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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Honoring Years of Service Reception for Earl Flanagan

Mount Vernon District Planning Commission

Join us on April 25, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
Mount Vernon Government Center, Parkers Lane

We will honor Commissioner Flanagan before our regular General Council Meeting. So come early at 7:30 p.m. for a reception and ceremony.

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Election for MVCCA Executive Board
May 23, 2018 at the General Council meeting

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SFDC Economic Outlook 2018
April 12, 2018, 7:30am—11am
Belle Haven County Club. Register [here](#).

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MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 28, 2018
at Mt Vernon Government Center Community Room

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Katherine Ward

ATTENDING: Co-Chair Mark Viani , Secretary Jennifer Molden, Committee Chairs: Cathy Ledec (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation), Ellen Young (SFDC), Matt Bell (B&F), Dean Sherick (PS), Gretchen Walzl (PZ).

Voting Representatives from: Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association, Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Wellington Civic Association, Woodlawn Manor Civic Association, Belle View Condominium Association, Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Mason Hill Citizens Association, Montebello Condominiums, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Sulgrave Manor Civic Association. Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr Citizens Association, Riverside Estates Civic Association, Wellington Civic 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; Matt Bell, Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Mt. Vernon District; Earle Flanagan, Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner.

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

THE AGENDA Approved.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES from the January General Council Meeting held on 1/24/18 were approved as published in the January Record.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Edu. Environment and Recreation, Planning and Zoning and Transportation: Committee members participated in a community meeting with the new County Executive Bryan Hill and the County CFO Joe Mondoro Joe presented the group with details about the

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Counties upcoming budget for 2019. Attendees also were from the community at large plus Supervisor Storck.

Edu: Minutes as reported in the Record. Upcoming meeting to address overcrowding and boundaries.

E&R: The chair attended the State DEQ sponsored salt management task force and discussed goals for the County related to use of salts on our roads and the potential effects on the environment. Encouraged all who may be interested to attend especially on behalf of the community. Those interested should send their names to Cathy Ledec or Pete Sitnik. Currently the representation at the kick off meeting consisted of primarily county staff, businesses and representatives from environmental groups not citizens at large. The DEQ Task Force manager desires more citizens at large attend. He asked MVCCA to get the word out to our members. The goals are to set establish "best practices" related to use of de-icing products on our roads to ensure no negative impact on our water ways and the environment in general.

Budget/Fin: Request to communities to send input for the 2019 MVCCA budget resolution and to encourage their members to attend the meeting.

P/Z: Gretchen Walzl was welcomed as the new assistant committee chair and recorder for PZ committee. Gretchen was a previous Co-Chair of MVCCA and PZ chair.

Trans: Meeting minutes as reported in the record. The Chair echoed the comments by the ER chair regarding the DEQ Salt Management Task Force.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT:

The members were informed that MVCCA has hired / contracted with a new webmaster. The upcoming MVCCA executive Committee elections will be in May and the Board has selected 3 board members for the nominating committee, two additional members from the General Council are needed as well. The group was asked for volunteers.

RESOLUTIONS:

Undergrounding of Utilities: Due to a timing issue, it was necessary for the Board to adopt a resolution regarding undergrounding of utilities along Rt 1. The resolution mirrors previous ones already adopted by the membership; ratification is needed by General Council. Vote was called for vote, discussion held; motion to amend by E. Flanagan to change "therefore be it resolved" of resolution from "Planning Commission" to "Board of Supervisors"; motion by C. Ledec and second E. Young; motion passed as amended, unanimous 13:0.

Education Resolution: for 2019 budget: Major issue was the max tax rate: motion by E. Young, second P. Sitnik; call for discussion and vote. Motion passed 13:0

Transportation Resolution for the National Park Service Safety Study of the GW Parkway: motion to accept by E. Flanagan, second E. Young, motion to amend resolution to suggest the National Park Service include additional safety measures was offered. Discussion held and motion to amend was passed 8-5. Motion as amended to rewrite item #1, voted and passed 13:0.

NEW BUSINESS: None

MEMBER ASSOCIATION TIME:

- 75th Anniversary of the establishment of Hollin Hall Village. Look for upcoming activities and celebrations.
- The Gum Springs Historical Society will host "West Ford – A History" presentation by Pearson Parker March 24th at the Gum Springs Community Center. West Fords was a freed slave and land owner who established Gum Springs.

