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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

NOTE: The October 22nd General Council meeting to consider proposed Bylaws will begin at 7:30pm for general business. The Bylaw discussion will start about 8pm.

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.

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2014 Nominating Committee is composed of Karen Pohorylo (Chair), Ellen Young, Mark Viani, Heidi Burkhardt, and Rob Maher.

They are asking for your help in finding qualified nominees for the 2015 MVCCA Officer slate. The Officer slate consists of 3 Co-Chair positions, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you, or you know someone who is qualified, please contact Karen by email (kpohorylo@msn.com) or phone (703-780-7825).

MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2014 at Mount Vernon Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-chair Judy Harbeck

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

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

The co-chair called for a moment of silence hope for the safe return of Hannah Graham, whose family lives in Stratford Landing.

The General Council meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES of July General Council meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT was received.

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Council Minutes

NEW MEMBER. The General Council voted unanimously to admit Southern Oaks HOA to membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Minutes for committees are given in the Record; minutes for E&R and P&Z were corrected to note that Deb Sell-Pugh is President of New Alexandria CA and Joan Darrah is VP; New Alexandria was represented at both committee meetings. The Transportation Chair noted that the next public meeting for the multi-modal analysis is Oct. 9 at the South County Center.

SFDC: The grand opening of Fordson Place is Oct. 1.

Fairfax Federation: still working on its legislative package; the Environment Committee is refining a resolution on fall cankerworm spraying. E&R chair Ledec gave a brief explanation of the program.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT. The proposed by-laws revision and the draft Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM) have been distributed to MVCCA members. Attendees were asked to please provide correct contact information to the Secretary if they did not receive their package directly. On Oct. 6, the members of the Special By-laws Committee will be available for questions and discussion about the by-laws, which will be brought to the General Council on Oct. 22. The agenda at that meeting will be controlled, discussion will be orderly, and the by-laws revision will be considered section by section. Committees are instructed not to bring resolutions to the Oct. meeting unless they are very time-sensitive. If members wish to proposed amendments, they should bring them in writing. The PPM is still in draft, and has yet to be approved by the Board; it was distributed to the members to provide context for how certain issues will be dealt with. A member asked if a track-changes version will be provided. Co-chair Harbeck said no, because it would be incomprehensible due to all of the rearranging that has been done.

The Co-Chairs announced that Ellen Young and Karen Pohorylo have been named to the nominating committee. Nominations were requested from the floor, and Mark Viani, Heidi Burkhardt, and Rob Maher were nominated.

RESOLUTIONS:

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). The resolution (which had been adopted by E&R and P&Z Committees) passed by a vote of 18 to 0.

P&Z-2014-03: Support for SE 2014-MV-017 Verizon Switching Station, Popkins Lane passed by 18 to 0.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME: A portion of Richmond Highway has been renamed after Congressman Moran. The BOS draft legislative program is included in the Supervisor's handout. Negotiations

continue over North Hill. Supervisor Hyland plans to bring the MVCCA resolution on the Woodlawn CBC to the BOS next month, and will introduce an out-of-turn plan amendment to preclude extension of the Lorton CDD Landfill. The MVCCA resolution will also be a request from Supervisor Hyland for an out of turn plan amendment. Co-chair Fitzsimmons suggested we give our priorities to Brett Kenney about what we'd like to be routinely updated on.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME:

Springfield Nursery declared bankruptcy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Martin.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 1, 2014

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic, Potomac Valley Riverbend, Southwood, Wellington Estates, Stratford Landing.

The speakers at the meeting included Fairfax County Human Services Division Chief Ron McDevitt, Deputy Director of Department of Housing and Community Development Robert Easley, Division Chief of Integration and Planning Michelle Gregory and Brenda Gardiner from the Department of Administration for Human Services.

The speakers were asked in advance to provide answers to the following questions:

1. The Health and Welfare budget is about \$400 million. Could you please specify what agencies are covered under this portion and what amount of revenue is allotted for each agency? How many County employees? Do they have county offices? What are their positions and salaries?

ANSWER: The agencies covered under this portion of the budget are generally determined by general accounting standards due to how counties are rated by national accounting practices. So the agencies listed in the county budget documents reflect the agencies covered. However, due to the fact that the coordination of services requires a different grouping of agencies than the general accounting standards

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there are other agencies involved. There are currently about 3,844 positions authorized under the Health and Welfare budget.

2. Where does funding come from? How much revenue is provided for Health and Welfare by the Commonwealth and the Federal Government? Are these funds directed to specific programs? How does the county allocate Commonwealth and Federal funds for Health and Welfare?

ANSWER: The funding comes primarily from county taxes along with some state and federal funding. Out of \$505,556,375 allotted for the Health and Welfare budget, \$459,007,950 is provided by county tax revenue. State and Federal funds are earmarked for specific activities and cannot be used for general funding.

