The General Council meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

THE AGENDA as published in the Record was amended to add a presentation on Arcadia Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

SECRETARY’S MINUTES of November General Council meeting were approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT was accepted.

PRESENTATION: Pam Hess, Executive Director of the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture, gave a talk on reimagining Woodlawn Plantation. Woodlawn, and many historic sites generally, have not been attracting visitors, so Arcadia is looking to marry its mission of improving access to decent food and supporting local agriculture with the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s effort to revive Woodlawn. The vision is for Woodlawn to become a vibrant landmark destination for the sustainable food movement, using food and agriculture in pursuit of social justice (as originally happened at Woodlawn before the Civil War, when Quakers bought the plantation and based production on free, not slave, labor). The plan is to create a dynamic event space, with profits ploughed back into the property; establish a world-class farmhouse restaurant, which Arcadia hopes will attract tourists to Mount Vernon and to the new Army Museum; establish a year round farm stand and casual café and wine garden; install interpretive trails, provide a business incubator for farmers, and expand their educational programs. Arcadia has no intention of building on the pastures, and wants to open the mansion, restoring Woodlawn to its historical role as an entertainment center, and catering to culinary tourists (a $12 billion industry). Arcadia will have to go through a zoning approval and architectural review. It is a 501c3 and will contract out the restaurants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Minutes for committees are given in the Record.

B&F: No meeting in January, Feb. 4 the committee will begin working on the budget.

ED: The topic was libraries, and committee members found the philosophy of the planned changes shocking and premature in the emphasis on digitizing. Issues concerning libraries should be
taken up by COAF, if a new chair can be found for that committee. Next meeting Jan. 6 (joint w/ HHS), on opportunity neighborhoods.

E&R debated spraying for fall cankerworms, and passed a resolution opposing it. Also heard Wellington CA’s concerns about the subdivision of Collingwood Library property. Next meeting is Jan. 7, on stormwater.

HHS: Jan. 6 meeting will consider opportunity neighborhoods, established in catchment areas for Whitman and MVHS to follow kids into and through school to help them succeed. People in those areas should consider attending.

P&Z: no meeting, still working on Morningstar Daycare SE application, they are to revise their transportation plans. Jan. 5 will draft resolutions for this and Collingwood cases.

PS: chair absent, scheduled Jan. 1 meeting is cancelled.

TRANS: next meeting Jan. 5, will hear from Morningstar.

Fairfax Federation: 10 members of the MV district are members of the Federation. In January, the Federation will discuss the Police and Fire Olympics. PS should be informed.

CO-CHAIRS’ REPORT.

At the November meeting the GC passed J-2014-03B: Phasing of Construction for Route 1 Hybrid Option with the understanding that the chairs of the originating committees should clarify some of the wording. This was done and the final resolution is published in the December Record.

Co-chair Dale sought input from the attendees about whether and how to proceed with the Gala. It was noted that few presidents attend, although it is for them. Three options were given:

1. Do nothing: no more Gala, or awards.
2. Have an awards ceremony to honor awards recipients as part of a GC meeting, with refreshments.
3. Continue with the Gala as it has been in the past, with dinner and speakers, and awards.

There was a clear consensus in favor of option 2 (0 voted for option 1, 16 voted for option 2, and 1 voted for option 3).

The revised awards ceremony will be held an hour early in a council meeting toward the end of the new fiscal year—probably in June.

RESOLUTIONS

HHS/EDU-2014-J04: Building Blocks for School Readiness in FY 2017 and Beyond. After clarifying that the resolution didn’t name all the programs it supported because they are too numerous, the resolution was adopted, with 16 in favor and none opposed.

E&R-2014-03: Opposing Fall Cankerworm Spraying. The council debated the resolution, and a motion to table it failed on a vote of 7 in favor and 9 opposed. The resolution was passed on a vote of 9 in favor and 4 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Election for Co-chair position: Co-chair Dale introduced Pat Rea, a former co-chair nominated to fill a vacant co-chair position until June of 2015. In an election by secret ballot, Pat Rea was elected co-chair. (16 members voted for Rea, with 0 votes for other.)

SUPERVISOR’S TIME (Reported by Chief Aide Brett Kenney)

Cankerworm tree bands are available at the Supervisor’s Office for citizens to band their trees. The purpose is to help the Urban Forester collect insect counts and at the same time trap and kill the insects themselves as they crawl up the tree.