SUPERVISOR TIME:

- Town meeting a success, most attended town meeting approx. 400 on site and an additional 500 on Facebook Live.
- Thank you to MVCCA for their participation and their booth.
- County budget presented by Bryan Hill; 2019 budget addresses schools and fully funds their request. Hearings will be held on multiple days and citizens can testify either by video or by attending the hearings. If you want to video our testimony and need help come to see Supervisor Storck's staff for help.
- Recommendation for an opioid task force for the growing concerns in our community.
- Desire to have a drug court in our part of FFX County.
- The master plan contractor has been selected and will begin work on developing the master plan to redo the high school and associated grounds. The contractor has copies of previous task force recommendations and will be seeking community input over the next 9 months. Jeff McKay and Supervisor Storck appointed a citizen steering committee to work with the contractor. Co-Chair Ward urged Supervisor Stork to ensure that this task force keeps the community informed. He reiterated that the citizens will be asked for their input.
- 3rd Annual Ides of Bark (dogs bring their humans) to take place at Grist Mill Park March 18th 1-4 PM. Many giveaways and demonstrations.
- BOS public hearing on EMBARK on 3/20/18. Full support by both Sup. Stork and Sup. McKay.
- Continued search for additional funds on Richmond Hwy expansion, BRT, and undergrounding.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted on 3/15/18 by Jennifer Molden, MVCCA Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Associations represented included Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverbend and Stratford on the Potomac. The Chair of the MVCCA Education Committee also attended.

The B&F committee discussed the Fairfax County FY2019 proposed budget. The B&F committee edited and passed MVCCA Budget & Finance Resolution 2018-01 (Recommendations on the Fairfax County FY 2019 Budget Plan) resolution. The resolution was then passed with amendments at the MVCCA Board meeting. The resolution will be presented to the full MVCCA membership at the March membership meeting.

The B&F Committee's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 p.m. on March 7, 2018, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Collingwood Springs, Huntington, Belle Haven Terrace, Stratford on the Potomac, Riverside Gardens, Newington Forest, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Potomac Valley/Riverbend and Wellington. Several community members also attended as did Karen Corbett-Sanders, Mount Vernon school board representative.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted the Resolution, which appears elsewhere in this RECORD, supporting the school funding and suggested FY2019 property tax rate as set forth in the FY2019 Fairfax County Advertised Budget.

In addition to fully funding the School Board request for the first time in many years, the County Advertised Budget also increased maximum bond sales by \$25M per year which will help address and reduce the lengthy backlog of construction and renovation projects while saving costs.

A general discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), current and prospective capacity needs and possible solutions was led by Committee member Cathy Hosek who has been following the issues for several years. Hosek provided a number of notes and links to important sites for monitoring the developing situation, as the impact of EMBARK and other development becomes more clear. These links are provided at the end of these minutes.

Hosek and the Chair also met with Kevin Sneed, FCPS Director of Facilities Planning, and shared information with the Committee, as did Karen Corbett-Sanders.

Because there are so many unknowns at this point, at least the next six months will likely be a waiting game.

For our area, the most immediate concern is the severe overcrowding at West Potomac High School; while WPo is high on the list for additional construction that will not happen immediately and it is also obvious that we cannot build our way out of the problem. Available land around the current buildings is very limited and road access already extremely poor so that an ever larger school will exacerbate safety issues. An extremely large (over 3000 students) school is also not optimal for student life, activities and safety.

Some programmatic moves could free up WPo space, such as moving out the preschool to another location, or shifting other programs to other schools. Mount Vernon High School, though growing to more than 2000 students this year, has some capacity which could be utilized through program moves or small scale boundary changes, but that would be only a stop gap solution.

Although boundary changes can be painful and divisive, the Committee and Corbett-Sanders have favored a holistic, student data-driven and universal approach rather than the piecemeal process which has contributed to the "gerrymandered" districts we see all across the county, to "island" schools rather than neighborhood schools, and to increased busing. FCPS staff is looking at how other systems handle these issues to arrive at sensible solutions with as little political and community angst as possible.

The EMBARK maps do include a space for an additional high or middle school in the area behind Mount Vernon Plaza but that is at best many years away. At present, there are no funds to purchase land or for construction. Sneed noted that over the past 15 years, schools have received only \$20M in proffers, including \$4.5M specifically for fields and that concessions from developers have mostly been used by the County for County purposes such as parks, trails, rec centers and roads. Schools need both land and capital to keep up with growth from County-approved projects which typically are built and operating long before schools can respond.

It was also noted that the "Pinewood Lakes" school was bumped further down the queue because most of the elementaries in our areas are not over capacity, especially after additions and renovations in progress or planned are completed. Mount Eagle and Hybla Valley are exceptions. However, Sneed expects to soon remove all trailers and modulars in our area.

