



## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

**NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING DATES RESET EARLIER DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS:** November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 16<sup>th</sup>

### ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES WORKSHOP (SPONSORED BY Fairfax Federation)

October 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM  
Providence District Community Center 3001 Vaden Drive,  
Fairfax, VA 22031

## COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

The MVCCA Co-Chairs are appointing the following persons as Committee Chairs, and MVCCA Representatives and are seeking the ratification of same by the General Council.

- Budget and Finance: David Voorhees
- Education: Judy Harbeck
- Environment and Recreation: Cathy Ledec
- Planning and Zoning: Karen Pohorylo
- Public Safety: Bob McDonald
- South East Fairfax Development Corporation: Ellen Young
- Fairfax County Federation of Citizen's Associations: Katherine Ward

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## SCHOOL BOARD REFERENDUM

The **2015 School Bond Referendum**, which will appear on the November ballot, includes funding for four local school renovations: Hollin Meadows, Newington Forest, Stratford Landing and Waynewood. Passage is critical to bring about these long overdue improvements and renovations. More information on the Referendum can be found at [www.fcps.edu/news/bond15.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond15.shtml).

## MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**September 23, 2015 at Mount Vernon Government Center**

**PRESIDING:** Co-Chair Diane Donley.

**ATTENDING:** Co-Chair Katherine Ward, Co-Chair David Dale, Secretary Leclair, Committee Chairs Judy Harbeck (ED), Cathy Ledec (E&R), Karen Pohorylo (P&Z), Bob McDonald (PS), and Representative Ellen Young (SFDC).

Voting Representatives (19) from: Belle View Condominium, Clusters at Woodlawn, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Huntington Community Association, Huntington Club Condominium, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Manor,

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Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor, Woodlawn Terrace.

Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff: Congressman Jim Moran, Senator Toddy Puller, Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Supervisor Hyland's Chief Aide Brett Kenney.

The special presentation meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

MVCCA honored Congressman Moran, Senator Puller, and Supervisor Hyland for their years of service to the Mount Vernon District.

The GC meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT** was received.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**B&F** – No meeting.

**COAF** – No meeting.

**ED** – No meeting.

**E&R** – As printed in the September Record.

**HHS** – As printed in the September Record.

**P&Z** – As printed in the September Record.

**PS** – As printed in the September Record.

**TRAN** – As printed in the September Record.

**SFDC REPORT** – As printed in the September Record.

Sustainability Summit on September 24, 2015 at Hampton Inn.

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Supervisor Candidate Forum – October 15, 2015 at South County Center, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

School Board candidate forum at Hollin Hall Community Center – October 14, 2015.

**FAIRFAX FEDERATION REPORT** – As printed in the September Record.

## **CO-CHAIR TIME:**

Karen Keefer will be updating GC on the updated MVCCA website at our October meeting.

Lloyd Tucker, Director - Region 1 of the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, will speak at upcoming GC meeting re: Opportunity Neighborhoods.

Co-Chairs will publish 2015-16 recommendations at October meeting for committee chairs

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**P&Z 2015-05 Resolution to Not Oppose the Out-of-Turn Plan Amendment to Remove the Office component of the Huntington Club Condominiums Redevelopment Project**  
Motion to amend the resolution from "do not oppose" to "support" passed with a 14-0 vote.

The GC voted to approve the resolution as amended with a 15-0 vote.

**P&Z/TRANS 2015-J01 Resolution in Opposition to the Morning Star Children's Day Care Proposal for 8628 Woodlawn Court**  
Amendment passed to add the SE number to the resolution.  
Amendment passed to remove the number of children from *Whereas 1.* and *Whereas 5.* in the resolution.  
Resolution to not support the day care center's SEA request was passed with a 15-0 vote.

## **MEMBER TIME**

October 21, 2015: public meeting re: Old MVHS repurposing (6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.).

David Sears from Huntington Community Association seeking assistance regarding neighbor vs. VDOT issue.

Extenet filed its first 2232 Review Application on September 14, 2015 for DASS system. MVCCA to assume ongoing informational role, particularly via our website.

## **MOUNT VERNON SUPERVISOR TIME**

Brett Kenney advised the group:

- "My Fairfax" website being rolled out for paying taxes.
- Text 911 now available in Fairfax County.
- Series of bus stop improvements will continue in 2016 along Richmond Highway.
- Public hearing on dog tethering upcoming with BOS.
- Public hearing on payday/car title lenders upcoming with BOS.
- Developer seeking to build 2-story structure near EP Garden Center near Dogue Creek. Public hearing to be held.
- BOS seeking revenue options to fund FCPS budget shortfall.
- October 3 is Supervisor Hyland's final Lobster Fest to support UCM.

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- North Hill development planning ongoing; application not yet filed.
- Cedar Knoll restaurant site development planning ongoing. By -right status lost when restaurant closed; can be regained with rezoning application. Supervisor Hyland is supportive of this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Brian Leclair, Secretary.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### BUDGET AND FINANCE

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There are no meeting minutes this month.

The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for 7:30pm on November 4, 2015 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 October 7, 2015, in the library at Whitman Middle School.