An extended discussion of the ambiguous instructions and uncertainty about identifying fall cankerworms ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Martin, Secretary.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Minutes

January 2015

There was no meeting in January. The next scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be Wednesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:30 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

There are no meeting minutes this month.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met in joint session with the Health & Human Services Committee (HHS) at 7:30pm, on January 6, 2015, in the South County Government Center. Education Committee attendees included representatives from member associations Wessynton, Waynewood, Mount Vernon Civic, Mt. Zephyr and Engleside. Co-chair Harbeck also attended.
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The purpose of the joint meeting was a discussion of “Opportunity Neighborhood Mount Vernon” (ON) and a presentation by Kristen Brennan, Director. For a more complete discussion of the meeting, please see the HHS report elsewhere in this RECORD.

The Education Committee has for some time urged better linkage of school and County resources recognizing that education does not occur in a vacuum and that health, family, social and community issues must be addressed if students are to achieve full potential and the achievement gap is to be narrowed.

In that regard, committee members were particularly interested in the “cradle to college” philosophy.

While quality preschool for disadvantaged children has long been recognized as critical to school achievement—and still not fully available—recent brain and neurological development research consistently shows that brain development in the first three years of life may be even more important. That research indicates that babies’ brain structures and synapse development, for example, may be permanently affected if they do not receive appropriate nurturing, sensory and linguistic experience and nutrition during this critical period.

In addition, school age children and their families may need community based mentoring and resources to keep them on track and to help navigate the school system and understand their respective roles in assuring students are able to fully take advantage of educational opportunities in FCPS and beyond.

Thus marshalling resources, identifying and matching needs to services and creating community mentoring and interventions may well prove the most effective means to address the achievement gap and the social problems of multigenerational poverty.

ON has been primarily supported by grants and local organizations with the County and FCPS providing some primarily administrative assistance. Since ON does not provide services but rather serves more as a clearing house, information source or co-ordinator, it is to be hoped the relatively small costs involved will not only pay big dividends but also lead to expansion into other ON groups in other areas of the County and in the West Potomac pyramid.

As with many efforts involving children and families, the effects will be longterm and difficult to assess in terms of yearly results but ON is developing some measures to try to assess impact.

In other matters the Committee noted that the Superintendent’s proposed School Budget for FY2016 will be released January 8, 2015, and members are urged to review the website for details. www.fcps.edu. Additional meeting(s) may be scheduled, including the customary joint meeting with the Budget & Finance Committee; members will be notified by e-mail.

Also, although public meeting on construction and boundary options have not yet been set, the process is beginning with some proposals being put forth to the School Board on January 6, 2015, which would affect a number of Mount Vernon area schools.

School boundary processes have probably the most potential to create community divisiveness and enmity than any other local issue. At this very early stage in a lengthy process, it is critical that the Committee and all citizens maintain an open mind about all our schools and help find the best long and short term solutions for our area. A sage once said the only constants in life are death and taxes; to that could be added “change.” And, whether change is good, bad or neutral depends to a great extent on our own attitudes.

Next regular meeting: 8 pm, February 4, 2015, Whitman library
Budget meeting(s) TBD with email notification

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met 7 Jan. 2015, at 7.15 p.m. Attending were Cathy Ledec (chair), Collingwood on the Potomac, Holliin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Tauxemon, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting), MVCCA Co-Chair liaison, Chair-MVCCA Planning and Zoning Committee, 7 guests, and 3 speakers.

Topic 1: Re-development in Mt. Vernon District and Watersheds: We welcomed guests Stewart Schwartz, Coalition for Smarter Growth, Peter Gorman, Coalition for Smarter Growth and Danielle Wynne, Ecologist, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environment Services, Stormwater Management. Mr. Schwartz opened with brief presentation that included aerial views of the Kings Crossing area and the Beacon Hill area. With the Route 1 Multimodal Transportation analysis complete this is an opportunity for all of us to be actively involved in implementing Stormwater management and watershed management plans with the re-development and revitalization of our area. The Coalition for Smarter Growth looks forward to being actively involved in all aspects of this. Committee Chair showed photos taken during the 2015 Christmas Bird Count in Mt. Vernon District of a concrete-lined channel next to Woodlawn Park in Alexandria, Virginia with comparison of this to a project presented at The World Parks Congress, a stream/river restoration project of the Kallang River and Bishan Park in Singapore. See the following for details of this project: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bishan-Ang_Mo_Kio_Park This project shows the possibilities for stream restoration in a heavily urbanized area. Ecosystem services provided by this project.
include clean water, flood protection, increased biodiversity and easy access to nature, parks and recreation.