These issues will likely be an important part of the Committee's activities for some time and the Chair also urged members to be

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sure their associations are represented on the Planning and Zoning and Transportation Committees for fast feedback on issues affecting schools. Members are also urged to attend public EMBARK and other public meetings to keep informed on planned projects.

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SITES AND COMMENTS

EMBARK

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway>

Link to Open House Boards from the January 11 meeting:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/compplanamend/embarkrichmondhwy/meetings/community/january%2010,%202018/openhouseboards.pdf>

Facts to note: Slide 18 of the Open House Boards shows a potential new High/Middle School.

Next action: Board of Supervisors public hearing: Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 4:00 pm. There is also a community meeting on the schedule for March, but no specific date yet.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway/schedule>

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VDOT

Rt. 1 Widening

http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/richmond_highway.asp

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FPAC Facilities Planning Advisory Council

<https://www.fcps.edu/committee/facilities-planning-advisory-council>

Location: Gatehouse Room 5050, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

Date and Time: Second Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/FPAC%20Agenda%203-6-18.pdf>

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The Capital Improvement Program:

<https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/Proposed%20FY%202019-23%20CIP.pdf>

When this is posted, it will contain the top boundary issues as listed by the school board on page 46. Currently this page only lists 3 priorities.

There are 3 potential elementary school locations:

- Pinewood Lakes ES
 - Reopening of Virginia Hills
 - Another location somewhere between South Alex (Penn Daw) and Beacon Hill
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GIS Student Tracking System

The Enrollment Dashboard: <https://www.fcps.edu/enrollmentdashboard> - This tells you what capacity and enrollments are at each school in FCPS

- 359 classrooms are used by SACC and Head Start - both county programs. This is the equivalent of 10 elementary schools!
- Capacity overrules Renovations in queue priority
- In the next 2 years they hope to have a long term plan that includes projections from things like EMBARK and the Silver Line expansion that will look at the next 10-20 years.
- Smallest cohorts are K, 1 and 2
- Currently 55 split feeders in FCPS

Enrollment numbers

- Elementary School went down by 461 students
- Middle School went up by 541 students
- High School went up by 838 students

Handouts from the meeting:

Attachment A - Membership Analysis and Trends

[https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/ATMMUN589B9D/\\$file/Attachment%20A%20-%20SY%202017-18.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/ATMMUN589B9D/$file/Attachment%20A%20-%20SY%202017-18.pdf)

Attachment B - Region Tables

[https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/ATMMUY58A090/\\$file/Attachment%20B%20-%20Region%20Tables.pdf](https://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/ATMMUY58A090/$file/Attachment%20B%20-%20Region%20Tables.pdf)

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Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation

<http://sfdc.org/>

16 listed potential developments

2017 report: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jldWjhn47_BFYpmwwXOOij7Er-Juf3Jg/view

The Arden isn't even listed on their website yet (Huntington section) – 126 units

- North Hill – 219 Multifamily (workforce/affordable), 60 units for seniors, and 195 for-sale town homes
 - South Alex – 400 apts, 41 town homes
 - Novus North Kings – 340 units
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NEXT Meeting: 8 p.m., April 4, 2018, Whitman MS library

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee (E&R) met on March 7, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. Community representatives included Belle Haven Terrace, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington Community, Mount Vernon Civic, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Wellington Civic, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting), and Woodlawn Manor. Also present was E&R Chair who also serves as Tree Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District.

We welcomed Justin Pistore, Section Chief of the Stormwater Planning Division of Fairfax County's Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. He presented to us on the work that has been done in the design phase of watershed improvement and stream restoration projects for the Board of Supervisors owned Fairchild Property. The projects include stormwater outfall improvements and stream restoration projects. There is 1200 feet of stream with 3 channels at this location. The first channel (Reach 1) flows from the neighborhood, the second channel (Reach 2) flows from King's Crossing and the third channel (Reach 3) draws from Quander School. The valley wall or headwall at Reach 1 has been there long before the stream started to undercut. A series of step pools and riffle will be installed to slow down and filter stormwater flows. This project will be able to handle today's stormwater flows and is planned to handle more than this with the likelihood of increasingly intense storms of shorter duration due to climate change. It is expected to last for several generations. Work on Reaches 2 and 3 will require raising up the stream beds. Here again step pools will be used, a riffle, and a boulder cascade. This boulder cascade will slow down the stormwater flows and oxygenate the water, improving water quality. One access point to the site is through the King's Crossing Plaza (there is an easement already on the books for this) and thanks to the Quander family for the land transfer to the Board of Supervisors that provides a second, wider access point to the property from Quander Road. This second access point will allow the needed larger equipment to access the site. Best practices will be followed with respect to reducing the impact to trees and tree roots by going around them and using timber matting to protect roots. A good practice that DPWES follows follows for many projects is to use the sanitary sewer easement for access to these project sites. These sanitary sewer easements are maintained with non-woody vegetation so there is little need to clear more thereby reducing adverse environmental impacts by not needing to clear more. As part of due diligence for this project the Sanitary Sewer lines were checked and these did not have any structural defects. Typically DPWES projects take 3 years for to fully revegetate. FC DPWES will monitor the plantings (typically with one year warranty) including the trees that remain. Native plants, shrubs and trees are used for replanting. A Committee Member asked about seed/plant selection. Does DPWES over-select for plants that support pollinators? Mr. Pistore told us that this is generally the case and though specifically this will depend on conditions. The Fairchild property has an open area and this meadow will be enhanced. It is possible that two hundred trees

