



## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

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- ◆ March Guest speaker: Glenn Fatzinger - The History of Fairfax County celebrate its' 250th Anniversary.
- ◆ We welcome Dean Sherick back as the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee.
- ◆ Diane Donley has stepped down as a Co-Chair of the MVCCA.

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- ◆ The next EMBARK Advisory Community Meeting will be March 20 at 7 - 9:00 p.m. Location: South County Center (according to the County website).
- ◆ Communication with committee chairs and co-chairs—Please use the eail addresses found on the first page of The Record.
- ◆ airBNB - short term rentals resolution. The BOS heard us and will move forward to draft county regulations to manage short term rentals (aka airBNB)
- ◆ Upcoming public hearings on Fairfax Forward (the process to make changes to the Comprehensive Plan):
  - April 19 Planning Commission
  - May 16 Board of Supervisors

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## CHANGE TO THE BY LAWS

At the March 22 General Council meeting, a vote will be taken on the following change to the MVCCA By-Laws:

**THE FORMAL NAME OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE BE CHANGED TO THE LAND USE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.**

This change is being recommended as a way to more clearly identify the mission for the Committee. ***Please plan to attend to vote on this change—a quorum is required.***

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# Council Minutes

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## MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 22, 2017  
at Mt Vernon Government Center Community Room

**PRESIDING:** Co-Chair Diane Donley

**ATTENDING:** Co-Chair Katherine Ward, Secretary Abby Wells, Committee Chairs: Judy Hargrove (EDU), Pete Sitnik (Federation), Mark Viani, Andrew Viniski (P&Z), Ellen Young (SFDC), Frank Cohn (TRAN).

**Voting Representatives (15) from:** 1 - Belle View Condominiums, 2 - Civic Association of Hollin Hills, 3 - Collingwood on the Potomac, 4 - Hollin Hall Village, 5 - Huntington Community Association, 6 - Montibello, 7 - Mount Vernon Manor Civic Association, 8 - Newington Forest, 9 - Pavilions at Huntington Metro, 10 - Stratford Landing Citizens Association, 11 - Stratford on the Potomac, 12 - Wellington Civic Association, 13 - Wessynton Homes Association, 14 - Williamsburg Manor North, 15 - Woodlawn Manor

**Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff:** Dan Storck, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Earl Flanagan, Fairfax County Planning Commission, Mt. Vernon District; Cathy Ledec, Fairfax County Tree Commission, Mt Vernon District; Tae Choi, Community Development and Land Use Aid to Supervisor Storck

The meeting was Called to Order at 8:02 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKER** Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer, Fairfax County, delivered a comprehensive presentation and summary of the \$7.13 Billion FY 2018 Advertised Budget Plan for Fairfax County. Mr. Mondoro provided a print version of the County Executive Budget Presentation from February 14, 2017. [Access informative links regarding the FY2018 Advertised Budget Plan here.](#) The presentation covered highlights such as the county's commitment to a balanced budget and fiscal responsibility, while meeting BOS priorities, maintaining a commitment to public schools, county employees and residents. Overall summary: the county's needs are greater than its resources through FY 2019.

**THE AGENDA** was approved as published in the February 2017 Record.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES** from the January General Council Meeting held on 1/25/17 were approved as published in the February Record.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** for of the period ending January 31, 2017 was approved as published in the February Record.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B&F** – As published in the February Record. The next meeting will be held on March 8. The resulting budget resolution regarding the

FY2018 County Proposed Budget from the March 8 committee meeting will be brought before the full membership at the March 22 MVCCA General Council Meeting.

**EDU** – As published in the February Record. The next meeting will be held on March 1, with a guest speaker from County PR to discuss perception vs. reality of FCPS.

**E&R** – As published in the February Record, the committee met with representatives from the Ft Belvoir Residential Communities Initiative regarding the Woodlawn East Parcel site project. The committee meeting included a discussion about the recently acknowledged historic elements on the site including an earthen berm corresponding to the subdivision line for Dogue Run Farm, part of George Washington's land holdings. There is also a globally rare Coastal Plain Depression Swamp located on the site, inhabited by endangered animal and rare plant species that are all being addressed by various agencies. Next meeting March 1.

**P&Z** – No February Meeting. Next meeting will be held March 6, and will be a joint meeting with Transportation regarding Bock Farm rezoning application for the most recent proposal for 40 townhomes for the site.

**PS** – As published in February Record. To be determined: a final decision for the future of the Public Safety Committee.

**TRANS** – As published in the February record. The next meeting will be held March 6. Please see Resolutions below. Transportation Chair Frank Cohn will step down in April due to change in residence. The Transportation Committee is seeking a new Committee Chair.

**Fairfax FEDERATION** – As published in the February Record. For more information on the Fairfax Federation visit [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org). This is a link to an interesting presentation on [Neighborhood Forest Management](#) given at the January 19 Federation meeting by a representative from the Virginia Department of Forestry.

