



FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

MVCCA General Council Meeting for November will be moved up due to Thanksgiving:

November General Council Meeting

November 18, 2015, 8:00 PM

Mt. Vernon Government Center Community rooms 2 & 3

The meeting will include an educational forum regarding proposed zoning ordinance changes of importance to the MV District. You are encouraged to come, learn and ask questions and offer feedback to staff.

Staff of the Zoning Administration Division is currently developing a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. It will allow implementation of the comprehensive plan in Transit Station Areas (TSA), such as Huntington; Commercial Revitalization Districts (CRD); Commercial Revitalization Areas (CRA); and Community Business Centers (CBC). CBCs in our District include Beacon/Groveton, Penn Daw, Hybla Valley/Gum Springs, South County Center, and Woodlawn. The proposed amendment will allow for a higher floor area ratio (FAR) in certain areas when the increase is in accordance with the comprehensive plan recommendations; require that cellar space not used for mechanical equipment or particular accessory uses count toward the maximum FAR; clarify existing parking provisions and include residential uses in parking reduction requests for properties in a CRD; add certain uses currently not permitted in these districts, subject to use limitations; and other related changes.

Additional information is available on the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments web page:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed/>

Forum Participants:

Planning Commissioners Flanagan and Sargeant,
County Staff - Marianne Gardner- Planning Division and
Leslie Johnson -- Zoning Division
Mark Viani- Land Use Attorney and MVCCA Member
President.

Committee Chair to be Ratified:

The Co-Chairs have appointed Frank Cohn as the new
Transportation Chair

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Council Minutes

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2015 at Mount Vernon Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Katherine Ward.

ATTENDING: Co-Chair Diane Donley, Secretary Brian Leclair, Treasurer Stephen Markman, Committee Chairs Judy Harbeck (ED), Cathy Ledec (E&R), Karen Pohorylo (P&Z), and Representative Ellen Young (SFDC).

Voting Representatives (19) from: Belle View Condominium, Clusters at Woodlawn, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Huntington Community Association, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Vernon Manor, Newington Forest, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Stratford (Sec. IV) on the Potomac, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Wellington, Wellington Heights.

Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff: Mount Vernon District School Board Representative Dan Storck.

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

THE AGENDA as published in the October Record and amended in person was adopted.

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

A member representative proposed amending the September 2015 minutes to indicate that any SEA also includes the SEA number.

TREASURER'S REPORT was received.

CO-CHAIR TIME:

The GC ratified the Board's Committee Chair appointments as published in the October Record by a vote of 11-0.

Co-Chair Ward reminded the GC that The MVCCA will be holding a forum on the Proposed Zoning Ordinance during the GC meeting on November 18, 2015. Various county staff persons, Earl Flanagan, Tim Sargeant, and others will review what this proposal is and what it will do, and will not do.

MVCCA membership drive is underway.

Fairfax Federation is sponsoring a Zoning Ordinance Changes Workshop, which was originally scheduled on October 30, 2015; it has been rescheduled for a date to be determined. Citizens should consult the Federation website for any new information regarding the Workshop.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

B&F – As printed in the October Record.

COAF – No meeting.

ED – As printed in the October Record.

E&R – As printed in the October Record.

HHS – No meeting.

P&Z – As printed in the October Record.

- Morningstar Daycare on Woodlawn Terrace has been deferred indefinitely.
- Cedar Knoll Restaurant to open in late November. It is currently zoned R-3; therefore, it is currently a non-conforming use.

PS – As printed in the October Record.

TRAN – As printed in the October Record.

SFDC REPORT – As printed in the October Record.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION REPORT – As printed in the October Record.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Lloyd Tucker, Fairfax County Regional Manager for Community and Neighborhood Services, discussed the Opportunity Neighborhood program, the Youth Survey, and Prevention Tool Kit (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/NCS).

Region 1 is headquartered in the South County Center.

This department manages senior centers, community centers, and neighborhood centers in Mount Vernon and Lee.

