



UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rte 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis

2 opportunities:

- Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 6-8pm, Belmont Elementary School, Woodbridge
- Thursday, October 9, 2014, 6-8pm South County Center

Mount Vernon District Town Hall on Education

2 opportunities:

- Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7pm, Whitman Middle School (Dan Storck, Dr. Garza, staff)
- Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 7pm, South County Middle School (Dan Storck, Dr. Lockard, staff)

FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

All member associations should have received, by email and hard copy, a copy of new Bylaws which will be presented to the membership for adoption at the October General Council meeting October 22. Also in the packet was an explanatory cover letter and a draft Policies and Procedures Manual under development by the Board of Directors. If you did not receive these very important materials, please notify Co-chair Harbeck immediately. Copies will also be available at the September Council meeting.

A nominating committee to present a slate of officers for membership year 2015 will be formed at the September Council meeting. Three members will be selected by the membership so please consider if you would be willing to serve on the nominating committee or could nominate a willing candidate from the floor.

The November & December meetings have been rescheduled:
Board of Directors mtgs: November 6, December 4
General Council mtgs: November 19, December 17

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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2014 at Mount Vernon Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-chair Ron Fitzsimmons

ATTENDING: Co-Chair Harbeck, Treasurer Markman, Secretary Martin, Committee Chairs David Voorhees, Judy Harbeck, Cathy Ledec, Louise Cleveland, Catherine Voorhees, and Representatives Ellen Young and Katherine Ward.

Voting Representatives from Belle View Condos, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Fairfax Residents' Association, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Westgrove, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The meeting began at 8:00 with a **PRESENTATION** by Deborah Addo, the new CEO of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital since June 2. Ms. Addo discussed her goals (quality; safety; reduction of harm; improving patient experience) and noted that all five Inova hospitals are ranked in the top 20, with Inova Mount Vernon #13 in the DC area and #20 in Virginia. Recent construction will mean 60 new private rooms in the tower, replacing and enhancing emergency care facilities, with 35 bays and an area focused on pediatrics. The new Emergency Department will combine state of the art equipment with a design that allows for enhanced efficiency and improved throughput.

The General Council meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

There are no minutes of the 6/23 General Council meeting, because there was no quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Minutes for committees that met are in the Record; reports were not given due to the press of time.

RESOLUTIONS:

E&R-2014-02: Restore and Increase Funding for the Environmental Improvement Program. A motion to amend the resolution passed with 13 in favor, 0 opposed. The resolution as amended passed with 15 in favor, 0 opposed. The amendment corrected the seventh and eighth whereas to read:

7. Whereas the Invasive Management Area (IMA) Program is highly effective and since 2005 has mobilized more than 10,000 volunteers who have devoted 32,000 hours removing invasive plants and restoring habitat at more than 40 IMA sites, improving over 1,000 acres of parkland across Fairfax County;

8. Whereas since 2005 IMA volunteers contributed 32,000 hours restoring habitat, which at \$22/volunteer hour equals \$704,000; this is a significant enhancement to the \$845,000 funded by Fairfax County for this program over the same period;

TRANS-2014-02: North Kings Highway Improvement Study passed on a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed.

TRANS-2014-03: Hybrid Option brings rail to Hybla Valley passed on a vote of 15 in favor, 0 opposed.

P&Z-2014-01: Recommendation for a "Residential Option" in the Woodlawn Community Business Center, (CBC), Sub-Units A-1, A-2, A-3 and Suburban Neighborhood Parcels 1 and 3.

A motion to amend the resolution by replacing "Engineer Proving Ground" with "Fort Belvoir North Area" in the fourth whereas was adopted without objection. A motion to delete the fourth whereas was adopted without objection. A motion to reconsider that amendment failed, with 2 in favor and 8 opposed. The resolution as amended was adopted with 14 in favor and 1 opposed. The resolution as passed deleted the fourth whereas ("Fort Belvoir's employment center has substantially shifted to Fort Belvoir North Area and away from the Main Post")

SUPERVISOR'S TIME: No supervisor.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME:

Do we need a subcommittee to recruit more attendance? Some members have dropped out; others are still members but don't show up.

Co-chair Fitzsimmons raised the question of whether we should consider an earlier meeting time, perhaps 7:30 pm, to encourage attendance. Attendees said a 7:30 time would not be a problem. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Martin.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 2014 at 7:30 pm

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Potomac Valley Riverbend, Southwood, Wellington Civic, Williamsburg Manor

At the meeting we reviewed the progress of the stormwater control progress at Huntington. We also reviewed documents from the Fairfax County Capitol Construction budget including proposed school building projects and affordable housing construction. We also reviewed outstanding voter approved bonds and the amount of money the county has used from those bonds and what is left to use.

According to the report of County Executive , Edward Long, Jr., the FY 2015 – FY 2019 CIP continues the annual sales target of \$275 million per year. The ratio of debt to taxable property value is projected to remain less than 3.0 percent and the ratio of debt service to General Fund disbursements is projected to remain less than 10.0 percent assuming the revenue levels projected in the County Executive's Advertised budget. As of June 30, 2013, the ratio of debt to taxable property value was 1.20 percent and debt service to General Fund disbursements was 8.27 percent. The County's self imposed limit of 10 percent is designed to maintain a balance between essential operating program expenditures and those for capital needs while preserving the County's AAA credit rating. In addition, the FY 2015 CIP continues to provide the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) with bond sales of \$155 million for the entire five year period.

