



Mount Vernon  
Council  
of Citizens'  
Associations

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## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

At our April Council meeting:  
Michael Bohn, local historian and area resident, will give a brief program on Mount Vernon history with descriptions, and anecdotes about the old days in our area, which should prove interesting both to "new" residents and to those of us who may "remember when.." Bohn has written a book, Mount Vernon Memories, and has been a frequent contributor to the Mount Vernon Gazette.

## APRIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Co-chairs will present nominations for ratification and/or election by the General Council at the April meeting and will accept nominations from the floor for elected positions and suggestions for Co-chair nominated positions. All nominations are to fill the unexpired 2014 terms unless otherwise stated. Nominees are as follows

### Appointments for ratification:

Representative to the Southeast Fairfax Development Council: Ellen Young (June 2014-July 2015)  
Representative to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations: Katherine Ward  
Chair, Environment & Recreation Committee: Cathy Ledec

### Officers for election:

Secretary: Elizabeth Martin  
Treasurer: Stephen M. Markman

### Remaining vacancies:

Co-chair  
Chair, Education Committee  
Chair, Public Safety Committee

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE** to sign up for the **Gala**, April 26, 2014!

Support MVCCA, show appreciation for our honorees, and socialize with friends, the Board, and guests. Invitations have been sent by email and are on the website [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org) . Or, sign up at the Council meeting!

## MVCCA BOARD

Co-Chairs	Ron Fitzsimmons ..... 703-360-3822
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	<i>vacant</i> .....
Secretary	Elizabeth Martin (pending) .....
Treasurer	Stephen Markman (pending) .....
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# Council Minutes

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## MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2014 8:00 p.m.

Walt Whitman Middle School Lecture Hall

**PRESIDING:** Co-chair Ron Fitzsimmons

**ATTENDING:** Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Judy Harbeck, Betsy Martin, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees. Representatives from Belle View Condos, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Glenn, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac, Wellington, Wellington Heights, and Westgrove.

**MINUTES** of 2/26 meeting were approved by unanimous consent with the following correction:

**EDUC-2014-01:** RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MEALS TAX IN FAIRFAX COUNTY passed 19-2.

**HHS-2014-01:** RE COUNTYWIDE POLICY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTRIBUTIONS was tabled, 18-1.

**P&Z-2014-01:** LAUREL HILL ADAPTIVE REUSE REZONING (RX/FDP 2012-MV-2008) passed, 20-0.

Substitute Resolution supporting ESI Landfill SEA-2 introduced by Hollin Hall Village failed, 10-10.

**J-2014-01:** JOINT RESOLUTION ON SPECIAL EXCEPTION AMENDMENT TO EXTEND AND EXPAND LORTON CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS LANDFILL AND BUILD LORTON GREEN ENERGY PARK passed, as amended, 10-9. (Whereas 10, noting the problem of truck traffic and debris, was added.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT** was received.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Details of meetings and dates of next meetings are in the Record for Budget and Finance, Education, Consumer Affairs (no meeting), Environment and Recreation, Health and Human Services, Planning and Zoning (no meeting), Public Safety, and Transportation Committees.

**CO-CHAIR'S REPORT:** Co-chair Jim Davis resigned.

- On May 21, a 7 pm debate including candidates for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat will be held in the Whitman auditorium, sponsored by MVCCA and the Chamber of Commerce.
- On April 12, 4-6 pm, a forum for Democratic primary candidates will be held in the Mount Vernon High School Little Theatre, sponsored by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.
- The Board has established a committee (chair Judy Harbeck) to review the MVCCA by-laws.
- The Gala is Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> at Fort Belvoir Golf Club.

- Winners of Student of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Organization of the Year were selected by the co-chairs. A member noted that the press release does not make it clear what the selected organization actually does.

## RESOLUTIONS:

**B&F-2014-01:** MVCCA RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FY 2015 BUDGET PLAN, AS ADVERTISED passed as amended 13-1. (Whereas E was struck and replaced by a request that SFDC funding be restored to the pre-2009 level of \$243,000.)

