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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. **NO GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER**
2. **ALL COMMITTEES JOINT MEETING**—Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center
   County Staff presentation on EMBARK, Changes to Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan.
3. **HOLIDAY MONTHS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:**
   NOVEMBER GC will be on November 29—There will be a few important Land Use Resolutions to vote on.
   DECEMBER GC will be on December 20—Voting on EMBARK Resolution!!!
4. **VOLUNTEER JOB OPENING**: MVCCA is seeking a new webmaster and IT support person. Duties include managing and maintaining the WordPress website, updating the on-line calendar, and assisting Committee Chairs with online documentation storage and archiving. If interested, please contact one of the Co-Chairs for more details.
5. **RT. 1 WIDENING VDOT MEETING**: Important upcoming public information meeting on November 6, 6:30—8:30 p.m. at **Mount Vernon High School**, Auditorium/Cafeteria (use entrance 4), 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. Learn more about plans to widen Richmond Highway (Route 1). Presentation starts at 7 p.m.

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MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2017
at Mt Vernon Government Center Community Room

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Katherine Ward

ATTENDING: Secretary Jennifer Molden, Committee Chairs: Cathy Ledec (E&R), Dean Sherick (PS), Pete Sitnik (Federation), Ellen Young (SFDC), Andrew Vinisky (P&Z).

Voting Representatives from: Belle View Condominium, Civic Association of Hollin Hills,Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Huntington Community Association, Mason Hill Citizens Association, Montebello Condominiums, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Newington Forest Community Association, and Pavillions at Huntington Metro Community Association, Riverside Estates Civic Association, Riverwood HOA, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Association.

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

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The meeting was called to Order at 8:01 p.m.

THE AGENDA Approved.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES from the July General Council Meeting held on 7/11/17 were approved as published in the September Record.

TREASURER'S REPORT for of the period ending August 31, 2017 was accepted as published in the September Record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

B&F – Report Submitted

EDU – Report Submitted

E&R – As reported in the September Record. Next meeting scheduled for October 4 2017, 7:15 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Government Center. Highlights included presentation on the Master Plan on the Fairfax County Park Authority. Resolution in full support of the restoration of Dyke Marsh was approved by the MVCCA Board and sent forward due to public hearing timing. The MVCCA is now a consulting member of the Ft Belvoir Residential Communities initiative.

P&Z – As reported in the September Record.

PS –As reported in the September Record. Next meeting scheduled for 10/5/17, 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Government Center.

TRANS – As reported in September Record. Next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2017, 7:30 p.m. The meeting will address airplane, increased policing of the GW Parkway. Co-Chair Ward encourages continued education on the EMBARK process.

FEDERATION – As reported in September Record. 11 legislative issues being brought to vote; Details on the Federation Board, http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/

SFDC – As reported in September Record. Shark Tank Event 9/28/17. Discussion on EMBARK regarding Super Streets and representatives encourage education of the community and promote involvement in community meetings. For more information on SFDC and its events list, visit www.sfdc.org.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT:
Dues and Membership updates are due July 1, 2017 for FY 2017 – 2018. A new online MVCCA membership / renewal application form is live. If your association has not paid the due for the upcoming year, please remind your representatives to forward payment for renewal.

RESOLUTIONS:
MVCCA (Budget and Finance) 2017-02 –"Urging EMBARK Advisory Group to seek public and private funding for EMBARK Projects" was unanimously passed with 2 minor editorial changes.

MVCCA Joint (ER, PZ, and Tran) Resolution 2017-04 – "Riverside Apartments Rezoning Application" was passed by a vote of 11-1 with 1 abstention.

MVCCA (Board) Resolution 2017- "Restoration of Dyke Marsh"- ratified unanimously by the GC.

NEW BUSINESS:
MEMBER ASSOCIATION TIME:
From Diane Donley, Riverwood HOA and MV Representative to the EMBARK Advisory Group Discussed the concerns over the superstreets concepts, sound walls and parking Again reiterated the need for public education and involvement.