3. How does the Community Funding Pool work? Can you provide a list of community organizations that receive funding from the County? We would like to see the total amount and a breakdown by community organization.

ANSWER: The community funding pool is about \$10,000,000 that is used to provide services using groups that supply bids for funding to perform those services. Groups that receive funds from the Community Funding Pool are required to submit tax returns to the county for audit.

4. How much is the county spending on public housing? For example, how much is spent on construction of public housing and where does the revenue come from? Does the county get a return from rent payments in public housing? Does the county provide inspectors for qualification? Where does the funding come from to pay for inspectors?

ANSWER: Funding comes from the Federal Government and from rent payments from tenants. Tenants are required to submit tax returns for audit and are required to pay 35% of their income towards rent.

5. Does RHA funding come from the county budget? If so, how much? What for?

ANSWER: Federally funded

6. What is the Commercial Revitalization Program? Who receives funds from this program?

ANSWER: Targets specific areas of the county for commercial revitalization.

7. The 2015 adopted budget indicates five agencies that are part of Health and Welfare, i.e. Agency 67, Department of Family Services (DFS), Agency 68, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS), Agency 71, Health Department, Agency 73, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), and Agency 79, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (DNCS). What do these agencies do? Do their missions overlap? How are they funded?

ANSWER: This was discussed in relation to question 1. Mr. McDevitt provided a chart showing FY2014 and FY2015 funding for each agency.

8. Finally, how does Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court figure in to Health and Welfare? What is the funding? Does this overlap with other Health and Welfare agencies?

ANSWER: This funding includes running the juvenile detention center and includes a budget of \$22,207,704 with about 300 full time county employees and 43 state employees.

Ron McDevitt is to be commended for the effort made to provide detailed information to each of the committee's questions.

The next scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:30 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

There are no meeting minutes this month.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8pm, on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, in the media center of Whitman MS.

Associations represented were: Riverside Gardens, Wessynton, Collingwood Springs, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Sulgrave Manor, Newington Forest and Mt. Vernon Farms. Several community members also attended as did Co-chair Harbeck, acting as Facilitator.

Committee members had been urged to attend School Board Member Dan Storck's Mount Vernon Education Town Hall on October 14 and/or 15, 2014.

In view of that, the regular October meeting was short and convened to review the Education portion of the final report of Supervisor Hyland's Visioning Task Force (VTF), produced as part of a multidisciplinary effort to look at needs of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/visioning_task_force.htm) The MVCCA Co-chairs had asked each committee to review the relevant VTF sections and to identify 1 or 2 items to request follow up or a progress report from Supervisor Hyland. (The Education section begins on approximately page 23)

The Committee identified the following:

A. VTF "ISSUE #1". The VTF commented on the need for additional post-secondary training and educational opportunities on the Rte. 1 Corridor and identified the County-owned building now

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rented to the Islamic Saudi Academy (ISA) as a prime location. The report noted proximity to transportation, potential for dual enrollment for high school students and suggested the building should be repurposed as a regional Rte. 1 site for all levels of education. It suggested that the ISA should be notified that its lease will not be renewed and a variety of stakeholders, including the Lee District Supervisor, university and technical institutes, Chambers of Commerce, and Ft. Belvoir be convened to identify users, courses and related matters.

Since the VTF, ISA has renewed its lease several times as it completes its own building but it is anticipated that ISA will be vacating soon.

Recently, there have been suggestions that the building when recaptured should be returned to FCPS usage as an elementary school as part of the effort to reduce school crowding along the Rte. 1 corridor. The Committee was vehemently against this approach as short-sighted and creating yet another virtual island school which cannot be easily accessed by parents or students, most of whom would come from the west side of Rte. 1. The Committee supports the building of a new school on the "Pinewood Lakes" site, since the largest growth in students is on the west side, combined with boundary adjustment to alleviate crowding on the east side. The Committee plans to draft a resolution to that effect at the November or December meeting, since the process to adjust membership overcrowding will begin in that time frame.

B. VTF "ISSUE 3". The VTF identified the need to address the "digital divide" in electronic communication, in terms of citizen and student access as well as linkage between FCPS and Fairfax County systems. The VTF envisioned Fairfax becoming a true "Wireless County" with a single unified site to access information on both FCPS and Fairfax County to better serve all citizens and link staff and related activities. Suggestions included aggressively pursuing expansion of electronic access through tax credits to businesses and multifamily homes, libraries and County and FCPS buildings.

The Committee has addressed the access issue before, and it is becoming even more critical with the increased emphasis in education on electronic instruction, electronic textbooks, and parent-teacher communication through e-mail and FCPS website. While there are ongoing initiatives to address the issue, which clearly impacts low income families who may have no in-home web access but is also an issue for families with multiple children who need electronic devices and high band width, much more needs to be done.