**EDUC-2014-02:** RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF THE FY2015 SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISED BUDGET passed 14-0.

**HHS-2014-02:** FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING FOR HUMAN SERVICES, FY 2015 AND BEYOND passed 14-0.

Without objection, the General Council ratified the appointment of Committee Chairs for Budget and Finance (David Voorhees), Consumer Affairs (Queenie Cox), Education (Judy Harbeck), Environment and Recreation (Betsy Martin), Health and Human Services (Louise Cleveland), Planning and Zoning (Karen Pohorylo), Public Safety- Vacant Chair position (facilitator is Dean Sherick), Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (Karen Pohorylo), and Transportation (Catherine Voorhees).

The General Council elected Judy Harbeck to fill the remainder of the vacant co-chair term (14 in favor, 0 opposed) and elected Brenda Hebert to fill the remainder of the vacant Treasurer term (13 in favor, 1 opposed). There were no nominations from the floor to fill the vacant Secretary position.

## MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME:

Wellington Heights seeks fellow citizens' associations along Fort Hunt Road to join with it in finding and inviting a distributed antennae system company to install DAS and improve cell phone coverage.

Villa May and Wellington Heights seek volunteers to work on removing ivy in McCutcheon Park from 10 am to noon Saturday, March 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

— Minutes submitted by Betsy Martin.

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# Committee Reports

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## Committee Reports

### BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 7:30 pm  
Sherwood Hall Lecture Hall

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic, Wellington Civic, Stratford Landing, Williamsburg Manor.

The committee reviewed the Fairfax County \$407 million Health and Welfare portion of the 2015 Advertised Budget and discussed having a knowledgeable speaker on the topic at the next meeting if one is available to answer questions.

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

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs held a teleconference on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. It was the first of our Live & Shop Locally. Because we did not have a quorum, there are no minutes but rather a report about the presentation.

Casey Arnold, owner of Arnold Home Inspections provided a very informative presentation about what is a home inspection and what it includes. The inspection usually starts in the basement and work its way up and finish with the outside. A report is generally issued that night or the next morning after the inspection. Arnold Home Inspections is a member of the American Society of Home Inspections.

Casey explained the types of inspections: a) standard-- for buyers; b) pre-offer—before contracts are accepted; c) sellers—to avoid last minute problems; d) final—for new homes; e) drywall; f) 11-month—an inspection before the 12-month warranty expires; and g) radon test—a 48-hour test.

The report is a narrative with photos and includes an action section that outlines responsibility and a summary. The report is written in normal everyday language. A home inspection does not provide any guarantee, warranty or insurance.

Question: What is a home inspection?

Response: A thorough objective visual examination of the structure from top to bottom.

Question: Can a homeowner do an inspection themselves?

Response: No. There is a need to have an objective opinion from a professional. However, the homeowner should and is encouraged to accompany the inspector during the inspection and be involved with the inspection. As a homeowner, you're encouraged to ask lots of questions.

Question: Why have a home inspection?

Response: To learn about the home in order to make decisions with confidence. There should be a contingency clause for a home inspection should be in the contract.

Question: When to call for a home inspection?

Response: After a contract is ratified.

Question: How do you locate a reputable home inspector?

Response: Virginia does not require a license for a home inspector. So, you should check membership in organization and state certifications; check references and their continuing education accomplishments.

Question: How much does a home inspection cost?

Response: Cost varies. It's based on several factors to include the size, age and price of the home. Older homes take longer and more time to evaluate. Homes with multiple roofs or have an attic or craw space also takes longer to inspect.

Next meeting: There will not be a meeting during May. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>; Topic: How consumers are charged taxes on the retail price of certain items rather than what the consumer actually pays.

### EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8pm on April 3, 2014, in the library at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included Collingwood on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Sulgrave Manor, Engleside, and Newington Forest. Co-chair Judy Harbeck also attended and acted as Chair.