MEMBER ASSOCIATION TIME:

Member representative asked for clarification regarding Fairfax Federation's legislative package. Co-Chair Ward clarified the Federation's goal.

ELECTED OFFICIAL TIME:

Mr. Storck advised the group:

- School Board referendum passage is vital for Mount Vernon (e.g., helping to reduce number of trailers outside school buildings).
- Storm water management must be addressed, as trailers/modulars have a negative impact.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Brian Leclair, Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE

There are no meeting minutes this month.

The next meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for 7:30 pm on December 2, 2015 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8pm, November 4, 2015, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Member associations represented included: Wessynton, Huntington, Sulgrave Manor, Newington Forest, Collingwood Springs, Riverside Estates, Williamsburg, Manor North, Belleview and Riverside Gardens. MVCCA Co-chair Donley also attended as did a resident of The Fairfax.

The Committee hosted the new Region 3 Assistant Superintendent, Terry Dade, for a wide ranging and informal discussion. Dade, who assumed the post upon the retirement of Deborah Tyler, has extensive experience as a principal and executive principal in Fairfax County and in D.C. and in turn-around work in struggling schools.

In particular, Asst. Supt. Dade discussed "Project Momentum", FCPS's effort to address high needs in a time of low resources by identifying and concentrating on a specific manageable number of the most needy schools. (see Education Committee minutes in the June 2015 RECORD for specific information).

Dade reported that both Mount Vernon and West Potomac High Schools are fully accredited, and that all pyramid schools made significant gains to reach full accreditation. The one Mount Vernon area school (Woodley Hills) which is the subject of Commonwealth "Focus" attention made gains which will bring it out of the scrutiny at the earliest opportunity which is 2016.

The critical part of a school improvement strategy, according to Dade, is making a clear, specific plan to address areas of need, fully implementing it and then sticking to it throughout the school year. In particular, schools need to avoid distractions—so called "shiny objects." Schools are often bombarded with suggestions, new theories and even well-meant efforts by PTAs, parents, and communities to provide help or resources which, however valuable, do not fit in the plan and thus can shatter focus and cause

distraction. He believes it is important to stay the course. His duty, once a good cohesive plan is put in place, is to assure the plan is implemented with the resources that support the plan and also to serve as a buffer to deflect "shiny object" distractions to consistent action.

He noted that, while the interest, resources and involvement of community and parents is highly valued and appreciated, it is important that the plan strategy is respected and that schools are consulted about offers of resources to avoid hard feelings and best support students and staff.

In response to questions, Dade also discussed perceptions and realities about Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs as related to Mount Vernon (some AP, primarily IB) and West Potomac (AP) High Schools. One of the things he highlighted is that from a statistical perspective, Mount Vernon and West Potomac are nearly indistinguishable: similar demographics, similar test scores, and similar college acceptance results. Both IB and AP provide good rigor and preparation and are equally respected in terms of college acceptance. While IB is seen as more difficult both as courses and in terms of being granted college credit, there is also no evidence that AP college credits actually result in savings through earlier degree completion.

Mount Vernon, like West Potomac, is safe, well-regulated, with an able staff and perceptions of one as generally "better" than the other are largely unfounded. Members noted that FCPS and the school communities need to do a better "public relations" job communicating and reporting on the many positive things going on: bad news always gets ink and airtime.

Mount Vernon does have challenges, particularly this year, with the departure of longtime Principal Dr. Nardis King after the start of the school year. Since it was felt the best qualified candidates for the position were probably already committed for this school year, it was decided to postpone a principal search until the Spring at the earliest to get the best possible pool. Once candidates are identified, Dade anticipates there will be parent/community engagement and panel as usual. While the Whitman MS position was recently filled without that process, it was done as a result of the Superintendent's prerogative to seize a presented opportunity, and was not as a change in the usual process.