Ms. Wynne next presented the overarching goals of the establishment of the Stormwater Business Areas needed to protect natural resources, to promote healthy watersheds, and to provide for healthy, safe and thriving communities. 13 Watershed Management Plans were developed (this includes 30 watersheds) to help identify projects for implementation. For specifics on the plans see: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/watersheds. Mt. Vernon District includes Belle Haven, Little Hunting Creek and Dogue Creek watersheds. We viewed images of some local streams and the Watershed characterization maps for the larger region. Ms. Wynne then discussed the scoring system for the watersheds and described the monitoring and surveys done to assess ratings/scores assigned for the watersheds. A committee member asked if the scores consider non-natives. Ms. Wynne replied that the scores are derived from the benthic community, but habitat is assessed at each site and one of the parameters reviewed is native vs. non-native. She then described Stormwater Planning Division Projects how these are identified and the challenges of working on Public vs. Private land. Projects on Public Lands include FCPA, FCPS and BOS properties. Stream Restoration Projects on Private Land are pursued only if there are easements. At this time it is not possible to work on private land due to specific guidance provided by the County Attorney on gifting. They are looking at various options to continue partnership opportunities. One option we are looking into is helping with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District private bmp program (not yet off the ground) so that the District is the one providing the funds. A committee member asked why it is possible to work on private lands in the District of Columbia where presumably the same gifting challenges exist, why not in Fairfax County? This was not known. Ms. Wynne then went on to describe parts of the Rezoning process which includes the Department of Planning and Zoning, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Land Development Services, Stormwater Management, the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors to name only a few of the groups involved. This complex process includes much negotiation and back and forth with developers that results in Site Plan approval. The new Stormwater Ordinance (July 2014), Chapter 124 includes many complex calculations prior to the beginning of development where velocity, volume, soil and other conditions are taken into account. A guest then asked questions on re-development requirements with special emphasis on reducing peak flows in a by-right development. There are questions that remain pending on by-right development and the need to meet the new stormwater ordinance and Ms. Wynne said she would get back to us. Since we are a Dillon Rule state we can only regulate what the state legislature allows us to do. A committee member asked if the BOS has included in their legislative program for the 2015 General Assembly a request for a change in the law to enable the BOS to more stringently manage stormwater runoff and factor in environmental considerations. This was not known. Next a committee member asked what VDOT’s role is in the implementation of the storm water ordinance and Ms. Wynne mentioned that they have their own Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit and she was not sure what the requirement is that they operate under for stormwater management. Fairfax County staff work hard to connect with and coordinate activities with VDOT, this is a challenge but we are making headway and look forward to expanding this collaboration.

Ms. Wynne then went on to discuss future projects which include 1700 proposed projects from each of the 13 watershed management plans, 1500 miles of pipes and streams and a budget for repairing old infrastructure of ~ $5million/year for all of this. Projects that cross over between Public Land and the Fairfax County Park Authority (or other public lands) include shared project and shared budgets. Stormwater Planning Projects in the Mt. Vernon District include 1) Rain Garden at Noman M. Cole Pollution Plant, 2) Sheffield Hunt Stream Restoration, 3) Laurel Hill Park Ponds, 4) McNaughten Fields Storm water Enhancements 5) Surf at Mt. Vernon HS 6) Paul Spring Rd Headcut Stabilization 7) Gristmill Park Storm water enhancements and 8) West Potomac HS Pond Retrofit. Photos of these projects areas were shown. Also mentioned is the Huntington Levee project. Future project prioritization was less clear and is a very complex process with many factors going into project selection. Lastly discussion of the Stormwater FY 2015 budget was shown with questions from a Committee Member asking what does 38% or $18.1million in Operations cover? Ms. Wynne mentioned that she was unsure if these budget numbers represent the 2.25 cents or 2.5 cents fee. This covers staff, facilities and equipment. The challenge with budgeting for projects is that currently they have an annual budget planning cycle and it is hoped that moving this to a 5-year work plan cycle will provide for improved project planning assess impacts through monitoring. A committee member asked if they would consider projects that cross boundaries. Ms. Wynne said yes we do and have done projects across boundaries. These require that a Memorandum of Understanding be in place before we take one on. We seem to do more projects with areas like the Town of Vienna or City of Fairfax, though we are very willing to work with other jurisdictions too. Resources provided for us include:

- VA BMP Clearinghouse: http://www.vwrrc.vt.edu/swc/NonProprietaryBMPs.html
- Chapter 124, Stormwater Ordinance: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwaterordinance/
- Digital copy of the Field Guide: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/fieldguide/
It was suggested that a followup to this presentation would include a presentation by Land Development Services and/or Planting in stormwater management areas for homeowners.