The Committee discussed the status of its resolution on the school transfer portion of the County budget. The Council adopted the resolution by a near unanimous vote, including the tax rate increase request. The Chair also noted that full funding for schools seems to be gathering support, including from the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations which did pass a resolution asking for a substantial increase in funding over the County Executive's Advertised Budget. Members were urged to make their views known to the Board of Supervisors through e-mail or testimony at the public budget hearings.

In planning ahead for future meetings, the Committee asked the Chair to try to arrange a presentation by FCPS staff on the issue of teacher turnover across FCPS and particularly in Mount Vernon.

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It was also discussed that members might be interested in exploring the issues around the development of “executive function” in students, which is an important skill relating to time management, prioritization of tasks, estimation of time needed to complete, management of papers and schedules.

Members also briefly discussed the need for a new Chair and changes in the Council management.

Next meeting: 8pm, May 7, 2014, Whitman MS library

### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met 2 April 2014, at 7 p.m. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Belle View Condos, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Fair Haven, Montebello, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, and Westgrove.

**Gardening for Wildlife: Audubon at Home/Wildlife Sanctuary program.** Betsy Martin (Fairfax County program coordinator) reported on the Audubon at Home program, developed by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and co-sponsored by Virginia Native Plant Society, Virginia Master Naturalists, Fairfax Chapter, and Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Master Gardeners. Its purpose is to encourage homeowners, schools, churches, etc. to create healthy habitat on their own properties by planting native plants, removing exotic invasive plants, reducing use of fertilizer and pesticide, and conserving and protecting water quality. Thirty species of beneficial wildlife (mostly birds) are identified as “Sanctuary Species.” Except one, all breed in our area, and all can be helped by improving habitat on a small scale, such as a suburban back yard. A homeowner can request a free consultation with an Audubon at Home Ambassador, who will visit the property to advise on selecting native plants and improving habitat. After a homeowner has observed 10 sanctuary species using the property, it can be certified as a Wildlife Sanctuary. For useful information and the application for certification, see “Audubon at Home” on [www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org).

**Threat to Fairfax County Park Authority budget.** Cathy Ledec briefed the committee on proposed cuts to staff at Riverbend Nature Center, closing of the facility, and other drastic cuts, continuing a long-term decline in funding of the county’s parks.

**Changes in E&R meeting times.** In deference to members with young kids and early commutes, the committee will keep its meetings to an hour and 15 minutes (give or take). Members also discussed the pros and cons of starting the meeting earlier or later; the chair agreed to poll all committee members to determine the preferred start time.

### Updates

- **May 16: Weed Warrior Training—free!** Help the National Park Service beat back the invasive plants taking over Dyke Marsh and the George Washington Memorial Parkway. 9:30am-12:30p.m. Classroom session, Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parker’s Lane, Alexandria, VA, 22306 12:30pm-1:30 p.m lunch. Please bring a sack lunch. 1:30p.m.-3:00pm, Field study session, Dyke Marsh, Haul Road Trail. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Participants must attend both sessions to be certified as Weed Warriors. Tools will be issued at no cost to those who complete the class. All tools and learning materials will be provided. Bring a lunch, water, and wear work clothes for field study classes. Sign up by calling Erik Oberg, 703-289-2542, or email [erik\\_oberg@nps.gov](mailto:erik_oberg@nps.gov), by Wednesday May 1, 2014.

Next meeting: 7 May, time TBA, room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Topic: “Landscape for Life: Creating Sustainable Gardens and Communities,” by Alexandra Torres, Environmental Education Specialist for the U.S. Botanic Garden—National Fund.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, April 1, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee met to receive reports and to identify concerns that have particular impact in our southeastern area of the County and that will require focused attention in the months ahead.

The following MVCCA members were represented at the meeting: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Stratford on Potomac IV, Stratford Landing, and Wessynton. In addition, two interested citizens from another neighborhood participated in our discussion of issues that in “FY15 ... AND BEYOND” may be of particular concern in all communities in Mount Vernon and Lee, near the Richmond Highway corridor.

