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Council  
of Citizens'  
Associations

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## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

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

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Special Election: The Nominating Committee's nominee for the open Co-Chair position to serve until June 30, 2015: David Dale

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## MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2014 at Mount Vernon Government Center

**PRESIDING:** Co-chair Judy Harbeck

**ATTENDING:** Co-Chair Harbeck, Treasurer Markman, Secretary Martin, Committee Chairs Ledec, Cleveland, C. Voorhees, Pohorylo, and Representatives Young and Ward.

Voting Representatives from the following citizens' and homeowners' associations: Belle View Condos, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Fairfax Residents' Association, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southern Oaks, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wessyn-ton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Terrace.

The General Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**THE AGENDA** as published in the Record was adopted.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES** of September General Council meeting were approved. (Hollin Glen should be added to the list of attendees of that meeting.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT** was received.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Minutes for committees are given in the Record. The Transportation Chair urged people to look at the bond on the ballot (it includes funds for trails) and to be sure to fill out the survey on Route 1 transportation options. The P&Z chair noted that the location of the November 3, 2014 meeting as stated in the Record is incorrect. It will be held at Walt Whitman Middle School in the Jack Knowles Auditorium.

SFDC: Presentation on Woodlawn by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Fairfax Federation: the Federation's legislative package is complete and legislators were briefed. It includes the MVCCA-supported fee on plastic bags and support for the funding of the Route 1 Phase 2 study of the Multimodal in its legislative package.

**CO-CHAIRS' REPORT.** Co-chair Ron Fitzsimmons was called away to CA due to a death in the family.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

## NEW BUSINESS

Stratford Landing CA president Maher announced that SLCA will collect yellow ribbons from other associations that had put them up for Hannah Graham's family.

The membership unanimously ratified reappointment of Ellen Young as MVCCA representative to SFDC, and the appointment of Bob McDonald as chair of the Public Safety Committee.

A motion to accept Woodlawn Terrace's application to join the MVCCA was passed unanimously.

**SUPERVISOR'S TIME** (Reported by Chief Aide Brett Kenney, Supervisor Hyland unavailable)

"Slow down" signs are available. RHA is still in discussion with the proposed developer of the North Hill 33 acre property on Route 1. Staff proposes endorsing the Hybrid Option for Route 1 Alternatives Analysis for the transit, but Supervisor Hyland wants to see Metro come sooner. An out-of-turn plan amendment concerning the MVCCA resolution on the Woodlawn CBC west side properties will be introduced at the next BOS meeting.

## CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISION

The proposed bylaws revision, distributed to Member Associations on Sept. 15, was presented by the Chair of the Bylaws Committee, Judy Harbeck (other members are Karen Pohorylo, Ellen Young, Louise Cleveland, Frank Cohn). The revised bylaws must be adopted by a 2/3 majority of the members in attendance in order to be ratified, and any proposed amendment to the revised bylaws must receive a favorable vote of 2/3 of the members to be adopted. (Therefore, with 26 member associations in attendance, a "yes" vote by 17 members is required to adopt the new bylaws or approve any amendment .) Only authorized representatives holding cards may speak (and vote).

It was moved and seconded that the revised bylaws replace the current bylaws.

A member asked, if we do not get through them tonight, will the current bylaws remain in force? (yes) and Were the bylaws checked against the Articles of Incorporation to be sure they are consistent? (yes)

A motion to modify Article III, section 1 of the revised bylaws to insert "substantially" in the fourth sentence, to say "...is organized and operated substantially for nonpartisan and noncommercial purposes," failed for lack of a second. A motion to change "State of Virginia" to "Commonwealth of Virginia" in the same sentence was adopted without opposition.

A motion to change Article V, section 3 of the revised bylaws to change the quorum requirement for GC meetings from 1/5 to 2/5 failed with a vote of 9 in favor, 15 opposed.

A motion to change Article VI, section 4 of the revised bylaws by deleting "and an action of the Board of Directors shall stand unless or until the General Council votes otherwise" from the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence passed with 23 in favor and 1 opposed. The amendment was adopted.

A motion to strike Article VI, section 5 of the revised bylaws and restore the current bylaws version ("In order to maintain the nonpartisan status and reputation of the Mount Vernon Council, no person who is an employee of, candidate for, or holding an elective or appointive policy-determining position with Fairfax County or who is an officer of a political party may serve as an officer or a member of the Board of Directors") was made and seconded. Harbeck explained that the Bylaws Committee does not intend to make the Board more compliant with the Supervisor, but rather to strengthen coverage of conflict of interest situations. The current bylaws provision is too narrow and fails to reach many potential conflicts of interest (e.g., a land developer with an interest in a particular case chairing the P&Z Committee). It is also too broad in (for example) its blanket prohibition of any Fairfax County employee from serving on the board, whether or not there is any connection between the employee's job and the position. The current provision does not cover Fairfax County Public School employees, who are not employed by the county, so the FCPS School Superintendent in theory would be eligible under the old bylaws to chair the Education Committee, a clear conflict of interest. There is no good definition of what a "policy-determining position" is. Harbeck noted that previous co-chairs had consulted a member of the county attorney's staff, who did not know what the phrase meant and said the county has no definition of "policy-determining." The Bylaws Committee proposes to replace this meaningless clause with a more general conflict of interest provision that asks, is there a conflict with the citizens' interest? How pervasive is it? A board member might have to recuse him or herself in some cases or withdraw from some positions without a blanket exclusion. The committee also proposes to regularize the process of determining a conflict of interest by making it a removal for cause. The decision to remove would become a decision of the Board, not just the co-chairs, and the General Council would have to ratify the Board's decision, creating a more deliberative and transparent process. Conflicts of interest are also addressed in a Policy and Procedures Manual.

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The maker of the motion argued that the existing language is perfectly clear, and amended the motion to delete "employee of" from the 2<sup>nd</sup> line, insert "or who otherwise has a conflict of interest" in the last line, and to add "A removal under this section shall be considered a removal for cause" at the end. The amended motion failed with 10 voting in favor.

A motion to amend Article IX, section 1.D, of the revised bylaws to substitute "July 31" for "June 30" in the final sentence failed, with 6 voting in favor.

A motion was made and seconded to add an explanation of the role of standing committees, by inserting "ROLE. Standing Committees are advisory bodies to the General Council by providing recommendations for consideration and action by the BOD and GC" in Article XI, section 1. The motion failed, with 13 voting in favor.

A motion was made and seconded to replace Article XI, section 2 of the revised bylaws with: "SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES. The current Standing Committees of the MVCCA are the Budget and Finance Committee, the Consumer Affairs Committee, the Education Committee, and Environmental Affairs and Recreation Committee, the Health and Human Services Committee, the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Public Safety Committee, and the Transportation Committee. Co-chairs may represent their associations on committee(s) including those to which they act as Liaison and shall have a vote if so designated by their association as the authorized representative to the committee." In support of the amendment, some committees have difficulty getting a quorum and the co-chair is needed to count toward the quorum and in voting. The Bylaws Committee believes the co-chairs should adopt the perspective of the entire MVCCA, which may conflict with representing the narrower interests of their own association. With a vote of 12 in favor, the motion failed.