SUPERVISOR TIME:
- Ride along with FFX County Police Bike Patrol
- Tour De Mt. Vernon coming up on November 4; This is a 30-40 mile loop that is scheduled to begin at the Workhouse Center in Lorton and ride along the new bike trail.
- Successful hike on September 21 which included a tour of the Grist Mill and Woodlawn Plantation
- BOS approved the redevelopment of Bock Farm on July 26th for 35 universal designed townhomes on approx. 4.0 acres. The remaining 7 acres was approved for 3 single family homes.
- South Flow Alliance to send letter regarding airplane noise and encourage residents to report noise as it happens. Letter will be focused on the departures and arrivals to National Airport. FAA continues to look at .41 which addresses the departure issues at this time.
- Economic Development Support: Board of Supervisors agreed to set aside $5 million County wide for the economic development marketing. MV Supervisor submitted a proposal to create a focus on the tourism of the Mt. Vernon area, create a destination package, Destination Mt. Vernon to encourage tourists to visit our historical sites in our own community.
- Fire Marshall Office just opened in Mt. Vernon in the old Mt. Vernon High School building.
- Continued commitment to get remote testimony in the South County area. Also would like to see a judge in the area to assist with items such as traffic court.
- Covanta air quality monitoring meeting. Likely to reopen in early December.
- The Lorton land fill: ESI to honor commitment of closure in 2018 and Supervisor Storck will work with ESI and County Park Authority to build the park on top of the landfill hill. The issue has been insurance.

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Discussion with Supervisor:
Representative from Riverside Estates raised concern for Super Streets and their proposed impacts to our neighborhoods and businesses. Representative from Huntington raised concern for the condition of the Sunoco station near the beltway. Supervisor Stork confirmed this issue is one of the top complaints for blight in our community.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted on 10/6/17 by Jennifer Molden,
MVCCA Secretary

Committee Reports

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The MVCCA Budget & Finance Committee did not meet in October. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 1 at 7 p.m., location TBD. The topic is Diversion First overview.

EDUCATION

Meeting was called to order at 8 pm by Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-Chair liaison to the Edu. committee.

The group introduced themselves and shared with other members their area of interest. In response to a new member of the committee Ms Ward gave a brief history of the MVCCA and the EDU committees role. (link to the EDU committee is below). The members spent their time answering these questions: Where will this committee go? What is the agenda for the year? We need a new chair to run the committee in the absence of the current long time Chair Judy Harbeck. The duties would not only include the MVCCA meetings, but also the board meetings of the MVCCA.

In attendance:
Potomac Valley, Williamsburg Manor North, Huntington, Wellington, Mount Zephr, Hollin Hills, Riverside Estates and Collingwood Springs.

The link to the MVCCA Education Committee is here: http://www.mvcca.org/committees/education-committee. The MVCCA was formed as a 501c4 in the 1970's originally to address traffic issues. Many committees were formed to address other important citizen issues and can all be found at the above link.

The members and Co-Chair Ward raised the following important issues that the committee would like to pursue in the remainder of the year:

Committee Reports

Comprehensive plan - The Counties EMBARK Advisory Group is currently developing new language for the comprehensive plan that will bring additional density and road changes to the area. This will impact our schools. The draft rewrite will be available on the County website on November 27 or 28. There is a joint meeting of the MVCCA committees on December 11 , 7:00 p.m. at the MV Government Center. The county staff will present the new plan language and seek citizen input. The MVCCA committee will be asked to develop a joint resolution to be presented at the General Council meeting in December. This resolution will be the position of the MVCCA GC, and will be presented to the Planning Commission in January and then brought to the Board of Supervisors in March of 2018.

https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/planamendments/

The Health and Human Services committee is not a functioning committee any longer, due to the lack of a committee chair. There may be some issues we can address on that front. Issues like Head Start, Student Wellness, Free and Reduced Lunch population, etc.

Other issues that the committee members felt were of importance and need to be addressed are:

- The many school renovations in our area - Current CIP plan is here: https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/cipbookfy2018-22.pdf

- Boundary changes will be need to be made once these renovations are complete - Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) - https://www.fcps.edu/committee/facilities-planning-advisory-council

- Capacity of schools - Enrollment Dashboard - https://www.fcps.edu/enrollmentdashboard

- EMBARK and Rt. 1 Widening - take note of super streets and how these changes will impact the bus routes for our students https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy/ We need to focus on the impact the development will have and what are the plans to handle the new students - potentially 5400 - that this redevelpment may bring.