Committee choices for monthly focus are guided by principles, findings and concerns expressed in our annual review of the *Fairfax County Advertised Budget Plan*, which was approved unanimously (as published in the *March RECORD*) by the March 26 meeting of the MVCCA General Council: *MVCCA Resolution HHS-2014-02: FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING FOR HUMAN SERVICES, FY 2015 AND BEYOND*.

The March Council meeting also provided strong support for resolutions from the Committees for Education and for Budget & Finance that urged the Board of Supervisors to act, this year, to increase and diversify the sources of County revenues, in order to sustain all essential public services in 2015 and beyond. All three resolutions urge adoption of the full Advertised Residential Property Tax Rate of \$1.105/\$100 valuation and point to additional steps to increase and diversify the County’s sources of revenue.

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The HHS Committee received reports on

- (March 22) a **Town Hall Meeting** (at MV Gov Center) with Virginia Secretary for Health Bill Hazel, on “Closing the Coverage Gap” for uninsured Virginians;
- ((March 27) **Opening at the Gartlan Center** for Community Mental Health, of integrated health care through a CSB partnership with Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. to add primary health care;
- (April 1) the **Fairfax County Advisory Committee on Affordable Housing Meeting** (Fx Co Gov Center) on current efforts to fund the County’s Housing Blueprint (below, see HOUSING BLUEPRINT).

The Committee also received **an announcement/invitation for the upcoming NEXUS 2014 All-Day Conference on Friday, May 9**, to share with all members of the community who are interested in healthy brain development in children and youth—professionals, parents, and public alike. This free event—10:00 AM start /Lunch/ 3:30 PM ending—features outstanding presenters from an array of resources, including the National Institute for Mental Health. The theme is “Access to Hope: Whole Child & Whole Health.” For information, agenda, and free registration for this event, held nearby—at the FCPS Virginia Hills Center, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria 222310—contact Coordinator Lainge Bailey, [laingebailey@earthlink.net](mailto:laingebailey@earthlink.net), phone 703-66-2327.

Finally, the Committee drafted a letter requesting Supervisor Hyland to report to the MVCCA General Council on the status of the alternative proposals for redevelopment of North Hill now under County staff review—first, as to how the proposals under study address the criteria for development that MVCCA expressed in its letter of June 12, 2012 (published in the June 2012 *Record*, p. 15), and second, when we may expect a public opportunity for review of alternative proposals to begin. The Committee voted 4-0-1 (Wessynton abstaining) to submit the draft letter to the MVCCA Board for their approval/action.

## HOUSING BLUEPRINT

John Jeszenszky summarized briefings at the April 1, 2014 meeting of the Fairfax County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

- **Bridging Affordability** – For BA 1, the contract award totaled \$5,349,173 of which about 90% is committed. A second contract award of \$7,497,489 has about 20% of the funds committed at this point. Of the households served, the average monthly income was \$22,497 (about 20% AMI), with an average monthly subsidy of \$996. A total of 281 households were served to date. About 67% of households have transitioned to permanent housing. This one-time funding may be expected to serve, for FY 2015, approximately 85 households.
- **FY 2015 Housing Blueprint** – A request of \$5 million is to be considered by the BOS as part of FY 2015 Budget. Considerable challenges remain: 12% of the Blueprint’s targeted housing opportunities rely on federal funds. Sequestration

continues to impact, although leasing is anticipated to begin again in FY 2015, with Federal funds expected to be slightly higher than FY 2014 levels.

- **Residential Studio Units** – A revised draft was made available for a Planning Commission Meeting on March 26. Problems remain with requirements for parking and concerns with overcrowding.
- **3-2-1 Proposal** – At the Feb. 25 BOS meeting, a decision was made to defer consideration of the proposal until properties at Tysons Corner come on line, then reevaluate on basis of experience.