A motion was made and seconded to replace Article XI, section 4 of the revised bylaws with: "SECTION 4. VOTING. A vote by a Standing Committee shall be valid only when at least five authorized representatives on the Committee are present and voting at the Committee meeting. Each authorized representative shall have one vote. The Chair of a Standing Committee may serve on that Committee as his or her member association's Authorized Representative if so designated by the association." Reasons are the difficulty of getting a quorum, and the burden the new bylaws would place on a committee chair's member association, which would have to name another authorized representative to be represented on the committee. The chair often brings special subject knowledge and, it was argued, should be allowed to vote. However, the Bylaws Committee found that the old bylaws were contradictory and have been interpreted differently by different chairs. Committee chairs need to take a broader perspective rather than representing the narrower interests of the home association. The proposed revision is another of the Bylaws

Committee's attempts to eliminate conflicts of interest. A committee chair determines the agenda, usually writes resolutions, and runs the discussion, so chairs have great influence even without voting. With 12 voting in favor, the motion failed.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article XVI of the revised bylaws to increase the quorum requirement in GC meeting in which a bylaws revision is voted on, by inserting "at least 50% of member associations are attending and that" after "provided that" on the second line. Currently, it would be possible to revise the bylaws if 6 vote in favor in a meeting with only 9 member associations present. The motion passed with 19 voting in favor, and the amendment was adopted.

The revised bylaws as amended were adopted with 20 of 26 member associations present voting in favor.

The following motion was adopted unanimously: "In order to transition to the fiscal and membership year in the new bylaws, the 2014 membership year is extended to June 30, 2015, the terms of all officers and board members are extended to June 30, 2015, and the treasurer is authorized to make ordinary and necessary expenditures pending development of the new budget."

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Martin, Secretary.

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### BUDGET AND FINANCE

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Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014

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

The speaker at the meeting was Don Heinrichs who is the Mount Vernon Magisterial District member of Fairfax County Libraries Board of Trustees.

We discussed the funding of the Library system which declined from about \$35,000,000 in FY2007 down to about \$26,000,000 in FY2012. The FY2015 budget has allotted about \$27,800,000 to the Libraries. These drastic cuts have taken their toll on library services and personnel.

Due to the lack of funding, the library system only spends about \$3,000,000 annually on acquisition of new materials. This amounts

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to less than 3 cents per county resident per year and is on par with Prince Georges County in Maryland. This low percentage of expenditures limits the amount of new books and e-books that the library system acquires. Some library systems spend as much as \$5 per resident annually on the acquisition of new materials.

The lack of funding has also affected library operations staffing. Out of the 322 positions authorized by the FY2014 budget 73 are vacant. In the Sherwood Hall Library, the upstairs computer room is being closed several days per week due to the lack of monitoring staff. Funding cuts have also reduced hours of operation of all libraries due to the lack of funds to pay library staff.

The next scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:30 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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There are no meeting minutes this month.

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### EDUCATION

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The Education Committee met at 8pm on November 5, 2014, in the library at Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: River Farm, Sulgrave Manor, Riverside Gardens, Williamburg Manor North, Wessynton, Newington Forest, Wellington, Engleside, Riverside Estates, Westgate, and Stratford Landing. Several interested community members also attended and Co-chair Harbeck acted as facilitator.

Michael Bloom, Co-ordinator of Pre-K-12 Special Education Instruction for FCPS, gave a presentation on recent initiatives and developing focus on executive function skills (EF) as a means to improve academic performance and success in adult life.

Bloom noted that various research publications use slightly different definitions of EF so an initial effort was to develop a common definition or vocabulary to use across FCPS, followed by specific interventions to address each deficit area according to proven research.

In short, EF are the basic skills everyone needs—and most successful adults use every day—to learn, to apply what is learned, to solve problems, to interact with others, and to make and achieve goals. FCPS breaks them into 6 categories: (1) **Goal-directed Persistence** (planning, organizing, solving problems, sustaining effort and following through); (2) **Cognitive Flexibility/Shift** (make connections, think flexibly and move between situations); (3) **Self Control** (regulate emotional and behavioral responses and read/respond appropriately in social situations); (4) **Attention and Focus** (filter distractions, think, listen or watch with interest); (5)

**Working Memory** (store, retrieve, and use information for a new task), and (6) **Metacognition** (analyze, monitor and understand one's own learning and thinking processes, strength and weaknesses).

One particular example Bloom noted was the “Unstuck and on target” (UOT) program which helps students, working through specific steps, to understand how to move through a problem, compromise, decide if they are on target to a goal or an a tangent, figure out a “plan B”, decide whether a problem is big or little, and whether there is a choice or a no-choice situation, etc. Research studies showed significant improvement in achievement and behavior in the ASD students studied as opposed to a control group.

At present, most EF work in FCPS and elsewhere is directed at Special Education students, particularly those on the autism spectrum (ASD). However, as is the case with many instructional techniques which began in Special Ed, many otherwise “normal” or “gifted” children can frequently benefit and the intention is to expand both recognition and instructional treatment of issues in the general education and Advanced Academic Program (AAP) setting.

Most children learn EF on their own, by modelling parents or with guidance from parents and teachers but others may have specific deficits in one or more areas which can be remedied through specific intervention and/or teaching coping skills—the earlier the better.

As committee members noted, the challenge to both parents and teachers can be identifying an EF deficit as opposed to laziness, oppositional adolescent behavior, or lack of motivation, etc. Bloom replied that the key is persistence: does the child nearly always have this issue, does it extend to home or other activities, as it gone on for a long time looking back at earlier developmental stages, etc. Teachers and schools are being provided instruction on identification of EF issues; parents should communicate problems to teachers since EF issues may be masked from the teacher's perspective if, for example, the parent is expending great effort in keeping the child's papers organized or in monitoring homework assignments to assure completion, beyond average parent involvement. Similarly, identified AAP children may have been able to mask issues because of high achievement until upper grades bring deficits to light at a time when they are typically most difficult to address.

Committee members and Bloom also discussed concerns that EF issues may be a significant factor in the achievement gap since children from low income homes may not have the opportunity to acquire these skills through modelling and early childhood education and many home situations are somewhat chaotic with parents working multiple jobs, absent, or with educational issues of their own. Certainly, many do not have the same parental

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resources to assist them in learning the EF skills or monitoring progress.

Bloom was asked to consider targeting some EF programs, or professional education, at high poverty schools, many of which are in the Mount Vernon district. While high-poverty schools are overwhelmed with a number of issues, committee members felt principals would be receptive.

Bloom was also asked to consider adding a page to the FCPS website with pertinent EF information, with links from other areas so parents and others could readily find such information.

In other matters, it was decided to hold off on any resolution involving the use of the current ISA building as an FCPS school as premature given that the process of looking at construction needs and enrollment imbalances in the Rte 1 corridor has not yet formally begun.