**SFDC** – As published in the February Record. Noteworthy upcoming events:  
March 16 8:30am Business Roundtable at the Holiday Inn Express [Legal Issues for Small Businesses: What have you done wrong and how can you fix it?](#)  
April 6 8:00am Economic Outlook Summit at Belle Haven Country Club [This is the premier economic development event focused on Southeast Fairfax County.](#)

### **CO-CHAIRS REPORT:**

Next month guest speaker Glen Fatzinger (a founding co-chair of the MVCCA) is the Mount Vernon district representative to the County Historical Commission and will speak about the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Fairfax County.

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The Mount Vernon Town Hall Meeting held on Saturday, February 4 hosted by Supervisor Storck was excellent. MVCCA was represented by Co-Chair Katherine Ward, SFDC Rep Ellen Young, Fairfax Federation Rep Pete Sitnik and Abby Wells, MVCCA Board Secretary.

The nominating committee is seeking interested members to fill the roles of Chair of the Public Safety Committee and Chair of the Transportation Committee. Participating member representatives are strongly encouraged to volunteer for these open positions and/or actively assist in the efforts to seek out strong candidates from within their membership base.

## RESOLUTIONS:

### **MVCCA TRANS Resolution 2017-03 RESOLUTION ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

By a unanimous vote of the members in attendance, the MVCCA recommends approval of the changes contained in the County Staff Report on Commercial Vehicles in Residential Districts now under consideration.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### **THE FORMAL NAME OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE BE CHANGED TO THE LAND USE, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.**

This change is being recommended as a way to more clearly identify the mission for the Committee. In accordance with the MVCCA By-Laws, this vote will take place at the March General Council meeting. Please plan to attend to vote on this change.

**Discussion:** The MVCCA by-laws requires a 25 day period to lapse when proposing a Committee name change, as well as 50% of the membership to vote, and there are no provisions for proxies. **A straw poll was taken and it was unanimous that this name change is appropriate. A formal vote will be at the March General Council Meeting.**

The PPM was updated to clarify who can represent member organizations as a voting member of the MVCCA.

**Mark Viani, Planning & Zoning Chair, has been recommended by the Nominating Committee for the open Co-Chair position.** A motion was made to vote on the nominee. The motion passed unanimously by the members in attendance to confirm Mr. Viani as the new Co-Chair to fill a vacant position.

**Andrew Vinisky has been nominated as Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee.** He will replace Mark Viani, who was elected MVCCA Co-Chair. A motion was made to vote on the nominee. The motion passed unanimously. to confirm Mr. Vinisky as the succeeding Planning & Zoning Committee Chair.

## SUPERVISOR TIME:

Supervisor Storck presented information on the following topics, which are outlined in further detail on his [monthly newsletter which can be accessed here.](#)

- 2017 Equalization Charts for the County and Mt Vernon District.
- BOS to vote on proposed Tax Rate for 2018 Budget
- [Richard G. Schott Appointed Independent Police Auditor](#)
- [Police Civilian Review Panel has been announced](#)
- [Zoning Ordinance Amendment adopted for making Riding Lessons a Home Occupation](#)
- [Bock Farm update](#)
- [North Hill Update- the BOS approved the rezoning application](#)
- [30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Vernon Town Hall](#)
- [March 26<sup>th</sup> – Ides of Bark](#)
- [Covanta Plant Fire](#)
- [Blight / Rte 1 Motel Update](#)
- [River Towers Updates](#)

**Earl Flanagan, Fairfax County Planning Commissioner,** spoke on the following topics:

- [March 8 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda](#) / Increasing Public participation with Fairfax Forward.
- Imbalance of affordable housing within the districts of Fairfax County

**MEMBER ASSOCIATION TIME:** No Comments

**PUBLIC TIME:** No Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Minutes submitted 3/5/17 by Abby Wells, MVCCA Secretary

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## BUDGET AND FINANCE

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The MVCCA Budget & Finance committee met on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were representatives from Huntington Community Association, Midtown Alexandria Station Condominium, Potomac Valley River Bend Civic Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Southwood, Waynewood Citizens Association, Wellington Civic Association & Westgrove Citizens Association.

The committee discussed the proposed FY2018 Fairfax County budget and the Fairfax County advertised real estate tax rate for FY2018.

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The committee created and voted on the Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Association's 2017 Fairfax County Budget Resolution. [See the full MVCCA Resolution 2017-01 (Budget and Finance) Recommendations on the Fairfax County FY 2018 Budget Plan in the resolutions section of the MVCCA March Record.] MVCCA Resolution 2017-01 will be voted on at the March general membership meeting.

The next MVCCA Budget & Finance committee meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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### EDUCATION

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The Education Committee met at 8 p.m., March 1, 2017, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Wessynton, Mount Vernon Civic, Riverside Gardens, Belleview, Williamsburg Manor North, Newington Forest, Wellington, Huntington, Collingwood Springs and Potomac Valley/Riverbend. School Board member Karen Corbett-Sanders also attended.

