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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

- A new webmaster has been selected.
- Nominating Committee members from member Associations are being sought.
- Pearson Parker—local Alexandria Resident—wrote and stars in “West Ford One Man Show” (a birds eye view of an African American land owner during the Civil War) Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m., Gum Springs Museum, 8100 Fordson Rd
\$35.00 suggested donation to the museum
<http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/events/details/west-ford-one-man-show-3852>

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MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Presiding: Co-Chair Mark Viani

Attending: Co-Chair Katherine Ward, Secretary Jennifer Molden, Committee Chairs: Cathy Ledec (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation/Trans), Ellen Young (SFDC), Andrew Vinisky (P&Z).

Voting Representatives from: Belle View, Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Huntington Community Association, Mason Hill Citizens Association, Montebello Condominiums, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Pavillions of Huntinton Metro Community Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Wellington Civic Association, Williamsburg Manor North Citizens Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Association

Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff: Dan Stork, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Mt. Vernon District, Cathy Ledec, Fairfax County Tree Commission, Earle Flanagan, Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

Agenda approved as submitted.

Secretary's minutes from the December General Council Meeting held on 12/20/17 were approved as published in the December Record.

Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2017 was accepted as published in the December Record.

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Budget: As reported in the Record.

Finance: As reported in the Record.

Education: As reported in the Record.

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Environmental and Recreation:

Reviewed EMBARK resolution and proposed amendment. Little Hunting Creek sewer replacement project discussed. Next meeting will be joint meeting on 2/7/18.

Transportation:

Volunteer requested to work with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality regarding developing a State-wide Salt Management Strategy for snow and ice management. Airplane noise resolution to be presented.

Fairfax Federation:

Report as submitted to Record. Pete Sitnik will step down as MVCCA REP due to other pressing commitments. MVCCA seeks new representative.

Co-Chairs Report:

- Joint budget meeting 2/7/18. Guest speakers to be Joe Mondoro County CFO and Brian Hill the new County Executive.
- National Park Service to conduct a George Washington Parkway Safety study to begin later this year; submit suggestions prior to Resolution vote in February.
- Planning Commission Public Hearing on EMBARK and the widening of Richmond Highway to be held on 1/25/18; Co-Chair Katherine Ward to testify on behalf of MVCCA.
- Continued spam received from foreign sources coming into the MVCCA listserv- owner account. Steps are being taken to correct the issue.
- Board is taking steps to find a full time website master.

Resolutions:

Transportation Resolution: Abatement of Airplane Noise (inbound and outbound) Motion to accept as presented, (Ledec), Seconded (Young). Discussion held.

Resolution as amended and approved 11:1.

The second Joint Committee EMBARK Resolution (2018-01) presented and discussed. It provided additional comments on PA 2015-IV-MV1 changes to the comprehensive plan. Discouraged Uses Addition was brought forward as an amendment to Section 15: Motion to accept (Young), Second (Ledec). Discussion held, vote to approve 11:1. Motion approved.

Motion to adopt Resolution as amended (Sitnik), Seconded (Young).

Public Time:

Representative from Wellington Civic Association, David McPhail, voiced concerns with construction of new homes in the Wellington neighborhood. Safety of children in the community as they walk to and from the bus stops with the increase of construction vehicles and materials. Current bus stop located right at the construction

site will cause a hazard to children. A request to Supervisor Storck (who was present at the meeting) to investigate the potential move of the bus stop as well as the safety issues was made. Supervisor Storck stated that he would contact the MV Representative to the School Board to take action.

New Business:

Dyke Marsh Restoration meeting rescheduled for 2/27/18 due to government shut down.

Supervisor Time:

- 2 Child care centers recently approved
- Huntington Club redevelopment project update
- Support for Wesley Housing Development
- Bryan Hill, new County Executive toured the Mount Vernon District and was introduced to staff
- Thank you to COVANTA staff on their progress to restore the fire damaged trash processing facility
- GW Parkway traffic study to be underway later this year to gather information on safety conditions, speeding and was to automate traffic enforcement. Input encouraged from members of the community.
- Video released on parkway shooting in November 2017 by US Park Police. Video captured by Fairfax County Police Department.
- Sheriff Kincaid has agreed to terminate ICE Agreement as of 5/23/18.
- Mount Vernon District Town Meeting to be held 2/3/18. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Virtual tour, vendor fair, open mic time, guest speakers and opportunities for Facebook live.
- Metro was given the authority to do a parking fee charge test at the Huntington Station

Q/A:

- Current status of Thieves Market; Cause of fire remains unknown.
- Huntington Metro South Parking Garage and lot condition and concerns
- Condition of Huntington Metro Huntington Avenue location and its aesthetics.