Another problem has been teacher turnover, which has resulted in unfilled positions and long term subs particularly in high school. Dade stated that the salary gap continues to be a significant problem as teachers are "poached" by surrounding jurisdictions. In schools with demographic challenges, burnout or seeking an "easier" position also are factors. While FCPS continues to get many applications for each opening, the numbers do not tell the story: many job seekers send out multiple applications to multiple jurisdictions and many also do not meet FCPS' high standards.

Committee Reports

For the most qualified applicants, salary disparity is a competitive disadvantage for FCPS.

After the presentation, the Committee considered, and passed unanimously, the Resolution printed elsewhere in this RECORD, which follows up and expands on a prior MVCCA Resolution ED 2015-03.

Committee members passed this Resolution after careful consideration and not without some trepidation and soul-searching. If adopted by the Council, and acted on by the relevant authorities, many of our families and communities may be in for a difficult period of adjustment in the short run. Change is nearly always difficult to swallow but our communities have for years struggled with overcrowding, imbalances and threats to programs on a nearly yearly basis. The Committee feels it is necessary to stop a piece meal process and try to arrive at longer term solutions which will better serve current and future students and be the best use of taxpayer construction and renovation funds. Transparency, open minds and a reasoned approach by both FCPS and the community are needed to reduce angst, promote acceptance of changes and provide the best possible solutions going forward.

Next meeting: 8pm, December 2, 2015, Whitman MS library
Subject: Technology (tentative)

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met 4 November, at 7.15 p.m. Attending were representatives from Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mt. Vernon Civic, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting), MVCCA Co-chair Liaison, 4 guests, E&R Chair and P&Z Chair.

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

We welcomed back the MVCC team who provided material requested by E&R Committee members in response to questions raised at our September and October 2015 meetings. The Chair also engaged in technical consultations, as requested by the E&R Committee also at our October 2015 meeting. These included Katherine Edwards, PhD, Wildlife Management Specialist, Fairfax County (FC); Charles Smith, Branch Chief, Watershed Implementation Projects, and newly assigned Liaison to Mt. Vernon District, FC Department of Public Works, Environmental Services; Jay Banks, FC Urban Forester, Wilfred Woode, Senior Conservation/Agricultural Water Quality Specialist; George Ledec, PhD, Lead Ecologist, World Bank (in a personal capacity).

Ms. Stagg described important new partnerships established that will provide technical guidance to mitigate the project's wildlife impact. These include Virginia Herpetological Society, and

expanded work with staff of Department of Game and Inland Fisheries on fish impact in the ponds and streams on MVCC Property. Also presented was a construction activities schedule and timeline that responded to a suggestion from our October meeting that construction activities not impact the two ponds and stream area concurrently, rather that these be handled sequentially.

Next we heard a presentation on the results of the sediment analysis (requested in our September meeting) that describe the content of sediment to be removed from the ponds. This report presented the positive result that only trace amounts of any potentially hazardous materials are present in the sediment to be removed, no levels of any concern to human health or wildlife.

The Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee reported on a pending question from P&Z's November 2nd meeting regarding development condition #26 that is related to trails in the area. P&Z Chair reports that she has received conflicting information from FC Staff in different FC departments on the fulfillment of this development condition. The MVCC will be requesting re-affirmation of all of the 2003 Development Conditions including this one and the status of this needs to be determined before a position can be taken on the project.

Questions by committee members covered the following topics: (1) General Impact of this property on the larger Watershed (2) Water Quality, Stormwater Management including downstream water flows; (3) Sediment management and distribution on the site including in the floodplain; (4) Stream Restoration; (5) Project Implementation impacts on Wildlife have been improved through plans to work with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Herpetological Society to relocate some fish and turtles (not solely Wood turtles), (6) Tree Cover overall on the site was discussed and the challenges related to Virginia Pines on the site that appear to have reached the end of their life cycle and will be replaced with native trees. The FC Urban Forester noted during technical consultation with the chair that this project will result in a net loss of tree canopy cover, despite the reportedly large numbers of trees to be planted throughout the site on MVCC property. Follow-up with the FC Urban Forester is needed to confirm this; (6) Native Plantings will be used to restore and replace non-native plantings (including trees) throughout the site including the area of the stream where the artificial stream bed will be installed. The location of some areas on the periphery of the property have been identified by the MVCC team for native tree plantings; (7) A suggestion was made regarding the inclusion of interested community members on a tour of site to keep them informed on the project, though this may be difficult to coordinate as there are safety concerns; (8) Trail/Sidewalk development condition from 2003; (9) Storm water collected in the ponds is used for irrigation throughout MVCC property.