Matt Guilfoyle, Executive Director of the FCPS Communication & Community Relations Department, met with the Committee to discuss FCPS efforts to publicize school success, engage the community and develop business and community partnerships.

Guilfoyle recently joined FCPS and has a background in private sector public relations and communication which he expects to employ in improving how FCPS engages with the larger community.

He noted that prior methods of communication through print media have become less effective both because of contraction in the newspaper industry which makes it more difficult to place stories and because of increasing consumer preference for electronic media from Facebook to Snapchat to Twitter.

FCPS participates in these media forms and in particular produces videos about positive happenings in the system and in individual schools, noting that as in the private sector, videos to be effective must "grab" the watcher in the first 10 seconds. While the department tries to be proactive there still must be significant cooperation and input from individual schools, and Guilfoyle stated that, although every school has a media liaison chosen from school staff, response is somewhat uneven. The department is working on educating and assisting the liaisons, some of whom have media experience while others do not.

Committee members mentioned that in high diversity schools, such as in Mount Vernon, staff is stressed and overworked, making it difficult to add other duties. Guilfoyle recognized this as an issue and is focused on Mount Vernon District schools—and Mount

Vernon High School especially—to improve dissemination of good news and publicize both school successes and needs.

Another part of his responsibility is developing Business and Community partnerships. Through a platform called "Ignite Partnerships" the department liaises with Chambers of Commerce and other organizations, holds annual school supplies drives, a donation portal for durable goods such as musical instruments and monetary contributions, and identifying merchants who offer discounts to FCPS employees. Advocacy and Outreach to community stakeholders is also an important function. The Ignite Platforms also support partnerships in mentoring, STEAM, Arts, Workplace development, and Get2Green environmental partnerships.

Currently the department has a total of 25 staff, up from 12 when some IT functions were moved to his purview. In addition to the publicity and community outreach functions, the department also responds to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests (500 last year), supports School Board communications and assists with graphic design.

Critical incident response, particularly involving students use of social media, is another function and the staff works with police and also has an education function is teaching students the pitfalls and proper use of twitter and social media.

Members also shared frustration with developing meaningful business partnerships in this area where needs are great but large businesses scarce. Members also mentioned that, even though they are active PTA and school supporters they were not aware of many of the Ignite Platform resources for needy students, mentoring and school gardens.

In other matters, the Committee discussed school funding in the Fairfax County FY 2018 Advertised Budget and adopted unanimously (10-0) the resolution printed elsewhere in this RECORD. The details of the discussion are represented in the resolution. Members also expressed concern that, because of the limitations of the maximum advertised tax rate which adopted the FY 2017 rate as a ceiling, citizens are functionally foreclosed from urging additional school funding and the Board of Supervisors has no flexibility to respond to school or other important County needs.

Next meeting: 8 p.m., April 5, 2017, Whitman MS library

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## ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The MVCCA's E&R Committee (E&R) met on March 1, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. E&R Committee members represented included Huntington, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington Civic Association, Wessynton and Woodlawn Manor. We were also joined by one guest, and E&R Chair (also serving as Mount Vernon District Tree Commissioner).

Announcements from committee members included distribution of a Trash Day of Action Flyer, an effort being led by a coalition of NGOs including Friends of Little Hunting Creek who annually retrieve enormous amounts of trash (including high numbers of water bottles) from Little Hunting Creek and other streams, creeks and rivers in our region. The Trash Day of Action event is planned for May 8, 2017. More information on this can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/novatawf/>. The Chair announced that the next community meeting on the Huntington Levee project will be held March 9, 2017 at the Martha Washington Library.

Our scheduled speaker was not present. We discussed the EMBARK project. At the February EMBARK AG meeting County staff discussed a schedule for the preparation of proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan. This is beginning now and will continue through to September 2017 when it is hoped that a final draft plan will be ready for public input. FC DOT staff are working on a transportation "study" related to the Woodlawn CBC. This will cover environmental and transportation impacts with results presented at the March EMBARK AG meeting. The April EMBARK AG meeting will cover Environment, Heritage Resources, and Environment and Recreation. These next two months of EMBARK AG meetings will be important for E&R committee members to attend and monitor. FC staff have said that they are interested in hearing from E&R on areas that we want addressed in the changes to the Comp Plan related to EMBARK. Committee members suggestions included protections for Resource Protection Areas, Stormwater Management, identification of open space, green space and natural areas, Tree scape to include planting areas (not concrete boxes), protections for stream valleys, identification of areas where these can become features. At the EMBARK Advisory Group's March and April meetings will include discussion of areas of interest to E&R including storm water, parks and other environmental impact areas. A Committee member suggested that FC Staff and the EMBARK AG begin their work on the Comp Plan by reviewing the 2010 Mount Vernon District Visioning Task Force report. This can be found here:

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/documents/final\\_report\\_of\\_the\\_visioning\\_task\\_force.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/documents/final_report_of_the_visioning_task_force.pdf)

The next EMBARK meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2017 from 7-9 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Rooms 221A-B.