Release of the RHA workplan for FY 2015, based on Blueprint goals, is reported—with links to key documents—in the April 2 edition of the *e-affordable* newsletter. See “**FCRHA Adopts FY 2015 Strategic Plan – Action Plan** / Housing Authority Annual Work Plan Guides Efforts in Priority Strategic Areas”: <http://www.affordable.org>

## HHS ISSUES, FY15 AND BEYOND

Focusing on issues that need attention beyond the current fiscal year may seem premature to those unfamiliar with the County Executive’s budget planning schedule: County agency work plans for FY 2016 will be submitted for his review this fall, September – December 2014, when FY 2015 (starting July 1, 2014) has barely begun and accounting for FY14 actual expenditures is barely completed.

In the small but well-informed group that met in April, the Committee began the process of identifying issues that deserve a closer look in coming months, some of which require renewed and sustained County commitments to long-term strategic planning initiatives and nearly all of which call for extensive cooperation among public and private interests and resources.

We hope to contact each of the 2014 representatives named to the MVCCA HHS Committee (now 19) to learn more about the concerns that are important to people in their communities and explore how the representatives may be available to assist in planning a monthly meeting as a forum, open to public participation, for information, discussion and potential actions recommended for Council consideration.

As always, the HHS Committee welcomes comments and suggestions, which may be e-mailed to the Chair. Those interested in human services issues, not only during the current budget planning public review but throughout the year, will find valuable information on the County web site. Search, for example:

- *Human Services Council*, which has posted informative presentations by the Human Services System. (See especially *Trends and Work Priorities for FY 2014, FY 2015 and FY 2016*.) The HSC’s March 2014 Letter to the BOS provides a thoughtful overview of ongoing concerns.

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- *Community Services Board*, which provides *CSB News* updates and links information on such matters as the impact of the Virginia-U.S. DOJ settlement, for people with disabilities, in this County.
- Demographic Data, see Reports and Infographics. The HHS Committee has expressed interest in a closer look at data for Human Services Region I in particular, in future meetings: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/about/data/>

*Mount Vernon Gazette*, April 3 issue (page 8,16), has published a long open letter to the Board of Supervisors, from the "Alexandria Budget Advocacy Coalition for Housing and Human Services" (signed by representatives of more than two dozen private and nonprofit provider organizations active in our area). The letter is compatible with the MVCCA Resolution on human services planning, on matters of goals and support for the modest investments included in the FY15 Advertised Plan, and it concludes that we are at "a tipping point" where further reductions will have dire consequences and "we must come together as a community to discuss a long-term strategy for funding and maintaining adequate, annual investments in housing and human services in future budgets."

The HHS Committee takes inspiration from the fact that the MVCCA, on March 26, has broadened this concern for adequate 'investments' to *all* of our essential public services.

### **NEXT HHS MEETING: APRIL 30**

The Chair requests that MVCCA HHS Committee representatives, as well as other citizens interested in delivery of human services in our area, make a special effort to participate in the next quarterly meeting of the South County Task Force for Human Services. **This afternoon meeting will substitute for our May HHS Committee meeting:**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1-3 PM, the South County Task Force for Human Services will meet at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Room 221 A/B.**

**Convener Anne Andrews** ([anneandrews494@gmail.com](mailto:anneandrews494@gmail.com)) invites all those interested in human services issues involving the Route One Corridor: "Please join Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, and Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive for Human Services, for this meeting which is scheduled for the day after the formal Adoption of the FY 2015 Budget for Fairfax County by the Board of Supervisors. The three principal topics are budget update, legislative update, and housing update. We will also have a regular report from Donald Brideau, M.D., Interim CEO of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital."

**On May 9**, HHS Committee members who are able to participate in the NEXUS 2014 All-Day Conference (announced above) plan to do so.

**On Tuesday June 3**, the HHS Committee will resume our normal pattern of monthly meetings on the first Tuesday evening, 7:30 PM-9:30 PM, at South County Center, Room 221 A/B.

