



MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

February 26, 2014 8:00 p.m.
Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Ron Fitzsimmons
ATTENDING: Co-chairs Jim Davis, Chris Low.
Committee Chairs: Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, Betsy Martin, Dean Sherick, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; Katherine Ward; Karen Pohorylo,
Treasurer Trish Gowland;
Representatives from Belle View Condos, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Fairhaven, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Pavillons at Huntington, Potomac Valley, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North.

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MARCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Co-Chairs will present the following to the General Council for their ratification and/or vote at the March Meeting.

Appointments for 2014 Committee Chairs to be ratified.

- Budget and Finance- David Voorhees
- Consumer Affairs- Queenie Cox
- Education- Judy Harbeck
- Environment and Recreation- Betsy Martin
- Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations: vacant
- Planning and Zoning- Karen Pohorylo
- Public Safety- Vacant Chair position (facilitator is- Dean Sherick)
- Southeast Fairfax Development Corporations- Karen Pohorylo
- Transportation- Catherine Voorhees
- Editor- Vacant Chair position [seeking volunteers]

Executive Committee Slate of Officers to fill out the remainder of the 2014 term:

- Co-Chair: Judy Harbeck
- Treasurer: Brenda Hebert
- Secretary: *Vacant* [taking nominations from the floor]

Other Announcements:

1. **By-Laws Review and Updating Committee has been appointed by the Co-Chairs:** Judy Harbeck, Frank Cohn, Louise Cleveland, Ellen Young and Karen Pohorylo
2. **Strategic and Long Range Planning Special Committee-** The committee completed its APR work and will become a subcommittee under Planning and Zoning.
3. **Annual Award winners :**
 - Citizen of the Year: Bruce Leonard
 - Organization of the Year: Psi Alpha Alpha (PAA) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
 - Students of the Year:
 - Sarah Valencia (Mount Vernon High School)
 - Shea Ruffin (West Potomac High School)

The **MVCCA 26th Annual Gala** Invitation and Reservation form are included at the end of this Record.

MVCCA BOARD

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Council Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by the presiding co-chair. He introduced a visiting Boy Scout attending our meeting to obtain his communications badge. He also announced that Carol Coyle, our long time secretary, had resigned as Secretary and that Katherine Ward would handle these duties in the interim until the General Council (GC) members elect a new Secretary. He also advised the GC members that Katherine Ward would also temporarily act as Editor of the Record until a volunteer could be located. He then asked for volunteers for both the Secretary and Editor positions.

MINUTES – The December 2013 minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME: Supervisor Hyland discussed the changes in the real estate (residential and commercial) assessments throughout the MV district; the tax rate set by the BOS and the March 12th meeting to discuss the restriping of Sherwood Hall Lane;

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Details of the following committee meetings and dates of their next meetings are in The Record. **Budget and Finance (absent) - Consumer Affairs - Education - Environment and Recreation - Health and Human Services - Planning and Zoning - Public Safety – Transportation - Strategic and Long Range Planning**

SFDC Rep. Report: Small Business Roundtables are scheduled monthly. See the SFDC website for details.

FCFCA Rep. Report: Needs a new MVCCA representative because she is no longer able to handle this function.

GALA Committee: The Annual Gala will be April 26, Fort Belvoir Golf Club. See MVCCA website for details.

RESOLUTIONS:

Education: Meals Tax passed 19-2

Health and Human Services: Affordable Housing Fund (3-2-1) Policy Proposed County Policy resolution was tabled 18-1

Planning and Zoning: Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Rezoning was passed 20-0

Joint Resolution (ER, PZ): ESI Landfill SEA-2: was passed as amended 10-9

Transportation: Substitute Amendment to ESI Landfill SEA-2 failed 10-10.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM
Acting Temporary Secretary: Katherine Ward

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.				
Estimated Treasurer's Report				
February 1, 2014 - February 28, 2014				
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance
	Monthly	YTD		
Balance Available January 1, 2014	\$10,879.50			
Receipts				
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Dues-Current Members	\$1,230.00	\$1,680.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,320.00
Dues-New members	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$54.00	\$54.00
Gala Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
MM Interest Income	\$0.02	\$0.26	\$2.00	\$1.74
Total Receipts	\$1,230.02	\$1,680.26	\$7,756.00	\$6,075.74
Disbursements				
Administrative Exp	\$62.00	\$125.57	\$300.00	\$174.43
Gala Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
Gala Expenses - Deposit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$811.00	\$773.00	(\$38.00)
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
Record Production	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,483.00	\$1,383.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Web Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total Disbursements	\$162.00	\$1,036.57	\$7,756.00	\$6,719.43
Balance Available February 28, 2014	\$11,947.52			
Burke and Herbert Checking	\$1,618.00			
Burke and Herbert Money Market	\$9,905.15			
Total Funds Available	\$11,523.15			

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 7:30 pm
Sherwood Hall Library

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Jim Davis (MVCCA Co-Chair) Judy Harbeck (Education Chair), Louise Cleveland (HHS Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic, Southwood, Wellington Civic, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor.

The Budget and Finance Committee met on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center and heard from County Executive Ed Long on the 2015 Fairfax County Advertised Budget which is available online at the Fairfax County website. The meeting was open to the public and well attended. Mr. Long gave a summary of the Advertised Budget and answered detailed questions.

Members are urged to review the County Executive's Proposed Budget and are encouraged to sign up to testify at the County budget hearings (April 8-10) or otherwise make known their views on the proper balances of schools, county services and tax rates.

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The committee met again at 7:00pm on March 11, 2014 at the Sherwood Hall Library and approved a resolution on the 2015 Fairfax County budget for consideration by the General Council.

The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be at 7:30pm on April 2, 2014 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Cafeteria.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs did not meet during March. Here's the information about our next teleconference meeting that will be held on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m.

MVCCA Consumer Affairs Committee
Hosting the first in a series of

Live & Shop Locally
with

Arnold Home Inspections
Casey Arnold, owner

Casey will provide information on the services his business provides to include how to prepare to put your house on the market, point out problems and allow you to make repairs before they turn into deal breakers for a potential buyer.