The next scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:30 at the Mount Vernon Government Center. We expect to have representatives from Fairfax County on hand to discuss the nearly \$400 million Health and Welfare portion of the County Budget.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

There are no meeting minutes this month.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 pm on September 3, 2014, in the library at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Williamsburg Manor North, Sulgrave Manor, Collingwood Springs, Newington Forest, Belle View, Wellington, Stratford Landing, Engleside, Riverside Estates,

Mount Zephyr and Mount Vernon Civic. Several community members also attended. Co-chair Judy Harbeck acted as Chair.

The featured guest was Mount Vernon District School Board member Dan Storck, who provided updates on a number of current issues or initiatives and answered questions from meeting participants.

On the problem of **overcrowding**, Storck noted that many Route One area schools are seriously over capacity, especially at the elementary level, but also in particular West Potomac High School. [Storck reported West Potomac, which currently has about 100 transfer students from Mount Vernon, is no longer accepting transfer students due to the overcrowding.](#) He stated that there are basically three ways to combat overcrowding: (1) building new schools, (2) enlarging existing schools, and (3) redrawing attendance boundaries. All of these are on the table and, with an expected inflow of construction bond money, there is an opportunity to combine all three approaches to reach the best result for schools. Several committee members suggested the "Pinewood Lakes" school should be built to address high numbers of students in the Lee District area.

Storck hastened to add that no decision has been made or plan suggested to change attendance boundaries at any school. By mid-October, he plans to begin a series of public meetings to sort out the best approaches and provide an opportunity for public information and input; it will not be a quick process.

The much-studied change to **later high school start times** will likely happen beginning September 2015. Although it is not yet a "done deal", Storck believes there are enough favorable votes on the School Board for a substantial plurality. The vote will likely happen in mid-October so citizens should make their positions known as soon as possible.

The plan selected will likely be the "high/middle flip" where high schools will start no earlier than 8:10am but middle schools will start at 7:20am and end at 2pm. Elementary schools would generally have no changes. The cost has been whittled to about \$6M, primarily in bus purchases. Storck said he views this as a starting step and that eventually the system may move in small increments closer to an 8:30am high school start as the actual expenses and experiences are known. Several committee members expressed concerns that middle school children are subject to many of the same circadian rhythm issues as high schoolers and the early end time leaves potentially many unsupervised hours at a risky time in adolescent development. Storck agreed but noted at least it is only 2 years of early school and that they are looking for funds and ways to expand and improve after school programs for this age group. Again, he hopes that times will change incrementally over time to alleviate the issues.

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On Dr. Garza's reorganization from clusters to a smaller number of "regions", Storck indicated he is generally comfortable with it even though some regions (such as ours) include all high poverty schools. Our new "Region 3" includes the Lee, Edison, West Potomac, Hayfield and Mount Vernon pyramids as well as Bryant. He did insist that, based on poverty levels, regions such as ours would have an additional "Executive Principal" to mentor staff and supervise administrators.

The change to full day Mondays was seen as a positive by both Storck and the Committee. While there will undoubtedly be some growing pains in providing teachers the promised preparation and collaboration time, elementary students will have 75 additional hours to be used for instruction, specials like art and music, and recess. Schools as a whole will better meet Virginia attendance requirements without adding multiple make-up days at the end of the year. The cost is estimated at \$7M, mostly for additional hires in art and music, instructional coaches, etc. to "cover" teacher planning time.

Storck also discussed the "**Portrait of a Graduate**" which is nearing final completion by delineating critical abilities in several different categories. The document will provide a template to reverse engineer instructional programs to achieve the stated goals. Members were generally approving but several expressed a concern that there was not an "ability" which showed knowledge and appreciation of America's core principles and place in the world. Storck said he would draft some language and bring it to the group working on the Portrait. [Subsequently Stock reported that language would be added in direct response to concerns raised by committee members].

Other matters briefly discussed by the Committee were revision of the Committee webpage and the continuing need for a permanent chair.

Next meeting: October 1, 2014, 8pm, Whitman Middle School library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met 3 Sept 2014, at 7.15 p.m. Attending were Cathy Ledec (chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mt Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, and Westgrove.

Request for a Special Exception (#SE 2014-MV-019). Inda Stagg, Senior Land Use Planner, Walsh, Colucci Lubeley & Walsh presented a request to fill in 570 cubic yards in the floodplain (for a driveway) and construct a single family detached home entirely within a Resource Protection Area at 6430 Wood Haven Road in the New Alexandria Community.

The site is a 7000 sf consolidation of two lots, currently undeveloped. It was platted in 1941 and according to the county is a buildable lot. The 100 year floodplain level is 11' above sea level. The proposed dwelling will have a minimum floor elevation of 13' for the garage and 13.67' for the living area of the house. There will be a crawl space underneath the dwelling and the walls at ground level will have openings as required by FEMA to allow flood waters to flow in and underneath the property. The driveway will require 570 cubic yards of fill; the alternative would be no driveway and building the house on stilts. Committee members asked whether more permeable construction materials could top the driveway. Ms. Stagg said this would not result in more water absorption since the water table is already very high. Asked the compelling reason why a request to build in this location should be approved, Ms. Stagg said the owner wants to live there and is going through the work to satisfy the requirements to build in a flood plain and RPA.

