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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

The Co-chairs remind you that in order to continue your membership in the MVCCA (or to join), please fill out a membership application and mail it with your dues check to:

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc., P.O. Box 203, Mount Vernon, VA, 22121. (You may also bring it to the MVCCA General Council meeting on June 24, 8 PM, Community Room, Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane.)

The application is found at <http://mvcca.org/docs/MVCCA%20Membership%20Form%202014.pdf>

The deadline to pay dues and submit an application is July 1, 2015. It will cover your association's membership from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations is a lively forum for discussing and debating the issues, taking positions and communicating them to Mount Vernon district elected officials. MVCCA represents citizens' concerns and helps keep your neighborhood informed of developments in transportation, education, environment and recreation, public safety, county budget and finance, planning and zoning, consumer affairs, and health and human services. It is a forum to bring your neighborhood's concerns and join with others with similar concerns.

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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2015 at Mount Vernon Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-Chair David Dale.

ATTENDING: Co-Chairs Pat Rea and Judy Harbeck, Treasurer Markman, Secretary Martin, Committee Chairs Cathy Ledec (E&R), Louise Cleveland (HHS), and Representatives Ellen Young (SFDC) and Katherine Ward (Fairfax Federation).

Voting Representatives from Belle View Condos, Clusters at Woodlawn, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Newington Forest, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Riverwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Westgrove, Woodlawn Manor, Woodlawn Terrace, Woodley Hills Estates.

Elected and Appointed Officials and staff: Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Chief Aide Brett Kenney, and School Board member Dan Storck.

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The General Council meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m.

THE AGENDA as published in the Record was revised to add the election and proposed budget, and was adopted as revised.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT was received.

ELECTION

David Hume, nominee for Secretary, withdrew his name after his candidacy was published in the Record. Brian Leclair was nominated for the position from the floor. Candidates were invited to make brief statements about themselves. An election by secret ballot was held, and 19 ballots were cast. Affirmative votes for the nominees were as follows:

Co-Chair David Dale	17
Co-Chair Diane Donley	18
Co-Chair Katherine Ward	16
Treasurer Stephen Markman	19
Secretary Brian Leclair	17

PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed budget includes two changes made by the Board, reducing the amount budgeted for the website, and eliminating the Student of the Year stipend, since this year there is no Gala and no award. The budget was approved with 17 voting in favor and none opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committee reports from B&F, EDUC, PS, TRANS are as published in the Record.

E&R heard a repeat presentation on 8800 Richmond Hwy. The committee passed a resolution, which was sent back for reconsideration by the Board. There are concerns about adding a residential as an option to the Comprehensive Plan language for this parcel, because it creates a conflict with what's there now in the Comp Plan (the parcel, which is in the floodplain and RPA, is planned for preservation as open space) and with the Environmental Policy Plan. The committee will begin review the Comp Plan language at its next meeting, June 3, and will establish priorities for this year. The committee also heard from Martin Tillett, who is seeking support for transfer of the Fairchild property from the BOS to the FCPA; a petition is available online.

HHS in coming months will focus on identifying local resources (e.g. public-private partnerships) to address problems such as transportation for older and disabled people, funds for which have been repeatedly cut. Louise Cleveland, HHS chair since 2000, thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve, and Newington Forest's representative congratulated Chair Cleveland on her longtime service, and said that she set the standard for all committee chairs.

P&Z: It was reported that Planning Commissioner Flanagan says that at the moment there is no need for a resolution of any type about 8800 Richmond Hwy, because there is no development application.

SFDC REPORT: On June 2, 8:30 am, an "evolution of the future of retail" summit will be held at the Hampton Inn.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION REPORT: Officers will be installed (all the same officers were reelected) and Chairman Bulova will present on the state of Fairfax County at the June 18 meeting.

CO-CHAIRS' REPORT ON BOARD ACTIONS. Co-Chair Dale reported that issues about the 8800 Richmond Hwy parcel came to the Board's attention in its discussion of two committee resolutions about it, and the resolutions were sent back to committee. The Board voted to send a short letter reminding the Supervisor of previous resolution P&Z-2014-02 that asked for a "residential option" to be added to the Comprehensive Plan language for parcels in and near the Woodlawn CBC ("Recommendation for a 'Residential Option' in the Woodlawn Community Business Center (CBC), Sub-Units A-1, A-2, A-3, and Suburban Neighborhood Parcels 1 and 3") and providing the reason for bringing it forward again, that being the arrival of a prospective developer. (Parcel 1 is the one proposed for development and is in the RPA and floodplain.) Co-chair Dale said that he interprets the by-laws to say that communication can only go out without a vote by the General Council only if it is viewed as urgent, and this letter is not particularly urgent, so he proposed not to send it. The E&R chair noted that the committee had not had the opportunity to comment on this resolution when it was passed. A member noted that many environmental studies are mandated, and the Council will have an opportunity to weigh in later when there is an actual project, this letter will facilitate the process. A member noted that the developer promised to return in March of 2016, and questioned the need for a letter now. A motion was made to send the letter. After discussion, the Council voted to send the letter, with 12 voting in favor and 5 against.