**Topic 2: Request for a Special Exception (#SE 2013-MV-020) Collingwood Library and Museum**: We re-capped discussions that were had at the Nov and Dec 2014 E&R Committee Meetings regarding the Collingwood Library and Museum’s Request for Special Exception Application to subdivide their property. The applicant proposes to subdivide property located at 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, Virginia (Tax Map 102-4(1)) 71, and 71A, into “Lot 1” and “Lot 2”; with “Lot 2” to be sold and developed for residential use.

A Scenic Easement set in perpetuity exists on the property that runs with the land and was agreed to with the Secretary of the Interior on March 9, 1972 which serves “to protect the scenic values of the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway”, the impact of the proposed subdivision on the Scenic Easement is not described in the application. Also Conservation Easements exist on the undivided property, and post subdivision are part of “Lot 2”. The Conservation Easements, also set in perpetuity, were approved by the BOS in Development Conditions required for approval of SE 2003-MV-020 in 2003, said Easements being “for the purpose of conserving and preserving undisturbed the natural vegetation, topography, habitat and other natural features now existing on and across the property”, as stated in the Deed of Easements, September 2, 2004. This application requests the Conservation Easements be reduced and moved with the only mitigation measures described therein being the use of water quality trading credits for “lot 1” that are needed to meet water quality standards for Fairfax County. “Lot 1” will include the buildings and impervious surfaces, “Lot 2” will include the waterfront property and Conservation Easements.

A committee member had a detailed map that showed the property line on the subdivided property and this had notations that showed the location of the conservation easements on “Lot 2”. The committee discussed the fact that Conservation Easements provide important and effective on-site natural filtering and retention of stormwater for the undivided property including all impervious surfaces particularly the building roofs and parking lots on “Lot 1”, thereby satisfying water quality requirements for the undivided property. The subdivision of this property would leave “Lot 1” (which includes buildings and parking lots with impervious surface) unable to meet Fairfax County water quality requirements on its own. A Committee member mentioned that many of our streams and waterways in the northern part of the Mount Vernon District are known to be highly degraded with poor water quality, the use of water quality trading credits does not contribute to improvements in Mt. Vernon District.

Here in the Mt. Vernon District of Fairfax County our forests, woodlands, and other wildlife habitats are already under significant pressure, the proposed SE would lead to the unmitigated loss of green space that, under the Conservation Easements, should be conserved in perpetuity. A Committee Member presented the opinion of the community most directly impacted by the project, the Wellington Civic Association, Inc. who expresses in writing no objections to the subdivision itself, but they do have concerns about the SEA’s request to remove and/or alter the Conservation Easements, further they are not comfortable with reducing the size of the conservation easement and the use, albeit legal, of water quality credits being provided from a location in other areas of Virginia.

MVCCA Committee Chair of Planning and Zoning (P&Z) shared that while the P&Z committee is not opposed to the subdivision itself, they expressed general support for the E&R position though they have not taken a formal vote on this matter yet.

E&R Committee Members voted unanimously (10-0) to oppose this Special Exception Application because it fails to (1) to adequately protect the Scenic Easement entered into on March 9, 1970 with the Secretary of the Interior, duly recorded with the property Deed and set forth in perpetuity; and (2) adequately protect and preserve the Conservation Easements that were required in the Development Conditions for SE 2003-MV-020 which were approved by the BOS on October 17, 2003 and subsequently recorded in the Deed of Easements, run with the land and are set in perpetuity; and (3) The proposed subdivision would fail to satisfy Fairfax County water quality requirements for Lot #1 of the subdivided property.

Next meeting: E&R will meet 4 Feb. 2015 at 7:15pm, Mt. Vernon Government Center.