The other VTF issues (ISSUE #2 and ISSUE #4) were not selected at this time. ISSUE #2 was the need for a meals tax which, while still critical, appears to be back-burnered for now. ISSUE #4 concerned suggestions for restructuring delivery of education for the global market. The Committee did not necessarily disagree

with the suggestions but they seemed better addressed to the School Board initially.

Next meeting: November 5, 2014, 8pm, Whitman MS library: FCPS staff presentation on "executive function" initiatives

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met jointly with the Transportation Committee on 6 Oct 2014, at 7.30 p.m. on Room 220 at the South County Government Center. Attending were Cathy Ledec (chair), Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Wellington, Westgrove and guests from Wellington Heights, Collingwood on the Potomac Stratford on the Potomac Section IV and several other guests. Also joining us was Earl Flanagan, Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner and Ron Fitzsimmons, MVCCA Co-Chair. Attendance for Transportation Committee and their notes are included separately.

We welcomed Peter Christiansen (Mr. C), Mt. Vernon Representative to the Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalk Committee (FCTSC) and Ken Schrantz, representing Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicyclists (FABB). Mr. Christiansen started by describing the mission of FCTSC which includes evaluating existing facilities for trails, sidewalks and bicycle routes and assists the county in producing maps of these facilities, and plans new facilities. The Committee also evaluates subdivision plans and site plans for trail facilities this also includes reviewing exception requests.

Mr. C. mentioned that the Bicycle Master Plan is currently out for public comment. See url: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pdf/bike/bicycle_master_plan_draft-final.pdf There was a public hearing with the County's Planning Committee on October 1, 2014 and the final plan will go to the Board of Supervisors on October 28, 2014. The Committee also seeks out gaps in the trails system working with communities and residents to resolve these where possible. Of course funding is a challenge for these. Recent Budget challenges in Fairfax County resulted in the elimination of all funding for trails and sidewalk maintenance. This resulted in an audit which resulted in the restoration of some funds for trail maintenance and repair.

Mr. C. was looking for input on gaps on the sidewalks and trails systems in Mt. Vernon from committee members. He mentioned the proposed bridge over Dogue Creek; extension of the trail at Grist mill which will ultimately connect the trail at Grist Mill to Mulligan Road (Jeff Todd Way) and to Telegraph Road. While not currently funded, Mr. C thought this was included in the capital projects funded by the Transportation Bond being considered by voters on November 4, 2014.

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Older communities when constructed did not require sidewalks and trails, new development requires this. Some bike trails are not well signposted, e.g. NPS regulation prohibits bikes on the GW parkway, this is not widely known and more signs indicating this would be helpful. There is a safety hazard when bicyclists mix with pedestrians or with cars and it seems to be best practice as indicated by several well known bike friendly cities (Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis) to separate with lane markings, flexible bollard poles, planter boxes or other such dividers.

One committee member indicated that there is a need to identify trails that could be well-placed trails to connect families to communities, schools and parks. This fits right in with FCPS's "Safe Routes to Schools" Program (<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/safety-security/safety/saferoutes.shtml>) and "Safe Routes to Parks" program suggested recently by an FCPA Board Member.

Several committee members indicated that there are connectivity gaps that need resolution. Some gaps are dangerous for bikes, pedestrians and cars. Funding challenges exist but this is more challenging when it is between National Park Service Property, Fairfax County Dept of Transportation or Virginia Dept of Transportation. Several Committee members have been working to bridge gaps or obtain repairs to trails with no success as of yet. There is confusion on who is responsible for repairs, (VODT or FCDOT). There are areas where trails convert from pavement to gravel which can be very dangerous for bicycles.

We next heard from Mr. Schrantz of FABB. An avid bicyclist he commutes regularly up Route 1 from Mt. Vernon to the Huntington Metro, then via the Metro into Montgomery County and back home every day. An early commuter (4am) he misses some traffic but commented on several areas where there are gaps in the bike and sidewalk system. He mentioned that he uses parking lots, service roads to fill in as many gaps as he can in order to be able to bike safely through these areas. In other cases he drives on the roadway along with traffic. He shared with us recent research that shows that by not attracting bicyclists (including tour companies that bike all along the east coast passing through our area) we are missing out on economic impact of this business sector. Bike tours that pass through our area do not use Route 1 since it is not known to have an effective bike trail system. Instead these bicyclists (and their \$\$) go a different way to pass through this area.

A member asked whether mixing bikes and pedestrians is part of the comp plan and this appears to be the case.

Ken further talked about 2 types of bike trips the first he referred to as recreational rides where the rider picks a route that suits the ride they want to take. The other he called the task-oriented ride where there is a specific goal such as home to metro station for commuting.