Committee Reports

Followup items include (1) additional technical guidance on tree cover clarifying conflicting information that we have received; (2) downstream water flow impact when the ponds are dewatered; (3) summary of sediment analysis; (4) obtaining clear and non-conflicting statements on the status of Development Condition #26 on trails as stated in the 2003 Development conditions.

Some E&R Committee Members expressed a desire to finalize our position on this project claiming that the two previous meetings seemed to be adequate. However, other Committee Members as well as the Chair responded that they were not quite ready to take a position as there were still some important questions where key information was being sought. It was also noted that the E&R Committee is likely to take a position on this project in advance of any Planning Commission hearings on this project.

Upcoming meetings:

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

PLANNING & ZONING

Members Attending: Karan Cerutti, Mount Vernon Civic; Cathy Ledec, Pavilions at Huntington; Mark Viani, Collingwood; Mike Frank, Mount Zephyr; Mac Northam, Tauxemont; Burt Kronstedt, Hollin Hills; Alix Kauffmann, Collingwood Springs; B.P., Montebello; Don Martin, HHVCA; Richard L Johnson, Wellington; Eleanor Quigley, Wellington Heights; David Dale, Woodlawn Terrace; Wayne Wisiniski, Wayne Wood; Michael Brownell, Montebello; Ray Novitski, Huntington

Guests Attending: Tim Manson, Johnson Development; Beau Gunn, Johnson Development; Hunter Dawkins, Johnson Development; Pete Van Port, Mount Vernon Country Club; Louis Haley, Mount Vernon Country Club; Lynne Strobel, Walsh & Colucci; Robin Antonucci, Wells & Associates; Brian Horan, Wells & Associates; Jeff Sunderland, Walsh & Colucci; Stephen Overcash, Overcash Demmitt Architects; Marie Headly, Wetland Studies & Solutions, Inc.; Katie O'Neill, Wetland Studies & Solutions, Inc.; Inda Stagg, Walsh & Colucci; Ron Cunningham, Westgrove/Transportation; George Rhodes, Stantee

Presentation, Storage Facility at Brookside Motel, 6001 Richmond Highway

Johnson Development, represented by Jeff Sunderland and Lynne Strobel from Walsh & Colucci, gave a for information only presentation on a proposal to build a storage facility at the Brookside Motel on northern Rt.1. Johnson Development also built the Hampton Inn, south on Rt.1 near Roy Rogers. Currently, Johnson Development holds 32 self-storage facilities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia with over 10,600 units and 1.3 million square feet.

They are now focusing on new development opportunities in the Mid-Atlantic and South Eastern Markets. They have concluded that the area proposed is under served in the self-storage market. Even more so, with the planned residential developments along Rt. 1.

The purpose of this presentation was to engage the community and gain feedback as to if a self-storage facility at this location would have community support. The committee will follow-up with Walsh & Colucci in December.

Presentation, Mount Vernon Country Club SEA 97-V-033-02

This was a follow-up from the October meeting, (see Planning & Zoning Minutes October 2015 in The Record).

The Planning Commission date was pushed back to February 3, 2016. The Planning & Zoning Committee is reviewing a special condition in the current SEA to determine if it has been met, or needs revision before the committee votes on this proposal. The special condition requires \$100,000 to be raised by Mount Vernon Country Club that would go to a trail/sidewalk build in the area. According to MVCC, there is \$75,000 raised as so far, and the rest will likely take another 10 years to raise. The Planning & Zoning Committee has asked for a staff interpretation of the special condition, and assistance in finding the \$75,000 in the budget. The committee would like to have a resolution ready for December that also clears up the special condition in the current SEA.