Next meeting: 8pm, 12/3/2014, Whitman MS library  
(TENT) Program on County library reorganization and issues

### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met on 5 November 2014 at 7:15pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (acting chair), Belleview Condos, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor (nonvoting).

1. Jon Hillis, Vice President, and Nick Messer of Prospect Solar, installers of solar energy for businesses and homes, presented a primer on solar energy for Virginia property owners. Highlights included:

- \* Prices continue to fall relative to the cost of power from the grid.
- \* When solar panels produce more energy than the household or business is using, your power meter spins backward and credits your account.
- \* 25-year terms are available for the equipment; equipment lasts 25 years; most homeowners recover the costs in 12 years.
- \* Property owners get a 30% tax credit on the costs of installation.
- \* Businesses can claim 5-year accelerated depreciation.
- \* Bulk purchases by an HOA or CA will result in discounts of up to 20%.
- \* Price of a standard system for homes ranges from \$14,000 to \$40,000.
- \* Virginia is less friendly to solar than are Maryland, DC, and North Carolina.
- \* Mr. Hillis, chair of VA Solar Industry Association, is working with members of the VA legislature and Governor's staff to improve state regulations governing solar and to eliminate barriers to

competition. Among other changes, they aim to get Virginia to establish RPS (Renewable Portfolio Standards) that would require utilities to provide a certain fraction of renewable energy through the grid, and to eliminate the "Stand-by charge" which utilities are allowed to charge customers just for being connected to the grid.  
\* Right now, Virginians are subsidizing solar in other states.

No action was taken on this informative presentation.

2. Paul Frank, Executive Director of the Collingwood Library and Museum, and Andrea Spruch, PE, presented Collingwood's application for a Special Exception Amendment. Collingwood seeks to divide its nearly 9-acre property into two parcels. The property has 3.5 acres of conservation easements, and it seeks to remove some areas of the property from conservation easement and place additional area under easement as part of the subdivision.

Lot 1 would include the main house (site of the current museum), conference/banquet center, out buildings, large paved parking lot, and a circular drive. There appears to be very little pervious surface on lot 1. Lot 2 would include the land along the Potomac, nearly all of 3.5 acres of conservation easements, and a driveway to East Boulevard Drive through a conservation easement. An outlot containing the floodplain, RPA, and Environmental Quality Corridor (EQC) would also be established as part of the subdivision. The subdivision would make it possible to sell lot 2 as a home site.

Members of the committee were invited to visit Collingwood on November 13, beginning at 4:00pm. Collingwood has invited neighbors to an open house at 6:00pm. The Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for January 29, 2015. No action taken.

3. Frank Cohen, Transportation Commissioner, presented two resolutions, one about the phasing of the construction for Route 1 improvements and the other about funding that analysis.

The resolutions were discussed and amended, and passed by votes of 7 to 1 (Funding Phase 2 of Route 1 Study) and 7 to 0 (Phasing of Construction).

The next meeting will be on Wed., Dec. 3 at 7:15pm when the committee will consider and vote on resolutions about fall canker-worm spraying and Collingwood Library and Museum's Special Exception Amendment.

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met to focus on two public expressions of concern for the future of our Mount Vernon community and to recommend MVCCA actions concerning some “next steps” proposed in each:

- **The Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force Report** (2011), intended to further a community vision and plan for Mount Vernon District and the Richmond Highway Corridor in the year 2035, and
- A pair of MVCCA **Resolutions**, developed jointly by the HHS and Education Committees and approved overwhelmingly in Fall 2013 General Council meetings that support investment in the goal of Successful Children and Youth--
  - ◇ **Re Early Childhood Education And Care** (MVCCA Resolution 2013 Joint HHS-EDU J-01) as published in the September *MVCCA RECORD*, and
  - ◇ **Re Investing In Successful Youth** (MVCCA Resolution 2013 Joint HHS/EDU J-02) as published in the November *MVCCA RECORD*.

Participating were representatives from five MVCCA member citizens' associations: Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Newington Forest, Stratford Landing, and Stratford on Potomac IV.

HHS Chair Louise Cleveland reported:

- A request from the MVCCA Co-chairs for a selection by MVCCA Committees of VTF recommendations that now merit a status report from the Supervisor;
- The status of investments in Successful Children and Youth recommended by MVCCA in Fall 2013, particularly those partially funded in the adopted *FC Budget Plan* for the current year (FY 2015); and
- Announcement of the Nov. 20 meeting of the South County Task Force for Human Services, inviting participation of ALL who are interested in the well being of residents in our southeastern area of Fairfax County (Mount Vernon and Lee Districts), details below.

Actions—all approved unanimously—included these:

- *Re VTF*—‘Mount Vernon Visioning’ recommendations were selected for use in an MVCCA request for a report from the Mount Vernon Supervisor’s office and for inclusion in this November HHS Report.
- *Re MVCCA 2013 recommendations for investment in Successful Children and Youth* –
  - ◇ Office for Children report to the HHS Committee, “School/ Reading Readiness Programs” (Oct. 2014) was approved for posting on the Committee’s Page at [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org), with specifics on local programs to be included in this Report.
  - ◇ HHS Committee will seek information needed to identify and

overcome obstacles that prevent access for eligible children and families into Early Head Start and Head Start.

- ◇ HHS Committee will draft a Resolution, for consideration of the Education Committee, supporting continued progress on MVCCA’s recommendations on early childhood education.

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### ‘VISIONING’ MOUNT VERNON

The *Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force Report* (2011) is published as a 173-page document (PDF) on the County’s site: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon). The MVCCA Co-chairs have requested that each MVCCA Committee select, from the VTF Report a few recommendations for early steps that are deemed especially worthy of a status report from the Supervisor at this time. For this purpose, steps that call for County support through policy and/or funding were selected.

The MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee has selected and summarized VTF recommendations from the reports of two VTF Committees:

- Housing and Community Development
- Human Services

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (VTF PDF, pages 78-99)

The HCD Visioning Committee envisions in 2035 a “thriving, growing and diverse community” that recognizes social value and economic necessity in providing a full range of housing opportunities—choices “from rental to owner occupied, from luxury to fully subsidized”—that meet diverse needs of young and old and of the spectrum of positions in the workforce.

- **Develop incentives to gain a more aggressive ratio of workforce and affordable housing to be incorporated within new developments** (as at Tysons Corner incentive for 20% vs. 12% generally) while avoiding the “one size fits all” approach to supplying affordable housing (HCD pages 10, 14 and 18).
- **Complete the county study on underused public lands**, making properties available for the development of affordable and workforce housing, whether standing alone or in conjunction with other public infrastructure improvements, such as The Residences at the Fairfax County Government Center, a mixed income housing development that is privately developed on public land, and the Del Ray/Potomac Yards Fire Station in Alexandria City, with the fire station on the first floor and affordable housing above (HCD pages 11 and 22).
- **Provide support for residents who wish to remain in their homes as they age, and provide options for senior housing within the Mount Vernon District** (HCD pages 11 and 16).