Associations represented included Mt. Zephyr, Wessynton, Spring Bank, Wellington, Collingwood Springs and Newington Forest. Other community members and Co-chair Donley also attended. Unfortunately the planned program on capacity, school construction and boundary issues fell through due to unavailability of planned speakers. The program will be rescheduled for early 2016.

Nevertheless, committee members who have been closely following the construction/boundary issues reported that staff are presently fully engaged in enrollment projections and scenarios for capacity changes following renovation of some schools, the pending construction of "Pinewood Lakes" elementary and the construction of an additional elementary school on Fort Belvoir already begun.

The next Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), probably issued in the November time frame for comment and adoption by the School Board in early 2016, will be critical.

In that regard, the Committee considered it crucial that MVCCA weigh in again on the process, as a follow-up and expansion of the earlier Resolution in support of neighborhood schools as a primary objective of any boundary process. See MVCCA Resolution EDU

2015-3 Urging Priority Consideration for Neighborhood Schools, available on the MVCCA website resolution tracker [www.MVCCA.org](http://www.MVCCA.org).

That Resolution also urged comprehensive boundary studies, both east and west of Richmond Highway.

At present, there is an historic opportunity, because of the construction of the two new elementary schools and renovations at others, to both bring students back to their communities' neighborhood schools and address crowding and "island" issues at all school levels. This opportunity will be squandered if the region is not considered as a whole but rather subjected to the past one-school-at-a-time process where students are essentially widgets and programs are chess pieces moved around the board as stop-gap solutions.

The Committee is well aware that boundary and program changes are disturbing and upsetting—and often painful—to families and communities. However experience shows that the turmoil is short-lived compared to proceeding as usual with the constant changes, gerry-mandered boundaries, long bus rides, overcrowding at some schools while others are not fully utilized and inequity of program offerings. The patchwork approach, perhaps unavoidable under past circumstances, should not be permanently part of our future; what is needed is a global and holistic approach. The Chair was instructed to prepare a resolution for consideration in November.

Committee members also discussed the budget crisis: while the expected deficit has been reduced somewhat to \$50-75M it still remains that in view of years of reductions there remains little left to cut except teacher salaries/increases and/or increasing class size. Members noted that FCPS continues to hemorrhage quality teachers who are lured away by neighboring systems with significantly higher salaries for experienced teachers. This is a double-whammy in that all the costs associated with training and the funds invested in pension benefits by FCPS end up inuring to the benefit of the "raiders" and students and schools lose experienced teachers and mentors whose positions are likely to be filled by new hires.

At this point, it is important to bear in mind that in a real sense it is the County and the Commonwealth, not the School Board, making these cuts by failing to adequately fund schools in the face of burgeoning enrollment and demographic changes.

The Committee discussed Chairman Bulova's September 17, 2015, letter to Gov. McAuliffe delineating shortcomings and inequities in the Commonwealth's overall funding of K-12 education and the unfair impact of funding formulae on Fairfax County and other Northern Virginia jurisdictions. This letter is printed elsewhere in this RECORD, and is available on the MVCCA website. Committee members have been well aware of these issues, which are a prime factor in the County's and FCPS's reliance on residential property taxes to continue to provide the kind of education we

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expect and businesses demand. Unfortunately, unless and until a sufficient voting bloc can address the problems in Richmond, local property owners will continue to have to dig deep in their own pockets to preserve our quality of life.

In other matters, the upcoming School Bond Referendum has received little or no attention but it includes funding for renovations at 4 local schools: Waynewood, Newington Forest, Stratford Landing, and Hollin Meadows. Members were urged to publicize the Bond to their communities. Information can be found at [www.fcps.edu/news/bond15.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond15.shtml)

Finally, the Committee discussed briefly the next meeting, which will feature the new Regional Assistant Superintendent, Terry Dade. Dade replaced Deborah Tyler, who retired. Particular issues that members wanted to discuss with him is the apparent opacity and lack of community input in recent principal appointments, staff departures which seem to be endemic in our schools and across the County, the number of long term subs in some schools, and the status of the principal search at Mount Vernon High School.

Next meeting: November 4, 2015, 8pm, Whitman MS library:  
Dr. Terry Dade, speaker

### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met 7 October 2015, at 7.15 p.m. Attending were representatives from Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mt. Vernon Civic, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wellington Heights, W  
essynton Homes, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting),  
5 guests, and E&R Chair.

#### **Agenda item #1: Mount Vernon Country Club (MVCC)** **SEA #097-MV-033-02**

We welcomed back the MVCC team of Inda Stagg, Senior Land Planner with Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, & Walsh PC Agent, Pete Van Pelt, General Manager of the MVCC, Louis Haley, Treasurer, MVCC, and Environmental Consultant George Rhodes, III of Stantec Consulting Services who returned to E&R to respond to questions raised at our September 2, 2015 meeting. The project description is included in The Record of September 2015 at [http://mvcca.org/record/record\\_2015-09.pdf](http://mvcca.org/record/record_2015-09.pdf).