- LCI - How do we get the State Legislatures attention on this matter since Fairfax County has a very large number of free and reduced lunch children and ESL children.
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/school_finance/budget/compositeindex_local_abilitypay/index.shtml
also of interest may be the SOQ -
http://www.doe.virginia.gov/school_finance/budget/funding_stds_quality/soq_funding_presentation.pptx

- Programming in the schools (Immersion, AAP, etc) and how it impacts enrollment

- Old Mount Vernon HS plans - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-oVQ4ZoJ3U

- VDOT Rt. 1 Widening Public Meeting on November 6: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/richmond_highway.asp

We are still in need of a committee deputy chair, but each member is willing to work on different topics. Our next formal meeting will be January 3, 2018. However the committee was advised to attend the VDOT Nov 6, 2017 Highway Widening public meeting and the Dec 11 MVCCA joint Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The MVCCA's E&R Committee (E&R) met on October 4, 2017 at 7.15 p.m. E&R Committee members represented included Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington Spring Bank, Wellington Civic Association (also serving MVCCA Co-chair), Wessynton HOA, Williamsburg Manor North and Woodlawn Manor. Also present were 2 guests and E&R Chair (also serving as Mount Vernon District Tree Commissioner). We welcomed a replacement committee member from the Civic Association of Hollin Hills and thanked Paul Phelps for his many years of serving on E&R representing his community.

E&R Chair opened the meeting welcoming Attorney Sara Mariska of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley and Walsh, LLC representing the property owner (Capital Investment Advisors) of 2650 Huntington Avenue. Former Mount Vernon District Supervisor Hyland authorized a Comprehensive Plan Amendment several years ago but forward movement on this was delayed. The property owner is interested in redeveloping this site at some time in the future. The purpose of today's presentation was to share general concepts for the site, discuss environmental features present on the site, and to discuss the Comp Plan Amendment that is scheduled for public hearings for the Planning Commission on December 7, 2017 and Board of Supervisors on January 23, 2018. No draft language has been prepared as yet, this is expected soon and will be presented to E&R at our November meeting.

The office building on this site was constructed in the late 1970s and the site is almost entirely impervious surface. There is a set of overhead transmission lines serving Dominion Energy that cross over a portion of the property. A copy of the Environmental Constraints Mapping and Analysis study done by Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc was provided to Committee members in advance of the meeting. This included a map of the site showing the RPA boundary, FEMA Flood plain boundary, Environment Quality Corridor, location of an unnamed tributary to Cameron Run, slope analysis and location of the current building and other features of the site. Ms. Mariska described a high voltage electric transmission line (Dominion Energy) that passes over a section of the property. A Committee member asked about possible re-development of nearby properties and Ms. Mariska noted that while possible, movement on this is not known at this time. Another Committee member asked about whether Huntington Avenue should be viewed under the "Vibrant Street" concept which could provide improved strategic vision that could guide future development in a more cohesive way along the Avenue.

The current building has income-producing businesses leasing office space including a business that is leasing ~5,000 sq feet. A Committee member noted that if this building is redeveloped for residential it is hoped that businesses leasing space here would remain in the neighborhood. The climate for office space development remains challenging. It was noted that large amounts of space at Eisenhower Avenue remain vacant. A Committee member noted that overall in Fairfax County loss of wetlands and natural habitat over time has been significant. Cameron Run could become a feature for this property though there is seemingly heavy sediment buildup in the stream. A committee member observed that the location of sandbars in the stream has shifted since the completion of the Woodrow Wilson project improvements. The cause of this is not known and it was suggested that it might be helpful to better understand this since it could impact the site. Another committee member noted that there is apprehension with E&R about supporting projects in the flood plain, how would this project be different? With the high voltage power lines crossing above the RPA, Flood plain and EQC there will be constraints to any improvements to these areas of the site. It was noted that a special exception would be needed for building in the floodplain and it was not clear at this time whether this is being pursued. Trails, parks could be considered. Linking trails, parks and green space along Cameron Run to those of adjacent properties could enhance quality of life and ecosystem benefits for the neighborhood. The Midtown Condominiums was noted as an example of nearby construction that may reduce flooding impact to its residents and subsequently protect personal property in the event of future flooding. The Midtown building provides several stories of parking at the building's lower levels with living space above this. It was also noted that 2650 Huntington Avenue while in the Transit Station Area is outside of the Transit Development Area though clarification of this is being requested of FC Staff. A draft of proposed amendment language for the Comp Plan is being prepared by staff and this developer plans to return to E&R for our November meeting to present the proposed Comp Plan language change.