Deb Sell-Pugh, President of the New Alexandria Citizens Association, told the committee that the community is opposed to building anything on this lot, due to flooding. This property, adjacent properties, and the New Alexandria community flood even during normal rain events, requiring Fairfax County to bring in pumping equipment (at taxpayer expense) to pump floodwater away from New Alexandria homes. The additional 570 cubic yards of fill in the floodplain adds impervious surface (driveway) that will increase stormwater runoff and flooding of nearby properties.

A motion to oppose this SE request passed with 12 in favor and 2 opposed. A resolution will be drafted and circulated to the committee for comment and then shared with the P&Z committee.

Fairfax County Fall Cankerworm spraying. Troy Shaw of the Fairfax County Forest Pest Program described the staffing and history of the program, which began in the early 1980's in anticipation of the gypsy moth caterpillar. Budget cuts in the early 1990's facilitated the Board's decision to create a service district to fund the program. Other pests (5) and diseases (2) were added to the service district over time including the Fall Cankerworm (*Alsophila pomataria*), native to Mid-Atlantic region. The Fall Cankerworm (a.k.a. inch worm) lifecycle begins with (1) egg laying on leaves of trees (Nov-Mar) (2) larvae (Apr-May) (3) Pupae (May-Oct) (4) Adult moths (Nov – Jan). Its natural population dynamics include irruptions every few years in which high populations defoliate trees. The insect is a threat to urban trees and has been historically found in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. Mr. Shaw stated that since defoliation occurs in early spring the trees quickly re-foliate. This is different than the historical well-known irruptions of the (non-native) Gypsy Moth in the 1990s where the defoliation occurred later in the year putting greater stress on the trees. When trees lose 60% of their leaves, they put out new leaves; they can handle this, if they're healthy. Others factors impacting trees include the unpredictable weather, including Climate Change, pollution, and poor soil. One Committee member asked if the County had any data to show a direct connection between a Fall Cankerworm

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irruption, resulting defoliation from the Cankerworm and tree death. Mr. Shaw said that this is not measured nor monitored.

Mr. Shaw showed the 2013 aerial spraying map for Eastern Virginia; we are to the north of the area with the highest concentrations of fall cankerworm (along I-95, between here and Richmond). The 2014 map will be published on the web soon. A member suggested we receive a copy when it is out.

Mr. Shaw explained the monitoring process used to select areas for spraying. Monitoring stations are set up every year in November throughout Mason, Mount Vernon, and Lee Districts. Sticky bands are placed around tree trunks to capture wingless female moths as they crawl up the trees to lay eggs. More than 90 female moths is the threshold used to identify an area at risk of severe defoliation and therefore targeted for spraying, based on US Forest Service guidelines. A committee member asked if there is any locally done research or data collected to support this program. Mr. Shaw showed a publication that is used as reference, though this is specific to gypsy moths monitored from out of our area. There is no research on the local impact of the Fall Cankerworm.

Residents within 200' of treatment areas are notified by first class letters in February and April. Residents can opt out by notifying the Forest Pest Program office in writing. Residents who live within 3000' of treatment areas receive a postcard in April. Forest Pest staff personally visit horse owners and schools. The 16 treatment areas sprayed in 2014 are shown at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/fallcankerworm/canker_sprayblock.htm

Non-participants and a 200' buffer area are removed from the treatment maps and neighbors in the buffer areas are sprayed from the ground. The aerial and ground spraying is done by an outside contractor and depends on weather, with early mornings and evenings usually the best times. Helicopters fly low over the treetops and make many passes using GPS monitoring to ensure accuracy.

The Insecticide used is *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk), a naturally-occurring soil bacterium that is reproduced in the laboratory. It is quickly broken down by UV light and washed off with rain, is approved by the EPA for use over forested residential areas, and the formulation used by Fairfax County is used in organic gardening. All butterfly and moth caterpillars present in the sprayed area are vulnerable to the Btk insecticide. In order to be affected by Btk, caterpillars must ingest it by eating it where it has dried on the leaves of treated trees.

Mr. Shaw noted the impact on birds. Spraying occurs during peak migration for birds passing through our area. This program also impacts resident birds raising their young at the time the Fall Cankerworm larvae are most active. This important food source for both migrating and resident birds is eliminated at a critical time of need.

Asked about the effect of spraying on streams, Mr. Troy said that this particular formulation is not known to affect aquatic organisms. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries reviews the treatment areas to see if there are any endangered species that might be vulnerable to Btk spraying. If so, these areas are removed from the treatment program.

A member asked, where is the data to show that the cutoff of 90 female moths is the correct cutoff? Another suggested that the county should evaluate the benefits of the spraying by comparing tree mortality in properties in which residents opted out with the sprayed portions of a treatment area.

Mr. Shaw shared the following references with the committee: (1) **Human Health:** Extensive documentation is cited in the Environmental Impact Statement for Gypsy Moth Suppression in regard to Bt and humans. While the target insects are different, the methods of Bt application are the same, (2) **Non target Organisms** : "long-term Evaluation of the Effects of *Bacillus thuringiensis* *kurstaki*, Gypsy Moth, Nucleopolyhedrosis Virus Product Gypchek, and *Entomapha maimaiga* on Nontarget Organisms in Mixed Broadleaf -Pine Forests in the Central Appalachians. USDA Forest Service publication FHTET-2004-14, (3) Effects of Experimentally Reduced Prey Abundance on the Breeding Ecology of the Red-Eyed Vireo. Author(s): Matthew R. Marshall, Robert J. Cooper, Jennifer A. DeCecco, John Strazanac and Linda Butler. Source: Ecological Applications, Vol. 12, No. 1 (Feb., 2002), pp. 261-280. Published by: Ecological Society of America, (4) **Defoliation Effects on Trees:** Extensive Documentation is cited in The Gypsy Moth: Research Toward Integrated Pest Management. USDA Forest Service Technical Bulletin 1584, Chapter 5.