Teleconference Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Please join us...You can dial-in from the comfort of your home!
Dial-in: 866-866-2244 -- Pass code: 4636258

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 6-12, 2014. Please take the time to recognize your community volunteers.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on March 5, 2014, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Wellington, Collingwood Springs, CAHH, Newington Forest, Collingwood on Potomac, Sulgrave, Engleside and Hollin Hall. Co-chair Jim Davis and Mount Vernon District School Board Member Dan Storck also participated.

Committee members discussed a draft resolution on County funding for schools in the FY2015 County Executive's Advertised Budget. After discussion and amendments, the resolution, which urges full funding of the School Board's Advertised Budget, was approved 8-0 and the text is printed elsewhere in this RECORD.

During discussion, a number of members expressed concern that, while the Board of Supervisors continues to insist that schools are their first priority and the pre-eminent County asset, the percentage

of County revenue transferred to schools has been falling even as enrollment rises. Although the percentage decline may be small, it is not insignificant given the sums involved, and longtime members were unable to recall a previous period when additional enrollment was not compensated and the County's percentage transfer to schools was as small. Others noted that due to the decline, County sources as a percentage of overall school funding has also declined, schools have had to make up the difference from one-time or term-limited funds. Since some other sources of school funds, such as from the Commonwealth of Virginia, are in flux during development of FCPS budgets, reliance on outside funding is increasingly risky.

Others noted that the failure or reluctance of the BOS to raise adequate revenue for essential services has created systemic structural deficits not only for schools but also for areas of health and human services, many of which serve the same population as the schools and are an integral part of efforts to improve school and individual student performance. Similarly, the County has not adequately funded Head Start and other early childhood intervention and education programs which have been shown to be both successful in school readiness and success, and cost-effective in reducing the need for later interventions.

The County Executive's multi-year approach to help put today's budget decisions in perspective was seen as valuable but perhaps not far-reaching enough given the systemic structural issues on both County and FCPS "sides" of the budget. However, the Committee felt that these issues should be addressed separately, though immediately, in a different process than the context of the FY2015 budget.

Committee members also strongly supported a tax increase to the maximum rate while recognizing that the average taxpayer would see an increase of about \$430 (\$331 increased assessments and \$100 increased tax rate or a total \$36 per month) from FY2014. Participants noted that actual taxes paid have changed only minimally from FY2008 through FY2014 due to the BOS manipulation of the tax rate to keep taxes flat or reduced, and in contravention of MVCCA's consistent position that taxpayers would have been better served by tax rate manipulation to create incremental increases in revenue in order to avoid the structural deficits now faced and the necessity for a significant FY2015 increase.

Following the budget discussion, Storck discussed member concerns about the State Takeover Board recently created by the Commonwealth to remake consistently failing schools under state supervision.

As a starting point Storck noted that it is his opinion, shared by most if not all Virginia school boards, that the legislation is contrary to the Commonwealth Constitution and will not survive current court challenges, including by the City of Alexandria.

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Nevertheless, Storck assured the Committee that no Mount Vernon schools and no Fairfax County schools are on “the list” for serious intervention. He noted that the approach has stages with different types of local action required at each stage. It generally requires a number of years of consistent failure to reach any “stage” and that the earlier stages would require only the actions that FCPS takes in any event: developing an improvement plan, targeted intervention etc.

In response to questions, Storck also indicated that he intends to have a number of public discussions on addressing capacity, construction and boundary issues affecting Mount Vernon. There is a significant amount of renovation/construction money earmarked for Mount Vernon schools but decisions will need to be made about how best to address current and anticipated needs. Building a new elementary school in the Pinewood Lakes area, boundary changes, permanent additions, etc are all on the table. Storck and committee members noted that Lee District needs to be involved in the discussion since so many students who attend Mount Vernon District schools are residents of Lee Magisterial District.

A few questions were raised about inclusions/exclusions in the School Board Advertised Budget while recognizing that some issues are in abeyance perhaps, awaiting County and Virginia budget decisions. Committee members questioned imposition of IB and AP fees, the new “centralized” janitorial system suggested by the State audit, and reduction in Assistant Principals and office staff. Storck also mentioned that he feared the central office staff, which has been steadily reduced for years, may have become too small for maximum effectiveness in the FY2015 budget. He will continue to insist on staffing assistance for schools heavily impacted by economically disadvantaged, minority and ESOL populations. While some staffing formulae have changed, assistance for schools at the “tipping point” ie schools which have such high disadvantaged populations that needs cannot be addressed within normal circumstances remains. Thus, Mount Vernon schools will generally not see any change in this area.

Next meeting: April 2, 2014, 8pm, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met 5 March 2014, at 7 p.m. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside, Fair Haven, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Mount Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, and members of the Hollin Hills Civic Association.

Options for Landowner Participation in Deer Management.

Jerry Peters addressed the deer problem in Fairfax County, and how property owners can reduce their numbers by engaging archers to hunt them.

In a “trophic cascade,” changes at the top of the food chain cascade down and have wide-ranging consequences. A classic example is Yellowstone National Park. Elk and deer populations exploded when wolves were extirpated from the park. Re-introduction of wolves in 1995 affected elk through predation and changed their behavior, allowing riparian areas to recover and changing the course of rivers.

Every area in the east coast that doesn’t allow rifle hunting is overpopulated with deer. Great Falls Park has 79.3 deer per square mile, and Manassas Battlefield Park (with more edge habitat) has 151 deer per square mile. Density should be reduced to 6 to 25 per square mile to restore and preserve forest health. Due to the absence of predation (by wolves and humans), deer in Fairfax County are longer-lived and have higher reproductive rates than they would in a healthy ecosystem. Mr. Peters showed some existing and target County-wide deer population numbers, but the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) has questioned their reasonableness and the numbers are under review.

For five years, Mr. Peters has explored bow-and-arrow hunting as a way to reduce the deer population, and has set up his own non-profit company, Green Fire (at www.greenfireweb.com). (He does not favor rifle hunting in suburban neighborhoods, because there are too many people.) Since Virginia started collecting statistics on hunting accidents, no archer has shot a bystander.

