greatest need” at the same or lower cost; and whereas this process places great pressure on services heavily dependent on federal funding (such as housing) or federal/state matching (healthcare); and whereas a pattern of annual percentage reductions has pared away services that were not “core” for one agency yet were critical to interagency collaboration; and whereas an “inverted pyramid” of resources/needs for youth behavioral health services reveals that available resources are concentrated into highly intensive services needed for the fewest youths, leaving a huge gap in services for the rest; and whereas mandatory services (those partially funded from noncounty sources) are displacing “discretionary” services such as staff training in best practice or prevention education and training for the community, to the detriment of all;
7. **WHEREAS** citizens participating in MVCCA find that many County services, programs, and strategic partnerships for youth have developed to meet changing needs and can demonstrate their potential as scale-able best-practice models; and—provided County support is sustained and a blueprint strategy implemented for incremental multi-year investments—such programs will contribute measurably to the County’s commitment to promote “successful youth”; yet nevertheless we call attention to needed services that deserve an increase in County funding incorporated into planning for FY15 and beyond, and among these are the following:
 - youth behavioral health services, especially those with potential to prevent or intervene before a student and family are in full crisis and in need of more intensive services, that must become more available, not only in schools, but in the juvenile justice system, and in the community;
 - coordinated prevention services and prevention education, available in every community;
 - model intervention programs in the juvenile justice system, such as the Evening Reporting Center in South County, developed under grants to reduce recidivism and/or to mitigate the impact of domestic violence and other trauma, that save costs yet need County dollars to continue;

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- professional expertise and services in one agency that must be extended in effective collaboration with others, especially when core funding from non-County sources has been reduced;
- critical services, for some of our most vulnerable residents, that have been highly dependent on past federal funding that has already declined and seems certain to decline further, that need a multi-year Blueprint funding strategy to stabilize planning;

8. WHEREAS past cuts and lack of funding in the annual Fairfax County Budget Plan have already severely limited delivery of the kinds of services described above (both County and FCPS), and continued failure to provide adequate funding may further dilute essential services, resulting not only in human costs to individuals and families but also in greater future costs to both County and community well-being, in terms of untreated youth behavioral illness, unprevented family homelessness, and rising numbers of citizens without employable skills; and

9. WHEREAS MVCCA continues to hold that flexibility to deal with federal and state decisions in their direct impact on the lives of very vulnerable people in Fairfax County should never be an afterthought left to patch with carryover funds, but should be carefully estimated as a risk accompanied in the annual Budget Plan by a reserve commensurate with the risk:

[A] THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) recommends/urges the Board of Supervisors to take action in the following ways:

1—Direct the Fairfax County Executive to estimate both annual and year-to-year risk of diminished funding from federal and state resources such as matching funds, block grants, program grants for health and nutrition programs and more, **so that a commensurate fiscal reserve for the next fiscal year may be included in the County Budget Plan**, to stabilize County service planning and coordination and to mitigate severe impacts on children and youth and their caregivers and families.

2—Wherever County savings accrue from service collaboration, redesign, and business efficiencies, retain these funds as a Reserve earmarked for service reinvestment in best-practice quality, scale-ability for growing populations, and outreach to underserved areas.

3—Begin now to address the 3-tier 'inverted pyramid' of needs and resources for youth behavioral health services that continues to wrap intensive services around the small fraction of at-risk youth at the "top" who have great need for such care (which is funded with significant state support); provide new County investment needed in the much broader population of the bottom and middle tiers, for

- coordinated prevention services, such as training and prevention education for general and special audiences, and
- targeted intervention for youth with emerging behavioral health needs that do not yet rise to "crisis" or "imminent danger" status.

4—Increase County investment in FY 2015 in the capacity of the Community Services Board, and do so without further reducing funding for other CSB services, to provide necessary assessments, treatment, and counseling—as needed and requested—to youth in contact/supervision of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and in the Fairfax County Public Schools.

5—Increase County investment, in FY 2015 and beyond, to sustain and develop the effective model programs and services of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations (JDR) District Court, that currently

- Protect children and youth caught up in domestic disputes over abuse, custody, and obsessive adult behavior, for example by providing a carefully planned site for safe supervised parental visitation, and
- Divert youthful offenders away from costly and counter-productive Court contacts and unnecessary assignment to the Detention Center, into less costly and more effective supervised alternative programs such as the South County Evening Reporting Center for youth on probation (\$262 thousand is a currently estimated minimum that would sustain this highly effective program, begun on a federal grant).