RESOLUTIONS

EDUC-2015-03: Urging Priority Consideration for Neighborhood Schools asks the School Board to put neighborhood schools at the top of the list. A member asked if the School Board is not prioritizing neighborhood schools now, and the answer was: they are not. For the last 10-15 years, kids have been bused mostly from the west side of Route 1 to the east side, so their parents have less chance to participate in the schools, which are not integral to their communities. A decision has been made to build a new elementary school on Pinewood Lakes site. A member questioned whether a policy change favoring neighborhood schools might reduce diversity within elementary schools. The Council voted 15 in favor, 0 against the resolution.

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MOUNT VERNON SUPERVISOR TIME

Brett Kenney advised the group:

- A meeting will be held 7 pm May 28 for the North Hill development team to answer questions.
- There was a meeting with the old MV High School reuse task force; the county lease ends 2016.
- The BOS may come to a decision June 2 on the Vulcan Water Authority.
- Spring Bank community has a consensus supporting moving forward with the Anova development.
- Mount Vernon Country Club will seek a SEA to make some improvements in its floodplain.
- On June 9 the Public Safety Committee will meet to get an update from Bulova's Commission on oversight of police, also to hear about issues with tethering dogs in back yards, and the length of time data collected by red light cameras may be retained.
- The BOS is moving ahead with a zoning ordinance amendment restricting car title and payday lenders locating in revitalization zones.
- Introduced a new intern in the supervisor's office, Kelsy Ryatt, who will staff the Farmers' Market booth.
- Supervisor Hyland has pushed forward with getting the Fairchild property transferred to the FCPA, and is pushing development of a master plan, and getting the stormwater management issues addressed by DPWES.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Betsy Martin, Secretary.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Present: Patrick Rea (MVCCA Co-Chair), Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Wellington Civic Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Williamsburg Manor Civic Association

Scott Sizemore, Director of Revenue Collections in the County Department of Finance, Kimberly Seburnia, Assistant Director, and Jessenia Ramirez, Billing Manager, attended the meeting and provided information and answered questions about collection of County real estate taxes. The County sends tax bills for 320,000 properties twice each year. Under state law, the County is only allowed to bill for real estate taxes once or twice each year. Fairfax elected billing twice each year. State law must be changed in order to switch to more frequent billing.

200,000 of the 320,000 tax bills are sent and collected through the Mass Payment System. 178 companies who service Fairfax County mortgages with tax escrows participate in the Mass Payment System. Under this system, a single electronic bill is submitted to the mortgage servicer for all its mortgaged properties and a single payment is remitted for all those properties. This system saves about \$160k per year over printing and mailing of individual bills. A single company, CoreLogic, actually coordinates this billing and payment for many of the mortgage servicers. The Mass Payment System began in 1987 and is now responsible for collection of two-thirds of the County real estate tax bills.

The County has an automated payment program called the Electronic Funds Transfer System (ETF) available to taxpayers who do not have escrowed tax payments. Taxpayers who participate can elect automated monthly, quarterly or semi-annual tax payments directly from their bank accounts to the County. About 3,000 taxpayers participate in this program.

The County does not directly collect delinquent taxes. Delinquent real estate tax collections are referred to private lawyers at Taxing Authority Consulting Services (TACS). Other delinquent County taxes are referred to a private collection agency.

The County does not have authority to forgive or compromise collection of taxes. The County will work with taxpayers to set-up payment plans and other alternative payment options. The County will waive penalties and interest if there is a good excuse for late payment of taxes.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

There are no meeting minutes this month.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8pm on June 10, 2015, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Williamsburg Manor North, Newington Forest, Wessynton and Potomac Valley Riverbend. A community member also attended as did Co-chair Harbeck, acting as liaison.

Co-chair Harbeck confirmed that she did not seek re-election as Co-chair and had asked to be reappointed as Committee Chair by the new Co-chairs.