Mr. Peters’ goals are to manage the damages caused by deer, including:

- Recover forest ecosystems
 - ◇ Deer eat the understory, eliminating or altering the forest of the future.
 - ◇ Overbrowsing fosters the invasiveness of exotics that are unpalatable to deer.
- Reduce impacts to humans
 - ◇ Safety (in Virginia, there are 4,500 deer-vehicle collisions per year)
 - ◇ Economic (loss of landscape plants)
 - ◇ Health (deer support tick populations that carry Lyme disease and other diseases)

Hunts managed by the Fairfax County Deer Management Program are conducted on 5% of county land and are responsible for 40% of the deer harvested each year in Fairfax County. In addition to archery hunts, shot gun hunts are conducted in county parks, and sharpshooters work on some Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) parks. Hunters are not paid, except some sharpshooters. Hunts so far have been only on FCPA and NVRPA land, not on Board of Supervisors-owned land.

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State law requires that if game animals are killed, they must be put to "beneficial use." Hunters can eat the meat, or it can be donated, but it must be used. Deer meat cannot be sold in Virginia (although wildlife biologists have begun to discuss this as a strategy to reduce the population). Meat inspections are required only if it's donated to charities such as Hunters for the Hungry, but it needs to be butchered by a licensed butcher, such as Gadell's Process in Catlett, Fauquier County.

There are now 5 or 6 deer groups operating in Fairfax County, including Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia (since 1997, Eric Hooper), and Belvoir Bowhunters. The hunting season is Sept. 1 through the last weekend in April; a kill permit is required to hunt out of season.

Mr. Peters has organized 630 hunts in his own neighborhood in Great Falls, during which 1,111 deer have been seen and 89 have been harvested, for an average of 7.1 hunts per deer harvested. The retrieval rate of 92% (89 deer killed, out of 97 shot at) is as high as it would be for sharpshooters.

An archer must have permission to go on private property to track and retrieve deer that have been shot; FCPA allows track and retrieve on park properties. After they have been shot, deer may travel some distance before they die. Homeowners who do not grant hunting permission may find animals that were shot elsewhere and died on their properties. These homeowners are then legally responsible for disposing of the animals. A property owner can use a bow and arrow to kill deer on his own property but should read Fairfax County weapons code first. Virginia landowners can shoot game on their own property without first getting a hunting license as long as they comply with all other game regulations and local weapons laws. In Fairfax County, rifle hunters are required to get a special permit from the chief of police. No special permits are required for archers, but they are allowed to take only those shots where the arrow or bolt will land on property they have permission to hunt.

Asked if a better strategy would be to capture an entire herd and transport it elsewhere, Mr. Peters said this is illegal and very bad idea. No wild animal can be transported without a permit from the DGIF. Every area of Virginia is overpopulated by deer, this would spread disease but not solve overpopulation.

Asked about sterilization as a means of controlling burgeoning populations, Mr. Peters said this expensive (\$2,500 per animal) and time consuming process is not practicable. Another questioner asked about possible ecological damage caused by lead shot. Mr. Peters promised to find the answer.

Lessons learned:

- Do not need 100% landowner buy-in
- Need to do this on a landscape scale
- It's a long term proposition

- Should manage by damages, not by size of the deer population. Possible indicators of damages:
 - ◇ Deer activity
 - ◇ Browse index
 - ◇ Seedling/sapling survival
 - ◇ Indicator plants (e.g. hostas)
 - ◇ Ticks and rodents

Updates

- March 25, 7-9 pm, MV Government Center: Meeting with urban forester on cankerworm suppression. Please let Glenda Booth (Gbooth123@aol.com) know if you plan to attend.
- April 5: Potomac Watershed Cleanup, sponsored by Alice Ferguson Foundation (see <http://fergusonfoundation.org/trash-free-potomac-watershed-initiative/potomac-river-watershed-cleanup/>). Information about cleanup activities at Dyke Marsh and Little Hunting Creek will follow.
- 2014 Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Native Seedling Sale: Create a Bee-Friendly Landscape. This annual sale is the best deal in town. The Shrub and Small Tree Package features 10 seedlings (Winterberry, Buttonbush, Serviceberry, Indigobush, Elderberry) for \$16.95. The Tree Package includes 6 seedlings (Black Gum, Persimmon, American Plum) for \$11.95. Payment must accompany order by April 28. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm.
- Update on resolution to oppose expansion of Lorton construction debris landfill: After being passed at the joint committee meeting, the resolution came up for a vote at the General Council and was passed by a vote of 10 to 9. The next evening several E&R members testified at the Planning Commission hearing. The MVCCA was not represented. Committee members discussed lessons learned, including the need for brief resolutions and the need to follow up with CA presidents to explain resolutions and get them to attend the General Council meeting to vote.

Next meeting: 2 April, 7 p.m., room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Topic: Landscaping for Habitat.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, March 4, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met at the South County Center to prepare a Resolution for consideration of the MVCCA General Council on March 26: *Fairfax County Planning for Human Services, FY 2015 and Beyond*.

The following MVCCA members were represented and voting at the meeting: Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Newington Forest, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac IV, and Tauxemont.

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HHS Chair Louise Cleveland presented a Draft resolution—based on work of the HHS team that met Saturday, March 1, 9 AM to 2 PM, at the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Board Room—that circulated in advance to the Committee. She moderated discussion, amendments, and vote of approval for the resulting Resolution. Discussion led to strong consensus on key points and amended wording for specific sections: The vote of approval on the resulting Resolution was 7-0.

The Committee intends the Resolution to speak for itself clearly. Here are a few responses to questions that may arise, for the reader.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION is to provide the MVCCA General Council with an *opportunity for action*, on policy and planning as well as FY 2015 funding decisions, to (a) affirm concerns that guide its Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in its work throughout the year and (b) apply this work to MVCCA's review of the County Executive's proposal for a balanced revenue/expenditure Budget Plan for FY 2015 and beyond.

To find actions, follow verbs, especially in WHEREAS statements [#1-7], after "so that" [underscored]: MVCCA participates, finds, affirms, must urge the BOS to act, and so on.

Why does #6, the section that occupies half the length of the Resolution, merely "offer these comments on Initiatives that will benefit (and some that will not)"? This section is in fact a road map—for the MVCCA General Council as well as for those who choose to participate in the HHS Committee, for interested citizens, for concerned Supervisors—to locate the 'Focus Areas' and County 'Initiatives' that we must watch carefully in 2014, to see whether effective services (and the ways and means to advance shared goals) do become part of the County planning for FY 2016, which begins in the fall of this year.