E&R Chair noted that announcements are noted on the agenda here: http://www.mvcca.org/committees/environment-recreation-committee/ page down for the October agenda. Fairfax County staff will soon release the draft language for the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan. ***The December E&R Committee meeting will be on December 11, 2017.*** This meeting will be a combined **All MVCCA Committee** meeting at which FC Staff will present the

DRAFT EMBARK Comprehensive Plan Amendment Language. E&R Committee Members are encouraged to study the EMBARK materials by reviewing documents posted to the EMBARK Web page especially those from the recent Public Meeting.

An update of the September resolution from E&R in support of full restoration of Dyke Marsh was provided. The MVCCA Board voted to move this resolution forward as an urgent item and E&R Chair provided public hearing testimony to present this resolution to the Wetlands Board. After the public hearing the Wetlands Board voted to approve the permit with conditions which included reporting back to the Wetlands Board on project progress. Subsequently a $10.12 million contract was issued on September 30, 2017 to Coastal Design & Construction, Inc. out of Gloucester, Virginia for the restoration and stabilization project at Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Next steps may include include a public hearing tentatively for December 12, 2017 with the Virginia Marine Resources Commission in Newport News, Virginia. The MVCCA Resolution will be sent to members of this Commission.

Other business: Followup on the Deer Management program questions raised at our September meeting can be found in the September 2017 issue of The Record.

A motion was made, seconded and agreed to by acclimation to adjourn.

Our next meeting will be November 1, 2017 at 7.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. at the Sherwood Hall Library.

PLANNING & ZONING

The MVCCA Planning and Zoning Committee did not meet in October. The Committee's next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6, 2017 in the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 in the Mount Vernon Government Center. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with the following associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac IV, and Wellington Estates.

The speaker for the meeting was Fairfax County Police Captain Matthew Owens, new commander for the Mount Vernon District Station. Captain Owens was accompanied by Lieutenant Shawn Adcock of the Neighborhood Patrol Unit. Captain Owens was assigned to Mount Vernon on September 16th and replaced Tony Matos who had been promoted to Major and placed in charge of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy.

Captain Owens provided his career assignments as a member of the Fairfax County Police Department. He joined through the Cadet Program in 1996 and then graduated from the Police Academy in 1998. His initial assignment was to patrol at the West Springfield District Station where he spent 12 years which included time with the Neighborhood Patrol Unit and the Criminal Investigations Section. Promoted to Sergeant in 2010, he was assigned to the Sully District Station. As a Second Lieutenant, he worked in the Investigations Unit of the Internal Affairs Bureau. In 2014, he was promoted to First Lieutenant and assigned to the Public Safety Communications Center prior to becoming Assistant Commander of the Sully District Station. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2016 and assigned to the Planning and Research Bureau before his transfer to Mount Vernon.

Captain Owens indicated that he will be working to meet the Department's Vision: Preventing and Fighting Crime, Provide a Culture of Safety at work and in the Community which Preserves the Sanctity of all Human Life, and Keep pace with urbanization. Captain Owens then opened the meeting to any questions which the committee members may have which included:

What is the current morale of the Mount Vernon District officers? Captain Owens responded that while he has only just begun his assignment, he has found that the officers are focused on working in and with the community to make the district a safer place. He has been impressed with the work ethic which the officers have shown. Aside from cost-of-living adjustments, there have not been real increases in salary as the budget continues to be an issue for the county.

What is being done to address the gang-related crime problem? While he has just started at Mount Vernon, Captain Owens is aware of the positive work of the Neighborhood Patrol Unit, the Gang Unit and the officers assigned to the various patrol areas. The interaction and continued cooperative efforts with the community will assist in addressing the problem.

What is meant by "Keeping pace with urbanization"? Captain Owens utilized Tysons Corner as an example of the ever changing nature of Fairfax County. What had once been agricultural fields is now occupied by high-rise offices and residences which are serviced by Metro and other urban services. This type of occupancy change requires a different approach for law enforcement as the calls for service increase and daily activities change.