6—Invest in cost-effective strategies to overcome disparities in internet and wireless communication, particularly for households with youth that lack discretionary income; consider, for example:

- **Extended hours, staffing, and capacity in community settings such as libraries and community centers** that provide a supervised facility for teaching reading-readiness skills to caregivers of very young children, tutoring in language and reading, assisting youth in computer usage for both education and healthy recreation, mentoring youth in understanding how to evaluate the reliability of informational sources, and more;
- **Density bonuses for development that includes a community center/computer clubhouse;**
- **Tax credits or other tax breaks for housing units**, including affordable and workforce priced apartments, with built-in capacity to connect with County public school and library internet sites;
- **Other incentives for private nonprofit and for-profit commercial development of wireless communication infrastructure**, especially in areas of high density and low household discretionary income and spending;

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7—Invest in FY15 and each year, through the Housing Blueprint, in expanding the availability of rapid safe housing for children and youth in ‘greatest need,’ for example by giving high priority to proposals that expand opportunities for safe and stable housing for (1) households with children and youth who are survivors of trauma (including domestic violence) and (2) ‘unaccompanied youth’ who need housing permanency with appropriate mentoring and opportunities for skills training and education for life and work.

8—For purposes of multi-year planning for FY 2015 and beyond, adopt a “Service Blueprint” strategic plan for sustained County investment, in annual increments, to address service gaps impacting children and families, as these are identified by the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT) and by countywide citizen advisory bodies such as the Human Services Council and the Health Care Advisory Board.

9—In adopting the Fairfax County Legislative Program for 2014 and the companion *Human Services Issue Paper* that address actions of the Commonwealth of Virginia, include the following state regulatory and funding concerns:

- Need for regulatory flexibility that enables caregivers of children and youth to sustain their participation in the workforce during transitions, for example by allowing a person graduating from school or leaving a job (for any reason) a minimum 3-week grace period of continued benefits in which to obtain employment before cutting off their access to day care vouchers or other critical household benefits;
- Need for increased state funding for youth behavioral health services generally, and in particular for those identified, in special needs educational programs or in the services of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, as youth who have been impacted by trauma and/or become entangled in mental illness/substance abuse syndromes, and including youth in households that may fall in a gap between Virginia Medicaid eligibility and eligibility for other health care insurance assistance.

[B] BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA recommends, to its own member associations as well as other private nonprofit as well as for-profit community entities, participation in local voluntary activities that may benefit youth, expand their opportunities for success, and promote mutual respect—actions such as tutoring and mentoring, contributing to fund-raising efforts for youth activities, and others that may emerge from *Opportunity Neighborhood—Mount Vernon* and in the pyramids for our local high schools: West Potomac High School, Mount Vernon High School, and South County Secondary School.

END: RESOLUTION HHS/EDU-2013-J-02

P&Z-2013-06: AMENDMENT OF APPLICATION PCA 2012-MV-001 AND SEA 2012-MV-001 WOODLAWN HOSPITALITY, LLC, BAYWOOD HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

1. **WHEREAS**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Association did not oppose the application(s), PCA-MV-001 and SEA-MV-001, by resolution P&Z-2012-07 in 2012 and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the amendment reflects an increase in building size by 1582 sq. ft. and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the amendment reflects an increase in FAR from 0.62 to 0.63 due to a mathematical computation error and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the maximum building height shall not exceed 57 feet 6 inches to the top of the parapet and,
5. **WHEREAS**, the applicant shall construct a left hand turn lane on Richmond Highway onto Woodlawn Ct as shown on the GDP to VDOT specifications, as determined by VDOT and,
6. **WHEREAS**, inter-parcel access will be provided on the south side and,
7. **WHEREAS**, the design, use and density would still conform with the Comprehensive Plan and,
8. **WHEREAS**, the building will be designed to meet LEED Certification,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Association supports the amendment of application(s) PCA-2012-MV-01 and SEA 2012-MV-001 as filed by applicant Woodlawn Hospitality, LLC for the Baywood Hotel Development located at 8668 Richmond Highway.

END: RESOLUTION P&Z-2013-06

Slate for 2014 MVCCA Board

The Nominating Committee of the MVCCA submits the following slate for the 2014 MVCCA Officers for your consideration in the vote to be conducted during the November Council meeting:

For the three Co-Chair positions: Jim Davis, Christopher Low and Ron Fitzsimmons

For the Treasurer position: Patricia Gowland

For the Secretary position: Carol Coyle

A short biographical sketch of each candidate is published below.

Other nominations maybe submitted from the floor during the November meeting.