We requested and were provided copies of 1) Baseline water monitoring reports for years 2013, 2014 and part of 2015, 2) Approved (by Fairfax County) Flood Plain Study, 3) Dogue Creek Watershed Management Plan, 4) Wood Turtle Field Observation Form, 5) Nationwide Permits, 6) Proposed planting plan (revised through 9/14/15). These are posted on the E&R Web page at <http://mvcca.org/env-rec.html>.

A committee member state that this developer is requesting another Special Exception Amendment but has not fulfilled the previous proffers from 2003. When an SEA is requested we should receive something in return. Discussion on 2003 development proffer #26 was had which refers to the construction of trails in the area. No sidewalks along both sides of Old Mill Road along the perimeter of the MVCC's property is dangerous for pedestrians. On the MVCC side there is a fence to direct pedestrians along the road side of the fence and to keep pedestrians away from a steep embankment and likely also from cutting through and across MVCC property. During some rains, this area of Old Mill road experiences flooding forcing pedestrians into the street with fast moving, dangerous traffic. Is there adequate right of way along this area of the Old Mill Road for a trail? Ms. Stagg recalled that the answer to this question is yes. On which side of the street would this be? Costs to construct a sidewalk on the MVCC side of Old Mill Road would likely be high due to the need to stabilize the embankment. What about the other side of the street? Is there an issue with private property? With \$74,500 in funds raised towards the \$100,000 proffered total, we need to determine what has been done to determine the feasibility of this. Follow up is needed with Supervisor Hyland, Fairfax County Staff and others who may have more detailed knowledge of this from 2003.

A committee member asked if MVCC had considered the likely smell from drying soil, silt and sediment after it is spread onto the turf grass areas. Mr. Van Pelt replied that they will remove the sod layer, place the silt and sediment, add lime to neutralize the odor, then replace the sod layer. This sandwich effect should reduce unpleasant odors.

Generally this property serves as a storm water filter for this part of the Mt. Vernon District. Water Quality studies from 2013-2015 indicate decreased water quality. Likely this results from the filtering function of the storm water management system not functioning properly. Flooding occurs on MVCC property; ponds are too full of accumulated silt to store and filter incoming storm water flows, they overflow sending lower quality and faster moving storm water downstream. The filtration function is no longer working. Fairfax County process required and has approved the flood plain studies indicating no impact 300 feet upstream or downstream.

This project's overarching goals include the improvement of storm water management on site, improving on site and downstream impacts. The project will also create sediment forebays that will slow down the storm water flows, allow silt and sediment and pollutants to settle, afterwards allowing it to flow into and through the ponds. This will concentrate the silt, sediment and some pollutants in the forebays where it will be easier for MVCC staff to clean and clear silt, sediment and other accumulated debris before it gets to the two ponds. The project will also eliminate a third pond replacing this with an artificial stream that will re-connect water flows between streams flowing through this part of the property. These are positive environmental impacts of this project.

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**A key remaining environmental impact that has not yet been adequately addressed concerns the potential effects of the project activities on wildlife.** The MVCC project team reports that they completed database searches and concluded that no federally threatened or endangered species seem to be present at the project site. However, State-threatened Wood Turtles (*Glyptemys insculpta*) may be present, based on the habitat at MVCC. A process for site inspections followed by actions and reporting if Wood Turtles are found has been established by MVCC and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Moreover, it is important for MVCC to carry out an on-the-ground wildlife survey of the project area, even if this is not required by existing law. Water, even if not of the highest quality, inevitably attracts wildlife. We must be good stewards of our environment and our remaining green spaces. This should include working to minimize impact to our wildlife. Our wildlife does not have a voice at the decision table, we must be their voice and work to minimize the impact of this project on them.

Is there a compromise? Wildlife surveys could take up to 2 years for valid data collection. This would provide facts and evidence of wildlife present, and analysis of this would allow for appropriate mitigation. One option to consider could be to adjust the project work schedule so as to begin implementation when it would be least impactful on the wildlife in the project area. Avoiding breeding and migration seasons (spring and fall); this would mean changing the start date from June 2016 to autumn of 2016. Perhaps starting on or around November 1 and continuing through the winter months when the wildlife are least active, this could minimize wildlife the impact. Mr. Van Pelt was concerned that there may be delays in the ability of plantings to take root during the coldest months thus leading to erosion in the areas where silt and sediment are being spread. Uncertainty about weather conditions could lengthen the project schedule. It was mentioned that Fall is prime planting season in our area. Shifting the project schedule for Autumn start could also minimize the impact on patrons of the golf course since this is presumably a low-use period for golf patrons. How long will it take to dredge one pond? Mr. Rhodes said about 1 month. Dredging both ponds concurrently or sequentially could displace and harm the wildlife, as there would be no safe refuge. Another suggestion could be to dredge one pond this year and another the next year. This provides an undisturbed refuge for wildlife during construction activities in the other 2 locations on site. Since one month is needed to dredge, remove and spread silt and sediment from one pond, could one pond be dredged in Nov. 2016, then move to the creation of the artificial stream bed (which is in an area further away from the 2 ponds to be dredged), then return to the second pond for dredging in early March 2017? This timing change could minimize the impact on wildlife. A wildlife survey could begin now and continue through to November 2016. This would provide at least one year of data that includes a breeding and migration season. This could provide at least some data and evidence of what wildlife is there, so the implementation schedule can be adjusted to minimize its impact.