Harbeck reported that North Hill development appears to be on track to add about 500 new housing units, most of which will be rentals at reduced rates reflecting family income as compared to the County's annual median income (currently about \$107,000). There is a mix of apartment sizes but substantial numbers of

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students can be expected. The complex will presumably feed to Bucknell ES and contribute to filling that school's enhanced capacity after planned renovation.

The future of the Islamic Saudi Academy (ISA) site, the old Mount Vernon High School, was also discussed. Harbeck opined that, while some continue to suggest ISA should be renovated for use as an FCPS school—particularly to replace the current “island” Whitman MS—such use is not practical. A recent tour perhaps showed that FCPS' rough estimate of \$30M cost to bring to current school standards is not off the mark: ISA for example has no elevators, no fire suppression system, no kitchen and while ISA has maintained the property it has not been updated. Supervisor Hyland's Visioning Task Force and this committee have considered a better use would be for post-high school education and career training or use by County and community organizations so services can be consolidated in “one stop shopping”. Even so, the property needs substantial renovation and the County also faces both the loss of rental revenue and new costs of maintenance.

A primary purpose of the meeting was to do some advance planning for the next school year. It became clear that “Budget and Boundaries” will be the watchword.

On the budget, it was noted that schools again face a deficit of \$80M plus and are again faced with deep cuts which, after many years of the same, threaten the ability of FCPS to provide the education citizens expect and students deserve.

Put simply, there is nothing left to cut without consequence. It is very likely that programs including music, art and sports, advanced courses and vocational/career training may be on the chopping block, that class sizes will again be raised and that test fees will be imposed.

Most critically there will be no ability to move teacher salaries upward to a point that FCPS is again competitive against area rivals, especially fast-growing Loudon and Prince William. Schools throughout FCPS, not just our area, are reporting substantial loss of quality teachers who can earn \$15,000-20,000 more simply by changing systems.

Harbeck opined that in real terms, given the enrollment changes, the County is providing substantially less support to schools than in the past and that simply quoting budget percentages does not tell the story. She and committee members reiterated that the County and the Board of Supervisors need to be called to account and that FCPS should not continue to fall into the trap of trying to conform to “budget guidance” which bears no resemblance to needs and mandates and only permits the Supervisors to suggest schools are profligate and/or uncooperative.

In addition to following issues with FCPS personnel, the Committee will meet with civilian budget board members as well, to perhaps get another view on the issues.

While some of the action requested in the Committee's resolution on “Neighborhood Schools” (May 2015) has happened in that “Pinewood Lakes” ES is scheduled to be built, boundary processes will need to be closely watched. In particular, although potentially painful, the Committee continues to contend boundary review should be comprehensive and not simply piecemeal moving groups of children or neighborhoods around like checkers.

The Committee also asked the Chair to set up meetings to educate members on changes to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process, to the proposed changes to deciding placement of particular schools in the renovation/addition queue, and to Education Specifications (EdSpecs) which apply to all of these issues and to determining capacity of buildings. While much of the foregoing can seem somewhat arcane, a basic understanding is necessary to comprehend how or why a school is determined to be under or over capacity, or one school is higher on the renovation list or has been moved up or down.

Other topic the Committee hopes to consider soon include updates on “Project Momentum” as discussed in May, changes or developments related to the Advanced Academic Placement (AAP) program including a possible look at whether the rigor of the program has been diluted, which is also being studied by other groups, including the Fairfax Federation Education Committee. Given the volume of recent research on family, community and environmental factors affecting performance of low income children in the years prior to school entrance, as well as throughout the school years, the Committee also hopes to work with the Health & Human Services Committee and again revisit “Opportunity Neighborhoods” recognizing that while schools can do more to address achievement gaps, it may be outside factors which will prove to be the “magic bullet”.

Administratively, the Committee decided to continue its practice of suspending meetings in July and August, and to meet on its usual first Wednesday in September although school will not yet be in session.

Next meeting: 8pm, September 2, 2015
[location TBD; Chair will e-mail]

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met 3 June 2015, at 7.15 p.m. Attending were representatives from Belle View Condominiums, Hollin Hills, Montebello, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley Riverbend, Spring Bank, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting), 1 guest, and E&R Chair.

There were no speakers for this meeting.