Next meeting: E&R will meet jointly with the Transportation Committee, Topic: Sidewalks, Hiking and Biking Trails. 6 October, 7:15pm, South County Government Center, room #220. **Please note date and location change.**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met at the South County Center, focusing on the Final Report (March 13, 2011) of the Housing and Community Development Committee of the Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force, in order to identify key recommendations and discover what steps have been taken toward implementation.

Participating were representatives from seven MVCCA member citizens' associations: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Stratford on the Potomac-IV, Sulgrave Manor, and Tauxemont. Louise Cleveland chaired, with John Jeszenszky moderating the discussion of the September focus.

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Chief action item was a DRAFT MVCCA letter to Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland, requesting response to several questions regarding Housing and Community Development recommendations in his Visioning Task Force Report. The Committee discussed the letter in detail and approved it unanimously. Further, the Committee instructed the HHS Chair to present the draft letter to the MVCCA Board, for concurrence and forwarding to the Supervisor.

Also on the agenda was the chair's update on recent County actions, information posted on line on the County web site, and issues in the news. These items pertained to three areas scheduled for focus in our fall meetings that are also among the cross-cutting goals of the County's current human services work plan and budget guidance for FY 2016. The committee recommended calling attention—through neighborhood newsletters—to opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors find informational Resources and local opportunities for Community Engagement (September examples are below).

In our area (County Human Services Region I) many strengths of the available public and private network of human services derive from decades of exceptional voluntary community service and from experienced leadership and advocacy of a generation rapidly retiring from the scene. This year MVCCA, in company with every other organization, is struggling to recruit next-generation voluntary participation and leadership, and everyone understands the sea-changes and uncertainties that are making such personal commitments difficult.

In canvassing the HHS Committee's list of 17 representatives on record, to learn which members are able to participate this fall and which issues deserve special attention, the chair has learned that fully half are association presidents who read HHS Committee reports with interest but struggle with the difficulty of recruiting volunteers who feel able to commit to our schedule of monthly meetings. They report that interested community members may be available for a single meeting or two, focused on their area of experience and concern, but cannot promise monthly participation.

This fall the committee is pursuing strategies intended to mitigate this situation: (1) preparing for streamlined meetings on complex issues by receiving agendas in advance with issue focus, a proposed action item, and links to background information, and (2) promoting job-sharing. Members associations may want to authorize at least two reps who can become the "DH" when one is ill, on travel, or committed elsewhere. In the past, we have had cases of a neighborhood team of up to 3 reps (with 1 vote of course) able to represent multiple community concerns (for children, aging, persons with disabilities, caregivers etc.) from several valuable perspectives.

In addition, we will try to share timely information on prevention trainings and informational forums meeting in our area and open for participation of all citizens—without a 3-hour round trip to

meetings of County BACs (Boards, Authorities, and Commissions) where citizens are hard at work shaping effective strategic County Initiatives and their year-by-year implementation.

HOUSING: VISION AND NEXT STEPS

In August 2010, Supervisor Hyland convened the Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force, appointing 75 citizens to participation in 8 committees, tasked to develop a comprehensive vision of how we would like to live in the Mount Vernon District in the next quarter century. The committees worked to inventory what we have/what we need, to prioritize issues, and to recommend actions, or "Next Steps," to move us forward.

The entire Task Force Report is published on line, available (as a 173-page PDF document) on the Mount Vernon section of the County web site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon. The Final Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development (March 13, 2011), on PDF pages 78 to 99, begins in recognition that "the full range of housing opportunities, from rental to owner occupied, from luxury to fully subsidized, is necessary for a thriving, growing and diverse community" and then identifies and provides background analyses for seven closely related Issues, with recommended actions, or Next Steps, for each.

The HHS Committee's DRAFT letter selects three Issues (#6, 3, and 5) that expand themes running through all seven, in order to raise questions for the Mount Vernon Supervisor on the status of the initial "Next Steps" recommended for each:

- The Report (Overall vision and Issue #6) envisions housing as "an integrated part of commercial and institutional core development throughout the Mount Vernon District,"
- The Report (Issue #3) identifies the Richmond Highway Corridor as an area with oversized influence on the Mount Vernon community that should be planned comprehensively with development on both sides of the highway addressed simultaneously, encouraging redevelopment of housing of all types and providing choices in types and styles for people of all ages, household size and income levels.
- The Report (Issue #5) emphasizes the need for housing for all income levels and the education of the Mount Vernon Community on the value of a full housing spectrum that provides homes to the very workforce that is needed for the prosperity of our area.

The committee also received an extract, on HOUSING, from "50+ Community Action Plan 2014 Proposed Initiative Summaries," available in advance of the Board of Supervisors' consideration and vote on the Plan in late September. (Watch for the full Action Plan to appear soon, online.)