Followup needed: It was suggested that we consult with Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries or other area wildlife experts to identify an approach that would minimize the impact on the wildlife present on this site. E&R Chair will pursue this and provide details at our November meeting or earlier. We will also need to ask some questions of those who may have been involved in the trail proffers. Lastly we await receipt of the revised Landscaping Plan, and the soil and sediment analysis to determine if there is anything harmful to humans or wildlife when it is spread on to the Country Club's turf grass areas.

### **Agenda item #2: Extenet – Distributed Antennae Systems (DAS)**

We welcomed Richard Lambert of Extenet, Manager External Relations-East who provided details on the DAS system that is proposed to be implemented in areas of the Mt. Vernon District. Extenet was contracted by Verizon to research, plan and implement a DAS system. Previous resolutions of the MVCCA oppose the installation of cell phone towers throughout the Mt. Vernon District. This results in inconsistent and poor cell phone signal coverage in large areas of the Mt. Vernon District. A committee member noted that this negatively impacts property values. Inadequate or no cell phone coverage is also be a safety concern. In a zone with no cell phone signal emergency personnel cannot be reached. Recent MVCCA resolutions have supported the installation of DAS. Extenet presentations to the Telecommunications subcommittee of P&Z in April and May of 2015 and then to P&Z in July 2015 can be found on the P&Z web page.

Extenet has filed one of several 2232 applications. This project will be implemented in phases due to the complexity of determining ownership of the utility poles that have been identified for DAS node installation. A link to the first filing can be found at [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org). This material includes a link to a google map that easily zooms in so you can see location information for identified utility poles for DAS.

The E&R Committee's role in this project is to provide MVCCA member communities (and others through our web site) with a guidance document that can be used to assess the environmental impact of these nodes within their communities. Environmental impact could include the impact on tree cover. Does Extenet have experience with installations in heavily treed areas such as ours? Mr. Lambert noted that Extenet has installed DAS in the area of the Merritt Parkway, also an area with large shade trees. Experience has been very positive. This tree canopy seems to contain the signals rather than disbursing them resulting in stronger signals, a benefit of heavy tree cover to improving signal coverage in our area.

Environmental impact also includes wildlife impact. Wires emitting signals or radiation are attractive to wildlife who chew on these. Wildlife may also nest or perch on the equipment. At this time the general consensus expressed by the General Council is to leave

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the equipment uncovered. A cover/shroud is an option but this may make the poles less stable in windy conditions (a refrigerator-sized box would be placed on the pole 8-10 feet above street level). Mr. Lambert noted that "fully armored cabling" will be used in our area which will hopefully prevent this. The poles will be unlit, not tall enough to require this.

A committee member noted that Fairfax County does not assess the impact of radiation emitted from these technologies on human health and that there is limited science on this subject. Mr. Lambert noted that the DAS system emits levels of radiation at less than the thresholds noted by the FCC. The FCC has already certified the equipment as fully complying with emission requirements. A committee member noted that there is impact from vertical and horizontal emissions that should also be considered. Radiation will also be emitted horizontally at 8-10 feet above street level, proximity of these poles to schools, churches, homes might be important to assess. 100% of poles identified will be replaced (without disruption to utility services). The Wellington Community did not have any DAS nodes proposed in their community. This is because of a monopole installation scheduled for Saint Luke's Episcopal church that will be operational soon. It was also noted that this Extenet project will support Verizon customers. Up to 3 additional providers can be supported by these DAS nodes. Service for other carriers could be done when these providers determine the need is present. Residents are encouraged to contact their providers to request access to improved cell phone service provided by use of the DAS. One utility pole will be located on Fort Hunt Park property. The National Park Service process for obtaining permission has begun. Friends of Fort Hunt Park have been contacted for their support.

Extenet has a centralized trouble monitoring system. When a node is found to be experiencing trouble of any kind, maintenance staff are then dispatched to identify and resolve the problem. Mr. Lambert noted that this system will expand to include more data collection, analysis, and reporting on problem resolution. Reporting from this system would be helpful to identify if any trouble spots have consistent issues and other solutions might be warranted.

E&R will prepare a brief guidance note for communities to consider on the environmental impact of the installation of DAS within their communities.

### **Agenda Item #3: Proposed Amendments to the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance**

E&R committee members discussed the August 21, 2015 proposed amendments to the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance. The MVCCA did not receive this notice. We were granted an extension to provide comments on or before the Board of Supervisors Meeting on October 13, 2015 when FC Staff will seek authorization for public hearings on the proposed changes.

These proposed changes will have an impact on our district since

we have Commercial Revitalization District, Community Business Center, and Transit Station Area all of which are impacted by these proposed changes. We discussed that the proposed changes do not take into consideration their environmental impact not only for each proposed change on its own but also for their interrelated nature. Concern was expressed that changes in process including in some cases eliminating the special exception amendment process could reduce or even eliminate community input (including MVCCA Community) to projects that impact the Mount Vernon District. The environmental impact could include increases in (1) impervious surfaces of all kinds; (2) unfiltered, high nutrient load storm water runoff (including from kennels and vet clinics from pet urination on what little, if any permeable areas remain); (3) downstream storm water flows outside of requirements in the County's storm water ordinance; (4) continued degradation of creeks, streams and rivers in the Mount Vernon District; (5) Urban heat island effect.