The Chair began the meeting with a review of items coming out of the May 14, 2015 MVCCA Board Meeting and General Council

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(GC) on May 26, 2015 related to E&R's resolution proposed in May to the MVCCA Board. This resolution along with those from P&Z and TRANS on the same project idea were sent back to the committees for further discussion. Next at the GC meeting it was agreed the Co-chairs would re-send to Supervisor Hyland P&Z Resolution # 2014-02 with a reminder letter that no action has been taken yet on this. After discussion amongst E&R committee members it was expressed by several committee members that there is no application submitted to Fairfax County for a project and as such nothing to review or comment on. Once an application is submitted E&R and other Committees will review and comment on these documents. The timing of this might be on or around the Fall of 2015 or later. One committee member asked for explanation of the Comprehensive Plan in guiding development versus Zoning. Developers are studying the area and may come to us with an application but since we do not have this yet there is no project to comment on. It was requested that the technical studies being done on the property be part of future document review.

Also present at the meeting was the property owner who received an update from the developer on studies being done, these are still in progress. Another Committee member noted that any improvements to the site should produce a net gain from an environmental standpoint, be measurable, and that the benefits need to be to the community directly impacted rather than to another area.

Next we opened the discussion for suggested topics and priorities for the next 12-15 months. This will help us identify speakers on these topics as we prepare committee recommendations on various matters that come to our attention. Member associations who review these meeting minutes are invited to send topics to the chair for possible coverage at a future meeting.

Topics suggested include the following:

Stormwater Management: (1) Infrastructure improvements have not kept pace with in-fill development, how can this be retrofitted? (2) How can we influence development to improve stormwater management practices on all development projects? (3) Encouraging (and educating) Mt. Vernon District residents to retain and manage stormwater on their own properties.

Watershed Plans: An update is needed on the implementation of watershed projects, prioritization of these to ensure that watersheds in Mt. Vernon District have projects identified, planned and implemented.

Parks and Green Spaces: (1) Fairchild Property: Completing the transfer of this property to the FCPA as a community park (to include pushing where possible the a DPWES restoration project of the stream) (2) ensuring that work related to the revitalization of Richmond Highway includes Parks and Green Spaces that will provide a high quality of life for residents and attract new residents (3) invite FCPA Staff and Park Authority Board member for Mt.

Vernon District to provide an update on the maintenance of Park properties that in Mt. Vernon District that are in seemingly degraded condition (4) Budget of FCPA – bring more balance to natural resources management and staffing of same (5) FCPA should take a higher level role in County with respect to preservation and restoration of County's natural resources more broadly.

Board of Supervisors Properties: Identify and review these in Mt. Vernon District to determine intended uses and management plans for these so they do not fall into disrepair or become overcome by invasives.

School Properties: Impress upon County Staff the importance of environmental accountability and responsibility in managing school properties recognizing impact of storm water, trash and recycling (to name a few key areas) on the neighboring community served by the schools. This should include students as an education opportunity for our youth in preparing the next generation of environmental stewards. Review of materials used and stormwater management for artificial turf installations.

Biodiversity: What we've lost. Can some of this be restored? If so how? Audubon at Home program can be an important part of this.

Solid Waste and Recycling: Inspection and Enforcement staff are limited.

Invasive Management: (1) Invasive Plants on Park Land (IMA program) and in our own communities. A need to create an awareness campaign of the need to intervene and manage these. It is difficult to get 100% compliance by residents especially with area stores continuing to sell invasive plants. (2) Policy options e.g. requiring retailers to label plants (3) Deer: any status on re-classifying as a pest so that pest management funds might be used to help with this?

Development: (1) North Hill Project: Monitor the progress of this project to ensure environmental issues are addressed to include the implementation of the Park trails system and other amenities identified in the North Hill's Park Master Plan, (2) Conservation Easements (e.g. Northern Virginia Conservation Trust).

Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Candidates Information session: Interest was expressed by all present in hearing from Candidates for Mt. Vernon District Supervisor after the June 9, 2015 Democratic primary to understand each of their environmental priorities and positions.

Trees and Public Health are inextricably linked (clean air, clean water). Strengthening the County tree ordinance and state laws.

Recreation Centers: While activity fees cover costs associated with activities occurring inside the Recreation Centers who is

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managing natural resources on these properties? Natural areas on and around these properties are falling into a state of disrepair or are covered with invasive plants. Review of materials used and stormwater management for artificial turf installations.

Libraries: While the MVCCA Consumer Affairs Committee had been identified as a place for monitoring and commenting on Libraries in Mt. Vernon District perhaps action needs to be taken until such time as this committee is re-activated. Management of natural resources on these properties.