We next heard from Glenda Booth of the Tauxemont Community and Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM) about Tree Trimming and

Tree Removal that occurred in October 2016 and in mid-February 2017 along the GW Memorial Parkway and in Dyke Marsh. The NPS contractor was actively operating tree trimming machinery and trucks near and underneath an active Bald Eagle Nest near Spout Run despite objections from wildlife observers. NPS cut down three marked pumpkin ash trees that FODM had paid to treat, at NPS's request, for the emerald ash borer. FODM, the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and others filed complaints with the National Park Service and NPS held one meeting with FODM officers. Bald Eagles are protected at the federal level by the Bald and Golden Eagle Act and protective zones should have been established around nesting sites, this was not done. NPS is not imposing or following any time-of-year restrictions to protect breeding and nesting birds and other wildlife. This should be standard operating procedure for the National Park Service and its contractors especially with their responsibility to protect habitat and wildlife on their properties. This is troubling given that Bald Eagles and other wildlife in our area begin nesting in January. E&R chair noted that tree trimming and tree removal activity should be done outside of nesting season. The NPS also removed many trees in Dyke Marsh that they claimed were hazards to the public. Some were not near the boardwalk. Many tree removal actions occurred adjacent to boardwalk areas and the Marina Road and will destabilize the soil and expose the boardwalk support structure to tidal influences that may make it unstable. Glenda reported that NPS officials say they have no replanting plan. We hope that replanting efforts are scheduled to re-stabilize these areas. It is not known if this tree work is complete. The National Park Service staff to include the Director of Natural Resources Management will be invited to an E&R Committee meeting this spring to discuss this further. After this discussion our meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting will be April 5, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA Community Room 3.

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## PLANNING & ZONING

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The joint MVCCA Planning, Zoning, and Transportation Committees meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of March 6, 2017 at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. The meeting was chaired by Andrew Vinisky and Mark Viani, Co-Chair Liaison. Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan also attended. Representatives of the following citizens' associations were in attendance: Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Club, Huntington, Mt. Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### 1. Bock Farm rezoning application for 40 market rate townhomes

Greg Riegle with McGuire Woods representing the applicant Joe Francone made a brief presentation to the Committee to provide an update as to the status of the proposed comprehensive plan amendment and rezoning application necessary for the proposed development of the Bock Farm site consisting now of 40 market residential dwelling units made up of 5 work force residences and 35 for-sale market rate townhouses. Other proposed improvements include:

- 1) All residences will have the option to allow for elevators and all of the residences are proffered to be built using brick, stone, and cement board siding.
- 2) Each home will be 24 feet wide and 50 feet deep on private streets.
- 3) Off-site road frontage improvements are also being proffered including curb, gutter, and sidewalks as well as a left turn in off of Hinson Farm Road.
- 4) The homes are expected to generate a small number of future school children however the committee was informed that the 3 schools serving the project are able to accommodate the anticipated increase.
- 5) The applicant is expecting to resubmit the former multi-family senior housing application in March and go before the planning commission in June with a board of supervisor public hearing anticipated in July.

### 2. Fairfax Forward

MVCCA Co-Chair Katherine Ward gave a brief presentation as to the status of the Fairfax Forward process that describes how the County's comprehensive plan will be updated in the future and to allow for more direct citizen participation. In 2019 the County will consider individual parcel recommendations for the southern end of the County. The planning commission is scheduled to hear the proposal on April 19<sup>th</sup> and the board of supervisors on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Several members of the MVCCA will be assisting on a resolution to make known the importance of having the Mount Vernon Council of Community Associations and the citizens of the Mount Vernon district to play a more important role in the future land use decisions in their community.

Please check the website for further information. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/>)

### 3. Embark/BRT

Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan provided a brief update and handout as to the status of the Embark process to bring multimodal transportation options along the Route 1 corridor.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

The Committee's next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017 in the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on March 2, 2017 by the Co-Chair Liaison K Ward

Members in attendance were from Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, and Wellington Civic Association. A quorum was not attained.

Information from the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> MV District Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) meeting was provided to the group.

The group however, based upon the lack of participation, reaffirmed that the committee should be changed to a Special Committee and that the Co-Chair Liaison would bring that point up to the MVCCA Board at the March meeting.

Members in attendance were encouraged to attend other committee meetings and the General Council (GC) so they could raise issues related to public safety. They were also encouraged to attend the MV Districts CAC and then come to the GC and make a report.

Katherine Ward, PS Committee Co-Chair Liaison

## TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee met on Monday, March 6, 2017. Representatives of the following citizens associations were in attendance: Southwood, Riverside, Williamsburg Manor, Mount Zephyr, Wellington Heights, Woodley Hills, Mount Vernon, Gum Springs, Wellington, and Woodlawn Manor. Also attending were: Katherine Ward, MVCCA CO-Chair; Earl Flanagan, Planning Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District; and Michael Shor, Transportation Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District, attended the joint portion of the meeting. Paul Hertel, represented Riverwood as a guest.