These proposed changes could also result in substantial reductions of (1) tree cover of all kinds (contrary to the County's existing Tree Ordinance and tree cover goals); (2) absorptive planting and permeable surfaces of all kinds; (3) open and green space; (4) air quality; (4) property values even at CRAs, CBCs and TSAs; (5) quality of life for current and future residents; and (6) urban wildlife habitat.

A motion was made, seconded and a unanimous vote occurred (8-0) to support an E&R Resolution that will articulate the E&R Committee's concerns on this matter. A resolution was prepared and submitted to the MVCCA Board for their consideration on October 9, 2015. The MVCCA Board did not vote on this resolution. Instead, the presiding MVCCA Co-Chair will consolidate input from E&R's Resolution, include with it comments from the P&Z and TRANS committees, and prepare and send one letter to the Fairfax County Zoning Administrator and other involved officials. Subsequent to this on October 10, 2015 the presiding MVCCA Co-chair and Chair of P&Z received email communication that this matter had been removed from the October 13, 2015 BOS Agenda and delayed indefinitely (likely to the spring of 2016).

### **Upcoming meetings:**

**4 Nov. 2015 at 7.15pm:** (note the different location for November's meeting: **South County Government Center; 8350 Richmond Highway Alexandria, VA 22309, Room 221 A & B**)

**Topic:**

**2 Dec. 2015 at 7.15pm:** Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Room 3, Alexandria, VA

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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There are no meeting minutes this month.

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## PLANNING & ZONING

### Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes

**Members Attending:** David Oewry, Engleside; Christopher Low, Montebello; Mark Viani, Collingwood; Alix Kauffman, Collingwood Springs; Richard Johnson, Wellington; John Joyce, Huntington Club Condo; Tess Moore, Stratford on the Potomac IV; Jay Whitton, Williamsburg Manor North; Bruce Bade, Potomac Valley/River Bend; Burt Kronsted, Hollin Hills; Ray Novitske, Huntington; Karan Cerutti, Mount Vernon Civic Association; Eleanor Quigley, Wellington Heights; Mike Frank, Mount Zephyr; Don Martin, Hollin Hall Village; Wayne Wisniewski, Waynewood; Brian LeClair, Clusters at Woodlawn

**Guests Attending:** Eleanor Quigley, Fairfax County Tree Commission; Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner; William E. Scott, Woodlawn Ct/Engleside Civic Association; George Rhodes, Stantec; Pete Van Pert, Mount Vernon Country Club; Lynne Strobel, Walsh & Colucci

#### Presentation, 2426 Huntington Avenue, Lynne Strobel, Walsh & Colucci

This presentation was for information only on plans to construct a 6-story, 356 unit residential building. The units will be rentals and the standard 12% of units will be allocated to workforce housing. The applicant will be seeking a change in zoning from a C-3 to a PRM, (Planned Residential), as well as a SE to fill in part of the flood plain. The plans will also include 49% open space. The county requirement is 20%. The applicant will be working closely with the Fairfax County Levy Project. The levy project plans to fill in 30%-40% of the RPA, Resource Protection Area, around the applicant's project. There are no PC or BOS dates as of now, and they plan to start construction in early 2017.

#### Presentation, Mount Vernon Country Club, SEA 97-V-033-02, Lynne Strobel, Walsh & Colucci

Mount Vernon Country Club SEA 97-V-033-02 asks for:

- The dredging of two ponds on the SE portion of the property along fairways 3, 4 and 14 and reconstruction/construction of associated stone walls.
- Removal of one pond on the NE portion of the property and creation of an artificial stream. Along with a reconnection to an existing steam channel along fairway 6 and its' associated green.
- Filling in areas on the southern portion of the property within and near fairway 15.
- Modification of other portions of the golf course's topography to correct drainage and provide reliable irrigation.
- Relocation of certain cart paths and bridges throughout the golf course.

According to the applicant, these actions are necessary due to the siltation of the storm water ponds over time and poor drainage. The MVCCA E&R Committee will be looking at the environmental impacts of the dredging of the ponds, such as native wildlife that rely and live on/in these ponds. The P&Z Committee, along with this application will be looking at previous SEA's granted to Mount Vernon Country Club and if the proffers have been met. The applicant will be coming back to P&Z and E&R in November asking for support for this project. The Planning Commission date is December 2, 2015.

#### Update Morningstar Daycare

The Planning Commission date is October 14, 2015.

#### Cedar Knoll Restaurant

The committee has agreed it would be worth drafting language to change the current Comp Plan that would allow Cedar Knoll to renovate and stay as a restaurant. The committee chair will be speaking with MV Planning Commissioner and staff on how best to accomplish this.

#### Update Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment

This amendment has been postponed indefinitely until citizen input can be gathered and analyzed, and to also give time for citizens to better understand this amendment.