National Treasures in the Mt. Vernon District: National Parks, 3 refuges

Noise: (1) Increased Airline traffic and (2) Fairfax County's Noise Ordinance

Next meeting: 1 July 2015 at 7:15pm, Mt. Vernon Government Center

Invited speaker: Fairfax County Police Department: Animal Control

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On Tuesday, June 2, the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) met at the South County Center, Room 221 A/B, 7:30-9 PM, to receive reports and plan their "fresh start" for the work of exploring solutions to emerging issues, as a new fiscal year begins – for MVCCA and for Fairfax County – on July 1, 2015.

Retiring HHS Chair Louise Cleveland (who has served continuously since September 2000) reported on some important resources available to the Committee – and to its new Chair when appointed and ratified under the new MVCCA By-Laws.

Participating in the actions at this meeting were voting representatives from seven MVCCA member associations: Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Newington Forest, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, and Sulgrave Manor. (The committee also received brief reports from representatives who were not able to be present on June 2 – Hollin Hall Village and Stratford on Potomac – IV.)

Actions on June 2 – with discussion, consensus and unanimous approval – included these:

- Receipt of reports on public meetings, two recent and two more anticipated in June, that are important resources for community awareness of ongoing human services issues (see below, PUBLIC MEETINGS);
- Confirmation of dates and venue for monthly HHS Committee meetings in 2015, based on polling of currently authorized representatives to confirm availability of a quorum on July 7 and September 1 (the Tuesday *before* Labor Day), and invitation of guest resource persons for September 1 (see below, MVCCA HHS MEETINGS - 2015); and

- Approval of two resolutions framed as HHS Committee actions (rather than as Resolutions requiring General Council consideration and action), as stated below.
 - "Be it resolved: The HHS Committee hereby acknowledges (1) receiving from Chair Louise Cleveland of a complete listing of MVCCA Resolutions approved by the General Council during the period from January 2008 – June 2015 that originated in the Health and Human Services Committee (or jointly with other Committees); (2) affirms that these MVCCA Resolutions provide a public record of evolving MVCCA policies and positions on human services concerns; and (3) approves this list for posting via a link on the HHS Page of the MVCCA web site."
 - "Be it resolved: The HHS Committee expresses deep gratitude to our chairman Louise Cleveland for her extensive knowledge and dedication to the work of this committee and for her excellent leadership these past 15 years."

Postponed to the July 7 meeting were tasks of refreshing a committee mission statement and making other adjustments to the Committee Page on the MVCCA web site, with expectation that a new Chair may be appointed by then.

Next HHS meeting – July 7 (7:30 PM, South County Center, Room 217) – All MVCCA meetings are open to the public. Voting representatives are especially urged to participate on Tuesday, September 1, with a knowledgeable and dedicated professional as guide, for a fresh orientation to local demographic trends, emerging needs, and responsive programs based in and near the Richmond Highway Corridor.

RESOURCES FOR A FRESH START

Continuing the themes outlined in the HHS Committee Reports of April and May, discussion focused on how to share the work ahead, identifying (1) some informational resources for a selected set of concerns, and (2) potential solutions to be explored, with committee members volunteering as "champions" for each.

Cleveland reminded the Committee *that they are an important resource to the MVCCA General Council and to the community at large*, able to access a wealth of published reports and other information through the County web site, and able to raise questions about cross-cutting issues with informed professionals and dedicated volunteers who participate in countywide citizen advisory committees.

Past monthly Committee Reports, especially since September 2013, identify people and documents that are potential resources for Committee updates on particular concerns.

A Memorandum, from Louise Cleveland, presented at the June 2 meeting, lists 13 MVCCA Resolutions originating in HHS Committee, Jan. 2008 – June 2015. This list provides full title, date

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of General Council consideration and approval, and “Comment” noting any amendments from the text published in the RECORD or other information important for “tracking.” Fewer than half these Resolutions are included in the current Tracker on MVCCA’s web site (which is under revision). So, this list was offered for consideration and use of the Committee, as a starting point for those who seek MVCCA’s approved policy positions on human services, as well as for those who seek to update or build upon such statements, in response to emerging needs and trends.

Cleveland reminded the Committee that a document, posted in 2012 via a link on the MVCCA Affordable and Workforce Housing Page, provides a detailed chronology of key HHS Reports and MVCCA Resolutions originating in the Health and Human Services Committee (Sept. 2000 – Jan. 2012) and/or the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing (Sept. 2005 – December 2011). County policies on homelessness, “housing first,” “workforce” housing and the Housing Blueprint all originated in this period and continue to evolve.