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Sept. 29, 1-3 PM, South County Task Force for Human Services welcomes the incoming Executive Director of Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB).** Participate in this local opportunity to hear her perspective on significant changes taking place in the integration of behavioral health services with other health and human services, for youth and adults, at South County Center 2nd floor Haywood Center. Citizens, County and nonprofit service providers, and reps from Lee and MV Supervisors' offices will be there. Then, mark your calendar for a Nov. 20 meeting welcoming IMVH CEO Deborah Addo. Anne Andrews, Convener: 703-451-0562
- **Mental Health First Aid**, with online registration and \$25 fee, is offered as a two-day course, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16-17, at South County Center. This rare opportunity for training here, rather than a distant western County site, does not recur until mid January 2015.

RESOURCES

County human services are making more informational resources available to more people, 24/7, through improved service directories online—such as current web pages for Child Care Central, Older Adults, and Disability Services Planning and Development.

[Child Care Central](#) (Office for Children), which provides links to countywide resources for families and child care professionals, maintains a data base of more than 2300 regulated (state licensed or County permitted) in home or center providers, mapped with provider name and phone contacts that allow parents to do further investigation. (A recent search of one local zip code, 22309, produced roughly 130 home providers and 10 centers, while 22308 showed none.)

Resource phone lines are staffed during office hours by real-live caring professionals. Try, for example (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm), the **Aging, Disability and Caregivers Resources Line, 703-324-7948 (TTY 711)**. Or try **Coordinated Services Planning, 703-222-0882** with a team of multilingual social workers able to talk through a situation that may require several services.

On the Supervisor's Mount Vernon site, September Hot Topics include several for personal, family and neighborhood disaster preparedness, including a list of useful phone numbers for storm water, utilities, media info etc. (to print out before the next power outage), and registration for rigorous training for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and highly regarded Mental Health First Aid certification.

NEXT HHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee has scheduled fall meetings on 3 Tuesday evenings, 7:30-9 p.m., South County Center Room 221 A/B: Oct. 7, Oct. 28 (i.e. 1 week prior to Nov. 4 election day), **and Dec. 2.**

HHS Representatives: Please plan to participate or authorize an alternate when you cannot be present, notifying the chair. Agendas will focus on strategic Initiatives in cross-cutting Result Areas such as SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN AND YOUTH and POSITIVE LIVING FOR OLDER ADULTS & PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. To receive agenda materials, provide name, phone, and e-mail address. All are welcome at these open public meetings. Chair Louise Cleveland, L.Cleveland@pobox.com

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning & Zoning Minutes, September 8, 2014

Members Present: Karen Cerutti; MVCA, Alix Kaufmann; Collingwood Springs, John Joyce; Huntington Club Condos, Bill Cleveland; Collingwood on the Potomac, Deb Sell-Pugh; New Alexandria, Don Martin; Hollin Hall, Tess Moore; Stratford on the Potomac V, Jay Whitton; Williamsburg Manor North, Eleanor Quigley; Wellington Heights, Leah Chapla; Stratford Landing, Richard Johnson; Wellington, Burt Kronstedt; Hollin Hills

Guests: Larry Caruthers; Comstock, Sheri Akin; McGuire Woods, Senior Land Use Planner; Walsh & Colucci, Alex Boulden; Engineer, Ross Irwin; Huntington Club, Ted Britt; Tri-Tek Engineers, David Dale, Jim Davis, Joan Darran; New Alexandria

Presentation for SE 2014-MV-019: The location of the property is at 6430 Wood Haven Road in New Alexandria. The applicant is seeking a Special Exception approval to permit 570 cubic yards of fill in a floodplain, as required for construction of a new single family detached home. Joan Darren; President New Alexandria and Deb Sell-Pugh; Resident of New Alexandria, presented the opposition to this SE. Along with pictures of the property that had flooded during a recent rain storm, (8/12/2014), Joan and Deb explained to the committee that the property was in a floodplain and part in a Resource Protection Area,(RPA). Given that the subject property was completely underwater during Hurricane Isabel in 2013 and that any additional impervious surface would exacerbate an already dangerous flood plain problem, as well as the New Alexandria Community's opposition, the P&Z Committee voted to adopt, without objection, the E&R Resolution, (J-2014-02) of opposition to this SE. The vote count for the SE was 0-10.

Presentation for SE 2014-MV-017: The location of the property is at 2806 Popkins Lane Alexandria, VA 22306, AKA, the Verizon Switching Station. The applicant is seeking a Special Exception to reduce the land area for the switching station from 5.6 acres to 1.3 acres. Verizon would like to subdivide and sell approximately 4.2 acres of the surplus property to accommodate 3-4 dwelling units per acre. The selling of the surplus property is due to the technological shift in how phone service is delivered, requiring a smaller footprint. This is also in part of Verizon's attempt to streamline and reduce overhead costs. Improvements to the site include new

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sidewalk, curb and gutter to the frontage of the property, as well as additional landscaping and a new bio-retention filter, which will improve on-site storm water management practices. There is no opposition to this SE from the surrounding communities. It was noted however, the applicant has not contacted Bryant Alternative Education facility which is almost directly across the street. The committee voted to draft a resolution of support for SE 2014-MV-017. The vote count was 10-0.

Presentation on Huntington Club Redevelopment Request for Proposals, (RFP): Ross Irwin, (of Huntington Club) gave a PowerPoint presentation on the RFP, which is available on the P&Z Webpage. The full document can be viewed at: www.sfdc.org.