#### Extenet DAS Proposal Information

Information is now available at [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org) on the P&Z webpage. As of now, the link to the filed 2232 is not working properly and will be fixed in the next few days. In the meantime, to view the 2232, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

#### Tree Preservation and Planting Award

Eleanor Quigley, Mount Vernon Tree Commissioner is looking for nominations of businesses that practice good tree preservation and planting. The nomination period has been extended to October 16, 2015.

#### Adjourn: 9:35

#### Next Meeting: November 2, 2015, 7:30PM, Mount Vernon Government Center

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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### Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2015

The Public Safety Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations conducted its monthly meeting on September 3, 2015 in the Mount Vernon Center Community Meeting Room #3. The meeting began at 7:33 PM with the following communities represented: Mount Vernon Civic Association, Potomac Valley River Bend, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac IV, and Westgrove.

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**Guest Speaker:** Bob McDonald (Public Safety Committee Chairman) presented the "Bystander Care" system that he learned at CERTCON 2015. Bystander Care does not refer to taking care of bystanders, but rather care provided by the bystanders to the injured. This system originated so that drivers would have a structured set of actions to take when they happen upon an accident.

The system has five major steps:

- Recognize that the situation is an emergency
- Call 9-1-1
- Help the injured and prevent further injuries while waiting for EMS
- Start the breathing
- Stop the bleeding

Some additional points include:

- When calling 9-1-1
  - Briefly and clearly state the nature of the emergency
  - A cell phone call may be answered by a different jurisdiction
  - State your location as precisely as possible
  - State the estimated number of injured
- Hand off to the responders
  - Tell the first responder that you are the one that called 9-1-1
  - Briefly summarize the scope of the emergency
  - Be prepared to help, and be prepared to get out of the way

### Old Business:

There was no old business.

### New Business:

There was a news item recently on NBC comparing the rubber-based artificial turf used in Fairfax County against the coconut-based artificial turf used in Montgomery County. The news item raised the issue that the crumbs from normal wear of the rubber turf may be carcinogenic. Since this is not directly related to Public Safety, the issue will be referred to the Board at the upcoming meeting.

A question was raised about the ability for emergency vehicles to control traffic lights when the vehicles are operating with lights and siren. Not all traffic lights are fitted with receivers for these control devices. The committee will research which traffic lights have receivers, and what may be done to optimize the number and location of such lights.

Jonathan Kiell (not a member of the committee) spoke about neighborhood CERT (Community Emergency Response Team). Any civic association or other group that can recruit fifteen or more trainees can get a locally-taught CERT training class.

There was a question about when the Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission will give its final report. The meeting schedule on the County web site shows nothing after October 8, 2015.

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

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

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## TRANSPORTATION

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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes Oct 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30. Community associations in attendance were: Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Mount Vernon Manor, Southwood, Belleview and Woodley Hills. The MV Transportation Commissioner was also in attendance.

### Old Business:

**N. Kings Highway Intersection Improvements:** In July 2014 the MVCCA passed a resolution recommending a "NO-BUILD" option with pedestrian walkways and HAWK signal improvements. And that the county adopt a master plan that addresses North and South Kings Highway and Richmond Highway at the same time, in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan. After citizen input and various meetings during 2014 were conducted the final options selected by the County for further study were Options 8C and 8D (Neither are our recommendations). FCDOT is still in the process of evaluating the improvement options 8C and 8D. They are seeking citizen input via their website survey by Nov 15, 2015.

The Transportation Committee will once again recommend a "NO-BUILD" option as we did in July of 2014. Furthermore, it was suggested that by our committee members send in comments on the FCDOT survey site. The co-chair liaison to the committee advised the group that she had already raised a question with the FCDOT staff via the survey asking how the cancellation of the Grande at Huntington development (the old Fast Eddies site) would impact this roadway improvement (no answer as of this publication). The committee was provided, via emails, the link for this survey and study.

**Lorton Road re-naming:** The renaming of a portion of Lorton Rd to Workhouse Rd was discussed. A resolution on this issue previously proposed by the Committee has been superseded by the following: In 2013 the County elected to follow the authorized procedures stated in Fairfax Code 102-1-9, which state – "official street names and property numbers are hereby declared the official names unless officially changed by subsequent action of the BOS after this action has been referred to DPWES" VS a public hearing route. The BOS authorized the name change in 2013 following Code 102-1-9. Major road construction is taking place along the existing Lorton and Furnace roads. A spur off of the newly under construction Lorton Rd has been renamed Workhouse Rd. The

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## SFDC

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signs have been installed but remain covered up during construction. The South County Federation supported the Rd name change in 2013 and again in Sept of 2015. The group remained concerned that using code 102-1-9 was inappropriate but agreed that in this case the situation has been overcome by events.

Multi-Modal Analysis for Mass Transit along Rt 1: The committee was provided, via email, link to the VDOT website pertaining to the Multi-Modal Analysis and Embark Committee. The County has established a Community Liaison Committee entitled Embark to act as the go between for County Staff and citizen groups. It was reported by our Transportation Commissioner that the Embark Sept. Embark committee meeting, which are open to the public, was cancelled and the website is lacking adequate information. Frank Cohn, a committee member acting in his capacity as Transportation Commissioner sits on the Embark committee.