Meeting adjourned: 9:35 p.m.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee hosted a Fairfax County FY2019 budget discussion with Joe Mondoro, Fairfax County Chief Financial Officer, and Fairfax County Executive Bryan Hill at 7:30 p.m., February 7, 2018, in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Associations represented included Huntington Riverbend and Southwood. The Chair and Co-chair Ward attended along with members and chairs of other Committees and members of the public. Supervisor Storck was also present.

Joe Mondoro noted that positive factors in residential real estate like home prices, number of sales and a decrease on the number of days a house stays on the market have resulted in an overall revenue increase of 2.6% or \$124M of additional revenue to the county. A portion of the increased revenue is projected to go to FCPS.

Discussion items at the meeting included the issue with the county's increased Metro funding request, pension and retirement benefits, schools and the maximum tax rate.

Joe Mondoro's presentation slides (the same from a county board meeting) can be viewed here: <https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ATJHQE4997A4>.

The B&F Committee's next meeting will be held on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met in joint session with the Budget Committee at 7:30 p.m., February 7, 2018, in the Mount Vernon Government Center. Associations represented (Education Committee) included: Hollin Hall, Belle View, Newington Forest, Mt. Zephyr, Wellington, Collingwood Springs, Huntington, Sprng Bank, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Hollin Hills and Wessynton. The Chair and Co-chair Ward attended along with members and chairs of other Committees and members of the public. Supervisor Storck was also present.

The meeting featured a presentation by Joe Mondoro, County Chief Financial Officer, and comments by Count Executive Bryan Hill, with respect to FY2019 Budget issues.

Because of the timing of the meeting (the School Board Advertised Budget was scheduled for release on February 8, 2018, and the County Advertised Plan not until February 20, 2018) the presenters were not able to comment on specific budget items.

Mondoro's comments were essentially based on the November 2017 projections in the FY2019 Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools Fiscal Forecast. See

<https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=ATJHQE4997A4> and links.

In that regard, Mondoro noted that overall revenue is up slightly (2.6%) and that would equate to additional revenue of \$124M at the present tax rate. Positive factors include an uptick in home prices, numbers of sales and decreased days on the market. Non-residential values were also up slightly with vacancy rates still high but trending downward and new office construction is strong.

Some negative impacts are low Commonwealth sale tax revenue growth (although Fairfax County sales tax grew slightly as did BPOL revenue), continued uncertainty over US fiscal policy and tax reform, potential sequestration, and continued slow revenue growth for the foreseeable future.

Members were pleased to hear that the County may increase the amount of school bonds which may be sold per year, which would provide some additional funding for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) but no specifics were given.

Items brought up by attendees included pension and retirement benefits, the maximum tax rate (subject of a resolution later) and school efforts to attack salary problems causing loss of experienced personnel and morale issues. The looming problem of Metro funding was also discussed.

Following the budget presentations, the Education Committee considered and voted unanimously (11-0) to approve the resolution entitled "Meaningful Citizen Participation in the FY2019 Budget Process", printed elsewhere in this RECORD. As the Council has urged in past years, this resolution again requests the Board of Supervisors, in setting the Maximum Tax Rate on March 6, 2018, to provide flexibility for citizens to make their views known.

CIP and potential boundary issues will be likely topics of discussion in March, in addition to the County Advertised Budget.

Next meeting: 8 p.m., March 7, 2018, Whitman MS Library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee (E&R) met jointly with the MVCCA's Budget and Education Committees on February 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting was advertised by Supervisor Storck as open to the general public. This included an introduction of the new County Executive, Bryan Hill followed by a presentation on the FY 2019 budget by Joe Mondoro. Q&A followed. The schedule for Fairfax County's FY 2019 budget includes public hearings on April 10, 11, and 12, 2018.