Update on Extenet DAS

The second 2232 has been filed. The document and map is available for viewing on the P&Z page at mvcca.org. There is a box on the left side of the page where all information on this project will be placed.

Update on Cedar Knoll

Cedar Knoll has a new tenant, Andrew Holden and partners with the Joy of Eating are working towards a soft opening of the restaurant in November. Catering services are currently being offered off premise, and once the restaurant opens they will have space for private events and functions. The Planning & Zoning Committee will continue to support this space for restaurant use and the chair is awaiting a meeting with the owners, tenants, MV Supervisor, and Planning Commissioner on the how best to do this with regards to its current zoning and the Comprehensive Plan. After meeting with staff, we learned the current use is non-conforming, but grand-fathered. This means no changes can be made to the building except ADA Compliances.

Member Time/New Business

A member asked for an update on Morningstar Daycare: The application has been deferred indefinitely. Morningstar is speaking with the owners of the new hotel on the corner of Rt.1 and Woodlawn Ct and Woodlawn Shopping Center in hopes of gaining inter-parcel access.

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Huntington Club: Staff requested that the office component remain in the proposal after Huntington Club wanted it removed due to the abundance of office space and the lack of end users. A compromise was reached, that the office component would remain undeveloped, and phased in during the last part of construction.

Adjourn: 9:50PM

Next Meeting: December 7, 2015, Mount Vernon Government Center, 7:30PM. Agenda: TBD

PUBLIC SAFETY

MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Associations represented: Clusters at Woodlawn, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Potomac Valley – Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, and Sulgrave Manor.

Crisis Intervention Training

Presenters on the topic of the Fairfax County Police Department's Crisis Intervention Training were:

Master Police Officer Robert Urps, Mount Vernon District
Crime Prevention Officer

Lieutenant Ryan Morgan, Coordinator for the Crisis
Intervention Program

There has been a marked increase in police department encounters with individuals dealing with mental health issues as the number of treatment facilities decreases which has placed more patients in the general public. Police officers are often called to situations where a resident has reported a suspicious activity or person to find an individual who may be in crisis due to a mental health problem or other issue. The officer is then expected to determine if the person is a danger to themselves, to others or is unable to take care of themselves. If the answer to any of these 3 criteria is yes, the officer will then begin the process of making sure appropriate agencies are engaged and getting the person assistance. This action may involve an emergency custody order or temporary detention order in an effort to get the troubled individual evaluated. If an individual requires further treatment, a bed must be located which often means a lengthy transportation to another area in Virginia where the bed is located. Officers could spend their entire shift assisting one person. Calls identified as "mental health issues" exceeded 2000 in 2014.

The Fairfax County Jail, which is operated by the Fairfax County Office of the Sheriff, reports that perhaps as much as 25 percent of the inmate population has mental health issues. Jails across the commonwealth report 300 – 3300 inmates have mental illness. The closure of mental health institutions has led to higher levels of incarceration due to levels as high as 70 percent of these individuals will be return to jail as a result of future actions.

The Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program is designed to educate, recognize signs and symptoms, to respond effectively and appropriately to the individual. The program first began in Memphis, Tennessee in an effort to improve law enforcement response to mental health calls. The training provides first-responders with a better understanding and deeper appreciation for individuals suffering from a mental health crisis. The program is working with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, the Police Department and will also be incorporating Fire and Rescue Department staff in the 40-hour training course which individuals are required to attend in order to be certified for the program.

Currently, over forty percent of the police department officers have been certified through the CIT program. The training is given to officers who have been assigned to patrol with at least two years of experience. Training attendees learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of an individual with mental health issues and how to communicate with that individual in an effort to assist and de-escalate stressful situations. An appropriate response can greatly improve the outcome and generate a safer environment for all involved.