Finally, Cleveland suggested that the Committee review the March 2015 HHS Report, as well as the March Resolution, “Fairfax County Planning for Human Services, FY 2016 and Beyond,” which the MVCCA General Council approved unanimously as published. Both deal with current fiscal constraints on County planning. As the Report states, a new three-year County budget planning cycle will begin this fall. Stringent Lines of Business (LOB) analysis will question every *remaining* “core” activity and decide (by January of 2016) which will be fiscally “sustainable” in County FY17, FY18, and FY19. Meanwhile, the County’s adopted *Strategic Plan to Facilitate Economic Success* points toward increased investment in healthy and well-educated people.

So, how will the County respond to underlying changes and challenges in the economy?

Two public meetings, in June, may provide clues. On June 10, we are likely to learn how the County ‘human services system’ is adjusting to the demand for ever greater “efficiency”—serving ever more intense needs with fewer dollars. On June 18, an event intended to create some media interest will unveil a new “Equitable Growth Profile of Fairfax County” and begin a conversation on why “equity matters” and is a potent driver of economic success.

Ongoing human services Issues are emerging in new ways that deserve a fresh look at our local resources for community awareness and potential for effective community responses.

PUBLIC MEETINGS – MAY, JUNE

Reports from two recent public meetings provided updates on human services issues that have been of major concern to our community for more than a decade:

- healthcare available at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (IMVH) and Lorton Healthplex, and

- housing affordable for a range of household incomes, through North Hill redevelopment.

Curtis McCormick, IMVH marketing manager, provided a summary of his report to the South County Task Force for Human Services (April 28). Among milestones: renovations to the IMVH Blue Lobby will be completed by the end of June, a new Men’s Health Clinic opens this summer, and ground breaking on a greatly expanded emergency department will come later this year. Ten years after the four-point Recommendation of the community’s Southeast Health Planning Task Force, the Lorton Healthplex is providing 24/7 emergency services and sponsoring community events, while IMVH marks 2014 as “its most successful financial year ever.” The summary report, a handout to the HHS Committee, is available on request.

The North Hill public meeting on May 28 was described in a succinct written report from HHS member John Jeszenski, citing the preliminary character of the developer’s proposal and the information-gathering intent of the public meeting, covered later in local press.

The Chair announced two public meetings in June that provide opportunities for members to learn more about Fairfax County’s latest initiatives in strategic planning for human services.

- Wednesday, June 10, 1-3 PM, South County Task Force for Human Services meets at South County Center, Room 221A/B. Anne Andrews and Supervisor Gerry Hyland convene the meeting, inviting all interested community members, including leaders of local nonprofit organizations. Patricia Harrison, Deputy County Executive for Human Services, is arranging presentations on two important initiatives: (1) the Community Health Dashboard, and (2) Systems of Care for youth behavioral health.
- Thursday, June 18, 4-6 PM, An “Equitable Growth Profile for Fairfax County” will be released, with a panel of local leaders from public and private sectors to discuss the path forward in advancing equitable growth, as a powerful economic driver. (An invitation to this event will be extended widely, with online pre-registration requested to manage parking at Virginia International University in Fairfax.)

MVCCA HHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS – 2015

The Committee has scheduled monthly meetings for Tuesdays, 7:30 – 9 PM, at South County Center, Room 221 A/B, *except* that the **July 7** meeting will be in Room 217: **September 1, October 6, November 10, December 1.**

Please mark your calendar now for September 1, when the committee has invited Karla Bruce, Division Director (Human Services Regions 1&4) for Fairfax County’s Dept. of Neighborhood and Community Services. Ms. Bruce will provide demographic information and perspective on emerging trends and needs, as well as current programs and initiatives, countywide and especially in

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our southeastern area. This meeting is planned as an ideal starting point for new committee representatives as well as veterans.

PLANNING & ZONING

There was no meeting in June.

Next meeting: July 6, 2015, Mount Vernon Government Center, 7:30PM.

Agenda:

- Extenet presentation for DAS in Mt. Vernon, and resolution from the Telecommunications Subcommittee.
- Update on Morningstar Daycare
- Update on Cedar Knoll Restaurant

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Minutes June 2, 2015

This meeting of the MVCCA's Public Safety Committee was a joint session with the Transportation Committee.