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### HUMAN SERVICES (PDF, pages 100-113)

The HS Visioning Committee envisions—in 2035—a “safe, prosperous and healthy community,” in which informed citizens and county leadership support the well-planned, integrated and effective network of public *and* private health, housing, and other human services available for all in our southeastern area of Fairfax County. The Mount Vernon District—while growing as projected in years 2010 to 2025 by 15,000 persons and 6,000 housing units—will thrive in its diversity of ages, abilities, and cultural backgrounds in large part through a more strategic and “wholistic” approach to delivering services that promote health, well-being, and positive living.)

- **Promote access for all to excellent healthcare, through these strategies:**
  - ◇ Petition the Commonwealth of Virginia to participate fully (to include providing state matching funds) in all federal programs that would fund broader access to healthcare, and expand eligibility to the highest income levels allowable, e.g., Medicaid expansion under ACA to 132% of federal poverty level (PDF 100, 104-105).
  - ◇ Promote long range strategic planning for expansion of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, to fulfill its leadership role as the community hospital center able to serve the entire population of southeastern Fairfax County, and to include expansion of state-of-the-art services—emergency, diagnostic, surgical and ambulatory—that are needed here and that will stimulate the entire network of community-based healthcare providers (PDF 100-102).
  - ◇ Petition the federal government to open a door to health care services (including behavioral health) *located in Mount Vernon* for the veterans, some of them homeless, who are not eligible as retired or with service-connected disabilities (PDF 100,103).
  
- **Expand the range of safe, healthy and affordable housing opportunities to match the range of incomes and varied household needs of individuals and families who work in our area, in a wide array of services. Practice the service-delivery strategy of “housing first,” to stabilize individuals and families in need of health and other services, through County policies and funding in support of the Housing Blueprint and the annual projections of resources required to match opportunities and reach specific targets. Access to safe healthy affordable housing—under the principle of Housing First—is the starting point on a path to a healthier community, better schools, and a thriving workforce for the local service economy (PDF 107-108).**
  
- **Encourage community investment (public as well as private and voluntary) in the network of services that support the goals of aging in place as well as successful children and youth, especially services for prevention and**

**early intervention.** Fund public access to facilities, programs and modes of communication and transportation that will facilitate community-based solutions (PDF 106, 109-112)

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### INVESTING IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Two MVCCA Resolutions approved in Fall 2013 voiced strong support for increased investment in quality education and care in early childhood and for better access to behavioral health services for youth and their families. These resolutions resonated with other advocates countywide and with the work of the newly appointed Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT), comprised of citizens as well as both County and Public Schools Board members and staff. In support of SCYPT recommendations, the Board of Supervisors included in the FY 2015 budget plan \$750,000 in funding for School Readiness and \$1 Million for Youth Behavioral Health Services.

On behalf of the Committee, the HHS Chair requested updates on the use of these funds. We asked, first, *are these funds being allocated now*—despite current fiscal constraint on departmental spending approved for FY 2015—and then, since the answer seems to be yes, *how?* Where will we see an impact in our southeastern area of the County? Reports—by e-mail and telephone—from directors and program managers provided a glimpse of extensive interdepartmental efforts.

“**School/Reading Readiness Programs, Fall 2014 Update,**” prepared by the Office for Children Director Anne-Marie Twohie for the MVCCA HHS Committee, describes the need for programs that support “school readiness” in a county where (in 2012 data) 6% of children under the age of 5 were living below the federal poverty level, 16% of kindergartners in FCPS did not meet the reading intervention benchmark and were referred for services, and 33% were eligible for free/reduced cost meals. The County and FCPS have worked in previous years to develop a “mixed-delivery system providing community-based as well as school-based options for school readiness,” so this new funding will support four kinds of community-based initiatives described in her report.

For example, Neighborhood School Readiness Teams (NSRTs) that foster partnerships among schools, County, community and early childhood programs will expand to all ‘Title I’ Schools. In Mount Vernon, NSRTs are located in MV Woods, Riverside, Woodlawn and Hybla Valley Elementary Schools. Groveton ES will be added to the expanded Hybla Valley team. Countywide, funding will enable 30 more child care centers/preschools and family child care homes serving children in poverty to participate in a key voluntary program that sets standards and provides mentoring, the Virginia Quality Rating and Improvement System (VQRIS). Meanwhile, the FCPS are serving 136 additional children in pre-k classrooms.

In fall of 2013, Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) were available for more than two thousand children, but the wait lists totaled more than 800, many from our area. The committee was

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surprised to hear that—at the end of August 2014—wait lists were reduced to a total of 411 children, in part perhaps because of the additional FCPS places in pre-K. (Actual Fall enrollment figures, in FCPS and in private centers, were not yet available in late October.) Meanwhile, the County has applied for a federal grant that, if approved next spring, would enable EHS participation for 56 more babies and toddlers. Demographic information on households with children under age 5, capacity in public and other programs, and current wait lists for eligible children all seem to be elusive, for our area as well as countywide. The committee seeks ways to identify obstacles that are preventing the community from eliminating wait lists for very vulnerable young children, in order overcome them.

**Youth Behavioral Health Services Report, May 2014 Recommendations:** By fall of 2013, attention of a large Interagency Work Group had focused on the great gap in access to services for youth and families with serious emerging behavioral health conditions, who too often cannot find ways to access appropriate services. The FY 2015 appropriation of \$1 Million will facilitate a new path, from screenings by adults trained to work with youth, to assessment and referrals to “Tier 2” (middle tier) services, public or private, as recommended and diagramed in the Work Group’s May 2013 Report (see Resources on Line). The first step is appointment of a director for the new Office for Systems of Care, and this process is well under way. Many difficult decisions on implementation await the director.

**Two programs now piloting in Mount Vernon** hold great potential as investments in children and youth (see Resources). Both are made possible by grants and will be monitored for outcomes, to earn sustained community support.

### RESOURCES ON LINE

Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools each provide resources for those interested in early childhood education and care, such as:

- **FC Office for Children/Child Care Central**, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc) directory
- **FCPS**, [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu): search “Early Childhood Curriculum and Grant Management”

More information on youth resilience and access to behavioral health services is available:

- **FC Prevention System** – [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/preventionsystem](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/preventionsystem) directory links resources such as Prevention Tool Kit, Youth Survey, and key Reports, including 2014 Youth Behavioral Health ‘Implementation Updates’ (the report shown with full title below)
- **Youth Behavioral Health Interagency Human Services and Public Schools Work Group Report**, May 2014, PDF 34 pages, see esp. 2, 6-9, 12 for “Phase Two” Recommendations
- **Youth At Risk on-line trainings**, now available for those who work with youth, free, see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb)

Two promising pilot programs are active in and near the Richmond Highway Corridor:

- **Opportunity Neighborhood—Mount Vernon** now has a web page hosted by United Community Ministries, with a brochure describing goals, community partners, 2014-2015 activities, and a “score card” for measuring outcomes: [www.ucmagency.org/onmountvernon](http://www.ucmagency.org/onmountvernon)
- **Youth Restorative Justice Pilot Program**—“Restorative Justice Program for Youth Expands Scope County-wide” (County Newswire Aug. 28, 2014) announces a multi-agency collaboration that will allow school resources officers (SROs) to refer some juveniles to a restorative justice conference as an alternative to automatic entrance into the criminal justice system, with a pilot “to begin in October at the Mount Vernon Police District Station to refer some youth with non-violent criminal offenses to a restorative conference” conducted by Northern Virginia Mediation Services (NVMS).