Does this Resolution call for more Human Services Investments other than the ones the County Executive has included in the Advertised Plan? NO!—The HHS Committee sees no FY 2015 County revenue available to plan or pay for more, and none for important needs in schools and public safety.

Therefore, in Whereas #7, the Resolution returns to the dilemma raised when describing the County Executive's *Advertised Budget Plan* [#2]: How will the County fund the School Board's *Advertised Budget*, which requests a County Transfer to the schools of roughly \$60 million above what is available in the County's *Advertised Budget Plan*?

The HHS Committee is confident that MVCCA can support the School Board's request only if MVCCA will "urge the BOS to act speedily now to identify more new resources" and if MVCCA will urge, as in RESOLVED C, adoption this spring of a \$1.105 (per \$100 assessed value) residential property tax rate.

RESOLUTION FINDINGS are based on publicly presented reports, slide presentations, and other documentation available on the County web site, such as the *Advertised Budget Plan* documents ((dmb) and the Feb. 25 Human Services System presentations to the Human Services Council (/hscouncil), the Fairfax County Youth Survey, studies presented to meetings of the new Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT), and other informational resources with links in HHS Committee Reports during the past 16 months.

On the County site, in the summary of the December 2013 SCYPT meeting, is this acknowledgement of the MVCCA Resolution, *Re Investing in Successful Youth*, approved last November:

[Supervisor] Cathy Hudgins shared a resolution, passed by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, recommending County investment in programs and services resulting in successful children and youth. Supervisor Hudgins recommended the SCYPT consider the recommendations within the resolution, especially within the context of the Strive recommendations.

PUBLIC HUMAN SERVICES MEETINGS provide a way to ask questions, learn about policies and programs, and participate in the planning and decisions that impact life in this southeastern corner of Fairfax County.

Tuesday, April 1, MVCCA HHS Committee meets 7:30-9 PM, South County Center Room 221 A/B, with focus (t/b/d) that may include an update on Inova plans and operations of Mount Vernon Hospital and Lorton Healthplex.

Tuesday, April 8 – Thursday, April 10, Public Hearings on the *Fairfax County FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan* take place at the County Government Center, available on Cox Channel 16. Individual citizens may register on line with the BOS Clerk for 3 minutes of time to speak.

Tuesday, May 6, MVCCA HHS Committee meets 7:30-9 PM, SCC, to preview the NEXUS Conference.

Friday, May 9, NEXUS 2014 All-Day Conference: Access to Hope-Whole Child & Whole Health, 10 AM – 3 PM, Facilitating Health and Resiliency within Community, Family, and School, at FCPS Virginia Hills Center, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22310.

PLANNING & ZONING

The P&Z committee did not meet this month.

Next meeting: April 7, 2014, Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Auditorium, 7:30PM

Agenda: Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning: Tutorial on the Comprehensive Plan, Fairfax Forward and Land Use Applications

Office of Community Revitalization(tentative): Tutorial on the county's designated revitalization areas with a focus on Richmond Highway. All are welcome.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations' Public Safety Committee conducted its monthly meeting on March 6th, 2014 in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Meeting Room #3. The meeting began at 7:30 pm with Jim Davis (MVCCA Co-chair) and the following communities represented: Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, and Waynewood.

Guest speakers for the meeting were Assistant Fire Chief John Caussin of the Fire and Rescue Department and Captain Randy Joyce, Mount Vernon Station Commander for the Fairfax County Police Department. Also attending was Lt. Martin, Assistant Station Commander. Both Chief Caussin and Captain Joyce would be addressing the proposed county budget for fiscal year 2015 as well as the recently released five year staffing plan for public safety.

Assistant Chief Caussin provided the following items:

- Fire Station 42 (Wolftrap) was built as part of the 25-year capital improvements program which had been funded through previous bond referendums. The station was built during a period of low construction activity which saved the county money but there was not staffing available for the facility. Following a budget review, carry-over funds were made available to partially staff the station but the FY15 budget will fully staff the station.
- Emergency Medical Services transport fees have not been raised since the billing program was instituted. A survey of surrounding jurisdictions revealed that Fairfax County was well below the customary fees so an increase was deemed appropriate. The funds raised through the billing program go directly into the General County fund.
- Apparatus expenses have increased significantly in the past several years so an additional 1 million dollars has been designated to assist in maintaining the fleet over the next 4 years.
- A recent study of the surrounding jurisdiction found that uniformed personnel were behind other area departments for pay so a three percent increase is in the proposed budget.
- The five year staffing plan will start with Fiscal Year 2016 and additional positions are being included to prepare for the Tysons Corner urbanization as well as growth in the Route 28 corridor and Merrifield area.
- Fairfax County will be taking over the facilities at the Lorton Volunteer Fire Station and it is expected that a new station will be needed there in the next several years.

Questions for Chief Caussin included:

- The mutual aid response with Fort Belvoir's Fire Department and how these agreements benefit both the residents of the areas as well as the involved fire stations.

- Federal grant money has provided funding for 19 positions last year and will fund 12 positions in the coming year. The grant money funds these positions for 2-3 years and then the county will be expected to cover these expenses.
- Urban Area Security Initiative funds have provided a variety of equipment and materials for the fire departments in the National Capital Region. One item supplied has been a second complete set of turnout gear for operations personnel. The care, replacement and expense of this equipment will also soon be the county's responsibility.
- The intersection of Old Mill Road and Route 235 appears to be one that poses a hazard to responding fire apparatus and it was suggested that a traffic pre-emption be installed. These devices are located at various intersections on Richmond Highway and allow for a more rapid and safety response as the light changes to allow the response vehicles the green light. A process is in place where the fire department works with Fairfax County and Virginia Departments of Transportation to examine these issues and then determine if funding is available for the installation which averages about \$15,000 but then routine maintenance is required as well.