Traffic enforcement challenges for Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon District has two officers who follow up on reports of school bus safety, speeding and other actions which impact the safety of

residents due to traffic. Reports can be made to the station to get specific concerns addressed.

When should 9-1-1 be called? Captain Owens advised that anytime there is a crime in progress, call 9-1-1. Recent car tampering activities which are discovered later may not warrant a 9-1-1 call but should be reported so that the police are aware of these events. Often a report can be made over the telephone or done online to ensure that proper documentation is completed.

Who has jurisdiction for traffic on Jeff Todd Way? Currently, the majority of this street is the jurisdiction of the Fort Belvoir Military Police and not Fairfax County. Work is being done to see if some type of joint-jurisdiction can be arranged.

How are current staffing levels at the station? There always seems to be a certain percentage of vacancies for each station but a minimum number of officers are maintained to patrol the district at all times and this coverage is achieved through having officers work overtime.

There seems to be significant fluctuations in the number of crimes reported on the daily recaps, is there a reason? Captain Owens indicated that there just are some days when crime activity is down so there isn't a known reason for this occurrence.

A concern was raised concerning the new bicycle lanes along potions of Route One. A specific answer was not sought but as improvements are being made, the bicycle lanes appear to be included in the planning process. The bicycle lanes being discussed narrow as they get further north. Bike lanes continue to becoming more popular so additional public education may be needed to generate awareness.

What is the current percentage of Mount Vernon officers who are trained in the crisis intervention program? A specific number for Mount Vernon was not available but the overall percentage for the department was about 25 percent. Newly hired officers are receiving the training in the police academy and officers assigned to stations are being trained as courses are made available.

What is being done about commercial truck safety in Mount Vernon? There are motor carrier safety inspection officers who work with the Mount Vernon District patrol officers when issues arise with commercial trucks. These officers work with other agencies to conduct the large truck inspection events and coordinate enforcement efforts.

What is being done for officer safety given recent attacks on police? Captain Owens reported there have been a number of changes in protocols for the use of force by police. Officer awareness and the ability to utilize skills such as the crisis intervention training to deescalate situations can provide for more positive outcomes.

What is the current status of body-worn cameras? The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety Committee will be receiving a report on the topic next Tuesday. The current issue is the long term storage of the data as the film does require a great deal of data storage space. The policies for the program are being established with input from various citizen groups and interested parties.

What is the current status of using license plate readers? There is a current lawsuit pending on the topic so things are at a standstill for now.

The committee welcomed Captain Owens to the Mount Vernon District and thanked both he and Lt. Adcock for attending the meeting.

Other Business:
A listing of upcoming events pertinent to public safety was provided as a part of the meeting agenda and is listed below.

10-Oct, 7:00 p.m.—Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
Mount Vernon Government Center

11-Oct, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.—Dept. of Transportation Public Meeting
South County Government Center

14-Oct, 8:30 a.m.—FCPD K-9 Crawl
Fairfax County Government Center

14-Oct, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.—Fire Station Open House
All Fairfax County Fire Stations

16-Oct, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.—Well Water Clinic
Pennino Building

18-Oct, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.—Domestic Violence Response Workshop
King of Kings Lutheran Church

21-Oct, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.—Reality Check (Teen car crash program)
INOVA Fairfax

28-Oct, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.—Crime Solvers Shredding Event
Mount Vernon Government Center

28-Oct, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.—Prescription Drug Take Back Day
Mount Vernon Government Center

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 7:30 pm in Conference Room #1 of the Sherwood Hall Regional Library.

Committee Reports

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of October 2, 2017 in Community Rooms of the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Sitnik. Transportation Commissioner Michael Shor; Katherine Ward, Co-Chair Liaison; and Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan participated in the meeting. Mike Rioux, Mount Vernon District Representative to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Reagan National Airport Community Working Group also participated. Representatives of the following citizens' associations were in attendance: Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Southwood, Stratford-on-the-Potomac IV, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn, and Woodley Hills.