### HUMAN SERVICES FORUM, NOV. 20

Meetings of the **South County Task Force for Human Services**, an essential public forum for reports on matters impacting our area, are seldom reported in local newspapers. All interested citizens, including MVCCA HHS Committee members, are invited to attend the next meeting: **Thursday, Nov. 20, 1-3 PM, South County Center** (2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Center), Convener Anne Andrews, 703 451-0562.

Please plan to participate with our Mount Vernon and Lee Supervisors, and Deputy County Executive for Human Services Pat Harrison, in welcoming Inova Senior Vice President and CEO of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Deborah Addo, for her report on IMVH planning and operations. Reports on additional developments are anticipated, including introduction of new FC Director of Housing and Community Development Kurt Creager.

### MVCCA HHS MEETING DEC. 2

**HHS Committee will meet Tuesday, December 2, 7:30 PM, South County Center—Room 221 A/B, 8350 Richmond Highway.** Agenda and resources--focusing on “Connecting Communities”--will be e-mailed to committee representatives in advance of the meeting. *Members, please plan to participate or authorize an alternate voting representative whenever you cannot be present, notifying the Committee Chair of name, e-mail and phone contact info in advance. Thank you!*

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# Committee Reports

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## PLANNING & ZONING

### Planning & Zoning Minutes, November 3, 2014

**Members Attending:** Daniel Wiechert; Riverside Estates, Ron Cunningham; Westgrove, Jay Whitton; Williamsburg Manor North, Mike Frank; Mt.Zephyr, John Joyce; Huntington Club, Janalee Sponberg; Huntington Club, Bill Cleveland; Collingwood on the Potomac, Heidi Burkhardt; Belle View Condos, Ray Novitske; Huntington, Don Martin; HHVCA, Karan Cerutti; MVCA, Burt Kronstead; Hollin Hills, Katherine Ward; Wellington, David Dale; Woodlawn Terrace, Alix Kaufmann; Collingwood Springs, David Sears; Huntington Community Association, Wayne Weisenski; Waynewood, Brent Christ; Collingwood on the Potomac

**Guests Attending:** Amelia Decker; McAllister Architects, Gene Edgecombe; VMS LLC, John Weatherly; St.Marks Episcopal Church, Elizabeth Appiah; Morning Star Daycare LLC, Belinda Appiah; Morning Star Daycare LLC, Diane L Cutter; Morning Star Daycare LLC, Kenneth Bynam; Bynum and Jenkins PLLC, Hehuy Ady; Ady and Associates CPA, Greg Rice; Woodlawn Court, Sharon Rice; Woodlawn Court, Janet McMillan; Woodlawn Court, Richard Cauthers; Riverside Estates

### The first two presentations were a joint meeting with the Transportation Committee.

**Morning Star Day, SE-2014-MV-058:** The applicant is proposing a day care facility at property address: 8628 Woodlawn Court Alexandria, VA 22309, next to the approved Baywood Hotel on the corner of Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court. The facility would operate in two shifts; Shift 1: 7:00AM to 4:00PM and Shift 2: 3:00PM to 11:00PM. Shift 1 would support 80 children, expandable to 120 children, with 22 teachers and 3 support personnel. Shift 2 would support 40 children, and the applicant did not give an estimate on teachers and support personnel for Shift 2. The age range for children will be from infant to 5 years old. The facility is intended to serve South Fairfax County and Ft. Belvoir.

Gene Edgecombe, LLC, and Amelia Decker, McAllister Architects gave a PowerPoint Presentation that will be up on the P&Z webpage as soon as it becomes available. Morning Star Daycare would like to fill the need for quality day care after 5PM, hence the shifts. The facility will not provide transportation for the children, and the parents using the facility will be spending between \$800-\$1200 for day care services. Food service will be provided from outside vendors.

Some of the concerns raised at the meeting encompass access in and out of the facility, (both from Richmond Highway and the facility itself), and the child drop off area. Woodlawn Court residents were present with the same concerns. The Planning & Zoning Chair will be meeting with Woodlawn Court residents to discuss these concerns. Tim Sergeant, At-Large Planning Commissioner, had

some ideas on how to improve the child drop off area. The Planning Commission date for this application is January 29, 2015. The Planning & Zoning Committee reserved comment until some of these concerns have been worked through with the Woodlawn Court residents.

**Resolution for Funding of Phase 2, Presented by Frank Cohen; Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner:** The resolution was presented to the Transportation and Planning & Zoning Committees, and was motioned and seconded for discussion. Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner; Earl Flanagan, suggested an editorial change in the second Whereas, and was accepted without objection. Katherine Ward made a motion to strike out Whereas 10, Therefore, be it Resolved "d" and Be it Further Resolved "b, c and d" and draft a separate resolution speaking to the phasing of construction. The thought was giving equal importance to the funding and phasing for the project, as well as the ability to send to different elected officials. The motion was seconded and passed; Planning & Zoning: 10-4 and Transportation: 8-1. The two separate resolutions, drafted by Frank Cohen, were sent to the Environment & Recreation Committee and the committee made some editorial changes and passed the two resolutions. The two resolutions, as amended will be published for General Council consideration in November.

**Collingwood Library, Special Exception to SE-2013-MV-020:** Paul Frank, Executive Director for Collingwood Library briefed the Planning & Zoning Committee on the proposal for Collingwood Library to sub-divide into two parcels. The reason for this is to help Collingwood with financial issues by selling off the second parcel. The second parcel would be on the river side, to maximize profits. Currently the area is zoned R-2, however Mr. Frank explained that the library would look to sell to one owner. The map, with the current conservation easement shows a long driveway from East Boulevard Drive, through the property, to a 5000SF footprint for possibly one large home near the Potomac River. From a planning & zoning perspective the property is zoned R-2, but due to the many environmental concerns, the Planning & Zoning Chair asked for the Planning Commission date to be deferred until the Environment & Recreation Committee looks at this application, and the community within Collingwood Library makes comment. Collingwood Library will be going to the Environment & Recreation Committee, as well as hosting an open house for the community in November. The Planning Commission date was deferred until January 29, 2015.

**Review of the Visioning Task Force Recommendations:** The Planning & Zoning Chair asked for input from the committee on which recommendations the committee should pursue in 2015. The input will be sent to the MVCCA Co-Chairs to draft a letter to our elected officials that states the recommendations of importance to the MVCCA from all standing committees. The Planning & Zoning Committee will review the input from it's' members in the December or January Planning & Zoning Committee meeting.