A member asked why it appears that the path which is expected along both sides of route 1, this appears to not being built. Commissioner Flanagan joined us and brought a poster-sized copy of the Master Plan for Bike Trails. He reported that in fact it is being built one re-developed property at a time. He described for us the role of the Comprehensive Plan in describing the ultimate conditions that we seek for Route 1 development throughout Mt. Vernon and going south to the Occoquan. Dedicated bicycle paths are in the Comp Plan on both sides of Route 1. For all practical purposes this entire strip will never be developed at one time, it will be re-developed one section at a time. With each re-development developers are required to dedicate land for right-of-way and to provide for trails and sidewalks. The Krispy Kreme re-development is an example where land was dedicated for this purpose including a 10-foot wide trail for bikes and pedestrians. It was also suggested that with each VDOT re-paving project that this is an ideal time to insert bike paths. Mr. C mentioned that this is for the most part being done.

Several committee members asked about the safety of mixing bikes and pedestrians. Using Portland, ME, Minneapolis, MN and other well-known bike-friendly cities pedestrians and bikes are specifically separated by painted double-lines or other dividers to provide for a safe experience for both which are in turn separated from traffic. This separation can easily be done with painted lines, flexible bollard poles or other such dividers. Another member commented about a project in Seattle that created a separation between bike lanes and traffic. When opened this tripled bike traffic on the dedicated bike lanes. There was also mention of the need for attitudinal changes this will be important to the overall success of any program implemented.

Another member commented Fairfax County seems to be looking for the perfect fix for all gaps when this is not always possible. Should we revise requirements in order to be able to provide interim fixes where there are gaps? Mr. C described for us several areas where short gaps were proceed to make corrections. As followup each of us could provide details on gaps or areas we have identified that need maintenance and could be put onto the priority lists.

Next meeting: 5 November, 7:15pm, Mt. Vernon Government Center, room #3. Guest speaker: Jon Hillis, Vice President, Prospect Solar.

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7:30 pm, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met at the South County Center, focusing on *The Fairfax Fifty+ Community Action Plan* adopted by the Board of Supervisors in late September 2014 and now published on line as “pdf” document. The Plan emphasizes partnership among all resources—community-based public and private programs and providers together with organized voluntary efforts.

Participating were representatives from six MVCCA member citizens’ associations: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Tauxemont, and (newly represented) Westgrove. Louise Cleveland chaired and provided updates on (1) the outcome of September HHS Committee action re the Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force Report, and (2) the Sept. 29 meeting of the South County Task Force for Human Services, (see more below, under “Update” headings for VTF and SCTF for HS.)

October Focus for a lively discussion and exchange of information was on **“Fifty+ Neighbors: How can neighborhood associations assist older adults (and persons with disabilities) through local volunteer action?”**

Committee members received a detailed agenda in advance and prepared by exploring the recently redesigned on-line pathways to information for Older Adults on the Fairfax County web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov, following directory links for Finding Services, discovering Recreation & Wellness programs, and exploring Community Engagement and volunteer opportunities. The Committee recommends this **On Line Path to Resources** (below) for use in local neighborhood communications.

Extensive “community engagement”—in which residents of our southeastern area participated during the summer of 2013—has evolved into countywide partnership of stakeholders for the new *Fifty+ Community Action Plan*. The Plan proposes 31 initiatives—described with an eye to whether/how each is attainable, affordable and actionable within a reasonable time frame. The Plan provides background information, best practices, and suggestions on how to implement each, identifying potential stakeholders and naming groups that offer to champion the initiative.

HHS Committee considered three initiatives with potential for communicating awareness and organizing actions through MVCCA member neighborhood associations.

These three proposals aim to overcome the barriers to successful “aging-in-place” most frequently cited by people in our “urbanizing” suburban area, by (1) finding services for older adults and family caregivers, (2) engaging more neighborhood and community awareness and action, and (3) organizing a local “village” network for matching riders with qualified volunteer drivers.

Countywide, 3 distinct models for organizing “village” support for aging-in-place are developing in 9 locations (see Resources, below). Our representatives from six neighborhood associations acknowledged important distinctions of size, history, changing demographics of age and culture and current modes of neighborhood communication. In trading ideas that have worked (or not) in energizing a community for neighbor-to-neighbor exchange of services, all acknowledged that creativity is needed to adapt promising ideas to particular neighborhoods and situations. Each person, each neighborhood will have an evolving perspective on what’s needed, and what’s possible, now.

Actions—proposed first steps—were not voted upon, but all agreed these three *Fifty+* initiatives deserve attention, in response to growing trends and issues.