On the MVCCA public site, <http://www.mvcca.org>, the HHS Committee Page and MVCCA Affordable and Workforce Housing Page provide links to information.

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## PLANNING & ZONING

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**Representatives Present:** Riverside Estates, Collingwood on the Potomac, Potomac Valley/River Bend, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall, Wessynton, Hollin Hills, Wellington

**Guests:** Earl Flanagan; Mt.Vernon Planning Commissioner, Marianne Gardner; Director Planning Division DPZ, Regina Coyle; Assistant Director Zoning Evaluation Division DPZ

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM.

The committee saw two presentations of a series aimed to educate the committee on Planning & Zoning in relation to the Mt.Vernon District, with the emphasis on the Richmond Highway Corridor. The committee chair will be working with the Department of Planning & Zoning, (DPZ) and the Office of Community Revitalization, (OCR), to update the MVCCA P&Z webpage to include useful links, videos, and contact information from DPZ and OCR.

### **Presentation, Marianne Gardner**

The focus was on the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan and Fairfax Forward. The PowerPoint presentation, Planning 101, can be found on the P&Z webpage under the April meeting. Anyone may contact the planner of the day at: 703.324.1380, for information on specific land parcels of interest or questions regarding land use.

### **Presentation, Regina Coyle**

The focus was on land use applications, (i.e. SE, SEA, PCA), and land use terms, (i.e. by-right). The PowerPoint presentation, MVCCA Zoning Presentation, can be found on the P&Z webpage under the April meeting. The link to finding your zoning district is: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/myzoningdistrict.htm>

If you have any questions regarding the DPZ website, and/or would like to schedule a walk-through of the site, before the information goes up on the MVCCA P&Z webpage, you may contact Marianne Gardner at: [marianne.gardner@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:marianne.gardner@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Regina Coyle at: [Regina.Coyle@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Regina.Coyle@fairfaxcounty.gov)

The committee would like to come up with a process to monitor current development conditions and applications of interest. A checklist for future developers coming through the MVCCA will be developed. Fully understanding by-right development, and which

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parcels of land on Richmond Highway would be considered by-right is another goal.

### Lorton Landfill Application

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the ESI application. Prior to the PC date, ESI amended the proposal to lower the previously approved height of the landfill, and reduce requested term of the extension by 27%. It is also being considered to replace the wind turbines with another form of energy, such as solar. A sub-committee has been formed to continue to review the ESI application and work with local communities on other issues. The sub-committee chair is Tim Sergeant, PC At-Large. The MVCCA resolution to deny the application was passed 10-9. A BOS date has not been set. The press release can be viewed on the MVCCA P&Z webpage under the April meeting.

### Residential Studio Units, (RSU)

The RSU Sub-Committee is still at work. The current RSU proposal can be viewed on the P&Z webpage.

### Upcoming in the Following Months

-North Hill, (no news as of yet)

-Verizon, Popkins Lane

-Presentation from OCR, (Richmond Highway is one of the 7 designated revitalization areas in the county. What are the benefits of this with regards to revitalizing Richmond Highway?)

**Next Meeting: May 5, 2014, 7:30PM, Walt Whitman Middle School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall**

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations' Public Safety Committee conducted its monthly meeting on April 3, 2014 in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Meeting Room #3. The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the following communities represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Riverside Estates, Southwood, and Sulgrave Manor.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Officer James Lopez, Supplemental Crime Scene Officer for the Mount Vernon District Station. Officer Lopez has been with Fairfax County Police Department since 2001 and has been in his current position since 2003. Primary responsibilities of the position include; crime scene documentation, scene diagraming, scene and evidence photography, evidence recovery and preservation, forensic examination of evidence and investigative support. While many of the tools and techniques utilized in the performance of the job may be seen on the television show C.S.I., the work involved and the time for

completing the many tasks associated with a crime scene are not completed in an hour.