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**Other Business/Committee Time:** Brent Christ was introduced as the new Collingwood on the Potomac Planning & Zoning Representative. Welcome Brent! Woodlawn Terrace, a new community to join the MVCCA, has David Dale as the new Planning & Zoning Representative. Welcome back David! A committee representative asked about the status of ESI. The chair will look into this and brief the committee at the next meeting.

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

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The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations' Public Safety Committee conducted its monthly meeting on November 6, 2014 in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Meeting Room #3. The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the following communities represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, and Williamsburg Manor North. Chairman Bob McDonald of Westgrove was attending the MVCCA Board meeting.

The guest speaker for the meeting was Animal Control Officer II Enna Lugo of the Fairfax County Police Department. Officer Lugo has been with the department for 10 years and provided an overview of Animal Control. Animal Control is headquartered at the Animal Shelter which is located at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. There are four squads of officers which have a staff of 5 – 6 assigned and provide coverage from 6 am through to 12:30 am 7 days per week. (A duty officer provides coverage for any incidents that require assistance between 12:30 – 6 am.)

The Animal Control Officers (ACO) complete the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy training, just as police officers attend, which takes about 6 months. Additional training is required through the Commonwealth of Virginia for special animal code enforcement training. The ACOs also received additional training as they are equipped with additional firearms and drugs which are used for gaining control of animals. Once the basic training is completed, the ACO then completes a 4-day session with a Field Training Officer who determines if the officer is prepared to respond to calls independently. The ACOs have full arrest powers but are deemed to be Special Conservators of the Peace so their involvement is limited to animal control issues. The ACOs are also considered First Responders and are required to provide assistance to any vehicle crash they may encounter or other event where police or fire might be engaged.

All charges for violations of the code are normally criminal in nature and range from Class 4 misdemeanors to felonies for incidents such as animal cruelty. People are often surprised that the violations are criminal and not civil but there are cases such as where an owner may be deemed to be unfit or a dog is determined to be vicious which are conducted through civil processes but handled in the same court settings. There is some officer discretion involved as the code is designed to cover general

situations and conditions so a “dog bite” incident can be handled in a variety of methods.

Officer Lugo provided a number of different situations where Animal Control becomes involved such as loose dogs, wildlife that is injured or inside a structure, animals which may be carriers of rabies, animals that were in a vehicle crash or house that had a fire, dogs attacking anyone or other animals and many other situations. Officer Lugo explained that dogs need to be on a lease when they are unconfined and that a person needs to be attached to the other end of the lease to be in compliance with the law. Cats are not subject to the same requirements but if a loose cat becomes a nuisance, appropriate documentation and notification to the cat owner can result in action being taken.

Some of the situations that Animal Control Officers do not respond to are wildlife which is outside a structure and not harming anything including deer which may be eating whatever plants and shrubbery may be around the house, squirrels which have taken residence in an attic, and wild turkeys which had decided to roost on your roof. Feral cats are considered wildlife but there is a program to have them spayed or neutered, given shots and then returned to their original location/ ACOs do not become involved with attempting to locate snakes which are reported in unfinished basements as the incidents often require significant amounts of time and the snake may not be found. (It was reported that having a snake in such an area may not necessarily be a bad thing as they live on mice and insects.)

On the topic of the reported “cougar” sightings that were in the area of a Mount Vernon elementary school, ACO Lugo reported that cameras were placed in the reported area and nothing was found that would have indicated a cougar was present. While there are coyotes and fox in the area, it was believed that someone may have a large dog with similar coloring which was mistaken for the cougar.

ACO Lugo invited the members to sign up for a ride-along with an officer as well as to stop by and visit the newly expanded animal shelter. The committee thanked ACO Lugo for her time and presentation.

#### Old Business:

- The committee was advised that Bob McDonald of the Westgrove neighborhood had volunteered to take the chair for the Public Safety Committee and he was approved by the Council at their last meeting. He was attending the MVCCA Board which had moved their regular meeting forward a week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- A committee member reported attending the meeting of the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability meeting that was held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at Sherwood Hall Library. The main speaker for the meeting was the chief investigator for the

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Washington DC Citizens Review Board which has 14-15 employees and is a complaint review board. It was thought that the same program may not necessarily be a fit for Fairfax County.

### New Business:

- There was discussion on various means and methods to share information pertaining to criminal activity within specific neighborhoods to make sure that all persons are aware of the occurrence as well as to generate a better awareness. The suggestion was also made to subscribe to the Fairfax County Police Blotter which can be accessed through the Fairfax County Police website and provides a daily listing of crimes.
- A committee member reported observing that an outside commercial carwash had been installed adjacent to a storm drainage inlet box at a gas station so appropriate notifications were made to have the equipment removed. This would not have been a permitted installation. Also, unhealthy conditions were observed at the location of two restaurants and the Health Department responded to that complaint.
- A committee member reported recent email notifications from a company which appeared to be FedEx but were not so the messages were more than likely some type of computer phishing attempt.

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

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

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## TRANSPORTATION

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The Transportation Committee met jointly with the Planning and Zoning Committee at the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall in Walt Whitman Middle School on November 3, 2014 beginning at 7:30pm. The P&Z chair, Karen Pohorylo chaired the meeting that was attended by the Mt. Vernon Transportation and the Planning Commissioner and the At-Large Planning Commissioner from Mt. Vernon and 12 civic associations: Huntington; Hollin Hall Village; Hollin Hills; Riverside Estates; Riverside Gardens; Riverwood; Southwood; Waynewood; Wellington; Williamsburg Manor North; Woodland Park and Woodley Hills.

Guest Speaker: Gene Edgecombe representing Morning Star Day Care Applicant presented a Power Point showing how the proposed day care center would work with respect to staffing, fitting into the residential neighborhood and transportation issues.

The Applicant is proposing a day care center that will have 80 children (approx. 99 vehicle trips over a two-hour period) for the first shift (7am to 4pm) and 40 children (approx. 31 vehicle trips for the second shift (3pm to 11pm) at 8628 Woodlawn Court. The property is adjacent the Baywood Hotel property on the east side and adjacent residential houses on the west and north sides. The Woodlawn Shopping Center abuts the southern end of the proposed day care lot.

With respect to exiting Route 1 at the intersection with Woodlawn Court, Gene noted that there is currently a deceleration lane for right-hand turns into Woodlawn Court from the north. From the south, while there currently is no dedicated left-hand turn lane, the plans for the Baywood Hotel include such a lane. However, as a resident of Woodlawn Court noted, during rush hour at the Woodlawn Court intersection, it takes 5 minutes to find a break in traffic so that one is able to make a left-turn onto Route 1 northbound. This resident was worried about back-ups due to the day care, which will make it harder for him to leave his home.

Gene explained that he was recommending to day care center users to take a left-hand turn out of Woodlawn Court and go south and then make a U-turn at the Woodlawn Shopping light to go north on Route 1. Unfortunately, there is no direct link to the Shopping Center frontage road from Woodlawn Court. The Transportation Committee had recommended that the Baywood Hotel have an access road from the rear of its property to the frontage road so that patrons of the hotel could use the traffic-light controlled access for the shopping center.