Review of SE 2014-MV-045: The applicant is located at 8467 Byers Drive, in the sub-division of Skyview Park, and is requesting an SE for at-home daycare. The P&Z Chair is waiting on further comment(s) from Kendal Stephenson; Skyview Park HOA President, before looking at this application further.

Update on Resolution PZ-2014-02, Out of Turn Plan Amendment for Woodlawn CBC: Supervisor Hyland has requested staff to look at this resolution. In the coming weeks, staff, potential developers, landowners and stakeholders, and the P&Z Chair hope to be meeting to discuss a formula for how much residential development would work in this area.

P&Z "Legislative Agenda for 2015: The P&Z Chair asked the committee to think of some items to discuss at our next meeting that P&Z could be more pro-active with. One item is working with the South County Federation, (SCF), and the MVCCA E&R Committee on a resolution to encourage more CDD recycling among developers. The P&Z Chair will be meeting with the SCF Land Use Chair, Martin Rizer, the week of September 15, 2014.

Next P&Z Meeting: October 6, 2014, 7:30PM. Location: TBD

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations' Public Safety Committee conducted its monthly meeting on September 4, 2014 in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Meeting Room #3. The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the following communities represented: Collinwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic Association, New gum Springs, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac IV, and Sulgrave Manor. Also present was Fairfax County Police Captain Darrin Day, Mount Vernon District Commander.

The meeting began with recognition of Master Police Officer Gregory Kottemann, Crime Prevention Officer for the Mount Vernon District who is retiring from the Police Department after 25

years of service to the citizens of Fairfax County. MPO Kottemann was presented with a plaque and a couple of gifts as a small token of thanks for all that he has done for the many civic associations of Mount Vernon. MPO Kottemann expressed his thanks and indicated that it had been a personal dream to be a Fairfax County Police Officer and he was privileged to have had the opportunity to serve in his home area for much of his career. He will be in the area for a short period of time will continue to assist his replacement, MPO Urps as he takes over the position.

Guest speakers for the meeting were Captain Paul Masiello and Lieutenant John Chabel of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigations Unit which is part of the Fire Prevention Division. Both individuals have over 30 years of service with the Fire and Rescue Department and have served as firefighters before moving to their current assignments.

Lt. Chabel informed the committee that there were twelve individuals who staff the Fire and Hazardous Materials Investigations Unit with nine career personnel and three civilians. Career personnel must have been firefighters, achieved the rank of lieutenant, completed the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy for law enforcement training as well as receiving both Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator certificates. It can take twelve to eighteen months for an individual to complete the required training. The investigators work twelve hour shifts and coverage is provided twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week. Investigators have the same police powers as Fairfax County Police and are able to investigate fires, collect evidence and make arrests when warranted. Violations of the Fire Prevention Code are often misdemeanor charges while there are eight codes in the Code of Virginia which deal with arson and the crimes of arson which are often felony charges. The unit is charged with investigating all fires in Fairfax County that include crimes against a person or property, crimes against the environment, and post-blast investigations.

Information was provided by Capt. Masiello and Lt. Chabel regarding a number of fires in Fairfax County which were determined to have been accidental in nature. Improperly discarded smoking materials, unattended candles, and faulty electrical equipment were listed as frequent causes of fire incidents. It was strongly suggested to not allow candles to burn unattended, to properly use extension cords and surge protectors and have appropriate containers for discarding smoking materials and fireproof ashtrays.

Also discussed were fire safety measures which are engineered into buildings to assist the occupants in being able to exit the building safely. Problems can occur when an area of the structure is altered or there is a change of use which was not included in the original design. Attending members were reminded of the importance of checking smoke detectors and advised that there is a current effort to expand the detection capability for residences

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since a fire may be occurring on the exterior of the structure or in an area where a smoke detector is not located which often leads to a delayed notification to the occupants and the fire department and that leads to additional damage and a higher probability of harm coming to the occupants or responding fire department personnel.

The committee thanked Captain Masiello and Lieutenant Chabel for sharing their information and time for the presentation.

Old Business:

- The committee was reminded that someone is needed to fill the chair position for the Public Safety. At this time the committee does not have a vote on the MVCCA Board so we are missing having a true voice in some aspects of the organization.
- September is National Preparedness Month and the committee was reminded to share the news about Fairfax Alerts, the new emergency notification system which started in June. Brochures from the Office of Emergency Management were also made available for those attending.

New Business:

- Discussion occurred regarding having a representative from the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability to attend the next meeting.
- Mount Vernon Civic Associations residents have experienced a couple of forced entries recently in their neighborhoods.
- A bicycle theft from Riverside Estates occurred which resulted in the arrest of the responsible juvenile.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center in Community Meeting Room #3.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met at the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall in the Walt Whitman Middle School on September 8, 2014 beginning at 7:30pm. Catherine Voorhees chaired the meeting that was attended by the Mt. Vernon Transportation Commissioner, the At-Large Planning Commissioner from Mt. Vernon and 16 civic associations: Collingwood Springs; The Fairfax; Huntington; Hollin Hall Village; Marlan Forest; Montebello; Mount Vernon Manor; Mount Zephyr; Riverside Estates; Southwood; Stratford Landing; Sulgrave Manor; Waynewood; Williamsburg Manor North; Woodland Park and Woodley Hills.

Guest speakers, Tim Rosenboom of the Department of Rail and Public Transit and Meredith Judy, team member of the US Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis Study In addition, Thomas Burke from Fairfax County Department of Transportation was present.