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**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

On Tuesday, January 6, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met jointly with the Education Committee (EDU), (1) to learn about the pilot initiative “Opportunity Neighborhood – Mount Vernon” (ON-MV) based in neighborhoods (in both Mount Vernon and Lee District) that send students to three elementary schools in Mount Vernon, and (2) to receive reports re these other ongoing concerns:

- the Fairfax County 2015 Legislative Program and
  (Supplement) Human Services Issue Paper,
- a proposed “Interim Agreement” for public/private development in the North Hill area, and
- scheduling for public review of proposed budget planning for Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2016.

For more information, please see below.

Despite polar vortex, snow, and a post-holiday virus circulating widely, the joint meeting provided a warm welcome for our invited presenter, ON-MV Project Manager Kristen Brennan. Participating were 5 HHS and 5 EDU committee members, representing a total of ten MVCCA member citizen associations: Engleside, Hollin Hills, Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, Stratford
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Landing, Stratford on the Potomac—IV, Waynewood, Wessynton, and Westgrove. HHS Chair Louise Cleveland presided, with MVCCA Co-chair Judy Harbeck present as both acting chair for Education and HHS liaison to the Council.

Committee members received these informational handouts:

- "Opportunity Neighborhood: Building and sustaining communities that support young people from cradle to college to career," 14-slide presentation, plus ON-MV flier and map;
- Extracts (and links to full documents) for the Fairfax County 2015 Legislative Program and supplement Human Services Issue Paper, plus 2-page "Human Services Fact Sheet"; and

Though no action items were voted upon, the committee members expect to follow the development of ON-MV, with continuing interest in how MVCCA – and other community organizations – are able to support shared goals.

OPPORTUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD—MOUNT VERNON

Fairfax County’s first Opportunity Neighborhood is a public-private initiative with a mission "to unite residents, community organizations, and systems officials in securing school and career success for every Opportunity Neighborhood child."

Project Manager Kristen Brennan explains that this approach is not a County “Program,” but a public and private gathering of resources in support of a “philosophy.” Seeded with grant money from Capitol One, Virginia Dept. of Criminal Justice Services, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers, ON-MV is located in the area either side of Richmond Highway (i.e. Lee and Mount Vernon neighborhoods) whose residents send children to three elementary schools—Mount Vernon Woods, Riverside, and Woodlawn—that graduate students into Walt Whitman Middle School and Mount Vernon High School.

A carefully structured Governance Team is composed, in equal parts, of Mount Vernon residents, school and county representatives, and other partners. The nonprofit United Community Services (UCM) plays an important role and hosts, on its web site, ON-MV information that describes the goals, governance, some eye-opening demographic information on the people and schools within the ON, plus a “Promise Scorecard” to track progress in ON undertakings and success of children, families, and community:

http://www.ucmagency/onmountvernon.html

Focus this year is on visible near-term steps toward the long-term goals, with one local neighborhood group, Sequoia Friends, leading the way. “Milestones” include (for the youngest children) enrollment to receive an age-appropriate book every month through the Imagination Library Program; support for parents and children in the transition to kindergarten through a Neighborhood School Readiness Team; the Supreme Teen Street Team that promotes school attendance; enrollment in a jump-start program for rising 9th graders; and 21st Century Learning Center after-school and summer programs that enable high school students to recover credits.

The committees embraced this opportunity to begin a dialogue with ON-MV on how we can participate in the success of all children growing up in our area.

So in tune with needs of schools in our area are the goals of this initiative that questions raised by HHS and EDU committee members for discussion included: (1) How can this initiative reach additional schools in our area? (2) Working toward critical long-term goals, how will ON-MV measure short-term outcomes, in order to sustain funding from private grants and public resources?, and (3) How can we—as individuals and as MVCCA members in the community—help ON-MV achieve its “unlimited potential”?

One example of potential MVCCA contribution to shared goals is the strong support for County investment in early education that our General Council expressed on Dec. 17, 2014, in approving unanimously MVCCA Resolution 2014 J-04 (HHS/EDU) “Building Blocks for School Readiness in FY 2016 and Beyond,” as published in the December MVCCA Record. A Fall 2014 Office for Children Report to MVCCA on School Readiness programs is posted on the HHS Committee Page of the MVCCA web site.