### New Business:

Zoning Ordinance changes for Planned Development Communities, Planned Mixed Use Communities, Commercial Revitalization Areas, Community Business and Transit Station Areas were discussed. The process and ordinance changes did not include Richmond Highway. It appears to be the intent of the County staff to use only the Embark process for any ordinance, zoning and Comprehensive Plan changes regarding Richmond Highway. We found out about the Zoning Ordinance proposed changes through the Fairfax Federation. We subsequently became engaged and requested that the comment period and public hearings be delayed. The County staff is now looking for input before the Oct 13<sup>th</sup> BOS Revitalization Committee meeting. The majority of this ordinance change is on Planning and Zoning with a few references to parking reductions. The group was asked for their input. The MVCCA Board will be asked, at its Oct 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, to approve comments from PZ, ER and Trans. Committees so we meet the Oct 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. There will be public hearings in the future which will allow for the MVCCA to make more detailed comments.

Presentation from Lennar Multi-Family Group. We received an initial overview presentation from Lennar Group on a multifamily apartment complex they are planning on building behind the Midtown Condos off Metro Way and the Beltway. It will consist of 365 units with bike share and reduced parking. The access onto Huntington Ave will be from Metro Way only. Their anticipated start date is 2017 and they are currently going through all the planning and filing processes. They anticipate coming back to us with detail site plans etc. seeking for a formal resolution later this year or early 2016.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2015. The location will be posted on the MVCCA Transportation web page at [www.MVCCA.org](http://www.MVCCA.org). We anticipate a joint meeting with PZ to discuss some new developments on Rt 1.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

SFDC will be working closely with MVCCA on the proposed amendment to the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance, as we are all concerned by the lack of communication from county staff, and the short time frame for comments. County staff also updated an SFDC committee on the Richmond Highway Transit Center project. This, and North Gateway and Woodlawn CBC, are now being added to the scope of work for Embark. There will be more information on this at the October 28 General Council meeting.

The final 2015 Business Roundtable will be held on Tuesday November 5, at the Holiday Inn Express at 6055 Richmond Highway, from 8:30 – 10:00 am. The topic will be "Public Relations & Public Speaking". As always, everyone is welcome at this free event. You may RSVP at [www.sfdc.org](http://www.sfdc.org).

The final segment of the video history of Richmond Highway is now complete and available on YouTube. Links for viewing can be found on [www.sfdc.org](http://www.sfdc.org).

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## FAIRFAX FEDERATION

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The Federation conducted a survey of over 800 community associations to find out what Legislative items were most important to the Fairfax County Citizens. The survey was conducted on Survey Monkey and closed Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. The results will be posted on the Federations Website ([www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org)) on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.

Federation Membership Meeting on 29 October at 7:30-- Gatehouse Administration Building, 8115 Gatehouse Rd Falls Church, will focus on a discussion and vote to determine the top 10 legislative items to become the Federation's 2015 Legislative Package. This package will be submitted to our State Legislators and briefed to the Fairfax BOS.

The MV District now has 10 communities as members to the Federation, the most of any district. However, there is a lack of participation at the membership meetings.

Workshop on Zoning Ordinance Changes: The Federation will sponsor a workshop on October 30<sup>th</sup> (see notices in this record for location etc.) for County citizens to learn what the proposed zoning ordinance changes will mean to our communities. The panel will consist of the County Planning and Zoning Staff, and land-use attorney's.



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September 17, 2015

The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe  
Governor of Virginia  
P.O. Box 1475  
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Governor McAuliffe:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to you about an issue of critical importance – the funding of K-12 education in Virginia.

We would like to begin by thanking you for making K-12 a top priority of your Administration, and for hosting education roundtables throughout the Commonwealth to focus on this important issue. In advance of your Northern Virginia roundtable, we would like to share some thoughts with you about the critical state-local partnership required to appropriately educate our children.

As you know, during the recent national recession, state funding for K-12 declined significantly. A national report indicates that few state governments cut more funds to localities and school districts than did Virginia – though the Commonwealth's budget shortfall was the 20<sup>th</sup> largest in the nation, the state funding cut to localities was third highest among states. In fact, since FY 2009, structural budget cuts to K-12 have cost localities more than \$1.7 billion per biennium statewide. State K-12 funding in FY 2016 remains below the FY 2009 level. Such cuts have required local governments to fill funding gaps with local revenues in order to maintain our quality public school system. A state that is in the top ten in income should not be in the bottom ten for state education funding, but that is where Virginia finds itself at present, and it is essential that we all work together to reverse this trend.

Additionally, another shortcoming of the funding formula is its inadequacy in serving children with higher level needs, including special education students (costs are approximately 100% more than general education), those learning English as a second language (costs are approximately 30% more than general education), and those living in economically disadvantaged households (costs are approximately 10% more than general education). It is important that state funding truly respond to our changing school demographics, allowing us to better serve those children who present both unique challenges and tremendous opportunities.

As an example of the challenges posed by those changing demographics, though Fairfax County is often described as a wealthy community, it is equally true that we have many individuals and families struggling financially. Approximately 52,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools qualify for free and reduced lunch. While that figure may seem shocking, what is even more shocking is this – only four school divisions in the state have more total children than we have children living in low-income households.