- **“Services for Older Adults & Family Caregivers:**

- **Creating a Communication Buzz”** (Plan, pdf pages 10-13)

- “Some older individuals are simply unaware of Fairfax County programs and services that might aid them; unable to properly frame an inquiry that might answer a specific question; do not have access to technology that would allow them to access county on-line information; or lack awareness of accessible resources that might answer a specific information need (e.g., *Golden Gazette*). In addition to sometimes lacking the necessary technology and/or the ability to effectively use that technology, older (75+) individuals often prefer face to face interaction, rather than telephonic or on-line interaction. They also prefer to receive information from a trusted (although not necessarily authoritative) source, usually a friend, relative or neighbor.”

- Action 1: Challenge MVCCA member organizations to identify the number of older adults in their community who could benefit from a person to person exchange about county services available to older adults.**

- **“Community Engagement: Neighbor to Neighbor”** (pdf 52-53)

- Neighbors connecting to neighbors in citizens and homeowners associations provide opportunities for older adults to receive support needed to age-in-place. Neighborhood associations can recruit volunteers to deliver needed services to older adults in their communities. Most of these volunteers are older adults, but it is better to recruit all generations. Implementing digital online networks in communities encourages neighbors to volunteer and assist older adults in areas such as raking leaves, shoveling snow or giving rides to the grocery store. Such structures provide leadership opportunities. Older adults can rotate leadership of the various functions.

- Action 2: Member associations that have identified the older adults in their community can arrange for presentations on how to organize a neighbor to neighbor connection or a “village” exchange of useful services.**

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- **“Transportation: Northern Virginia Rides”** (pdf 65-67)

Older adults lose their mobility when they are no longer able to drive themselves. This initiative encourages neighborhood communities to organize volunteer drivers to provide older adults in Mount Vernon District with volunteer drivers who meet standardized qualification requirements and can provide older adults with rides for shopping, appointments, attending meetings, etc.

Action 3: Survey MVCCA member organizations to determine interest in organizing a volunteer driver program in their community. Arrange for County assistance in qualifying drivers.

THE ON-LINE PATH TO RESOURCES

To assist persons (a) Finding Services for older adults and caregivers, (b) seeking Recreation & Wellness programs, and (c) exploring Community Engagement and volunteer opportunities, start by exploring the recently redesigned County directory page of Services for Older Adults. (From the Fairfax County home page, under Topics, click on “Older Adults.”)

The on-line directory page also features a direct phone line for further personal assistance from a professional familiar with the available resources: Call the *Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resources Line*, 703-324-7948 (TTY 711) during office hours, M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Resources for this meeting included these (all linked on the Older Adults page):

- VIDEO, “Neighbors Help Neighbors in Fairfax County Villages,” a 30 min. Mature Living program on “Village” experiments in Fairfax County, explains 3 models, under development in 9 areas from Reston to Mount Vernon: the All-Volunteer approach, the “Neighborhood Network,” and the “Concierge” model (e.g. Mount Vernon At Home).
- *The Fairfax Fifty+ Community Action Plan* (87 pages, pdf) proposes 31 initiatives that emphasize partnership among all resources—community-based public and private providers together with voluntary efforts. The Plan has its own Page, explaining how the community developed and will implement initiatives, with a sidebar of links to more on-line helps:
- The *Fairfax 50+ Data Visualization Chart* (pdf), August 2013, displays surprising demographic trends; and
- *Older Adult Services Maps* show locations, countywide and by District—see Mount Vernon.

UPDATE – SCTF for HS

South County Task Force for Human Services, an essential public forum for reports on matters impacting our area, is seldom reported in local newspapers. Interested citizens, including HHS Committee members, are urged to attend. At the Sept. 29 meeting, participants—including Supervisor Gerry Hyland--

- welcomed Executive Director of Fx-Falls Church Community Services Board Tisha Deeghan;
- were briefed on the fiscal context for service planning by

County Policy and Information Manager for Admin. for Human Services Ron McDevitt, who outlined Sept. BOS decisions re FY14 Carryover made in conjunction with the County Exec’s projected economic outlook: declining County revenue from all sources will impact planning for all County public services in the current year (FY15) and the next (FY16); and

- received reports on recent Health in All Policies, or “HiAP,” concerns such as (a) an impact study for locating a transit transfer center on Richmond Highway corridor and (b) expanded community access for prevention/intervention strategies for youth depression & suicide: Crisis help via phone and new texting lines, plus highly rated Mental Health First Aid training available to all, online.

The next SC Task Force meeting is scheduled Thursday, Nov. 20, 1-3 PM, South County Center, to welcome Inova Senior Vice President and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital CEO Deborah Addo and new Director for FC Dept. of Housing and Community Development Kurt Creager.

UPDATE – VTF

HHS Committee (as reported in Sept. RECORD) reviewed the Housing and Community Development section (April 2011) of the Supervisor’s Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force Report and approved a draft Letter to the Supervisor with questions on the status of some of its recommendations for action. Subsequently, MVCCA’s Board has requested input from all committees, on their respective sections of the VTF, to shape a more comprehensive MVCCA Letter to Supervisor Hyland.