The CIT program provides for pre-booking jail diversion by incorporating the magistrates, Community Services Board and other mental health services. Utilization of these individuals and agencies in the process can get the affected person the assistance required and lessen the jail population. The future of the program will include a CIT Taskforce to design and implement written protocols that govern agencies interactions in working with people experiencing acute episodes of mental illness in situations where law enforcement has intervened.

The vision of Crisis Intervention Training program is for improved officer and community safety as well as the safety of the person in crisis. The Fairfax County Police Department is committed to providing exceptional service to every member of the community and the CIT program is another step in making that possible.

Business Items

There was no further business taken by the Committee and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MVCCA Public Safety Committee will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

Committee Reports

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:30 pm on the evening of November 2, 2015 first in joint session with the Planning and Zoning committee and then separately in the Supervisor's meeting room. The meeting was chaired by Katherine Ward. Transportation Commissioner Frank Cohn and representatives of Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor North, Wellington, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Woodley Hills, Belle View, Westgrove, and Mt Zephyr associations were in attendance.

The joint meeting with P&Z focused on an informational briefing by Lynne Strobel, a lawyer representing the Johnson Development Company and its sub-contractors about a proposed redevelopment of the Brookside Motel site at 6001 Richmond Highway on the east side of Richmond Highway facing the Montebello apartment complex and abutting the Belle Haven Park and below Belle Haven Community. The proposed use would be a multi-story self-storage building of about 160,000 square feet approximately 40 feet high in front and somewhat taller in back due to the slope of the property. Design sketches showed the proposed building to be architecturally designed to look like an office complex rather than a storage facility so that it would not clash with the near-by Northern Gateway development area. While a management office would be located at the front of the building, loading and parking would be at the rear of the building. No commercial signage was included in the sketches.

The business rationale for the proposed storage facility reposes on the increase in nearby multi-family residences which generates the need for storage to accommodate possessions that do not fit into apartments. Other anticipated users would be retail establishments and salesmen needing storage for their wares. No long term parking of boats, trailers or vehicles will be permitted.

The Brookside Motel site is zoned C8 in the front and R4 in the rear. Current use of the site is compromised by both intrusion into the 100-year flood plain and a Resource Protection Area. The intended use would require a Comprehensive Plan amendment, re-zoning and a special exception to the RPA. Encroachment into the flood plane and RPA will be reduced. The anticipated 250 vehicles per day flow of traffic into and out of the facility would not be sufficient to generate the requirement for a full scale traffic study. Re-grading of the property and the construction of retaining walls would make accommodations to cope with the flood plane.

One person attending the meeting questioned the fit of this development into the existing community. Others questioned the size of trucks using the property, security of the property and its effect on neighboring properties, vulnerability of stored property to flood damage, and the impact on Richmond Highway from any traffic back-ups.

The briefer closed with acknowledging that this informational briefing would need to be followed up with more detailed presentations as the regulatory and physical obstacles to this project are addressed. And they expect to come back to see us in the future. She also mentioned that they were meeting with the neighboring communities, and have already met with Commissioner Flanagan.

The following issues were addressed after the Transportation Committee adjourned to its separate meeting.

As acting chair of the Committee, Katherine Ward coordinated a solution for the future leadership of the Transportation Committee. Frank Cohn and Frank Cihak will act as co-chairs, with Frank Cohn being appointed to the MVCCA Board, and John Kohout taking notes and drafting the required minutes. This arrangement will be effective as of our December meeting. Meetings of the Committee will continue to be at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of the month. Katherine Ward has arranged for our meetings to be held in Community Room 3 in the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane for the 2015-2016 year beginning in December.

The Transportation Committee is undertaking a review of its goals to sharpen our focus upon issues we can and should influence in the course of 2016. We have done this in the past and see it as helpful to do it again. Frank Cihak is going to send out materials to everyone to help stimulate a committee-wide effort. We will have goals on our December agenda.

Katherine Ward brought up the MVCCA Web Site revision effort being undertaken by Karen Keefer the MVCCA webmaster. We need to consider what it is we should retain, delete or add to the Transportation Committee's page in keeping with the standardized format set by our the webmaster. A list of resolutions, files on past actions and significant links are all in need of attention.