REPORTS—ONGOING CONCERNS

County/Commonwealth Issues in 2015 Legislative Agenda:
The BOS adopted a 2015 Fairfax County Legislative Program and Human Services Issue Paper (Supplement) on December 2, 2014, addressing concerns that require Commonwealth of Virginia attention. Both documents are published (PDF) on the public web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov (Board of Supervisors>Reports).

North Hill Redevelopment: In his January Report on Affordable and Workforce Housing, John Jeszenszky provided the announcement, as published in e-affordable.org (Dec. 19, 2014) of a Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) hearing Jan. 29 on a proposed Interim Agreement between FCRHA and a developer (CHPPENN I, LLC ) selected after a lengthly RCP (Request for Competing Proposals) process. The Interim Agreement (which attaches only a rough graphic of “Proposed General Development Plan, Exhibit B”) lays out terms for the two parties to work toward a future agreement on development of the North Hill area. The entire proposed Interim Agreement is now posted on www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha. MVCCA members may find online (www.mvcca.org) the MVCCA Letter to Supervisor Hyland that sets forth guidelines for considering any proposal for public/private development of the North Hill property, published in the June 2012 MVCCA RECORD, pages 14-15.
On the full range of current issues re affordable and workforce housing, a useful resource is the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance (nvaha.org), which has just announced a new version of its web site, enhanced with even more local, regional, and national news and reports from multiple sources. In January, the site features—under Housing & Education—a report on research documenting that “stable, affordable housing may provide children with enhanced opportunities for educational success.”

Proposal and Public Review of County Budget Plan: Public review of budget planning for Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2016-2017 begins with proposed budget plans for FC Public Schools (Superintendent’s, Thursday, January 8) and for County (County Exec’s Presentation to BOS, Tuesday, Feb. 17). A schedule is now posted on the County website (/dmb).

Citizens with particular concern for effective public services in/near the Richmond Highway recognize that “Human Services” intersect with other critical services, in education, environmental health, public safety and more. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the forum held in and for our area on February 18—for a starting point in understanding these cross-cutting budget planning issues.

Feb. 18 Public Forum On Human Services Planning for FY 2016-2017: The South County Task Force for Human Services will meet Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1-3 PM, at the South County Center, with Deputy County Executive for Human Services Pat Harrison, for an overview of budget planning that will impact delivery of all health and human services.

HHS COMMITTEE – FEB & MARCH 2015
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7:30 PM, “Connected Communities,” South County Center
- Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 AM-Noon, HHS FY16-17 Budget Planning Workshop
- Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 PM, Consider and vote on a draft resolution, “Human Services Planning for FC FY 2016-2017” Monthly meetings on Tuesday Feb. 3 and March 3 are at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. The Feb. 21 Saturday morning workshop will be at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital—if you plan to attend, please notify the HHS Chair. (Seating and copies of documents may be limited to authorized representatives). All MVCCA meetings are open to the public.

Planning & Zoning will draft a resolution, or a letter, in February, depending on any new information from the Collingwood application between now and our meeting in February.

Morning Star Daycare, is revising their application based on comments from the P&Z Committee, Planning Commission and residents of Woodlawn Court. I expect them to return to our committee in February or April.

Next meeting: February 2, 2015, 7:30PM, Mount Vernon Government Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The January meeting, previously scheduled for January 1, 2015, was cancelled due to the holiday.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the Mount Vernon Government Center in Community Meeting Room #3.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee did not meet in January 2015.

The Transportation Committee will meet on February 2, 2015 at 7:30pm in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane.

SFDC

The popular Business Roundtable Speaker Series begins this year on March 5, from 8:30-10 at the Holiday Inn Express. The topic will be "Successful Networking". For more information, or to sign up, go to www.sfdc.org. These fill up early!

The 2014 Mary Thonen Beautification Awards were presented in December. In 1st Place was Taco Bell on Richmond Highway, and 2nd Place went to Mount Vernon Plaza.