At our Oct. 28 meeting, HHS Committee will select a few VTF recommendations, in sections for Human Services as well as Housing and Community Development, that merit a status report at this time. Next, we focus on “Successful Children and Youth,” reviewing County progress—since last fall’s MVCCA Resolutions—toward strategic investments needed to fill critical gaps in providing early childhood education and youth behavioral health services.

NEXT HHS MEETING – October 28

Mark your calendar: The HHS Committee has scheduled 2014 meetings on 2 more Tuesday evenings—Oct. 28 (i.e. 1 week prior to Nov. 4 election day) and Dec. 2—both at 7:30 PM, SCC Room 221 A/B. Members, *please plan to participate or authorize an alternate voting representative whenever you cannot be present, notifying Committee Chair of name, e-mail and phone contact info in advance. Thank you!*

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning & Zoning did not meet in October. Next meeting will be November 3, 2014, 7:30 PM, Mount Vernon Government Center.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations' Public Safety Committee conducted its monthly meeting on October 2, 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, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Westgrove, and Williamsburg Manor North. Also attending was a guest from the Hollin Hills neighborhood.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Lewis Meyers, M.D., a retired internal care physician who is a lead in the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability organization which is working to have a civilian review board program adopted in Fairfax County. Dr. Meyers told group that he had a master's degree in social work and, prior to medical school, had worked for the District of Columbia's Probation Office and had been a Reserve DC Police Officer, all of which provided a real sense of respect for law enforcement officers.

Dr. Meyers provided an overview of the start of the Fairfax County Police Department which began in the 1940's when the Sheriff's Office was no longer able to handle the volume of activity which the growing county was generating. Fairfax County now has a population of over 1.1 million people with a broad range of socio-economic backgrounds and Dr. Meyer's indicated that the police don't have the ability or the time to get to know the community. Fairfax County police are very good and well trained but there have been some problems. He mentioned a drift between the police and the community which creates an "us versus them" situation. This separation may generate a lack of impact to improve the relationship. Dr. Meyers also mentioned that Supervisor Hyland is the lead for the Board of Supervisor's Public Safety but may not have the budget to focus on individual complaints.

The next portion of the presentation focused on the use of civilian review boards and that Fairfax County was one of the largest jurisdictions not have a civilian review board. Dr. Meyers reviewed a number of police involved shootings over past years and how there has been a lack of transparency with regard to the officers involved, the settlements that were made with the families and how the such matters could be better addressed. The civilian review board would be comprised of an appointee from each district who has some law enforcement background with analytical abilities. The board would provide guidance for how the police engage various levels of force, look at the use of tactical teams, meet with different communities to learn if they are being targeted by police and get input.

The District of Columbia has a civilian review board with a staff of 22 people and a budget of 2 million dollars. They have developed a number of different approaches to resolve civilian complaints

against the police including have the two parties meet with an arbitrator.

There was thoughtful and interesting discussion on the information which Dr. Meyers presented and, as he concluded his comments, he invited the members to attend an open forum on the topic which was being conducted on Monday, October 6th at 7:00 pm in the large conference room of the Sherwood Hall Library. A representative from the DC board would be attending and making a presentation about their experiences.

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.

New Business:

- There was discussion on the current Ebola virus and the abilities of our local medical facilities to handle these cases. This topic will be looked at for a future meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2014 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center in Community Meeting Room #3.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee chaired by Catherine Voorhees met at the South County Center, Room 220 on October 6, 2014 beginning at 7:30pm. The meeting was joint with the Environment and Recreation Committee chaired by Cathy Ledec. Attendees at the meeting included Peter Christiansen, MV rep to the FC Trails and Sidewalks committee, the MV Vernon Transportation and Planning Commissioners, Ken Schrantz (representing FABB - Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling), 10 civic associations: Hollin Hall Village; Hollin Hills; Mount Vernon Manor; Potomac Valley River Bend; Riverside Gardens; Stratford Landing, Section IV (2); Waynewood; Wellington Heights; Woodland Park and Woodley Hills and an interested cyclist.

Guest speakers, Peter Christensen, MV representative to the FC Trails and Sidewalks Committee and Ken Schrantz representing FABB - Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling joined the Transportation and E&R committees to discuss how to get trails built for pedestrians and cyclists and "connectivity gaps" finished.

Peter Christiansen indicated that he would bring areas that we should identify where trails and/or sidewalks are necessary and bring them to his attention. He explained that his committee also

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reviews new construction plans where waivers are requested and that his committee does not usually grant waivers of sidewalks and trails because there are no sidewalks on either side. His point: no trails or sidewalks would be built if the requirement was that the trail or sidewalk had to connect to an existing trail or sidewalk.