The purpose of the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis (AA) is to provide improved performance for transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and vehicular conditions and facilities along the 15 mile Route 1 corridor from Huntington to Woodbridge that support long-term growth and economic development. The goals of the AA study are to 1) Expand attractive transit options to improve local and regional mobility; 2) Improve safety and increase accessibility; 3) Increase economic viability and vitality of the corridor; and 4) Support community health and minimize impacts on community resources.

The Third and final Public Hearing on this matter will take place on October 9, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the South County Center on Richmond Highway in Alexandria. There will also be a Public Meeting in Prince William County on October 8, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Belmont Elementary School (751 Norwood Lane, Woodbridge).

After a recommendation is made, the project will be turned over to FCDOT or VDOT. A 6-lane highway has been approved for the entire corridor from I-495 in Alexandria to the Occoquan River in Prince William County. However, the project must be funded before it can go into the long Range plan for Capital Improvements. This study is the first step.

What they have Learned from the Survey re: Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis is that people would like Route 1 to become a destination place with public transit and safe pedestrian and bicycle conditions.

Key Elevation Factors - Right of Way and Financial Feasibility

The study is currently studying 4 transit options: BRT curb side, BRT median, Light Rail in the median and the Hybrid option metro from Huntington to Hybla Valley underground and then BRT to Woodbridge. The study recommends consistent 6 vehicular lanes along the entire corridor with a 10 ft. multi use trail on both sides for pedestrians and bicyclists.

A Transportation Committee member asked whether the AA study considered using a parallel road, such as Fort Hunt Road to provide a bicycle trail. Tim's response was that the study is confined to the Route 1 corridor as it is constrained by the 1999 Center Line Study. [Chair's Note: There are three heavily traveled federal highways: US Route 1, I-495 and the GW Parkway. Yet, this study ignores that transit on US Route 1 may improve the quality of travel on I-495 and the GW Parkway. That is, the Route 1 corridor does not exist in a vacuum.]

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The problem with Metrorail is Land Use Right of Way and Financial. The Chair explained to Tim and Meredith that currently the Fort Belvoir portion of US Route 1 is a 20-minute parking lot daily (from Roy Rogers to the Fairfax County Parkway). BRT cannot share lanes with commuter cars on US Route 1 as the service won't be Rapid. The Chair pointed out that there is no room to expand US Route 1 from 235 N to Huntington to provide dedicated lanes for transit. Thus, the MVCCA came to the conclusion that the Hybrid Option was the only feasible solution for providing realistic attractive public transit. Tom Burke of FCDOT implied that if the Board of Supervisors selected Bus Rapid Transit, they could condemn the property to gain the necessary Right of Way. The Chair responded that 100 plus businesses would be affected by such an action. New apartment buildings that have been built would be on the chopping block. This Right of Way would be very expensive.

The Funding is what makes this study tricky. The Silver Metro Line is about 12 miles and cost 2.9 Billion dollars and the Federal Government picked up 20% of the cost. The MD Purple Metro Line is estimated to be about 2.4 Billion dollars for 14 miles.

It is known that employment center prospects increase when an area becomes more dense and rail transit comes (e.g., Ballston and Huntington).

The Federal Government may pay up to 50% of a project, but what is needed is ridership potential numbers.

A Transportation Committee member asked if monobeam or monorail options were considered because much less Right of Way would be required. The answer was that monorail is not available in the region and that it forces a transfer, which the committee member noted, is just like a bus transit system.

There was a query about the extension of the Yellow Line already in place (as that is where Metro stores some of its trains) and the answer was 1500 feet. The Right of Way acquisition would be about a 2-year phase.

Lastly, there were concerns about bicycle safety when traffic is moving at 45 mph right beside the on the road bike lane. The study recommends the 10 ft. multi use trails that are separated from traffic by a grassy plot. However, there is a buffered bike lane that was considered. The Chair commented that unless there are physical barriers between the cars and the bike lanes, cars will cruise over the bike lanes as they do on Sherwood Hall Lane and Fort Hunt Road.

Old Business -

Jeff Todd Way (formerly Mulligan Road) opened on August 18, 2014. There are areas without striping and more work needed at the Route 1 intersection, but we can finally cut over to Telegraph

Road. The project should be finished in mid November.

A Transportation Committee member brought up the intersection of Pole Road and Jeff Todd Way as needing a traffic light due to the volume of cars on the road. [The Chair e-mailed Jose of FHWA to see what agency would be the best to contact with this concern.]

The paving of Fort Hunt Road - Finally. a smooth road to travel.

The Chair is still following her initial request for a study of Fort Hunt Road to see if an additional traffic light is warranted between Sherwood Hall Lane and Belle Haven Road.

Adjourn

The Transportation Committee will meet on October 6, 2014 at the South County Center on Richmond Highway in Room 220. The Environment and Recreation committee will join us as Peter Christiansen (Mt. Vernon representative on the FC Trails Committee) and Ken Schranz (representing FABB - Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling) will discuss bike trails in the Mt. Vernon area.

SFDC

There are no meeting minutes this month.