SFDC has also fully supported the MVCCA resolutions for continued funding for Route 1 transportation solutions.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

The Fairfax Federation meeting is at 7:30 pm on January 15 at the Mason District offices. The subject will be the Police and Fireman Olympic games to be held in Fairfax County in 2015.

www.mvcca.org

www.sfdc.org

The Record  January 2015
E&R-2015-01: RESOLUTION OPPOSING COLLINGWOOD LIBRARY AND MUSEUM’S SPECIAL EXCEPTION (SE) APPLICATION # SE-2013-MV-020

1. WHEREAS the applicant proposes to subdivide property located at 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, Virginia (Tax Map 102-4(1)) 71, and 71A), into “Lot 1” and Lot 2”; with “Lot 2” to be sold and developed for residential use;

2. WHEREAS, the property has a Scenic Easement in perpetuity with the Secretary of the Interior, United States of America recorded March 9, 1970 with the property Deed that serves “to protect the scenic values of the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway”;

3. WHEREAS, the proposed “Lot 2” is waterfront property on the Potomac River and has Conservation Easements that were required in the Development Conditions for SE 2003-MV-020 and approved by the Board of Supervisors, said Easements being “for the purpose of conserving and preserving undisturbed the natural vegetation, topography, habitat and other natural features now existing on and across the property”, as stated in the Deed of Easements, September 2, 2004;

4. WHEREAS Conservation Easements approved by the BOS with SE 2003-MV-020 are recorded with the land records and are set in perpetuity; despite this, the applicant requests that these be changed and reduced without consideration of the impact of this on the natural, historic and cultural resources known to be at this site;

5. WHEREAS the Conservation Easements provide important and effective on-site natural filtering and retention of storm water for the undivided property including all impervious surfaced particularly the building roofs and parking lots on “Lot 1”, thereby satisfying water quality requirements for the undivided property;

6. WHEREAS the subdivision of this property would leave “Lot 1” (which includes buildings and parking lots with impervious surface) unable to meet Fairfax County water quality requirements on its own;

7. WHEREAS many streams and waterways in the northern part of the Mount Vernon District are known to be highly degraded with poor water quality; the proposed use of water quality trading credits, while legal, does not contribute to the improvement of local water quality conditions on this environmentally sensitive property within Fairfax County;

8. WHEREAS forests, woodlands, and other wildlife habitats are already under significant pressure in Fairfax County, and the proposed SE would lead to the unmitigated loss of additional green space that, under the Conservation Easements, should be conserved in perpetuity;

9. WHEREAS the Wellington Civic Association, Inc. has no objections to the subdivision itself, but does have concerns about the SEA’s request to remove and/or alter the Conservation Easements, and is not comfortable with reducing the size of the conservation easement and the use, albeit legal, of water quality credits being provided from a location in other areas of Virginia;

Soraya Bambha, President, Wellington Civic Association, Inc., letter to MVCCA P&Z Chair and the author, 23 Nov. 2014. TS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations opposes the Special Exception Application #SE2013-MV-020 in its current form because,

1. It fails to adequately protect the Scenic Easement entered into on March 9, 1970 with the Secretary of the Interior, duly recorded with the property Deed and set forth in perpetuity; and

2. It fails to adequately protect and preserve the Conservation Easements that were required in the Development Conditions for SE 2003-MV-020 which were approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 17, 2003 and subsequently recorded in the Deed of Easements, run with the land and are set in perpetuity; and

3. The proposed subdivision would fail to satisfy Fairfax County water quality requirements for Lot #1 of the subdivided properties.

END: RESOLUTION E&R-2015-01
Treasurer’s Report

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations, Inc.

Monthly Treasurer’s Report

Current Month and Fiscal Period-to-Date Compared to Budget
31 December 2014

(All amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

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| **Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):** |               |              |                |         |
| Administrative                            | -             | 270          | 300            | 30      |
| Gaia                                     |               | 1,637        | 3,560          | 2,013   |
| Insurance                                |               | -            | 773            | (33)    |
| Outreach/Town Hall Meeting                |               | -            | 800            | 800     |
| Record Production                        | 130 x 2       | 1,250        | 1,463          | 188     |
| Student of the Year Stipend/Award        | - x 2         | 600          | 500            | 100     |
| Website                                  | -             | -            | 300            | 300     |
| **Total Cash Disbursements**             | 130           | 4,511        | 7,756          | 3,245   |

Net Budget remaining to spend

Receipts in Excess (less than) Disbursements: (170) 1,347

Total Cash at Beginning of Period: 12,246 10,040

Total Cash at End of Period: $ 12,220 $ 10,040

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking: $ 2216
Burke & Herbert - Money Market: 10,010
Total Cash: $ 12,220

Respectfully,

Stephen Markman
Treasurer
January 8, 2015

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, January 28th, 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
Member Association Representatives’ Time
Mount Vernon Supervisor Time
Other Elected Representatives and Public Time

Adjournment

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COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Feb 12, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

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