Captain Joyce provided the following information:

- Police officers have not received merit increases or longevity steps for a number of years. The lack of these pay increases have long term impact on the officer as it affects their retirement income.
- The Department of Human Resources conducted a pay study with seven jurisdictions in the National Capital Region but only looked at the rates for those positions in Police Pay Grade One and Two, and Captain. The survey report that P1 was at 95% so no change was recommended. For the Captain position, there is a great deal of inequity between position responsibilities for that rank in the different jurisdictions which were surveyed and while it was deemed that the current pay was in line, the job responsibilities far outweigh the others so the comparison was less than complete.
- It is believed that the failure to provide the pay increases which officers were told to expect when hired is having an impact on the ability to hire new officers as well as keep those who are already on the job. The example was given that officers who have 4 to 8 years of service with Fairfax County are now receiving, due to a lack of merit increases, about 22 percent less than what they had been told to expect.
- The current attrition rate is about 7 percent and overtime costs for the department are around 6 million dollars per year.
- The County Executive is looking at the possibility of having one pay scale for public safety employees. Currently, each agency has a separate pay scale. A comparison of firefighter and police officer pay rates was provided and currently, the fire personnel are at a higher pay rate. It is estimated to cost approximately 6.3 to 6.4 million dollars to bring the police to parity with fire not counting the 3 percent increase which fire is

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expecting to get. Only the top officers in the fire and police department are currently paid the same.

- The five year staffing plan for the police department will generate new positions in Animal Control, Internal Affairs, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Major Crimes and Operations Support Division. Specifics include:
 - ◇ 2 new Explosive Ordinance Device Technicians as this staff has not increased since the team was first formed in the 1980's but their mission has expanded broadly.
 - ◇ Animal Control will receive 2 officers the first year, a supervisor the second and 2 additional officers later. The workload has increased 14 percent in the past couple of years.
 - ◇ Internal Affairs will get an individual to address civil litigation as well as additional investigators.
 - ◇ Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) will get a Tactical Medic, and 2 additional SWAT personnel. Current best practices call for a 19 person team to conduct operations at a single-family dwelling but the County has 266 7-story plus high-rise structures with more to come so additional personnel are needed.
 - ◇ Computer Forensic Detectives have been swamped with requests for their services. In previous years, it might take 17 days for a detective to do the average investigation but now that devices have such large storage capacities, turn-around is now about 53 days so 3 new positions are planned over the next several years.
 - ◇ Major Crimes will be getting a civilian investigator for financial crimes.

The committee thanked the individuals for the presentations, their candid responses to questions from the group and for their continued service to the residents of Fairfax County.

Old Business:

- An individual is needed to fill the chair position for the Public Safety Committee.

New Business:

- No new business.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center in Community Meeting Room #3.

Submitted by Dean Sherick, Facilitator for the Public Safety Committee.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee March meeting was snowed out. However, a number of important public hearings were held or will be held in March.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

REDEVELOP, REVITALIZE AND REINVENT US Route 1 or the Richmond Highway corridor. Attend this meeting to ensure your concerns about the Route 1 corridor are heard. This study will determine the future of the Richmond Corridor.

US Route 1 Multimodal Study Public Hearing 6:00pm to 8:30pm at the South County Government Center (8350 Richmond Highway)

Project Update:

The project team has been busy this winter, working on several technical tasks to inform development of detailed multimodal alternatives. The team is developing rider forecasts, conducting traffic analysis, and developing land use scenerios. This is to be the subject of the March 26th public hearing.

Other public hearings concerning transportation issues in our area:

1) Sherwood Hall Lane Repavement Marking Project: At the March 12th meeting, the County explained that restriping when Sherwood Hall Lane is repaved could add on-road bike lanes to Sherwood Hall Lane to narrow the road. The meeting was well attended and FCDOT and VDOT thanked all those attending because they want to know what the citizens want for there roads.

2) The widening of US Route 1 through Fort Belovir (from Telegraph Road to Mulligan Road) will begin in April 2014. Construction will begin on the Telegraph Road end. At a March 20, 2014 meeting, the Eastern Federal Highway Division will present the timeline for construction of this project.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held April 7, 2014 in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School, beginning at 7:30pm.

SFDC

There are no meeting minutes this month.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON — STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANNING —

There are no meeting minutes this month.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

B&F-2014-01:

**MVCCA RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
FY 2015 BUDGET PLAN, AS ADVERTISED**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Executive has presented the FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan for Fairfax County and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has authorized an advertised tax rate of \$1.105/\$100 assessed valuation; and,
2. **WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and the taxpayers of Fairfax County continue to be adversely affected by under-funded mandates of the United States federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and,
3. **WHEREAS**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) recognizes that for the foreseeable future, Fairfax County will continue to face the challenge of increasing public needs as well as mandates for many public services, coupled with a continuing risk of falling revenues, so therefore it may be necessary to continue to have a reserve fund; and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA is in agreement that most of the programs and personnel retained by the FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan are essential and should be maintained; and,
5. **WHEREAS** the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation's (SFDC) annual budget is inadequate to promote effective economic development along the Route 1 corridor; and,
6. **WHEREAS** Fairfax County has established a new Transparency website which allows residents to search online for certain Fairfax County government expenditures and the MVCCA supports this effort to make the budget expenditures more transparent; and,
7. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA recognizes that commercial establishments including shopping malls, strip malls, rental housing and office complexes and industrial business contribute to stormwater to a greater extent than the average homeowner and the MVCCA recommends that Fairfax County pro-rate stormwater taxes based on the extent of stormwater runoff and pollution caused by individual commercial properties; and,
8. **WHEREAS**, Fairfax County has substantial investments in its libraries and it is a waste of this valuable resource to limit access to libraries by reducing hours that the libraries are open, particularly in view of the fact that library use has increased; and,
9. **WHEREAS**, Fairfax County has substantial investments in its parks and athletic fields and it is a waste of this valuable resource to fail to maintain parks and athletic fields and provide sufficient staffing; and,
10. **WHEREAS**, schools in the area represented by the MVCCA are among those most at risk and most heavily affected by the growth in population of students who require additional services and staffing, have benefited from increased resources as demonstrated by significant progress in achieving mandated benchmarks, and will require continued additional targeted resources if progress is to continue; and,
11. **WHEREAS**, the MVCCA supports the Transfer to Fairfax Public Schools proposed in the Fairfax County School Board's FY2015 Advertised Budget; and,
 - A. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt the \$1.105 residential real estate tax rate and to look at all available sources of revenue including, but not limited to, increases in proffers from real estate development, a meals tax referendum and increases in the BPOL tax rates to be more closely in line with surrounding jurisdictions for providing the additional funding necessary to fund essential public programs; and,
 - B. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MVCCA supports the Fairfax County School Board's County request in the Advertised Budget for transfer to the Fairfax County Public Schools and the MVCCA recommends the transfer increase should at least include the amount of funding requested in the accompanying MVCCA Education Committee Resolution; and,
 - C. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Fairfax County has failed to fully fund maintenance and staffing of libraries and parks and therefore should not undertake building additional structures which will require staffing and maintenance until the county can afford to fully fund its existing obligations; and,
 - D. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MVCCA again recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt a zoning ordinance to assess and impose transportation impact fees on any development needing a building permit, the collected impact fees to be used to pay all or part of the costs of reasonable road improvements, and that new transportation revenues collected from fuel taxes be used to alleviate congestion on the Route 1 corridor; and,
 - E. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MVCCA requests that funding in the amount of \$2,000,000 be transferred from the budget of the Economic Development Authority to SFDC; and,
 - F. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MVCCA urges that the transparency website will become more robust and provide easier and more detailed searching of county expenditures.