Unfortunately, trails and/or sidewalks are not required of new construction unless there is a rezoning. This is the so-called “by-right” exception. The Transportation Chair explained that, in response to the MVCCA Transportation Impact Fee Resolution that would require transportation infrastructure improvements, Tony Griffin, the County Executive who preceded Ed Long, opined that the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance 17-201 provides for transportation infrastructure, such as trails and sidewalks, even in so-called “by-right” scenarios. While the Director of DPWES may waive the infrastructure, he must make a determination “that such improvements are unnecessary”, and “may attach conditions to any such modification or waiver to assure that the results of the modification or waiver will be in accordance with the purpose and intent” of this section: public safety and general welfare of pedestrians, bikers and automobile traffic. However, the Chair relayed that despite several letters to Supervisors Hyland and Bulova concerning when and how much money has been collected under this zoning provision, no response was received. The Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner opined that large companies want the same deal as “mom and pop” shops and thus, it would not be fair to require large companies to provide such infrastructure. Chair’s note: If Fairfax County is not enforcing provisions of its zoning ordinance at the expense of citizen’s safety and welfare, the County should delete the provision and adopt a Transportation Impact Fee. Transportation Impact Fees depend upon the size and dollar amount of the so-called “by-right” project. Thus, small projects would not have to pay as much as a large project, which tends to cause the most transportation issues. Look at Kings Crossing.

Areas identified as needing sidewalks, bike trails and traffic lights include:

1. Fort Hunt Road - Peter Christiansen mentioned that there are a number of “connectivity gaps” between existing trails and that Fort Hunt Road lacks a proper bike trail and/or sidewalks due to the lack of Right of Way. (ROW) The Transportation Chair brought up placing storm water pipes in the ditches on the east side of Fort Hunt Road and covering over the pipes to provide sidewalks. The chair noted that the sidewalk would not be perfect in width. An Environment and Recreation member noted that Fairfax County only deals with perfection. Thus, if a bike trail cannot be built to county standards, it is better to not have a trail.

2. The lack of a Fairfax County perfect trail is illustrated by the “trail” or extra pavement adjacent the Belle Haven Country Club. If this trail was completed by Fairfax County standard, a safe bike trail would exist between New Alexandria and Old Town or National Harbor via the Woodrow Wilson Bike trail.

3. Morningside Road - An Environment & Recreation member brought up the need for a sidewalk or trail along Morningside Road so that children would be able to reach the Mount Vernon Trail, bike to a neighbor, etc. without having to be in the road. The Morningside Road community is working together to try to get the necessary ROW.

4. Hiking Trail from Westgrove Community to Belle View Elementary School on Fort Hunt Road – Due to the lack of sidewalks along the east side of Fort Hunt Road, parents from Westgrove, Villamay and Marlan Forest must drive their children to school as there is no safe way for the students to walk. A trail would alleviate congestion from cars on Fort Hunt Road as those students could walk.

5. Dogue Creek Pedestrian Bridges at U.S. Route 1

6. Peter Christiansen mentioned one connectivity gap that the Trails and Sidewalks Committee wants to add to the FC Transportation projects is a pedestrian bridge across Dogue Creek at the Grist Mill. Once the pedestrian bridge is in place, Fairfax County would be able to build a trail from the Mount Vernon Estate to U.S. Route 1 and to Telegraph Road via Jeff Todds Way.

Ken Schrantz commutes via bicycle on U.S. Route 1 to get to work. He explained that he prefers to bike on sidewalks, frontage roads or parking lots rather than in a travel lane on U.S. Route 1. However, there are areas where the sidewalk stops, there is no frontage road or parking lots and then he carefully uses U.S. Route 1. His commute is to Huntington Metro and he takes his bike on the Metro so that he can bike when he reaches his destination in Montgomery County. Ken explained that separate trails for bikes and pedestrians are the safest. Several committee members mentioned such trails in Portland, Seattle, Minneapolis or other more bike friendly areas where trails for bikes and trails for pedestrians existed and worked very well. While Transportation committee members were concerned about painted bike lanes as being difficult to see in the rain and the dark, Ken explained that paint allows street cleaners to remove sand, gravel, etc. that accumulates on the side of the road whereas bollards, either plastic or metal, make maintenance more difficult.

Peter Christiansen explained that a bond was coming before the voters on **November 4th** to fund bicycle trails. Thus, he urged us to contact him with our list of connectivity gaps for trails and sidewalks.

The bond issue he mentioned would be for the sum of \$100,000,000 to cover: “... the cost of construction, reconstruction, improving and acquiring improving and acquiring transportation facilities, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, improvements related to transit, improvements for pedestrian and bicycles, and ancillary related improvements and facilities.”