Katherine Ward informed the committee that Earl Flanagan our Planning Commissioner has asked about the status of the Mount Vernon Circle traffic signalization issue raised in 2014 by a Van Stewart of Union Farm community. Mr. Stewart's 2014 proposal was to have traffic lights installed at the circle to smooth the flow of vehicular traffic along the George Washington Memorial Parkway and the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The specific problem is rush hour delays during both morning and evening rush hours which have increased due, apparently, due to the addition of missions and employment at Fort Belvoir and traffic interaction with pedestrian tourists crossing from Mount Vernon's estate to its parking lots. The committee had taken the position several years ago that the stop signs should be maintained to meter traffic through the circle area so as to discourage more commuter traffic. This position is evidently supported both by the Park Service and the management of Mount Vernon.

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The Mount Vernon Country Club is seeking approval for a project that will require a Special Exception Amendment (SEA) and will re-open the issue of proffers/development conditions. Years ago the Country Club had proffered to raise funds for a safe pedestrian walk/sidewalk near the Golf Course and along Old Mill Rd. A series of golf tournaments were part of the funding process. The tournaments have been occurring but have not provide adequate funding, so the work was never completed. This issue also raised the rationale for adequately tracking proffers that are offered by developers to ensure that they are met.

Katherine informed the Committee that the November 18 MVCCA General Council Meeting will include an educational forum pertaining to changes in the zoning ordinance. Participants will be Commissioners Flanagan and Sargeant, Leslie Johnson (zoning director), Marianne Gardner (Planning Director) and Mark Viani (Land Use Attorney and MVCCA member). She recommend that committee members should try to attend. The meeting will be at 8:00 pm in Community Rooms 2 and 3 in the Mount Vernon Community center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

SFDC

The SFDC passed a motion to support the proposed BOS Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Alternative Lending Institutions (Car Title Lenders), limiting allowable locations to shopping centers not adjacent to or across the street from public use, places of worship, private schools, or daycare centers. This will NOT retroactively affect current businesses.

The Mary Thonen Awards (for beautification efforts along Richmond Highway) will be presented on December 1, from 4-7 pm, at the El Paso Restaurant at 6151 Richmond Highway.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

The next Federation Membership meeting is set for Nov 19th 7:30 PM at the Mason District Government Offices and will focus on issues of Public Safety.

The Fairfax Federation conducted its annual legislative survey seeking input from citizens on what the Federations Legislative Package should consist of this year. The Federation's Membership voted to reduce the list from the original 18 to the following:

- Budget: Allow Fairfax County to set its own sales tax. Revise the formula so more revenue collected in Northern Virginia actually stays in Northern Virginia

- Budget: Permit counties to have the same revenue generating authorities as cities
- Environment: Use the sales of greenhouse gas emission credits to help communities to adapt to climate changes; help consumers reduce energy consumption; help coal areas of VA adapt to reduced coal production.
- Environment: Require stricter regulations and increased enforcement for all counties that drain into rivers that then drain into the Chesapeake Bay.
- Education and Health: Increase tobacco taxes and allocate revenue to education and health care.
- Education: Permit local school boards to set their opening date for school
- Health: Expand Medicaid in VA
- Public Safety: Allow public release of information related to police involved shootings and other official police activities
- Transportation: Make private-public transportation partnerships be competitively bid. Before adding a toll to I-66 improve adjacent roads, public transportation, tunnels and bridges
- Transportation: Promote transportation policies including public transportation, pedestrian, and bicycle modes (NOTE: this includes the Rt1 Multi-Modal study and implementation)
- Governance: Fair Redistricting- Redistricting should allow for competitive political races. A constitutional amendment might be in order to ensure proper distribution of north-south and east west dimensions.

The original list included the bag tax that we supported last year and was included last year in the Federations package. It was dropped by the membership vote on the second round of voting.

The Federation is still planning on holding a seminar about the new zoning changes, but they have not yet determined when or where it will be held.