Our guest speaker was PFC Seth Masterson, of Mount Vernon Police District's Selective Enforcement Team, whose duties include traffic enforcement. He has been with FCPD for seven years.

Officer Masterson answered numerous questions from the committee members. The following is a summary of the points discussed.

I/LEADS is the database used for handling information on traffic accidents. There are some disconnects between facts on the ground and the information that can be extracted from I/LEADS, including: some accidents do not result in an officer being called; some accidents do not meet the criteria for reporting to VDOT/DMV (injury and/or at least \$1500 damage); the current manual data entry system at VDOT/DMV after FCPD sends the reports to Richmond; and finally, the possibility that minor errors in data entry may render database queries invalid.

Traffic enforcement and parking enforcement are different functions, and are handled by different Officers.

Post-Mounted Speed Display units are available to collect information on traffic at selected locations. The PMSD units are mounted to existing signage poles and are typically deployed for a week at any given location to determine overall trends in traffic density, speed, and so forth. This information can then be used to direct enforcement resources.

One example of data collected is Sherwood Hall Lane, where the most speeding occurs between 2 and 7 PM, during the evening

rush hour, not the morning rush hour. Sherwood Hall Lane is one of the few roads that is posted "No Passing," which means that there is no passing on either side under any circumstances. There had been a possibility of a center passing/left turn lane, but this would have resulted in loss of street parking. Instead, the parking lanes were retained, and the no-passing restriction was added.

At the north end of Fort Hunt Road, there are two right turn lanes, one leading toward the I-95 ramp and the other into Alexandria. Many cars use the far-right lane to be able to turn right on red and then immediately change lanes to go into Alexandria. While this can be troublesome when the light changes and both lanes are clear to turn right, the maneuver is legal. There is no practical way to prevent this lane change.

There are frequent incidents involving corporate and government vehicles, such as buses and garbage trucks, speeding in residential areas. Complaints should be directed to the company or organization that owns the vehicles in question. In addition, emails about such concerns can be sent to the following email address: FCPD-MTVtraffic@fairfaxcounty.gov. Emails sent to this address are directed to Mount Vernon traffic enforcement, and are also seen by the District Commander.

There are three levels of accident reporting:

- Accidents on a state-maintained roadway involving injury or at least \$1500 damage (reported to DMV using form FR-300)
- Hit-and-run injury accidents on private property (not reported to DMV)
- All other accidents (not reportable)

During the period from 2011 to 2015, there were 57 pedestrian-involved traffic accidents on US 1 in the Mount Vernon District. The accidents were generally around 6 PM to 8 PM and were not concentrated in any particular area.

Some establishments serving alcohol in the US 1 area are chronic problems. While a business cannot be closed solely due to such incidents, they can be a cue to Alcoholic Beverage Control and/or the Fire Marshal to watch for violations, which can result in loss of the business's licenses.

Concerning the enforcement of speed limits, the primary factors are that speed kills, and also that speeding is a reliable indicator of inattentive driving. Especially with regard to younger drivers, speeding and cell phone usage are a dangerous combination.

Virginia requires police officers to attend traffic court cases for the tickets that they write, unlike some other jurisdictions where attendance is optional.

Jeff Todd Way is a troublesome roadway partly due to its proximity to Fort Belvoir. With no shoulders and very few intersections, it tends to see a lot of speeding, and the shared jurisdiction between

Committee Reports

Fairfax County and the Fort Belvoir Military Police make traffic enforcement a complicated proposition.

Red light cameras are generally only deployed in cities. While Fairfax County code allows the cameras, there is not enough funding to place them, which will probably continue to be the case for the next several years at least.

School buses that have their red flashing lights on stop traffic in both directions even on major roads, unless there is a full median strip separating the two directions of traffic flow. For example, there are portions of Huntington Avenue that are separated by a median, and others that are just as wide overall, but with no median strip; a stopped school bus in the divided part of Huntington stops traffic only in one direction.

School crossing guards are a joint effort shared by the police and schools. The Mount Vernon District officer in charge of crossing guards is Sergeant Wilson Lee.

Fines for traffic violations go to the County General Fund, not directly to the police department.

While there are concerns about road markings in the area, the markings are determined by VDOT, not the police. The police are limited to enforcing the markings, although they can provide feedback to VDOT about citizens' concerns.

Bicycle lanes, such as have been recently added to Sherwood Hall Lane, are actually part of the travel lane. There is no problem with cars being in the bicycle lane, as long as there are no cyclists currently in the lane. Similarly, there is no legal restriction on bicycles being ridden in the car lane or on the line between the bike lane and the car lane.