The meeting began with a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

This meeting discussed the new proposal for the development for Bock Farm and the proposed comments MVCCA should make about changes to the Fairfax Forward Comprehensive Plan process.

See Planning and Zoning minutes for further details.

The Committee then met separately and reviewed the draft Resolution on Bus Pull-Outs, MVCCA Resolution 2017-01 (Transportation). The resolution was approved, 10 yea, 0 no.

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## FAIRFAX FEDERATION

The Committee then reviewed the draft Resolution on the Pole Road Pedestrian Crossing, MVCCA Resolution 2017-02 (Transportation). The resolution was approved, 10 yea, 0 no.

Earl Flanagan reported on the Embark Richmond Highway proposal to connect a proposed north-south street in the Woodlawn Community Business Center connecting with Jeff Todd Way. He reviewed two charts showing before and after estimated traffic counts with and without the extended street. It was concluded that the results without the extension were acceptable and the extension was not needed. The chart showing estimated turn analysis was also acceptable.

The committee concluded that the Metrorail Yellow Line extension to Hybla Valley was in the Embark plan.

Katherine Ward reported that the Public Safety Committee will continue as a separate committee. Notes from the Mount Vernon District Police Citizens Advisory Committee were reviewed.

Katherine Ward also reviewed the status of local transportation projects from Supervisor Storck's Town Meeting.

Embark Richmond Highway Advisory Group meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 in Room 221A and B, South County Service Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. The next Embark Community Meeting is planned for May 2017. Scheduling details remain to be determined.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be in Community Room 3 in the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3.

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## SFDC

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The annual Economic Outlook Summit will be held once again at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Ft. Hunt Rd, on Thursday April 6, from 8 am until 11:30 am. This year's moderator is Rebecca Cooper of the Washington Business Journal. The Keynote speaker is Frank Northaft, former Chief Economist at Freddie Mac, and current Chief Economist at Core Logic.

We also have a great panel: Dr. Anne Battle-Machetas, VP at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; Dr. Gerald Gordon, President, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority; Dr. Terry Clower, Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University; and Robert Stelzer, Deputy County Executive, Fairfax County.

This event is co-sponsored with the Mt Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are only \$35 through April 1, and may be purchased at [www.sfdc.org](http://www.sfdc.org).

The Federation's Member Meeting was held Thursday, 16 February 2017, at 7:30 p.m. and was called to order at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA. The agenda included a presentation on the Fairfax County Government & Public Schools Budgets with CFO's J. Mondoro & K. Michael. There was also a discussion and vote on a proposed budget resolution that failed.

The Federation Board meeting was Thursday, 23 February 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2) 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Agenda included: Reports and discussions of the Legislative actions taken at the 2017 Virginia General Assembly on issues of importance to Fairfax County residents and the Federation. Most notable a Short Term Residential Rentals Bill (or the Airbnb bill) passed that contained language that both the Federation & MVCCA Resolutions supported. Progress was made in the fairer treatment of FFC in respect to that of cities. It was decided to re-issue the Federation 2014 Canker Worm resolution and present it to the BOS.

Note: The Federation's "Citizen of the Year" and Citation(s) of Merit will be honored at a banquet 1 April 2017. The Federation is actively working a resolution that MVCCA Members have supported: A Dedicated Metro funding & Safety resolution.

The next Federation Member Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason Library, Community Room, 7001 Little River Tpke, Annandale, VA. Agenda: Decide Federation's Budget Recommendations. This is the fourth Thursday of the month versus our normal meeting on the third Thursday.

The next Federation Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA, 22027. This is the third Thursday of the month versus our normal meeting on the fourth Thursday.

Details of all things related to the Fairfax Federation can be found on the Federations Website ([www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org)).

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# Committee Resolutions

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## BUDGET AND FINANCE

### Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2017-01 (Budget and Finance)

#### RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FY 2018 BUDGET PLAN

1. WHEREAS the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) recognizes that Schools, Public Safety, Health and Human Services and Transportation are critical core services that must be adequately funded to maintain Fairfax County's status as a premier community in which to live and work; and
2. WHEREAS the Fairfax County Executive has presented the FY 2018 Advertised Budget Plan for Fairfax County and the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has established the maximum real estate tax rate by advertising a rate of \$1.13/\$100 assessed valuation which is a \$0 increase over the FY2017 rate; and
3. WHEREAS the Fairfax County BOS has failed to advertise a tax rate that provides sufficient revenue to adequately fund the services needed throughout the County, and especially in the Mount Vernon District; and
4. WHEREAS schools located in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District are among those most at risk and most heavily affected by the growth in population of students who require supplemental services and staffing, have benefited from increased resources as demonstrated by significant progress in achieving mandated benchmarks, and will require continued additional targeted resources if progress is to continue; and
5. WHEREAS the MVCCA recognizes that the Transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools proposed in the Fairfax County School Board's FY2018 Advertised Budget is inadequate to maintain the funding necessary for schools in Fairfax County and the Mount Vernon District (as is detailed in the MVCCA Resolution EDU 2017-1); and
6. WHEREAS the MVCCA recognizes that the Commonwealth of Virginia uses an unfair formula for distributing state funding to Fairfax County Public Schools, and that Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County taxpayers are only receiving 22 cents on every tax dollar that we sent to Richmond; and
7. WHEREAS the MVCCA recognizes that Fairfax County does not receive adequate funding from the Federal Government to operate federally mandated education programs and that Fairfax County Public Schools does not receive funding adequate for educating students living on Fort Belvoir commensurate with the cost of providing their education; and
8. WHEREAS the MVCCA promotes public safety funding including the FY2018 funding of \$.93M for staffing the new South County police station and supports the funding of the unfunded portion of the FY2018 Diversion First program in the amount of \$5.3 million; and
9. WHEREAS the MVCCA supports adequate funding to Libraries and Parks and that the advertised budget of \$53.04M is the minimal amount to be funded to maintain the quality of life expected by residents of the Mount Vernon district; and
10. WHEREAS the MVCCA recognize the moral obligation to provide essential health and human services but as a result of the state redesigned mandate of the Medicaid waiver program effective 7/1/2016 the citizens of Fairfax County are stuck with the bill and recognizing that the county has to find funding of the additional \$6.7M to fund this expansion and that the \$6.7M should come from the Health and Welfare section of the FY2018 Fairfax County advertised budget; and
11. WHEREAS the MVCCA on December 17, 2014, passed a Resolution recommending that the County's insecticide spraying program for the native Fall Cankerworm be discontinued and that the County should use the direct budgetary savings from ending this program for the control of non-native, invasive forest pests and plants, but the proposed FY2018 budget continues to fund this spraying program; and
  - A. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the BOS to adopt the \$1.13 per \$100 assessed valuation residential real estate tax rate as recommended in the FY2018 Fairfax County advertised budget; and
  - B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the BOS to provide a School Transfer at least as suggested in the FY2018 Fairfax County advertised budget together with any additional funds which may be available to reduce the FCPS shortfall; and
  - C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges our BOS to step up their efforts to advocate the Virginia State Senators and Delegates to change the state school funding distribution formula to ensure that Fairfax County taxpayers and FCPS receive more than the current rate of 22 cents on every tax dollar that we sent to Richmond; and
  - D. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the BOS to fund the unfunded portions of the Diversion First program in the amount of \$5.3 million as noted FY2018 Fairfax County advertised budget; and
  - E. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the BOS to fund the Commonwealth redesigned mandate of the Medicaid

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wavier program effective 7/1/2016 from the Health and Welfare section of the FY2018 Fairfax County advertised budget; and

F. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA recommends that Fairfax County end the native Fall Cankerworm Insecticide Spraying Program and allocate those designated funds to control non-native invasive forest pests and plants; and

G. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA, in consideration of all of the above, urges the Fairfax County BOS in adopting a Budget for FY 2018 to take full advantage of the revenue sources available to the County as authorized by the Virginia General Assembly and thereby provide for County additional revenue to avert unacceptable loss of essential public services including schools, public safety, transportation, environmental quality, libraries, and health and human services.

## END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2017-01 (BUDGET & FINANCE)

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## EDUCATION

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### Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2017-01 (Education) URGING FUNDING OF SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUEST IN FY 2018

1. WHEREAS the Fairfax County School Board FY2018 Advertised Budget ("FY 2018 School Budget"), adopted February 9, 2017, requires an increase in funding of \$112.54M or 5.9% ("School Transfer") from Fairfax County for full funding; and

2. WHEREAS the Fairfax County FY 2018 Advertised Budget, published February 14, 2017, ("County FY 2018 Budget") proposes an increase in School Transfer of \$50.95M or 2.41% (below the 3% increase previously suggested would be available in County guidelines) which if adopted would result in a funding gap ("School Shortfall") of about \$48M currently, reduced from \$61M through savings located and receipt of additional Commonwealth funding; and

3. WHEREAS over the past decade County funding for schools has not kept pace with costs of increasing enrollment, required health care and retirement costs, and modest salary increases for employees with the result that Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS") has had to cut nearly \$500M and 700 positions, increase class size three times, has been unable to provide competitive teacher compensation, and has deferred needed maintenance and capital purchases such as replacement of school buses, outdated technology and aging heating and air conditioning systems which have high energy and maintenance costs; and