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More information on this and information on the county's budget process can be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/public-hearing-fy-2019-budget-fy-2019-2023-cip-and-fy-2018-third-quarter-review-april-11-2018>

Our next meeting will be *March 7, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA, Community Room #3.*

PLANNING & ZONING

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The Committee received informational briefings on four projects. The first briefing was from Michael Dreher, Project Manager, briefed on the construction of the new larger Woodlawn Fire Station on the lot next to the current fire station. County purchased the property (R2) in 2013. Mr. Dreher has not met with the community yet and is applying for rezoning, map amendment, and a change to Comp Plan. They will reschedule with us closer to the public meetings. We discussed environmental issues – storm water management, water gardens, building appearance (more residential) and material, and windows.

Mr. Dave DeCamp, representative of the Fenton property at Richmond Highway and Shields Avenue, is studying the possibility of developing the 6.37 acre site with a 4-6 story apartment building. There is an apartment building on the site now. There is a contract on its purchase. The development supports the Comp Plan and future BRT and CBC of EMBARK.

The purchaser of the single family home at 8728 Lukens Road briefed the committee on his desire to open a private school for Kindergarten thru third grade for a maximum of 12 students. The community accepts his plan. He met with county staff in late September. They did not accept his plan and require a Special Exception. We discussed pupil-teacher ratio, accreditation, and parking.

Ms. Sara Mariska briefed us again on the Sunoco on Richmond Highway. There is a potential contract for purchase, but is not a done deal. Based on a previous disapproval, the potential new owners will modify the access to and from Richmond Highway and incorporate a more historical design. The site will also be more environmentally sound. The committee members expressed a negative position regarding the SE that will need to be obtained for a gas station to return to this location.

Lastly, there was a brief discussion about the Zoning Modification (Z Mod) committee and its effort to streamline zoning laws. The process for development is 1-2 years. Previously, it was about 18 months. The goal is to have a draft, outlining all changes, in 18 months.

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Room. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with the following associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, and Wellington Estates.

Our speaker for the evening was Stephen Descano, a Board of Supervisors appointed representative to the Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel. Mr. Descano is one of nine volunteer members of the Civilian Review Panel (CRP) which reports directly to the Board of Supervisors. The CRP was established to enhance police legitimacy and build and maintain trust between citizens, the Board of Supervisors, and the Police Department. The CRP will review completed public complaints investigations of abuse of authority or serious misconduct by a police officer when requested. The CRP will conduct public meetings to hear from complainants and provide a written summary of their decision to the Board of Supervisors. The CRP will also hold public meetings on law enforcement policies and practices. And, the CRP will issue an annual report of activities and recommendations on police department policies, training and practices.

An initial complaint can be made by anyone who is aware of an officer using abusive language or gestures, acting in a rude, careless, angry or threatening manner not necessary for self-defense, reckless endangerment of a detainee or person in custody, or other serious violation of the county or police department policies and procedures. (The CRP is not part of investigations of police shootings, in-custody deaths, or use of force resulting in serious injury or death.)

The complaint can be emailed, mailed, or submitted in person to the CRP or the police department. The complaint is investigated by the Internal Affairs Bureau who will have approximately 60 days to send their findings to the complainant and the CRP. If the complainant is satisfied with the investigation, that is the end of the process. However, if the complainant is not satisfied, the CRP will review the investigation to ensure it is accurate, complete, thorough, objective and impartial. A CRP Review Meeting may convene to allow the complainant to share information with the CRP as well allowing the CRP to ask questions of the complainant, the police and anyone with information on the complaint. Following the meeting, the CRP may report that they concur with the investigation findings, may advise the Board of Supervisors that the investigation is incomplete or that the investigation's findings are not supported. A public report of the CRP's findings will be issued within ninety days.

Mr. Descano provided a number of instances where the CRP cannot review complaints such as when there is a pending criminal

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or civil proceeding in any trial court, the incident occurred before December 6, 2016, it had been more than a year since the incident occurred, and several more. Also, the CRP does not have any jurisdiction to review the Sheriff's Office or Federal law enforcement. Nor does the CRP take testimony or receive evidence.

The key factors of the Civilian Review Panel include being an independent body which reports to the Board of Supervisors, all meetings are conducted publicly and complaints start the process. Visit their website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel for additional information.