Officer Lopez follows a systematic approach to each event or incident and his involvement in specific cases is often determined by Criminal Investigative Services supervisors. He regularly is involved in cases that appear to be part of a series of crimes in an effort to link individuals to other crimes which may have occurred in different jurisdictions of the National Capital Region. For 2013, Officer Lopez was part of 220 cases.

Information was provided on techniques involved with fingerprinting, blood splatter, bullet and firearms identified in a crime, photography for documentation of crime scenes and victim injuries, the use of security cameras and other aspects of criminal investigation. Officer Lopez averages 5 to 6 days each month testifying in court for cases he has been worked on. Individuals who are arrested in the National Capital Region, after being identified in multiple-jurisdictional crimes, are often brought to trial in Virginia first as Virginia often has the more stringent penalties. There are some cases which could also be tried in federal court as federal law enforcement agencies may be involved.

Officer Lopez shared some examples of his work and equipment which completed his presentation. The Committee thanked him for his time and work for Fairfax County.

### **Old Business:**

- The proposed Fairfax County budget for Fiscal Year 2015 is still being worked on with public hearings occurring April 8-10. Individuals are welcome to let their individual supervisors know of concerns and specific issues that
- An individual is needed to fill the chair position for the Public Safety Committee.

### **New Business:**

- The recent abduction and sexual assault of a female juvenile in the Janna Lee neighborhood was discussed. The girl was able to escape from her attacker and reported the event at school. The suspect was arrested and is being held.
- Committee members were advised of the new crime mapping program which Fairfax County Police have begun using. Also mentioned was the use of a Crime Blog which is being used for sending out notice of criminal activity.
- Attendees were reminded of the MVCCA Gala that will be held at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

**The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center in Community Meeting Room #3.**

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### TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine Voorhees. Attending were the Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner and representatives of 18 citizen associations (Collingwood Springs, The Fairfax, Gum Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Montebello (2), Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North and Woodley Hills).

The minutes of the February Transportation Committee meeting as printed in The Record were approved. No meeting in March due to snow.

The following issues were discussed:

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approving \$90 million to widen Richmond Highway from Napper Road in Hybla Valley to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (235S). This represents 20% of the funding for the federal US Route and the federal government is responsible for 80%. The ongoing Multimodal Alternative Analysis study will determine the type of transit for an improved Richmond Highway. Debated the merits of extending Metro with a Bus Rapid Transit component for most of US 1 vs. some form of light rail. A Thank You letter to the BOS for appropriating funds for Richmond Highway and requesting their assistance in obtaining \$4 million dollars from the Commonwealth to do the necessary federal studies so that the federal money can be appropriated was discussed and a letter was drafted.

Gum Springs Civic Association presented a resolution on the desired location of the transit center. After debate, the resolution passed unanimously (see attached).

VDOT Repaving Schedule of Mount Vernon District roads for the next two years. There is no priority indicated and roads will be paved sometime in the next two years. VDOT is currently working on Schelhorn Road. Fort Hunt Road is on the list! Streets off of Sherwood Hall Lane and in Hollin Hills, Villamay, Marlan Forest, Westgrove and Bucknell Manor are on the list.

Old Business -

a) Jeff Todd Way or Mulligan Road will be completed June 16, 2014.

b) Widening of Route 1 through Fort Belvoir had a public meeting last month. Construction will begin in April/May at Sections B (1.3 miles in length from FCParkway to Inlet Drive) and D (3/4 mile that includes the railroad bridge being demolished and the Gunston Road underpass). Further, information including the project schedule can be obtained at <http://rte1ftbelvoir.com/>

c) Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis - Public Meeting was held March 26, 2014

Reinvent, Redevelop and Revitalize the Richmond Highway corridor by bringing high quality transit to the corridor and economic development.

Take the Survey at <http://route1multimodalaa.com/> - What type of transit should be on Route 1: Bus Rapid Transit, Light Rail or a combination of Metrorail (to Hybla Valley) and BRT (what about Metro and light rail?). Delegate Scott Surovell has a petition to extend the Yellow Line to Hybla Valley at <https://services.mvngp.com/ngponlineservices/petition.aspx?X=4hC0RDTN+v4=>

New Business -

MVCCA Gala with extended RSVP to April 20th for the April 26th event at Fort Belvoir was announced.