4. WHEREAS cuts already absorbed have threatened the quality of FCPS and its value as a critical County asset and it is essential that resources be available to continue, not derail, the process of rebuilding; the FY 2018 School Budget is the next step in a multi-year effort to address the priorities of (1) reducing elementary class size to 30 or less and (2) enhancing teacher salaries in a targeted, data-driven plan to restore FCPS' ability to compete with surrounding jurisdictions and retain the most experienced teachers; and

5. WHEREAS FCPS—and the County-- have also been adversely affected by the underfunded instructional mandates of both the Commonwealth of Virginia and the federal government (including Impact Aid funding levels that do not reflect the cost to County taxpayers of Ft. Belvoir resident students) so that the burden is increasingly on County taxpayers and homeowners to protect the asset value of FCPS for all citizens and the quality of education provided to our students; and

6. WHEREAS the County FY 2018 Budget was prepared assuming no change in the property tax rate (due to a slight rise in assessments, the average bill would increase a total of \$41 or \$3.41 per month) and does not generate adequate funds to permit FCPS to meet its obligations and continue the multiyear effort to raise salaries to competitive levels and will likely require an additional class size increase; and

7. WHEREAS on February 28, 2017, Board of Supervisors ("BOS") advertised a maximum tax rate for FY 2018 of \$1.13 per \$100 assessed value which will not generate adequate revenue to meet County and FCPS needs, citizens will be restricted in the ability to meaningfully discuss the appropriate balance of tax burden and essential services particularly as related to schools which are allegedly the "highest priority" of the BOS, and the BOS will lose flexibility to respond to demonstrated needs; and

8. WHEREAS a School Shortfall of the magnitude created by the County FY 2018 Budget will not be closed except through very difficult programmatic cuts, increasing class size and/or disrupting the multiyear plan to address salary inequities, and will again threaten erosion of educational quality and derail efforts to address the priorities of providing a world class education to the students of Fairfax County and equitable salaries to stem the loss of our highly qualified teachers; and

9. WHEREAS the quality and reputation of FCPS attract families and high quality businesses to locate and stay in Fairfax County, helping to provide future revitalization and current quality of life for all residents, and the value of such a critical factor in continued health of our community cannot be continually underfunded without risking the future of students, families, residents and the economic outlook of Fairfax County;

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A. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations ("MVCCA") urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt the advertised maximum tax rate as the actual property tax rate for FY 2018 and to provide a School Transfer at least as suggested in the County FY2018 Advertised Budget together with any additional funds which may be available to reduce the School Shortfall, and ameliorate the erosion of the value of FCPS as the priority asset in Fairfax County; and

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA further encourages the BOS to pursue all potential sources of revenue, to continue and increase efforts to obtain fair educational funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the federal government; and

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA reaffirms its prior positions (most recently MVCCA Board 2017-2 "Meaningful Citizen Input to the FY2018 Budget Process", adopted January 25, 2017) that in order to promote transparency, establish priorities and provide meaningful public input on the proper balance of taxes and services, the advertised maximum tax rate should have been adopted at a level which would have at least fully funded the priorities in the County's FY 2018 Advertised Budget Plan and the School Transfer as requested in FCPS' FY 2018 School Budget.

**END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2017-01 (EDUCATION)**

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## TRANSPORTATION

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**Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2017-04 (Transportation)  
MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS  
(Transportation) RESOLUTION ON "BUS PULL-OUTS" 2017-04**

- Whereas:** The driving public prefers bus pull-outs, because they enable Metro Bus or Fairfax Connector buses stopping for passengers to avoid blocking moving traffic;
- Whereas:** A safety concern exists at locations where busses have to stop in the right travel lane to discharge and board passengers, when drivers behind the stopped bus frantically try to cut into the adjacent travel lane to avoid being stuck until the bus starts up again;
- Whereas:** When asked why it refused to create a bus pull-out at the North Hill construction site, FCDOT replied that it is not supportive of bus pull-outs because bus drivers have difficulty merging into moving traffic when leaving pull-outs;
- Whereas:** State law prescribes, as a punishable offense, a drivers' failure to yield to a bus attempting to re-enter traffic;

**5. Whereas:** Citizens in the Mount Vernon District maintain that traffic safety hazards caused by the absence of bus pull-outs is more significant than the need to facilitate bus drivers' re-entering traffic.

**A. Therefore Be It Resolved:** That the MVCCA ask the Mount Vernon District Supervisor to request the Board of Supervisors to direct FCDOT to implement a policy that bus pull-outs be constructed at every bus stop within the District.

**END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2017-04 (TRANSPORTATION)**

**Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2017-05 (Transportation)  
MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS  
(Transportation) 2017-05  
RESOLUTION ON POLE ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

- Whereas:** The MVCCA had requested that VDOT emplace a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of the athletic fields near Sacramento Drive;
- Whereas:** VDOT advised the Mount Vernon District Supervisor that a pedestrian crossing at that location is not within established guidelines, which prescribe certain minimum viewing distances for drivers as they approach a pedestrian crossing on a road with a 35 MPH established speed limit;
- Whereas:** This denial does not resolve the pedestrian safety problem at that location, especially children, trying to cross Pole Road to access the athletic fields;
- Whereas:** There are numerous options for protecting pedestrians at that location, such as a lowered speed limit, flashing warning lights, signing, among others.