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- G. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that funding for libraries and parks be increased; and,
- H. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MVCCA supports prorating of stormwater taxes based on the extent of stormwater runoff and pollution caused by individual commercial properties; and,
- I. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MVCCA, in consideration of all of the above, urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in adopting a Budget for FY 2015 to include a tax rate of \$1.105 and revenue enhancements that take full advantage of the revenue sources available to the County as authorized by the Virginia General Assembly and thereby provide for County revenue sufficient to avert unacceptable loss of essential public services including environmental quality, libraries and schools, public safety, transportation, and the health and human services network.

END: RESOLUTION B&F-2014-01

EDUCATION

**EDUC-2014-02:
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF THE
FY2015 SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISED BUDGET**

- (1) **WHEREAS** on February 6, 2014, the Fairfax County School Board adopted its FY2015 Advertised Budget ("School Budget") which is a 2.4% overall increase from FY2014 but requires a transfer increase of about \$98M (5.7%) from Fairfax County ("County Transfer") for full funding; and
- (2) **WHEREAS** on February 26, 2014, the Fairfax County Executive presented the FY2015 Advertised Budget Plan ("Executive's Budget") which includes an increase in County Transfer for Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS") operating budget of about \$34M (2%), which would potentially underfund the School Budget by approximately \$64M ("Shortfall"); and
- (3) **WHEREAS** the Executive's Budget projects that the current tax rate (\$1.085) will generate an additional \$148M in gross revenue with \$132M available to allocate, but directs only about 25% (\$34M) to FCPS, the County's stated highest priority, with the remaining 75% (\$98M) directed to other County purposes, and well below FCPS' overall portion of FY2015 County revenues of 52% (\$68M) which if applied would more than close the Shortfall; and
- (4) **WHEREAS** failure to address the Shortfall and to fairly allocate increased County revenue would require new cuts, beyond even those in the School Budget, and in addition to hundreds of millions of dollars of cuts in FY2008-2014 which have already seriously impacted FCPS' ability to deliver the quality education expected by Fairfax County citizens and taxpayers, and may lead to dilution of the value of FCPS as the priority County asset; and
- (5) **WHEREAS** needed increases in the School Budget are driven by largely unavoidable costs including continued enrollment growth in 2015, increases in students requiring additional resources, Virginia Retirement System (VRS) mandates, and health insurance costs; and
- (6) **WHEREAS** the School Budget continues to make significant cuts of \$97M primarily through staff reduction (730 positions) and another class size increase; and
- (7) **WHEREAS** attracting and maintaining a quality, highly motivated and experienced teaching staff is critical to student success, and the School Budget therefore includes a step increase for teachers (\$41M) to begin to address the serious competitive salary disadvantage with surrounding jurisdictions created by several years of little or no salary increases, and to keep with salary adjustments in surrounding jurisdictions; and
- (8) **WHEREAS FCPS** continues to be efficient in its operations as is demonstrated by:
- (a) 2013 Virginia Department of Education Audit,
 - (b) Maintaining the lowest percentage of central administration in the metropolitan area
 - (c) Maintaining cost per pupil in the midrange of local jurisdictions (\$2000 less per student than Montgomery County, \$5400 less than Arlington)
- (9) **WHEREAS** taxpayers have consistently recognized both the importance of a quality school system and the necessity to provide adequate funding including through tax rate adjustment, and the Board of Supervisors ("BOS") has also consistently recognized FCPS as its first priority; and
- (10) **WHEREAS** on March 4, 2014, the ("BOS") advertised a maximum residential real estate property tax rate of \$1.105 which, if adopted, would add about \$44Million to F2015 revenues (\$22M per penny) and further increase available funds for FCPS and other important County services; and
- (A) **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to adopt a FY2015 budget which properly allocates increased County revenue and fully funds the School Board FY2015 Advertised Budget, and to increase the residential real estate tax to the maximum allowable rate to preserve and maintain the quality of Fairfax County Public Schools and other important County assets and services.

END: RESOLUTION EDUC-2014-02

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HHS-2014-02: FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING FOR HUMAN SERVICES, FY 2015 AND BEYOND

1. WHEREAS [Vision] The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) participates annually in public review of the proposed Fairfax County budget plan for the next fiscal year and beyond, to assure that an adopted plan will sustain public services that are essential to well-being and quality of life for all who live and work in Fairfax County—including services in education, safety, environmental quality, transportation planning, and an effective leadership role within the public and private network of health and human services.