Resolutions

JOINT RESOLUTION

J-2014-02: OPPOSING REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO FILL IN A FLOODPLAIN AND CONSTRUCT A HOME WITHIN A RESOURCE PROTECTION AREA (#SE 2014-MV-019)

1. **WHEREAS**, the Applicant proposes to construct a new single family detached home on a vacant lot located entirely within a Resource Protection Area (RPA) and the 100-year Floodplain;
2. **WHEREAS**, RPAs are corridors of environmentally sensitive land that lie alongside or near the shorelines of streams, rivers and other waterways and serve to protect water quality, filter pollutants from and reduce the volume of stormwater runoff, prevent erosion and perform other important biological and ecological functions;
3. **WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance (Article 2, Part 9) regulates uses in floodplains "to provide for safety from flood and other dangers; to protect against loss of life, health, or property from flood or other dangers; and to preserve and protect floodplains in as natural a state as possible for the preservation of wildlife habitats, for the maintenance of the natural integrity and function of the streams, for the protection of water quality, and for the promotion of a zone for ground water recharge";
4. **WHEREAS**, the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance (Article 2, Part 9) states that, "Any decision of the Director [of the Department of Planning and Zoning] or Board [of Supervisors] regarding a use in a floodplain shall be based on consideration of at least all of the following factors:
 - A. Type and location of proposed structure and/or use
 - B. Access to site
 - C. Frequency and nature of flooding
 - D. Nature and extent of any proposed grading or fill
 - E. Impact of proposal on the floodplain on properties upstream and downstream
 - F. Potential of proposal to cause or increase flooding or to jeopardize human life
 - G. Impact of the proposed use on the natural environment and on water quality";
5. **WHEREAS** the New Alexandria Citizens Association confirms that this property, properties immediately adjacent to this one, and the New Alexandria community frequently flood even during normal rain events, requiring Fairfax County to bring in pumping equipment (at taxpayer expense) to pump floodwater away from New Alexandria homes (Zoning Ordinance Factor C);

6. **WHEREAS** the Applicant requests approval to add 570 cubic yards of fill in the floodplain, which will displace and speed up stormwater runoff off of this property and direct it onto surrounding properties, increasing the risk and extent of flooding of nearby properties (Zoning Ordinance Factors E and F);
7. **WHEREAS**, the New Alexandria Citizens' Association is opposed to approval of SE because filling in this floodplain and adding impervious surface (driveway and roof) will contribute to frequent flooding of surrounding properties;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations supports the position of the New Alexandria Citizens' Association in their opposition to this application, and OPPOSES this Special Exception request.

END: RESOLUTION J-2014-02

PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z-2014-03: SUPPORT FOR SE 2014-MV-017 VERIZON SWITCHING STATION, POPKINS LANE

1. **WHEREAS**, technology has progressed and smaller facilities can accommodate how phone services are delivered;
2. **WHEREAS**, Verizon sees a responsibility to their customers to streamline and reduce overhead costs;
3. **WHEREAS**, the current switching station sits on 5.6 acres, of which the applicant seeks to subdivide and sell approximately 4.6 acres of the surplus property;
4. **WHEREAS**, there are no site specific recommendations yet, but the plan notes that residential is planned for 3-4 dwelling units per acre, in keeping with the surrounding neighborhoods;
5. **WHEREAS**, the plan will include on-site improvements, such as the addition of a bio-retention filter, additional landscaping and streetscape improvements, to include curb, gutter and a sidewalk along the property frontage;
6. **WHEREAS**, there has been no opposition from surrounding communities;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association supports the applicant in SE 2014-MV-017.

END: RESOLUTION P&Z-2014-03

Treasurer's Report

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.
 Treasurer's Report, Current Two Months and Year to Date Compared to Budget
 31 August 2014

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	Current Month	Total Year-to- Date	Annual Budget	Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts:				
Dues - Current Members	42	3,018	\$ 3,000	\$ 18
Dues - New Members	-	-	54	(54)
Gala Receipts (including donations)	-	2,705	4,700	(1,995)
MM Interest Receipts	2	5	2	3
Total Cash Receipts	44	5,728	7,756	(2,028)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	254	300	46
Gala	-	1,537	3,550	2,013
Insurance	-	811	773	(38)
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	-	-	850	850
Record Production	90	780	1,483	703
Student of the Year Stipend/Award	-	600	500	(100)
Web Site	-	-	300	300
Total Cash Disbursements	90	3,981	7,756	3,775
Net Budget remaining to spend				\$ 1,747
Receipts In Excess (less than) Disbursements	(46)	1,747	-	
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	12,673	10,880	10,880	
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 12,627	\$ 12,627	\$ 10,880	

End of Period Cash Balances by Account (less outstanding checks):

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,620
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,007
Total Cash	\$ 12,627

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman
Treasurer
September 11, 2014

Notes:

The financial statements use the cash basis of accounting except as noted on the face of the statement.
 This report covers the period July 1 through August 31, 2014 since there was no July report.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 24th, 8:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Government Center
Parkers Lane, Alexandria

AGENDA

Call to Order

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Secretary's Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Approval of prospective new member Southern Oaks HOA Committee Reports
- Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

Published Items and Resolutions

New Business

- Member Association Representatives' Time
- Mount Vernon Supervisor Time
- Other Elected Representatives and Public Time

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Oct. 9, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	10/1	7:30	MVGC	Voorhees
COAF	TBD			TBD
EDU	10/1	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
*E&R	10/6	7:15	SCC/Rm. 220	Ledec
HHS	10/7	7:30	SCC/Rm. 221/AB	Cleveland
PL/Z	10/6	7:30	TBD	Pohorylo
PS	10/2	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	Sherick
*TRAN	10/6	7:15	SCC/Rm. 220	Voorhees

*E&R and TRAN joint meeting

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