Mike Rioux gave a thorough update on aircraft noise reduction efforts as they affect the Mount Vernon District and other communities south of Washington's Reagan National Airport. As the Transportation Committee had requested in its resolution, the Working Group has had its charter made permanent rather than ending before noise problems are resolved. The detailed standard instrument departure to the south of Reagan National submitted to the FAA remains the core proposal for reducing the noise impact of departing aircraft by keeping aircraft over the river as long as possible. Adjustments have been recommended to reduce and make more equitable noise impacts on various communities on both sides of the Potomac. These include a prohibition of flights over the City of Alexandria; having aircraft using the short runway to the south east join the departure path of runway 19 soon after takeoff; moving the waypoint for aircraft turning east to a common point with those continuing south; moving the Fort Washington turn point a short distance further away from the shore; and moving the final departure point somewhat further south over the river before departing aircraft over fly Fort Belvoir at an altitude of about 7,000 feet. The FAA has embarked on a series of technical forums to review the safety of changes. The target date for "pens down" is April 18, 2018. Thereafter changes to current procedures will undergo environmental and public comment reviews scheduled for April through October of 2018, with a planned finalization date of November 2018. In the course of reviewing possible noise reduction initiatives aimed at departing aircraft, it was discovered that some communities are also adversely affected by high noise levels generated by aircraft at very low altitudes on an instrument downwind leg of the approach pattern where their path is over the same points and pilots lower their landing gear early thereby requiring high power settings. As approaching aircraft take spacing from other traffic for landing, these patterns can extend well to the south of the Mount Vernon area. Exploring this aspect of the aircraft noise challenge has not yet proceeded very far. Mike suggested that the South Flow Alliance get the Board of Supervisors involved in keeping the FAA focused on resolving both the departing and arriving aircraft noise issues. Mike Rioux volunteered to talk to citizens' associations about aircraft noise. Also note that PDF links to Mike's aircraft noise reduction presentation are being posted to the MVCCA Transportation web site.

Earl Flanagan gave a presentation on a serious problem with the current state of planning for Richmond Highway widening and redesign. As we discussed in the past there are two concepts in play. One is just a "traditional" widening of the highway to facilitate both north-south throughput and local crossing traffic, and the other is the "super street" concept that would favor through traffic and compromise local crossing traffic severely. The Transportation Committee passed a resolution strongly opposing the "super street". The problem is that current VDOT/FCDOT planning reflects only the "super street" alternative for a significant stretch of Richmond Highway. This means that regardless of which of the current plans is selected, drivers trying to cross the Richmond Highway will have to turn in the opposite direction of their intended direction of travel, proceed a considerable distance to an intersection where they can do a U-turn on Richmond Highway and then move in their intended direction of travel. The Buckman Road—Mount Vernon Highway (VA 235) intersection is at the center of this problem. As now planned, this intersection would affect Fairfax County School buses serving elementary, middle and high schools and students living on both sides of Richmond Highway. School buses would be forced on to Richmond Highway and required to do a U-turn on the highway before proceeding to their destination. School buses ill-suited to do the required maneuvering, particularly given the numbers of buses on the road at the beginning and end of the school day. Earl Flanagan pointed out that VDOT and FCDOT had once found the solution to this problem in the form a proposed fly-over. The terrain at this location favors a flyover of Buckman and Mount Vernon Highway over the Richmond Highway. The fly-over concept would improve through traffic, crossing traffic and turning movements in all directions. The Transportation Committee voted unanimously to support the fly-over as a part of the alternative to the "super street" concept. Earl Flanagan also pointed out that the failure of VDOT and FCDOT to provide a "traditional" alternative to this part of the widening of Richmond Highway would also block the long proposed realignment of the Sacramento—Cooper Road intersections with the Richmond Highway. Transportation Commissioner Shor also suggested addressees for the resolution that would add to its effect.

A presentation on speeding on the George Washington Memorial Parkway and "Preferred Recommended Design Alternative for the Corridor of North Kings Highway in the Penn Daw Community Business Center" will be addressed at our next meeting.

The next Embark Advisory Committee meeting (#21) will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3 in the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. The subsequent Embark Advisory Group meeting (#22) will take place on Monday, October 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the South County Center, Room 221A&B.

Committee Reports

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Department of Transportation are hosting a public meeting to seek community feedback on prioritizing currently unfunded Fairfax County transportation projects for funding. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the South County Service Center at 8350 Richmond Highway.

VDOT is hosting a public meeting #2 on Richmond Highway Widening on November 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon High School.