2. WHEREAS [Fiscal Balance, Sustainability] the MVCCA finds that the *Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2015 Advertised Budget Plan (FY15 Plan)*, as presented by the County Executive to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on Feb. 25, 2014, (a) provides a balance of projected revenue with projected expenses as required by state law, (b) plans a multi-year budget for FY 2015-2016 that stimulates better awareness of long-range fiscal issues (c) fulfills budget guidance in effect in fall 2013 to maintain the current residential property tax rate of \$1.085, and (d) moves the County several steps forward—away from the past trajectory of recurring structural deficits that deferred necessary maintenance and investment in BOS-adopted Initiatives and priorities and forced across-the-board percentage reductions and elimination of programs in all planned service work areas; yet the *FY15 Plan* does not provide a Transfer great enough to fund the School Board's *FY 2015 Advertised Budget* for the Fairfax County Public Schools and also reduces certain fiscal reserves intended to strengthen BOS capacity to respond to and manage effectively many contingencies arising mid-cycle; so that the *FY15 Plan* now frames, for public review, immanent choices in how to sustain high priority essential 'core' services and reveals an inconvenient truth that—in our era of change—such services must plan and work with each other, in order to work well.

3. WHEREAS [County Human Services Role] the citizens participating in the MVCCA affirm that Fairfax County must continue to play a leadership role in evolving and sustaining a strong public and private network of health and human services, available countywide and accessible for all persons when and where most needed; so that a) *the County's Human Services System*—when appropriately resourced—will plan and work, day and night, in cooperation with key public and private entities that form the fabric of the "safety net" available to people in Mount Vernon District, the Richmond Highway Corridor, and countywide (or even in some instances regionally); b) *the County's Human Services agencies* will continue to identify trends, seek causes of emergent community crises, and respond through carefully targeted, evidence-based cost-effective programs

and services that are seldom one-size-fits-all: effective, scaleable, locally delivered services needed in the countywide continuum of services for prevention, early intervention, and access to appropriate levels of treatment/care/tools for recovery and progress toward positive self-sustaining living; and

(c) *the County's BOS-adopted strategic Initiatives*—especially those designed with broad citizen engagement, participation of many 'stakeholders' in numerous advisory bodies, and review of independently reported findings and recommendations—will be resourced, year by year, for implementation steps and measurable progress toward agreed goals.

4. WHEREAS [Human Services Goals] the County's Human Services System has reorganized and planned its priority Work Areas, since the start of FY 2013, around cross-cutting strategic 'Focus Areas,' and these goals ('Results Areas' for RBA use) are now widely shared concerns that stimulate increased collaboration among many potential public and private agency partners, including nonprofit community organizations (NCOs) such as United Community Ministries (UCM) that are based in the Richmond Highway Corridor; so that "FY 2014/2015/2016 Trends & Work Priorities Affecting the Human Services System" are now summarized under seven Focus Areas—for public consideration of FY 2015 resourcing needed to make progress toward achieving these goals—and are presented to the countywide citizen advisory Human Services Council (Feb. 25, 2014), as posted on their page of the County web site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil.

5. WHEREAS [MVCCA Findings, on Human Services Investments] MVCCA's standing Committee for Health and Human Services held a series of open monthly meetings on these cross-cutting concerns, inviting informed panelists to contribute to public discussions, starting in September 2012 and continuing through February 2014 (as recorded in monthly reports published on the MVCCA web site); and now the MVCCA is able to review the County Executive's decisions to include in the *FY15 Plan* certain increases (above flat FY 2014 levels) in human services agency funding and staffing as 'Investments' required to sustain and connect otherwise fragmented activities that support BOS-adopted Initiatives; so that the MVCCA finds that all these Investments are justified and much needed, to maintain core services that advance priority goals.

6. WHEREAS [MVCCA Comments, on Strategic Initiatives] the MVCCA affirms that Investments included in the *FY15 Plan* will direct resources toward seven Human Services 'Focus Areas' and strengthen some ongoing programs and strategic Initiatives that support these goals; yet the MVCCA also observes that significant unmet needs will not be addressed in FY 2015; so that the MVCCA offers these comments on Initiatives that will benefit (and some that will not):

- **Sustainable Housing (\$813,920)** funding enables four agencies to operate services in new units during FY 2015, matching housing with supportive services, and it implements

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a pilot program that will integrate employment services into Bridging Affordability; meanwhile, both federal and County contributions to Housing Blueprint goals are declining, to the point that no vouchers are available for new applicants and no funds are in sight for new units for those with severe disabilities, despite increasing need.

- **Healthy People (\$1,139,973)** funding strengthens two places in the health services continuum where reports cite critical needs and gaps, Domestic and Sexual Violence Services and Behavioral Health Services for Youth, both recommended for FY 2015 investment by the County's Partnership Initiative, the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT); in recognition that caseloads at the Domestic Violence Action Center more than doubled from FY 2012 to FY 2013, funding will sustain DAVC services upon expiration of a grant; yet other important Initiatives—such as extending cost-effective primary and preventive services to more of those eligible through the Community Health Care Network and expanding County capacity for mobile crisis response—did not receive increased funding; meanwhile, wait lists grow, and the County has little or no FY 2015 plan for a fiscal reserve to provide flexibility and management capacity for unforeseen events.
- **Successful Youth and Children (\$1,315,580)** funds will expand two vital programs, for School Readiness and Kinship Care for better child placement, and will replace expired grant funds for two model programs for youth in contact with the juvenile justice system (proven successful in preventing violence and reducing recidivism); but the large gap in current funding for children eligible for Head Start remains—and the wait list for children from Mount Vernon/Lee pyramids is a growing disgrace; furthermore, the State/County program to expand access to affordable quality child care and early education for working families, via sliding-scale fees, has a long and growing wait list, remains under-funded, and eligibility for County residents is diminished by changing State regulations.
- **Positive Living for Older Adults and People with Disabilities (\$1,300,000)** funding sustains some access, for one year, to day support and employment programs for new graduates with intellectual disabilities transitioning to adult services, but this important service is just the tip of the ice berg of unfunded service needs for adults with severe disabilities, and this funding will not accommodate those who may leave State-run Training Centers, as part of the Virginia/DOJ Settlement; meanwhile, revision of the *Fifty+* planning Initiative for older adults is postponed to FY 2016.
- **Economic Self-Sufficiency / Financial Security (\$1,472,612)** funding will provide staff in the Dept. of Family Services, needed to address public assistance case loads that have increased, during the long recession, by 60%; this item is 'budget-neutral' because services that connect people to workforce development opportunities will qualify for non-County reimbursement.