Furthermore, the elimination of Cost of Competing Adjustment (COCA) funding for support positions exacerbated the financial challenges school systems throughout Northern Virginia have been straining to address. COCA, which was added to the K-12 funding formula as a partial adjustment for inequities in the formula's failure to recognize cost of living variations, plays a critical role in recognizing the higher salaries required to attract and retain highly qualified teachers and support staff in our high cost area. A 2012 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) report stated, "NOVA is the state's most expensive labor market based on several measures," and "This further confirms that the labor market in which school divisions in NOVA must recruit and retain staff is more competitive than the rest of the State." We thank you for your efforts to restore COCA funding, and hope that you continue to make that issue a priority.

While we certainly understand the economic challenges the Commonwealth has faced during the recession, we have faced those same challenges at the local level. We appreciate your efforts to protect K-12 from additional funding cuts, but the reality is that the state is simply not providing adequate funding to educate our schoolchildren. Our public school system is the key to our economic success, as investments in our schools are a fundamental part of the strong business climate we have created in Fairfax County. Our schools are training the workforce of the future – a workforce that will need to compete both nationally and internationally. In fact, the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce included language in its 2015 Legislative Program stating, "...the future growth of the Northern Virginia economy, and consequently Virginia's economy, is dependent on proper investment in K-12 education, which occurs only if the Commonwealth fully funds the Standards of Quality and provides a more fair calculation of the Local Composite Index." However, this is not just a Fairfax County issue – recent discussions at the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) among urban, suburban and rural localities from across the Commonwealth raised universal and unanimous concerns about the lack of state funding for K-12. We believe now is the time for the state to take meaningful steps to restore that partnership with local governments.

We appreciate your efforts to move this vital issue forward, and were delighted when you announced that K-12 education will be a top priority as you craft the 2016-2018 biennium budget. We look forward to working with you in the coming months to craft real solutions that ensure adequate and appropriate state funding for educating our youngest Virginians.

Sincerely,



Sharon Bulova  
Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Members, Fairfax County Delegation to the General Assembly  
Members, Fairfax County School Board  
The Honorable Anne Holton, Secretary of Education  
Edward L. Long, Jr., County Executive  
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Claudia Arko, Legislative Director

# Treasurer's Report

## Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget  
1 July 2015 to 30 September 2015

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	Month of September	Total July 1 to September 30	Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend (Unfavorable)
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,525	
Dues - Collected in 2014-15 Fiscal Year <sup>3</sup>	-	870	625	
MM Interest Receipts	1	3	10	
Total Cash Receipts	1	2,727	3,160	(433)
<b>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</b>				
Administrative	-	91	300	209
Reception (Gala in prior years)	123	247	300	53
Insurance premium	-	-	880	880
"Record" Production	100	190	1,390	1,200
Web Site	250	250	250	-
Total Cash Disbursements	473	778	3,120	2,342
<b>Net Budget remaining to spend</b>				<b>\$ 1,908</b>
<b>Receipts In Excess (less than) Disbursements</b>	(473)	1,948	40	
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	13,121	11,570	11,570	Note 2
Less cash collected in 2014-15 Fiscal Year	-	(870)	(625)	Note 3
<b>Total Cash at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 12,648</b>	<b>\$ 12,648</b>	<b>\$ 10,985</b>	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,631
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,017
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 12,648</b>

Respectfully  
Submitted,  
Stephen Markman  
Treasurer  
October 8, 2015

**Notes:**

- 1 This financial statement uses the cash basis of accounting except as noted on the face of the statement.
- 2 The "Annual Budget" and "Total Year-to-Date" columns reflect actual Beginning of Period cash as of July 1, 2015.
- 3 Note dues collected in 2014-15 fiscal year for 2015-16 fiscal year are added as "Cash Receipts"; therefore, must be deducted from "Cash at Beginning of Period".

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, October 28th, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Mount Vernon Government Center**  
**Parkers Lane, Alexandria**

#### AGENDA

**Call to Order**

- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the Secretary's Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Guest Speaker: Lloyd Tucker, Regional Director County Community and Neighborhood Services, will talk about the Opportunity Neighborhood program and the Prevention Survey and Tool Kit.
- Presentation and Demonstration: MVCCA's new website format by Karen Keefer our Webmaster
- Co-Chairs report on Board Actions

**Published Items and Resolutions**

**New Business**

- Member Association Time
- Mount Vernon Supervisor Time
- Other Elected Officials and Public Time

**Adjournment**

### COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Council—Oct 28, 8:00 pm, MVGC Community Rm**  
**MVCCA Board—Nov 12, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	11/4	7:30	MVGC	D. Voorhees
COAF	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	11/4	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	11/4	7:15	SCC, Rm. 221A/B	Ledec
HHS	TBD			<i>open</i>
PL/Z	11/2	7:30	MVGC	Pohorylo
PS	11/5	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	McDonald
TRAN	11/2	7:30	TBD	<i>open</i>

- <sup>1</sup> Note different location for Nov. E&R meeting
- <sup>2</sup> Location will be posted on committee webpage at [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org)

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