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After the joint meeting, the Transportation Committee met briefly to discuss the upcoming Route 1 Alternative Analysis meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2014 in which the AA team would recommend Alternative #3 - The hybrid of Bus Rapid Transit and Metrorail underground for two stops (Beacon Mall and Hybla Valley). However, the implementation of this recommendation begins with Bus Rapid Transit from Huntington to Hybla Valley (the area with a very challenging Right of Way) and then from Hybla Valley to Fort Belvoir and finally completing the bus rapid transit from Fort Belvoir to Woodbridge by 2032. The metro section would not begin until 2035-2040.

The chair and several members of the Transportation Committee attended the October 9th Alternative Analysis meeting. **Go to the Alternatives Analysis web site: <http://route1multimodalaa.com/participate-in-public-meeting-3/> and view the materials and take the survey.**

Adjorn

The Transportation Committee will meet on November 3, 2014 at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane. We will discuss connectivity gaps in bike trails.

SFDC

SFDC Sept. 2014 Report

Steve Rolls of Combined Properties provided an update on retail leasing for One Kings (formerly Penn Daw Plaza). Negotiations are underway with a major grocery tenant, and other leases should fall into place once that has been finalized. VDRPT and FCDOT gave a presentation on the Route 1 Multimodal Study (for which public meetings were held earlier this month). Four options are under consideration, with the hybrid BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) and a 2 stop Metro extension as the recommended option. More detailed studies will be needed before federal funding can be sought, and plans for improved density will be key to having any project move forward.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

1. The Federation held its legislative agenda board meeting on Oct 2, 2014. They considered 15 agenda items and paired them down to 10.

The following items will go before the Federation Membership at their Oct 16th meeting.

- Public Safety: Requiring hands-free driving;
- Education: Increase the cigarette tax, Revision of fund distribution by the State and Fairfax County School Start Date;
- Library: Remove State funding formula limit and Declare Libraries essential services;

- Environment: Make renewable portfolio mandatory, Allow regional solid waste planning; Charge a fee for plastic bag usage
- Transportation: Set fund-allocation guide lines

The MVCCA rep. brought the RT1 Multi-Modal Analysis phase 2 funding before the board to be included in the legislative package. However, it did not make the cut. However, the Federation Transportation Committee Chair has put this funding into her legislative package "Ensure maximum allowable funding for Transportation Improvement Projects in Fairfax County". This legislative item passed the Federation Board and will be offered to the Federation membership for a vote on the 16th.

The other good news is that we have support from many Federation Board members to offer up the Phase 2 funding as a separate resolution at their late October Board Meeting. The resolution has been drafted and offered to the Federation Board for review.

The not so good news is that the Chairman of the Fairfax County Transportation Commission is against this funding being sought because he believes it will draw funds away from the 6 year transportation plan. Frank Cohn, our MV Transportation Commissioner, has weighed in to try and change Mr. Parnens mind.

In any case I believe that we have a good case and we will be pushing the separate resolution forward.

2. The Federation has established a Special Outreach Committee to promote membership, facilitate District Community Collaboration; celebrate the ethnicity of the County.
3. Katherine Ward, the MVCCA Rep to the Federation will also be assisting the Land Use Chair.

Treasurer's Report

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.
 Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Year to Date Compared to Budget
 30 September 2014

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	Current Month	Total Year-to- Date	Annual Budget	Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts:				
Dues - Current Members	-	3,018	\$ 3,000	\$ 18
Dues - New Members	-	-	54	(54)
Gala Receipts (including donations)	-	2,705	4,700	(1,995)
MM Interest Receipts	1	5	2	3
Total Cash Receipts	1	5,728	7,756	(2,028)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	25	279	300	21
Gala	-	1,537	3,550	2,013
Insurance	-	811	773	(38)
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	-	-	850	850
Record Production	115	895	1,483	588
Student of the Year Stipend/Award	-	600	500	(100)
Web Site	-	-	300	300
Total Cash Disbursements	140	4,121	7,756	3,635
Net Budget remaining to spend				\$ 1,607
Receipts In Excess (less than) Disbursements	(139)	1,607	-	
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	12,626	10,880	10,880	
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 12,487	\$ 12,487	\$ 10,880	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,480	
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,007	Respectfully Submitted, Stephen Markman Treasurer October 9, 2014
Total Cash	\$ 12,487	

Notes:
 The financial statements use the cash basis of accounting except as noted on the face of the statement.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 22nd, 7:30 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
- 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
- Appt of SFDC rep
- Appt of Bob McDonald as Chair, Public Safety committee
- Consideration of ByLaws

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Nov. 6, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	11/5	7:30	MVGC	Voorhees
COAF	TBD			TBD
EDU	11/5	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
E&R	11/5	7:15	MVGC, Rm. 3	Ledec
HHS	10/28	7:30	SCC/Rm. 221/AB	Cleveland
PL/Z	11/3	7:30	MVGC	Pohorylo
PS	11/4	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	Sherick
TRAN	11/3	7:30	WWMS/Library	Voorhees

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