- **Connected Communities (\$1,542,678)** funding supports staffing for transportation, congregate meals, and more for the new Providence Community Center and FASTRAN services for adult day health care Medicare/Medicaid clients elsewhere.
- **Infrastructure Support (\$7,268,653), plus CCFP (\$743,388)** includes several necessary kinds: five information technology initiatives (\$4.512 million), required facility feasibility studies (\$630,000), and negotiated contract rate increases (\$2.127 million), totaling \$7.269 million, plus an increase of 7.5% (\$743,388) to the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), the fund that awards competitive grants to nonprofit community organizations that leverage large private contributions, cash and in-kind, to run programs that address County priority needs. Some CCFP funds, such as those from a federal Community Development Block Grant, will be directed to supportive services matched under the Housing Blueprint to the *Sustainable Housing* goal as described above.

7. WHEREAS the MVCCA understands the seven Human Services Focus Areas to be closely linked to the work of the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and Public Safety, which have even greater resourcing requirements, in dollars, to maintain essential core services in FY 2015 and beyond; MVCCA recognizes that the path to sustaining the quality of life and quality of needed services does not lie in more across-the-board cuts or in more competition among agencies with shared goals for a larger slice out of the FY 2015 budget pie; it will require more revenue to go in, from more diversified sources: so that MVCCA must urge the BOS to act speedily now to identify and add new resources—even before the BOS acts on April 29, 2014, to approve a balanced budget plan for the County Fiscal Year 2015 to commence July 1, 2014.

A. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) recommends that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approve each and all of the Human Services Investments, as proposed and included in the balanced *Fairfax County FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan*.

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA urges that the Board of Supervisors continue their commitment to support the Bridging Affordability Program as proposed and funded through the FY 2015 Housing Blueprint, to make housing available to those at the lowest income levels.

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA urges that the Board of Supervisors act speedily to increase and diversify the sources of County revenue by all means available to the County, including adoption of a \$1.105 residential property tax rate and all other means recommended by the MVCCA Education Committee, Budget & Finance Committee, and General Council, especially a Meals Tax.

D. FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA recommends that the County estimate and acknowledge the full extent of risks,

beyond direct County control, of fiscal and other contingencies and that the County build a contingency plan that will protect the County's fiscal flexibility and managerial capacity to respond mid-cycle, for example, to natural disasters and/or loss of federal and other non-County funds in critical service areas.

END: RESOLUTION HHS-2014-02

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, March 26th, 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
- Special election for vacant Executive Committee positions

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—April 10, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	4/2	7:30	WWMS/Cafeteria	Voorhees
COAF	4/1	7:30	Teleconference	Cox
EDU	4/2	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
E&R	4/2	7:00	MVGC	Martin
HHS	4/1	7:30	SCC/Rm. 221-A/B	Cleveland
PL/Z	4/7	7:30	WWMS/Lecture	Pohorylo
PS	4/3	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	Sherick
TRAN	4/7	7:30	WWMS/Library	Voorhees

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Bruce Leonard

and

2014 Mount Vernon District Organization of the Year

Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

and

2014 Mount Vernon District Students of the Year

Sarah Valencia, Mount Vernon High School

Shea Ruffin, West Potomac High School

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

\$55 per person

Saturday, April 26, 2014

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fort Belvoir Golf Club

RSVP by April 19, 2014 to P.O. Box 203, Mount Vernon, VA 22121

Confirmation email will contain directions to the Golf Club

For further information, contact Carol Coyle (carolcoyle@cox.net or 703-780-7955) or

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Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations

2014 MVCCA Gala Reservation Form

April 26, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

Fort Belvoir Golf Club

Names of attendee(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Civic Association or affiliation: _____

Check here if you're a Civic/HOA/Community President

Number of attendees @ \$55: _____ Amount \$ _____

Check here if you require a special (vegetarian) meal Number of special meals

Contribution to support MVCCA: Please list me as a:

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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MVCCA ANNOUNCES 2014 AWARD WINNERS

MOUNT VERNON, VA, MARCH 17, 2014: The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2014 Citizen of the Year, Organization of the Year and Student of the Year awards.

Citizen of the Year: *Bruce Leonard* has given much to his community, MVCCA and the Mount Vernon District. He ensured that MVCCA was successful in changing the Comprehensive Plan language which put the Mount Vernon District on a path to revitalization that would bring quality economic, cultural and community development to our area. As a member of the MVCCA's Listing Tours he helped educate our Mount Vernon citizens on the value of economic development.

Organization of the Year: *Psi Alpha Alpha (PAA) Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.* The Psi Alpha Alpha Chapter (PAA) of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. has been an asset to the Mount Vernon and Fairfax County communities since its inception in 1980. PAA's stated purpose is to attract and build a strong, effective team of men dedicated to assisting efforts while improving the Mount Vernon and Fairfax County communities. Through execution of the Fraternity's Cardinal Principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift, the PAA makes its improvements to the Mt. Vernon District, as well as Fairfax County.

Students of the Year: *Sarah Valencia* (Mount Vernon High School) and *Shea Ruffin* (West Potomac High School). Both students have strived to make life better in their school and neighborhood communities.

Sarah Valencia started volunteering at her elementary school library. She continued volunteering as a daycare teacher's assistant. Sarah has given over 100 hours to a local child care center. Sarah will be the first in her family to attend a four-year university.

Shea Ruffin combines her passion for food and service, assisting in preparing and serving meals in a most dignified manner at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Her Girl Scout Gold Award project achieved renovating the walkway at Darsey Field, home of the Fort Hunt Little League teams. Her team of volunteers removed and renovated an outdated

walkway to build a new wheel chair accessible passage.

All of these outstanding awardees will be recognized at the MVCCA Gala being held on April 26th at the Fort Belvoir Golf Club from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person. An electronic reservation invitation and reservation form may be downloaded from the MVCCA website: www.mvcca.org. Hardcopy invitations and reservation forms will be available at Supervisor Gerry Hyland's office. For more detailed information or questions, contact Carol Coyle at carolcoyle@cox.net or 703-780-7955 or Queenie Cox at queenecox@aol.com or 703-360-2414.