The Nominating Committee: Frank Cohn, Karen Pohorylo, Robert Reynolds, Katherine Ward

Co-Chairs

Nominee: Jim Davis (current MVCCA Co-Chair)

Background: Member of the MVCCA for 16 years in several positions - Community President, Chair of the E&R Committee, and now a Co-Chair. I have enjoyed every opportunity to serve the Mount Vernon District and my fellow District citizens.

The Mount Vernon District, and especially the Richmond Highway Corridor has recently undergone fundamental changes. Successfully connecting the interests and issues of our District, that are very important to the MVCCA members requires the acumen to work with everyone in our District. This includes our elected officials locally, statewide and federally.

If re-elected by our membership, I will do my best to continue to represent the issues and interests of our membership and the District.

Nominee: Christopher Low (current MVCCA Co-Chair)

Background: This past year, I was one of three MVCCA Co-Chairs and served as liaison to the Consumer Affairs as well as the Environment and Recreation committees.

Co-Chairs conduct in a fair and orderly manner the business of the Council and its meetings. The position of Co-Chair has the responsibility to work with everyone in our District, as well as our elected officials both locally and statewide. If re-elected by our membership, I will continue to do my best to represent the interests of the District and our membership.

Nominee: Ron Fitzsimmons

Background: A native of New York, Mr. Fitzsimmons has spent his working years in the political arena. He has worked for three Members of Congress, was the Director of Government Relations for a national consulting firm and for 15 years lobbied to preserve

reproductive rights and affordable housing. In 1994, the "Washingtonian Magazine" named him one of the "Top 50 Lobbyists" in Washington, D.C.

On a local level, Mr. Fitzsimmons was a staff person for Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland for 5 years and has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the Landlord-Tenant Board, the Consumer Affairs Commission, United Community Ministries, the Wessynton Homeowner's Association, Project Discovery and the Fairfax Partnership for Youth. He was the President of the Mount Vernon High School Academic Boosters Corp and served on the Advisory Board for "Students Under Suspension." He manages a popular Facebook page called "Mount Vernon News" and is the creator of the website www.MountVernonBusinesses.com. His proudest achievement is the creation of "Alice's Kids," a non profit organization that serves needy children in the Mount Vernon area (www.aliceskids.org). Mr. Fitzsimmons received his B.A. in Political Science in 1977 from the State University of New York at Stonybrook. He has been married for 31 years and has two sons.

Secretary

Nominee: Carol Coyle (current MVCCA Secretary)

Background: I have been the MVCCA Secretary for as long as I can remember. I am pleased to be nominated to continue in this position. My husband and I raised 4 children in the Waywood Community and have recently moved to Montebello. I serve as a volunteer at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. I sing in the Church choir as well as the Montebello Choir. I am also the treasurer of the West Potomac High School Drama Club Boosters.

I enjoy my small part in the MVCCA—it offers an opportunity to stay informed regarding what's going on in our district. I also enjoy the people associated with MVCCA.

Treasurer

Nominee: Patricia Gowland (current MVCCA Treasurer)

Background: I have managed and helped guide two major budgets. At my HOA, I was Chair of the Finance and Budget Committee for nearly 10 years. During that time we had a considerable flux in the budget of over \$5 million dollars due to aging of the complex and necessary repairs. In my former position as an IT Branch manager in the Federal Government, I was responsible for a budget of \$15M per year.

I am interested in continuing to serve on the MVCCA Board and find that participating in this community-based organization is both rewarding and exciting.

2014 Proposed Budget

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.		
	2013 Budget	Proposed 2014 Budget
Receipts		
Dues-Current Members	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Dues-New members		\$ 54.00
Gala Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00
MM Interest Income	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.00
Donations	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Total Receipts	\$ 7,502.50	\$ 7,756.00
Disbursements		
Administrative Exp	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
Gala Expenses	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00
Gala Expenses-Deposit		\$ 250.00
Insurance	\$ 700.00	\$ 773.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	\$ 302.50	\$ 850.00
Public Safety-Mailings		
Record Production	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,483.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00
Web Site	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 7,502.50	\$ 7,756.00

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 20th, 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—Dec. 5, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	12/4	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	12/3	7:30	Teleconference	Cox
EDU	12/4	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
E&R	12/4	7:00	MVGC, Rm. 3	Martin
HHS	12/3	7:30	SCC/Rm. 221-C	Cleveland
PL/Z	12/2	7:30	WWMS/Auditorium	Pohorylo (Acting)
PS	12/5	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 1	Sherick
TRAN	12/2	7:30	WWMS/Library	Voorhees
SLRP	No meeting scheduled			Ward

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