November Meeting CHANGE: Please attend the very important VDOT Public Meeting and Presentation on the Richmond Highway Widening/ Corridor Improvements ***in place of our regular November MVCCA Transportation Committee Meeting.*** The VDOT meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Presentation starts at 7 p.m. The VDOT meeting will be at **Mount Vernon High School**, Auditorium/Cafeteria, use entrance 4, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, VA 22309. Learn more about plans to widen Richmond Highway (Route 1).

The December meeting will be on Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Government Center. This will be a joint meeting of all MVCCA committees to hear an Embark presentation on Comprehensive Plan changes and vote on a joint resolution on these changes.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

.The Federation Board meeting was Thursday, 21 September 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA, 22027. Agenda concentrated on discussion and selection of Legislative Issues to present to Membership Meeting for considering and vote to include or not include in 2018 Federation Survey & legislative package.

The Federation's Member Meeting was held Thursday, 28 September, at 7:30 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Library (Meeting Room 2) 7415 Arlington Blvd, West Falls Church, VA. The Members present discussed, amended, edited, and voted to send 11 Legislative Issues to our Legislative Representatives for their use in the 2018 Session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The next Federation Member Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19 October, at 7:30 p.m. Location: Mason Government Center (Large Conference Room) 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Topic: Discuss legislative issues with our elected Legislators.

The next Federation Board Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2017, 7:30 p.m., at the Dunn Loring Center (Entrance 2), Room 108. The full agenda will is yet to be determined but will include legislative issues.

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

SFDC

No minutes this month.

Did You Know?

The following tidbit is from a long-time Mount Vernon resident, Harry Lyons' historical collection of information given to us by his widow:

"New Alexandria neighborhood: About 1892 when the electric railroad was built run to Mount Vernon, promoters took an option on 1,600 acres of land and formed the New Alexandria Land and River Investment Group. Streets and lots were laid out and inducements were offered to industry to settle there. A 62-room hotel, a basket works, furniture factory and the roundhouse of the railroad were there, but all have since disappeared. The company bought Woodlawn Mansion in 1892, planning to use it as the terminal for the rail yard, but the line was never extended that far."

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 September 30, 2017

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	September	Total July 1 to September 30	Annual Budget	Budget Variance Amount (Unfavorable)	Budget Variance Percent
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):					
Dues - Current Members	$ 256	$ 1,700	$ 3,300	$ (1,600)	-48%
Dues - Paid in Prior Fiscal Year	-	54	-	54	
Money Market Interest	1	2	10	(8)	-76%
Total Cash Receipts	257	1,756	3,310	(1,554)	-47%
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				Remaining to Spend	
Administrative	-	100	225	125	56%
Insurance premium	-	-	875	875	100%
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500	100%
"Record" Production & Mailing	120	230	2,500	2,270	91%
Web Site	75	75	1,000	925	92%
Total Cash Disbursements	195	405	5,100	4,695	92%
Net Budget-Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements	62	1,351	(1,790)	$ 3,141	
Other sources/changes in cash					
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	13,051	11,816	11,816	Note 2	
Less cash collected in 2016-17 Fiscal Year	-	(54)		Note 3	
Total Cash at End of Period	$ 13,113	$ 13,113	$ 10,026		

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	$ 3,075
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,038
Total Cash	$ 13,113

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Markman
Treasurer
October 15, 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, 2017.
3 Note dues collected in 2016-17 fiscal year for 2017-18 fiscal year are included in "Cash Receipts" above; therefore, must be deducted from "Cash at Beginning of Period".

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 29, 8:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Government Center
Parkers Lane, Alexandria

AGENDA

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

Published Items and Resolutions

Election of Board Members

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—Nov. 29, 8:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Room
MVCCA Board—Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	11/1	7:00	TBD	Bell
EDU	1/3	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	11/1	7:00	Sherwood Hall Lib	Ledec
PL/Z	11/6	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Vinisky
PS	11/2	7:30	Sherwood Hall Lib	Sherick
*TRAN	11/6	6:30	MV High School	Sitnik

* VDOT Public Meeting and Presentation on the Richmond Highway Widening/ Corridor Improvements, Mount Vernon High School Auditorium. Presentation starts at 7:00 p.m.

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