Mopeds are defined as having 50cc engines or smaller, and having top speed of 35 MPH or less. Mopeds have license plates similar to motorcycles, but do not require a driver's license. As a result, many people who have had their licenses revoked or suspended get around on mopeds. However, there are further restrictions on operating a moped due to a revoked or suspended license because of DUI.

Traffic data is available by FOIA request from Central Records, but the extensive data gathered by the Post-Mounted Speed Display units (referred to above) can much more easily be obtained by informal request from the Mount Vernon District.

There being no further questions, and no further business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met jointly with the Public Safety Committee. See minutes under Public Safety.

SFDC

The presentation slides from the Evolution of Retail Summit are now available to view at www.sfdc.org.

The Business Roundtable Speaker Series cancelled earlier this year has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 2, at Holiday Inn Express located at 6055 Richmond Highway. The topic is Successful Networking, and will run from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. As always, the session is Free and includes a light breakfast. Anyone may sign up at www.sfdc.org.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

- The Federation's Annual picnic is June 18th at Mason Neck Park 6621 Columbia Pike Annandale 6:30. It is pot luck. Sharon Bulova will be there to give the state of the County talk.
- The Federation Board passed and forwarded a resolution from the board to the BOS and County Executive that is asking the county to hire a management consulting firm to do a "line of business" review.
- MV District now has 2 voting members on the Federation Board. Katherine Ward and Matt Bell. Matt is the Federations Treasurer and Katherine is the MVCCA rep.
- The NOV. Ballot will have 2 bond referendums: (details can be found on the Federation website)
 - a. Schools
 - b. Public safety
- Testimony for the I-66 expansion was given by the Federation at the recent public hearing. They advocate for : (the full testimony is on the Federations website)
 - a. BRT system
 - b. Bike and pedestrian paths near by
 - c. Separate HOT/HOV lanes
 - d. Retention of storm-water during and after construction with possible off site retention areas
 - e. Consideration of material used in order to reduce greenhouse gases that impact climate change.

Treasurer's Report

Current Month and Fiscal Period-to-Date² Compared to Budget
31 May 2015

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Markman, Treasurer
June 12, 2015

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

		January 1, 2014	Enacted ³ Budget	Budget Variance <i>Favorable (Unfavorable)</i>
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>	Current Month	to May 31, 2015		
Dues - Current Members	\$ 168	\$ 3,817	\$ 3,000	\$ 817
Dues - New Members	-	126	54	72
Gala Receipts (including donations)	-	2,705	4,700	(1,995)
MM Interest Receipts	1	12	2	10
Total Cash Receipts	169	6,660	7,756	(1,096)

Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):

Administrative	(30)	310	300	(10)
Gala	-	1,537	3,550	2,013
Insurance	-	1,646	773 ³	(873)
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	-	-	850	850
Record Production	150	1,945	1,483 ³	(462)
Student of the Year Stipend/Award	-	600	500	(100)
Web Site	-	-	300	300
Total Cash Disbursements	120	6,037	7,756	1,719

Net Budget remaining to spend				\$ 623
Receipts In Excess (less than) Disbursements	49	623	-	
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	11,453	10,880	10,880	
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 11,502	\$ 11,502	\$ 10,880	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 1,488
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,014
Total Cash	\$ 11,502

Notes:

1. The Treasurer's report uses the cash basis of accounting except as noted on the face of the statement.
2. The Council in 2014 changed its year from a calendar year to a fiscal year ending June 30. Thus the initial fiscal period is the eighteen months ending June 30, 2015.
3. The budget enacted for the twelve months in 2014 (calendar year) is extended to apply to the eighteen month fiscal period without dollar modification. Treasurer is responsible to alert the Council to any significant overruns to the Enacted Budget. Overruns for Record Production and Insurance have received Council approval.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

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

AGENDA

Call to Order

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Secretary's Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

Published Items and Resolutions

New Business

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—June 24, 8:00 pm, MVGC Community Rm
MVCCA Board—July 9, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	7/1	7:30	MVGC	D. Voorhees
COAF	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	9/2	8:00	TBD	Harbeck
E&R	7/1	7:15	MVGC, Rm. 3	Ledec
HHS	7/7	7:30	SCC/Rm. 217	<i>open</i>
PL/Z	7/6	7:30	MVGC	Pohorylo
PS	7/2	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	McDonald
TRAN	TBD			C. Voorhees

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