The proposed daycare has a parking lot adjacent the Baywood property, which is about 30 feet wide. Day Care Users would enter the facility by driving to 4-5 parallel parking spaces and then walk their child(ren) to the Center. Once the child(ren) was/were dropped off. The vehicle would head to the back of the parking lot, where there is no parking spaces, and turn around to go back onto Woodlawn Court. Several committee members noted that the drop off and pick-up arrangement was tight and there was concern about the number of cars that could be accommodated and avoid clogging Woodlawn Court.

The At-Large Planning Commissioner suggested that the land between the day care center and Woodlawn Court could be used as a circular drive to allow more cars to park and/or to more easily exit the property. Gene indicated that he would look into that option.

There was a concern as to the lack of trees shielding the day care center playground from the Woodlawn Shopping Center. Evidently, a 6-foot fence separates the property from the Shopping Center. In addition, we learned that the grade of the Shopping Center is higher than that of the day care property, which may make it difficult to continue the day care parking lot to the Shopping Center so that a circular route could be made without the turn-around and

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the need to access Route 1 without a traffic light. (Chair's note: access to the Shopping Center Parking lot would require permission from the shopping center.)

Gene indicated that he would revisit the transportation issues and probably return in December.

**Route 1 Multi-Modal Resolution** - The Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner, Frank Cohn, presented a resolution concerning funding of Phase 2 (engineering and environmental considerations) of the recommended transit option: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from Huntington Metro to Prince William County with a two Metro station underground extension of the Yellow Line through Beacon Hill to Hybla Valley and the timing of the implementation of the recommended transit option. Both committees voted to divide the resolution into two separate, but equally important resolutions.

The first resolution is concerned with funding aspect. Without money, nothing will be built. If certain guidelines are met, the Federal government can fund 50% of the project. Thus, it is very important that our elected federal, state and local officials are aware of the congestion on Route 1 and the community's backing of this project. The second resolution is concerned with the planned implementation, which is after Fort Belvoir increases its employment by another 25,000 employees to 56,000 employees.

The Transportation Committee left the joint meeting to discuss its business.

### Old Business -

The Transportation Bond will fund the following bike and pedestrian projects in the Mount Vernon District:

Gunston Cove Road Walkway (Construct walkway on the north side from Cranford Street to Amsterdam Street; Hooes Road Walkway (Construct walkway on the north side from Ox Road to Furnace Road); Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Potomac Heritage Trail from the Grist Mill to Grist Mill Park, southeast of Mill Road including bridge over Dogue Creek); Quander Road Walkway (between West Potomac High School and the elementary school); Riverside Road Walkway (Elkins Lane to Pennsylvania Blvd); Richmond Highway Pedestrian and Transit initiative (19 intersections); Old Mount Vernon Road Walkway (on the west side from Mount Vernon Highway to Westgate Drive); Mason Neck Trail (connect missing segments from Route 1 to the Potomac River); and Belle View Blvd./G.W. Parkway (study of the intersection to see if HAWK pedestrian light can be installed).

There is \$7.1 million for additional countywide pedestrian and transportation areas. The Transportation Committee would like to request 1) Fort Hunt Bike Trail between Belle Haven Road and Hunting Cove Place; 2) Old Mount Vernon Road walkway on the EAST side of Old Mount Vernon Road as that is where the high

school is; and 3) a trail or safe crossing of Fort Hunt so that Westgrove residents can walk to Belle View Elementary School.

### New Business -

**A. Old Mt. Vernon Rd at Mt. Vernon Highway (Rt. 235)** - The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is proposing some changes to the intersection of Old Mount Vernon Road at where it meets Mount Vernon Highway, with the goal of improving the operation of north bound Old Mount Vernon Road. Currently the approach angle is very acute, and it is difficult to see oncoming vehicles that are north bound on Mount Vernon Highway, approaching from the right.

The concept is to redirect north bound Old Mount Vernon Road motorists to turn right into the short stub road, where they will be at closer to a 90 degree angle to Mount Vernon Highway, with much improved line of sight. However, by redirecting north bound cars into the stub road, VDOT would need to eliminate the north bound left turn from Mount Vernon Highway which currently shares this small stub section.

VDOT has collected count data for this location that indicates this north bound left turn maneuver is actually minor with 19 total over a 3 hour period in the morning, and 6 total over a 3 hour period in the afternoon. Therefore, VDOT is proposing to prohibit the north bound left turn from Mount Vernon Highway onto Old Mount Vernon Road. VDOT believes that motorists wishing to make this turn can be redirected to other streets in the network to reach their destinations with little or no added delay. The consensus of the Transportation Committee was that this was a good idea and should be implemented.

**B. A resident of the Union Farm subdivision adjacent to Grist Mill Park** asked for support for adding no left turns at Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway going to the circle and Mt. Vernon Highway and at the perpendicular intersection going toward Route 1 during rush hour traffic as in places like Old Town where it is necessary to keep rush hour traffic flowing. The committee had no objections to the no left turn signs as proposed.

**C. What is up with the construction at Route 1 and 235 N?** Construction crews have closed the right turn lane so cars have to make a right turn at the perpendicular intersection. The Chair will contact VDOT to determine what is happening.

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The Transportation Committee will meet on December 1, 2014 in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School at 7:30pm.

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**SFDC**

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Meeting on November 19.

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**FAIRFAX FEDERATION**

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The Fairfax Federation's membership meeting will have a public safety presentation on emergency preparedness. They will also be taking up 2 resolutions that impact our area—Cankerworm Spraying and Rt 1 Multi-modal Phase 2 funding. There remains to be concerns within the Federation about the Library system and its treatment/management of books. At a future date to be determined, the Federation will probably have a representative of the Library Board come talk to them. MVCCA has not yet weighed in on this issue, but it was discussed in a previous Board meeting.

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**Resolutions**

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**J-2014-03A: FUNDING PHASE 2 OF THE ROUTE 1 STUDY**

1. WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT) is currently undertaking Phase 1 of the Route 1 Multi-Modal Alternatives Analysis (hereafter, Route 1 Study) due to be completed by January 2015;

2. WHEREAS, the Phase 1, Route 1 Study's "preferred option," is a hybrid solution providing for transit in the Route 1 corridor, with a two station underground extension of the Yellow Line through Beacon Hill to Hybla Valley, and a 15-mile six-lane highway, encompassing an additional two center lanes dedicated to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from the Beltway to Prince William County's Woodbridge VRE Station, accompanied by a bike and pedestrian path;

3. WHEREAS, multi-modal transportation including mass transit, auto lanes, and pedestrian and bike lanes will enhance quality of life for Mount Vernon residents in these ways:

- Environmental: Reduced air pollution, reduced fossil fuel usage and reduced storm water run-off coming from older properties along the highway and the highway itself;
- Transportation: Reduced road traffic during peak travel times and shopping weekend hours, which will in turn reduce the frustrations for both local residents and visitors;
- Public Safety: Fewer auto and pedestrian accidents caused by a poorly designed bus stop system and faulty location of pedestrian crosswalks, and by creating sidewalks and bike lanes dedicated to non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians;

- Economic Development: Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) bring higher quality of life because developers and businesses congregate around areas where mass transit stations are available, providing more jobs, more income for businesses and more tax revenue for the State and the County;
- Quality of Life Improvements: TOD's bring better shops, restaurants, housing, urban parks etc. where citizens of all economic statuses can meet and enjoy life;

4. WHEREAS, Phase 2 of the Route 1 Study (engineering and environmental considerations), costing \$4 million, must be completed before any further action on this project can proceed and as a pre-condition for future Federal contributions;

5. WHEREAS, several previous studies of the feasibility of mass transit were proposed in the past 25 years, but none was fully funded, resulting in wasted taxpayers' dollars and allowing traffic jams to continue and worsen on a major roadway;

6. WHEREAS, the Route 1 corridor, from the Prince William County VRE in Woodbridge to the 495 Beltway, is a heavily traveled national roadway that acts as a local artery as well as a throughway for north-south traffic, requiring mitigation in the near term of its current traffic congestion and unsatisfactory intersections;

7. WHEREAS, the Master Plan for Fort Belvoir is estimating a total of 56,000 employees by the year 2030, an increase of 24,000 from the current employee population, while the Phase I study predicts a 25% increase in transit-oriented development, resulting in ever increasing traffic congestion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) supports the preferred hybrid solution (with construction schedule changes described in MVCCA Resolution J-2014-02B) and asks the Board of Supervisors to take immediate action to:

- (a) Request the General Assembly to fully fund the required \$4 million to conduct Phase 2 of the Route 1 Study;
- (b) Assure that adequate local funding will be planned to support the hybrid construction concept; and
- (c) Insist on total project completion, including the Yellow Line extension, no later than the implementation of the Fort Belvoir Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA requests the Fairfax County members of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates to take immediate actions to fully fund the \$4 million required to conduct Phase 2 of the Route 1 Study;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA requests the Governor to support full funding of Phase 2 of the Route 1 Study;

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FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA requests the Northern Virginia members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives to assure that an appropriate Federal funding contribution will support the Route 1 construction and the two-station Metro extension projects.

**END: RESOLUTION J-2014-03A**

## **J-2014-03B: PHASING OF CONSTRUCTION FOR ROUTE 1 HYBRID OPTION**

1. WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations supports (in Resolution J-2014-02A) the hybrid option preferred by the Route 1 Multi-Modal Alternatives Analysis (Route 1 Study);

2. WHEREAS, the construction of the 'preferred option' is proposed in four phases: Phases I – III, widening of Route 1 proceeding from North to South from 2024 to 2035, and Phase IV, extension of the Yellow Line, starting in 2040;

3. WHEREAS, the ever increasing traffic congestion will not permit a delay in remedial actions until 2024;

4. WHEREAS, the Fort Belvoir Master Plan indicates an increase of 24,000 employees by 2030 and this increase will necessitate a Metro option sooner than 2040;

5. WHEREAS, delay of land acquisition in the southern portion of Route 1, where prices are relatively low, will make acquisition more costly;

6. WHEREAS, land acquisition in the Beacon Hill/Hybla Valley area will prove to be very costly;

7. WHEREAS, Metro construction in the Beacon Hill/Hybla Valley area will make the widening of Route 1 in that area less critical;

8. WHEREAS, Metro construction, as a separate project, does not depend on the planned widening of Route 1 for Bus Rapid Transit, and therefore can proceed concurrently with such roadway construction;

9. WHEREAS, Metro construction can be divided into two phases, with a lower cost to Beacon Hill, where a considerable amount of underground excavation already exists and where land-acquisition is limited to the placement of a Metro station entrance, and a subsequent higher cost to Hybla Valley;

10. WHEREAS, the current text of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan does not appropriately account for the significant population increases in southern Fairfax County, or the substantial Fort Belvoir increase in commuters and other traffic, and thus does

not reflect the existing population and traffic density required for a Metro extension;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) asks the Board of Supervisors to expeditiously modify the current Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for the Route 1 corridor's full 15 mile length, and thus account for all population, commercial and commuter increases and assure that the density requirement for a Metro extension is met;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, 2040 is far too long to wait to start Phase IV, the extension of the Yellow Line;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the MVCCA requests the Fairfax County members of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates to take immediate action to:

- a. Obtain State funding within the current 6-Year Plan to initiate planning, engineering and acquisition of right-of-way along Route 1 within the County, by applying the appropriate new prioritization standards;
- b. Urge a revision of the construction phases to start widening Highway 1 in the South where it is less expensive and move northward to ultimately meet the Metro construction moving southward;
- c. Decouple Phase IV of the plan from the highway construction phases and seek immediate funding for the lower cost extension to Beacon Hill;
- d. Provide adequate State funding for all highway construction phases and the Metro extension project during the next 6-Year Plan, with completion of both projects targeted for no later than the implementation of the Fort Belvoir employment expansion.

**END: RESOLUTION J-2014-03B**

# Treasurer's Report

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

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	Current Month	Total Year-to- Date	Annual Budget	Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Dues - Current Members	-	3,018	\$ 3,000	\$ 18
Dues - New Members	72	72	54	18
Gala Receipts (including donations)	-	2,705	4,700	(1,995)
MM Interest Receipts	1	7	2	5
Total Cash Receipts	73	5,802	7,756	(1,954)
<b>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</b>				
Administrative	-	279	300	21
Gala	-	1,537	3,550	2,013
Insurance	-	811	773	(38)
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	-	-	850	850
Record Production	110	1,005	1,483	478
Student of the Year Stipend/Award	-	600	500	(100)
Web Site	-	-	300	300
Total Cash Disbursements	110	4,231	7,756	3,525
Net Budget remaining to spend				\$ 1,571
Receipts In Excess (less than) Disbursements	(37)	1,571	-	
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	12,488	10,880	10,880	
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 12,451	\$ 12,451	\$ 10,880	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,442	
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,008	
Total Cash	\$ 12,451	Respectfully Submitted, Stephen Markman Treasurer November 6, 2014

**Notes:**

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

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, November 19th, 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
- Committee Reports
- Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

**Published Items and Resolutions**

**New Business**

- Election for Co-chair position
- Member Association Representatives' Time
- Mount Vernon Supervisor Time
- Other Elected Representatives and Public Time

**Adjournment**

## COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Board—Dec 4, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	12/3	7:30	MVGC	Voorhees
COAF	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	12/3	8:00	WWMS/Library	Harbeck
E&R	12/3	7:15	MVGC, Rm. 3	Ledec
HHS	12/2	7:30	SCC/Rm. 221/AB	Cleveland
PL/Z	12/1	7:30	WWMS/Aud	Pohorylo
PS	12/4	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	McDonald
TRAN	12/1	7:30	WWMS/Library	Voorhees

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