During the questions and answer period of the presentation, the following topics were addressed:

- Suggestion to have the CRP members background provided on the website
- First case was reviewed in January so no statistics to report as yet
- The CRP will be tracking trends but not necessarily compiling statistics
- Panel members serve a three year term but can be appointed for an additional term
- The CRP is in place to ensure police department policies and regulations are being followed and that these reflect what the community wants and what values will be reflected in them
- A suggestions to use Channel 16 as a means to further explain the CRP and get the community invested, as well as see the value of the process was made
- A suggestion to have Steve return in a year to get an update on how the program is going was made and supported by the Committee.

The Committee thanked Mr. Descano for taking to the time to address the group as well as for his participation in the Civilian Review Panel.

Old Business

- Discussion on the upcoming budget and what impacts may be generated for public safety agencies.
- Pedestrian safety topic raised by recent occurrences in the area near INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital

Information Sharing by the Chair

- We are still in winter so if you observe individuals who might need sheltering, it is recommended to call the non-emergency number 703-691-2131 to report the need.
- The Woodlawn Fire Station will be expanded and a portion of the new footprint will be on the adjoining property. This parcel is currently zoned for residential use so a rezoning measure will be made for allowing the expansion.
- The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting boater safety classes at the Washington Mill United Methodist Church in the coming months. Initial information provided.

- A reminder to attend the Mount Vernon Town Hall meeting on Saturday, February 3.
- Notice that the Fairfax County Sheriff has terminated the intergovernmental service agreement with Immigration and Customs Enforcement as of May 23, 2018.
- Community Emergency Response Team classes will be conducted at Fort Belvoir starting in March. Students are being sought and details were provided.
- Fairfax County Police Department will be holding a Worship Watch Workshop on February 17 at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Franconia.
- The MVCCA Transportation Committee Resolution for the George Washington Parkway was reviewed.

New Business

- Meeting dates for 2018 were provided on the agenda and all meetings with the exception of November will be held in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Meeting Room.
- Suggested topics the Committee would like to have addressed in 2018 included:
 - ◇ The County budget
 - ◇ Opioid abuse and the impact on Fairfax County
 - ◇ Schools and Safety to include physical security, lockdown protocols, preparedness and parental engagement.
 - ◇ Update from US Park Police (it had been several years)
 - ◇ Tour of the Emergency Operations Center
 - ◇ Fire and Rescue presentation
 - ◇ Police Department presentation

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the evening of February 5, 2018 in the Community Rooms of the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Sitnik. Participating in the meeting were: MVCCA Council Co-Chair Katherine Ward, Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Emeritus Earl Flanagan, Tim Sergeant of the Fairfax County Planning Commission, and corporate and legal representatives of the proposed Sunoco Gas Station. Transportation representatives of the following citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle View, Gum Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Manor, Southwood, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor, and Woodley Hills.

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Sara Mariska of Walsh Colucci presented the Gas Station request for approval of the rebuilding of a Sunoco Station at the same site northwest of Richmond Highway near Huntington Avenue where the old station existed until it was condemned by VDOT for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project. The site was subsequently sold back to Sunoco in 2012 when the bridge was completed. No action was taken for long enough that the variance for a gas station at that site was allowed to lapse so new approvals are now being sought by individuals who wish to move ahead with the gas station project and are negotiating with Sunoco for the property. While ingress and egress from Richmond Highway or Old Richmond Highway remain an issue, the new owners appear amenable to very restricted access from Richmond Highway. But, the future of this gas station is now dominated by the Comprehensive Plan guidance for this property, which does not favor automotive-related business, and the owners' of the Riverside Apartments effort to consolidate the entire seventeen acre site including car dealerships, Great American Steak House, motel and gas station site into the Northern Gateway development. The Transportation Committee listened to the gas station presentation and replied that, while we had no transportation-related concerns, the Planning and Zoning issues were great and the on-going business wheeling and dealing rendered our opinion moot until the configuration of the Northern Gateway development could be determined.

Jack Coulter of Williamsburg Manor North C.A. presented a current traffic issue in this same area of the intersection of the "jug handle" exit for Outer Loop traffic seeking to turn south into Fort Hunt Road. Vehicles exiting the Great American Steak House are joining the right lane of the "jug handle" and then, in order to turn hard left toward Old Town or the Woodrow Wilson Bridge are cutting off Fort Hunt Road traffic also turning left, but only as far as toward Fort Hunt Road. The Transportation Committee agreed that signage should be put into place to allow jug handle ingress into the Steak House but stop egress by Steak House traffic turning those vehicles to the right a short distance on the access road to the Old Richmond Highway where they could align themselves to the far left at the traffic light and then be in the correct lane for the intended turn without conflicting with Fort Hunt traffic. We will approach this with VDOT or FCDOT.