**A. Therefore Be It Resolved:** That the MVCCA ask the Mount Vernon District Supervisor to request VDOT to undertake a traffic study to determine how best to protect pedestrians trying to cross Pole Road as they access the athletic fields in the vicinity of Sacramento Drive.

**END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2017-05 (TRANSPORTATION)**

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## BOARD

### Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2017-02 (Board) PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) RESOLUTION (BOARD) 2017-02 COMMENTS ON FAIRFAX FORWARD PROCESS (FFP) CHANGES

1. **Whereas:** The MVCCA participated successfully in the 2009 APR process and our nominations are now part of the Comprehensive Plan.
2. **Whereas:** The MVCCA objected to the lack of citizen involvement in the NEW FFP (our letter dated March 22, 2013); and we are pleased that improved citizen involvement is once again proposed;
3. **Whereas:** The County Staff briefed the MVCCA on November 30, 2016 on the proposed changes to the FFP;
4. **Whereas:** After careful review of the proposed changes we have the following concerns:
  - A MV District area study and a previous nomination are caught in limbo and the new process appears to do nothing to bring them into an active status. ( North Gateway nomination for a 2.0 FAR and an area study – BOS told staff to expedite)
  - Inadequate training for participants-- Planning 101 not enough
  - The work plan still seems to take center stage over citizen nominations
  - Simple paper evaluations/reviews of nominations can't fully offer staff an understanding of the parcel (s) being nominated—there needs to be full interaction with the nominator
  - Embark may complicate MV District opportunity to nominate parcels
  - Elimination of nominations of Policy Plan changes can hinder some parcel nominations
  - Current nomination form is not adequate as compared to the previous APR form
  - Not all nominators are equal (MVCCA represents thousands of County Citizens). What if MVCCA nominates a parcel and a developer, land owner or other private citizen nominates the same parcel? Which nomination takes priority?

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** The MVCCA appreciates the opportunity to once again be involved in the nomination process. Acceptance of our recommendations will galvanize our support for the new FFP:

- Staff must provide technical support and advice to organizational nominators throughout the process
- A parcel may be nominated by an organization as well as an individual
- Tracking and staff interaction from start of the process to BOS decision must occur between staff and nominator. A clear system must be in place
- Policy Plan nominations must be considered if they are relevant to a parcel nomination
- During the initial evaluation period staff must accompany the nominator on a site visit
- Task Force members must receive a more in-depth training program than Planning 101
- Parcels related to a current special study, an area study or a board matter should not be precluded from being nominated (examples: Embark is considering the length of the Rt 1, but it is not addressing sites outside of the CBC's or the North Gateway CBC. )

**END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2017-02 (BOARD)**

# Treasurer's Report

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

Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget  
Periods Ending February 28, 2017

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

		Total	Annual	Budget	Budget Variance
	February	July 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017	Budget	Budget	To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b><u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u></b>					
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 2,778	\$ 3,300		
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 Fiscal Year <sup>3</sup>	-	318	-		
Money Market Interest	1	7	10		
Total Cash Receipts	1	3,103	3,310		(207)
<b><u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u></b>					
Administrative	-	95	300		205
Insurance premium	-	835	835		-
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	162	500		338
"Record" Production	100	790	1,390		600
Web Site	-	396	900		504
Total Cash Disbursements	100	2,278	3,925		1,647
<b><u>Net Budget-Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements</u></b>	(99)	825	(615)		\$ 1,440
<b><u>Other sources/changes in cash</u></b>					
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	12,167	11,561	11,561		Note 2
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 for 2016-17 Fiscal Year	-	(318)	(318)		Note 3
<b>Total Cash at End of Period</b>	\$ 12,068	\$ 12,068	\$ 10,628		

**End of Period Cash Balances by Account (adjusted for outstanding items):**

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,036
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,032
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 12,068</b>

Respectfully  
Submitted,  
Stephen Markman  
Treasurer  
March 9, 2017

**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, 2016.
- 3 Note dues collected in 2015-16 fiscal year for 2016-17 fiscal year are included in "Cash Receipts" above; therefore, must be deducted from "Cash at Beginning of Period".

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, March 22, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Mount Vernon Government Center**  
**Parkers Lane, Alexandria**

#### AGENDA

**Call to Order**

- Guest speaker: 8:00 Glenn Fatzinger – Fairfax County Historic Commission
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Secretary's Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

**Published Items and Resolutions**

**New Business**

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

**Adjournment**

### COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Council—Mar. 22, 8:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Room**  
**MVCCA Board—Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	4/12	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Bell
EDU	4/5	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	4/5	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Ledec
PL/Z	4/3	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Vinisky
PS	4/6	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	4/3	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Cihak

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