Citizen of the Year for 2015-2016. The Federation is seeking nominations for Fairfax Citizen of the Year. The nomination process opens Dec 1 and closes 28 February 2016. See information about this award at www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm

Committee Resolutions

EDUCATION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION EDU-2015-04: IN SUPPORT OF COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL BOUNDARY EVALUATION

1) **WHEREAS** Fairfax County Public Schools (“FCPS”) will construct a new elementary school (“Pinewood Lakes”) for opening in 2017, the new elementary school on Fort Belvoir is expected to open in 2016 and renovation funds for several local schools are or will be available in the near future; and

2) **WHEREAS** this new construction and renovation will create an historic opportunity for FCPS, as well as the Lee/Mount Vernon Corridor community, to address in an organized, comprehensive and holistic manner the realignment of school boundaries across the Corridor to:

(1) Promote the return to a neighborhood school construct where students have the best opportunity to attend a school close to their homes, where parental and community support is most available and beneficial, and busing is reduced (see ED 2015-3 “MVCCA Resolution urging Priority Consideration for Neighborhood Schools”);

(2) Locate programs, services and resources in the most efficient and logical manner so that all students have appropriate access according to their needs;

(3) Address enrollment imbalances among schools, reducing the number of trailers and modular additions, to promote both a better instructional environment and a more efficient use of taxpayer funds; and

3) **WHEREAS** FCPS is in development of its FY 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (“CIP”) which will contain enrollment and capacity projections and may suggest the manner and scope of boundary studies and realignments in the Corridor; and

4) **WHEREAS** in order to take full advantage of this historic opportunity, any boundary studies suggested or to be implemented in the CIP should be comprehensive and include all schools in the Corridor, at all levels from elementary to high school, all programs from Advanced Academic to special needs preschool, and all academies and self-contained units such as autism support; and

5) **WHEREAS** all school boundary changes or program realignments are likely to be upsetting or controversial for students, families and the larger community, experience suggests that when boundaries are reviewed comprehensively and logically, and with transparency, short term disruption can be overcome in favor of long term stability and benefits to current and future students, and to our communities as a whole; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) requests the FCPS Superintendent and the Fairfax County School Board to direct FCPS staff, as part of the FY2017 Capital Improvement Plan or otherwise, to conduct comprehensive, holistic and transparent boundary studies of all schools, at all levels, in the Lee/Mount Vernon Corridor in order to make best use of an historic opportunity to promote the goals expressed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA reserves its right to comment on the specifics and details of any boundary process or realignment suggested, proposed or implemented by FCPS and/or the Fairfax County School Board.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION EDU-2015-04

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 31 October 2015

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	Month of October	Total July 1 to October 31	Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts:				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 198	\$ 2,052	\$ 2,525	
Dues - Collected in 2014-15 Fiscal Year ³	-	870	625	
MM Interest Receipts	1	3	10	
Total Cash Receipts	199	2,925	3,160	(235)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	91	300	209
Reception	-	247	300	53
Insurance premium	-	-	880	880
"Record" Production	120	310	1,390	1,080
Web Site	-	250	250	-
Total Cash Disbursements	120	898	3,120	2,222
Net Budget remaining to spend				\$ 1,987
Receipts In Excess (less than) Disbursements	79	2,027	40	
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	12,648	11,570	11,570	Note 2
Less cash collected in 2014-15 Fiscal Year	-	(870)	(625)	Note 3
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 12,727	\$ 12,727	\$ 10,985	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,709
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,018
Total Cash	\$ 12,727

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman
Treasurer
November 12, 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, November 18th, 8:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Government Center
Parkers Lane, Alexandria

AGENDA

Call to Order

- Minutes from Oct meeting approved
- Forum conducted
- Co Chair Reports and Ratification of Transportation
Committee Chair sought
- Approval of the agenda
- Approval of the Secretary's Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- 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—Nov 18, 8:00 pm, MVGC Community Rm
MVCCA Board—Dec 10, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

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

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