Michael Dreher, Project Manager of Fairfax County's Building Design Branch gave the committee a courtesy presentation on the proposed replacement of the Fairfax County Fire House southeast of Richmond Highway on Lukens Lane. This, the oldest county fire house, will be entirely replaced on an adjacent lot already owned by the county. The new facility will have more modern and adequate facilities; there will be no change in emergency response operations; the old building will eventually be razed and be replaced by a 35-car parking lot sufficient for assigned personnel; the transition to the new facility will not affect operations. The committee thanked the firemen present and wished them well.

The Transportation Committee then took up a draft resolution recognizing Congressman Beyer's success in obtaining Park Service

agreement to complete a survey of traffic safety on the George Washington Memorial Parkway in 2018. Frank Cihak presented a review of improvements this committee has advocated in the past. The resolution emphasizes the significance of this study and lays out a number of concerns that need to be addressed in the course of performing the study. MVCCA Co-Chair Katherine Ward did a first draft and Ron Cunningham delivered an update on Parkway traffic. The committee discussed the draft resolution and voted to support it after some editorial changes. This MVCCA Resolution National Park Service, George Washington Memorial Parkway Traffic Safety Study (Transportation) 2018-02 will be submitted as soon as the editorial changes are made.

The Committee reviewed the MVCCA Transportation Committee Resolution 2018-01 which had been advanced without full committee action by virtue of the weather cancellation of our January meeting. This resolution supports the Metropolitan Airport Authority Noise Working Group recommendations #8 and #11 which keep aircraft departures to the south over the river until reaching seven thousand feet of altitude and reaching approximately to Fort Belvoir and also seek to modify arrivals to keep them at a higher altitude until closer to Reagan National Airport and over the river more than at present. Mike Rioux gave an update on FAA actions in their review of these procedures. He was not optimistic. The FAA Administrator has retired, so only an "Acting" Administrator is in place and is not likely to take responsibility for significant changes. The issue of air traffic control here in the DC-Area has evidently been moved to the New York office. Action is not promised before June 2019. Chairman Sitnik passed out draft letters to our Congressional delegation to encourage their continued support for aircraft noise improvement action by the FAA.

Our Chairman suggested that we learn about WAZE, a GPS supported function that helps drivers avoid congestion on main roads by following residential alternative routes. We will discuss this at a future meeting.

Our chairman asked if there might be any volunteers to participate in Salt Management Program meetings.

New voting cards were passed out to committee members and members were advised if their citizens' associations had not yet paid their 2017-18 dues.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018 in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. Subsequent Transportation Committee meetings are scheduled for April 2, May 7, Jun 4, and July 9, (August no scheduled meeting), September 10, October 1, November 5 and December 3, all starting at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes not available.

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

SFDC

SFDC and the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce have set the date for the 2018 Economic Outlook Summit. It will be held on Thursday, April 12 from 7:30 am to 11:00 a.m. The location will be the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Rd. More details and registration information will follow soon.



Honoring the enslaved persons

This grave and memorial was put in by the Mount Vernon Lady's Association in 1929

Proposed MVCCA EDUC Resolution 2018-1

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION (MVCCA) EDUCATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: MEANINGFUL CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE FY2019 BUDGET PROCESS