Wellington Heights asked for information on obtaining sidewalks in a neighborhood, specifically Morningside Lane. Members explained that one needs the approval of all the property owners that front the proposed sidewalk. A suggestion was made to have a sidewalk/trail through the McCutcheon Park, formerly Lamond Park. Since Sherwood Hall Lane may have bike lanes on it, a trail through McCutcheon Park would help bicyclists get to the Mount Vernon Bike Trail.

Next meeting: May 5, 2014 at the Whitman Middle School library beginning at 7:30pm.

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### SFDC

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There are no meeting minutes this month.

# Committee Resolutions

## TRANSPORTATION

### TRAN-2014-01: DART DRIVE TRANSIT CENTER

1. **Whereas** the South County Center, the Hybla Valley Center and Dart Drive are the three proposed locations for a transit center along Richmond Highway; and
2. **Whereas** the Hybla Valley Center is located between Richmond Highway & Fordson Road and Richmond Highway & Sherwood Hall Lane and a transit center at this location will not reduce traffic or congestion in this area but rather increase traffic volume particularly in regards to bus traffic crossing Richmond Highway to enter and exit the transit center; and
3. **Whereas** the traffic on local residential streets including Fordson Road, Boswell Avenue, Schelhorn Road, Frances Drive and Davenport Road is unofficially forcing these residential streets into connector and/or collector/feeder streets for motorists to access Richmond Highway due to the high volume of traffic bypassing congested portions of Richmond Highway; and
4. **Whereas**, cut-through traffic within the communities affected by the traffic on the above mentioned local residential streets will increase as the traffic volume on Richmond Highway and Sherwood Hall Lane increases; and

5. **Whereas** the Hybla Valley site is the most expensive of the three preferred sites as it requires the acquisition of one property and the relocation of 11 businesses; and
  6. **Whereas** a recreational facility for Lee District residents, specifically for the Audubon Estates trailer park and the low-income housing apartments for Murray Gate residents, is dependent on the development of a transit center at the Hybla Valley site; and
  7. **Whereas** the need for a recreational facility should be determined first, then made a part of the Fairfax County Park Master Plan and should not be tied to the requirement or development of a transit center; and
  8. **Whereas** the Dart Drive site is the best location for connecting with a proposed extension of the Metro Yellow line from Huntington to Beacon Hill (in close proximity to three ongoing developments: The Grande at Huntington, The Shelby and Penn Daw Plaza) and North Hill (which is owned by the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority).
- Resolved**, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations supports a Richmond Highway transit center and requests that the Mount Vernon District Supervisor support locating the transit center at the Dart Drive site.

**END: RESOLUTION TRAN-2014-01**

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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

#### AGENDA

**Call to Order**

- Special program
- Approval of Secretary's Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report (deferred to May)
- Committee Reports
- Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

**Published Items and Resolutions**

**New Business**

- Special Election of Officers to Vacant Positions and Ratification of Co-Chairs' Appointments
- Member Association Representatives' Time
- Mount Vernon Supervisor Time
- Other Elected Representatives and Public Time

**Adjournment**

### COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Board—May 8, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	5/7	7:30	WWMS/Cafeteria	Voorhees
COAF	6/3	7:30	Teleconference	Cox
EDU	5/7	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
E&R	5/7	TBA	MVGC/Rm. 3	Ledec
HHS*	4/30	1-3PM	SCC/Rm. 221/C	Cleveland
PL/Z	5/5	7:30	WWMS/Lecture	Pohorylo
PS	5/1	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	Sherick
TRAN	5/5	7:30	WWMS/Library	Voorhees

\* Note: HHS Committee meets with South County Task Force for Human Services, convener Anne Andrews, note April date, afternoon time.

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