- 1. WHEREAS** Fairfax County's Fiscal Year 2019 Advertised Budget Plan ("FY2019 County Advertised Budget") to be publicly released on February 20, 2018, will include expectations, presumptions and recommendations with respect to revenue sources ("Revenue"), funding levels for County services ("County Funding Levels"), and the proposed amount of support to be provided to Fairfax County Public Schools ("School Transfer"); and
- 2. WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2018, the Board of Supervisors ("BOS") will advertise the maximum residential and commercial real property tax rate ("Maximum Rate") which the BOS may legally and actually adopt for application throughout FY2019 ("Actual Rate"); and
- 3. WHEREAS** residential and commercial property taxes provide the bulk of Revenue and thus are the primary financial support for County services and for Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS"); and
- 4. WHEREAS** the Actual Rate, County Funding Levels, School Transfer and related matters in the FY2019 County Advertised Budget will be the subject of citizen comment and testimony at hearings on April 3-5, 2018 ("Public Hearings"); and
- 5. WHEREAS** taxpayers, businesses and citizens consistently give high priority to the quality of County services and infrastructure -- and particularly to protecting the performance and high value of FCPS as an educational institution, as a prime asset and driver of the County's economy, and as a magnet to attract new businesses and residents; and
- 6. WHEREAS** meaningful citizen participation in the budget process, public discourse on the proper balance of tax burden and services, and the ability of the BOS to respond to demonstrated concerns, should not be arbitrarily chilled and circumscribed by the prior restraint of the Maximum Rate, set without any public hearing; and
- 7. WHEREAS** the Maximum Rate should be advertised at a level which would at least fully fund FCPS pursuant to the School Board's FY2019 Advertised Budget released February 8, 2018, as well as County Funding Levels, and should ideally provide some additional flexibility to promote positive discussion of the proper balance of taxes and services and enhance BOS ability to respond to demonstrated needs throughout FY2019;

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A. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations ("MVCCA"), in order to promote meaningful citizen participation in the FY2019 Fairfax County Budget process, to enhance public discourse on budgetary priorities and the proper balance of public services and tax burden, and to provide flexibility in responding to citizens' priorities respectfully requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to advertise a Maximum Tax Rate which would at a minimum fully fund both the County and School Board FY2019 Advertised Budgets and includes additional flexibility for BOS response; and

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MVCCA expresses no opinion at this time as to Actual Tax Rate, County Funding Levels or School Transfer appropriate for implementation in FY2019.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2018-01 (EDU)

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed MVCCA Transportation Resolution 2018-02

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) RESOLUTION: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS) GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY (GWMP) TRAFFIC SAFETY STUDY (TRANSPORTATION) 2018-02

1. Whereas: A majority of Mount Vernon District residents live along the George Washington Parkway and are deeply concerned with traffic challenges along this important commuting route that threaten the safety of drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists and have long advocated a better understanding of traffic volume, accident statistics, and implementation of safety improvements with the potential to make this important artery safer for all users;

2. Whereas: Congressman Beyer has secured a NPS commitment to conduct a traffic Safety Study on the GWMP;

3. Whereas: The NPS states that they will conduct this study during 2018;

4. Whereas: The MVCCA, has over the years, repeatedly and without success, encouraged the NPS to conduct such study in the interest of enhancing safe operations along the GW Parkway;

5. Whereas: Citizen concerns for improved safety signage at the north entrance to East Boulevard Drive and the entrance to Morningside Lane demonstrate the need for improved safety signage at the intersections along the GWMP;

6. Whereas: Traffic has been increasing along the Parkway especially with the increased workforce at Ft Belvoir which is projected to have another major workforce increase by 2025 time frame.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the MVCCA support the following considerations as parts of this Safety Study:

1. Determining appropriate speed limits and documenting and controlling excessive speed along the Parkway, and at intersections including the utility of speed cameras.
2. Establishing an accident history for the parkway including date, location, cause and any actions taken to reduce the likelihood of similar accidents in the future.
3. Determining appropriate signage, lane and crossing markings, and other methods needed to protect bicyclists and pedestrians where vehicle exits from the Parkway cross the GWMP Bicycle Path within a few feet of the Parkway.
4. Addressing the possibility of Parkway configuration changes such as a wider median at Belleview Blvd.
5. Determining standards for maintaining open sight-lines at cross streets intersecting the Parkway.
6. Considering replacing the yield sign at the Mount Vernon Traffic Circle with a stop sign and improved signage and lane markings at the south bound right turn only lane.
7. Installing reflective safety signage at exits from the Parkway that clearly mark the location of exits, particularly at night.
8. Develop a safety study of the following major GWMP intersections: Belle Haven, Belleview, Morningside, Vernon View, and the Circle at Mt. Vernon.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2018-02 (TRAN)



Supervisor Storck hosts community & MVCCA Council members at a wreath laying at George Washington's tomb Feb 19th

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FOR General Council ratification:

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) RESOLUTION (BOARD/TRANS) 2018-03: UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES ON RICHMOND HIGHWAY FROM JEFF TODD WAY TO NAPPER RD (FORT BELVOIR TO COSTCO)

1. **Whereas:** The MVCCA adopted resolution 2017-AC-01 item 3 supporting various funding sources for Undergrounding of Utilities on Richmond Highway and;
2. **Whereas:** The MVCCA has taken the position that the Undergrounding of Utilities should be completed at the same time as the widening and;
3. **Whereas:** Prince William County has funded the Undergrounding of Utilities for the entire 9 mile stretch of Richmond Highway utilizing General Funds, General Obligation Bonds, NVTA regional funds, and Revenue Sharing and local funds which are all considered local funds by the State and the Federal Government and;
4. **Whereas:** Prince William County's justification of Undergrounding of Utilities was a budget neutral investment that will enhance property values, generated by the Undergrounding of Utilities which would pay for itself over 20 years and;
5. **Whereas:** The Richmond Highway community cannot realize the Transit-Oriented Development envisioned with overhead utilities and;
6. **Whereas:** Fairfax County staff states "Undergrounding of Utilities in the Richmond Highway corridor would potentially delay the completion of the roadway widening and BRT project" and;
7. **Whereas:** Properties along this section of Richmond Highway generated over \$4.5 million dollars in tax revenue (2017) and the property owners and both current and future residents deserve to achieve the vision and goals of Embark and;
8. **Whereas:** The amount of Right of Way (ROW) needed will be the same for Underground Utilities as overhead utilities and;
9. **Whereas:** VDOT anticipates Right of Way (ROW) condemnation process from Richmond Highway from Fort Belvoir to Costco to take 4 to 5 years and;
10. **Whereas:** Richmond Highway should be consistently improved from the Beltway in the North to Quantico in the South and;

11. **Whereas:** The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce also supports Undergrounding of Utilities along Richmond Highway (Reference Chamber letter to BOS January 24, 2018).

A. Therefore be it Resolved: The MVCCA recommends using the funding processes used by Prince William County for the Undergrounding of Utilities along their section of Richmond Highway and;

B. Further be it Resolved: The MVCCA recommends Fairfax County utilize similar funding techniques to achieve the Undergrounding of Utilities along the Fairfax County section of Richmond Highway as Prince William County used to fund their Undergrounding of Utilities and;

C. Further be it Resolved: The Planning Commission should ensure that appropriate language is included in PA 2015-IV-MV1 that indicates that Richmond Highway requires the Undergrounding of Utilities along its length and especially from Fort Belvoir to Costco and is not dependent upon individual redevelopment/ developers and;

D. Finally be it Resolved: The MVCCA asks Supervisor Storck and the full Board of Supervisors to direct staff to take appropriate actions to achieve Undergrounding of Utilities along the Richmond Highway corridor from Fort Belvoir to Costco concurrently with the road widening project for that portion of Richmond Highway and all future widening to accommodate Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).

Approved by the MVCCA Board Feb 13, 2018 at their Board Meeting

END: RESOLUTION 2018-03 (BOARD/TRAN)

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 January 31, 2018

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	January	Total July 1 to 31-Jan	Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 2,477	\$ 3,300	
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 Fiscal Year ³	-	54	-	
Money Market Interest	1	6	10	
Total Cash Receipts	1	2,537	3,310	(773)
<u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u>				
Administrative	-	101	300	199
Insurance premium	835	835	835	-
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	190	600	1,390	790
Web Site	-	75	900	825
Total Cash Disbursements	1,025	1,611	3,925	2,314
<u>Net Budget Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements</u>	(1,024)	926	(615)	\$ 1,541
<u>Other sources/changes in cash</u>				
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	13,713	11,816	11,816	Note 2
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 for 2016-17 Fiscal Year	-	(54)	-	Note 3
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 12,689	\$ 12,689	\$ 11,201	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,648
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,041
Total Cash	\$ 12,689

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman
Treasurer
February 7, 2018

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, February 28, 8:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Government Center
Parkers Lane, Alexandria

AGENDA

Call to Order

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

Published Items and Resolutions

New Business

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—Feb. 28, 8:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Room
MVCCA Board—Mar. 13, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	3/12	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Bell
EDU	3/7	8:00	WWMS Library	Harbeck
E&R	3/7	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Ledec
PL/Z	3/5	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Vinisky
PS	3/1	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	3/5	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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