may be taken out though the assessment of this is not yet final. Of these, thirty that are twelve inches+ in diameter will be re-used on site as wildlife habitat.

A phase one archaeological survey has been completed. There are archaeological sites on top of the bluff. These projects have been intentionally routed away from these. The original Quander homestead near the high school is already gone as is the Spring Bank mansion. There is prehistoric evidence on site up on the bluff. The mobile home park was the location of Camp Vermont from the civil war. Throughout the Spring Bank neighborhood there is evidence of Camp Vermont. Also at the Five Guys location was a one room school house, this is also gone. It would be good to have historic markers so that this history is not lost.

The design phase of the project has been fully funded. Future actions are pending funding decisions. Once funded, and a contract awarded, there is a 10-12 month window to complete the work. The Quander house from the 1920s will go away, this was investigated thoroughly and nothing of historical note was found. This area will be used as a staging area and will be converted to a meadow. Most trees on this part of the site will remain. The meadow will be re-seeded with a native meadow mix.

The final design will be completed likely by June 2018. A Nationwide 27 permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers will be needed, this also covers state permitting needs. A VDOT land use permit for the construction entrance off Quander Road will be needed. The goal is to restore and repair the property so that the Fairfax County Park Authority will accept the transfer of this property. Once this occurs the FCPA will likely begin a master plan process for this park. The timing of this is not yet known but we are clearly moving closer to this with the design of the projects almost complete.

A Committee Member asked about a different stream, one that is nearby their property. How can this be added to the list for stream restoration? Mr. Pistore recommended that property owners contact the Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division to have someone from MSMD come out to inspect the stream. Complaints can also be filed for flooding or other drainage problems. Readers are reminded that the Fairfax County Police Emergency Number 911 should be used for active flood emergencies.

Mr. Pistore invited committee members to contact him with any questions on this project. We thanked him for his presentation and look forward to continued progress on this work.

Next the Committee received an update on several upcoming project efforts.

Mount Vernon Trail Public Meeting and comment period. See here for info: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/walk/projects/mount-vernon-memorial-highway-trail-project> A public comment period is open until April 8, 2018.

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The Alice Ferguson Potomac River clean up is scheduled for April 14, 2018. Many sites along Little Hunting Creek are included in this. See here for info: <http://fergusonfoundation.org/events/30th-annual-potomac-river-watershed-cleanup/>

There was a brief discussion about the Virginia Department of Environment Quality Salt Strategy Advisory Committee and its work. The MVCCA is represented on this Committee by Cathy Ledec, MVCCA E&R Committee Chair, and Mount Vernon District Tree Commissioner; Diane Donley, Past MVCCA Co-Chair; and Pete Sitnik, MVCCA Transportation Committee Chair. More information can be found here: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/SaMS/MeetingMaterials.aspx>

A reminder about the EMBARK public hearing at the Board of Supervisors March 20, 2018 meeting. A copy of the Plan Amendment can be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/compplanamend/embarkrichmondhwy/documents/2015-iv-mv1.pdf>

To sign up to speak at the public meeting go here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form> Interested parties can also submit written testimony for this public hearing.

With no further business the committee meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be *April 4, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA.*

PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning & Zoning committee did not meet in March.

The next meeting is planned for Monday, April 2. However, there are currently no presentations scheduled, and if so, there will not be a meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

The speaker for the meeting was Assistant Fire Chief John Caussin of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD). Chief Caussin oversees the Business Services Bureau and the Office of the Fire Marshal so he was one of the best people to provide an overview of the proposed FY2019 budget. The FY 2019 adver-

tised budget has \$209.4 million dollars allocated for the FRD of which 74 percent will be used for staffing.

The priorities of the new County Executive include fully funding school operations, transportation (including Metro and the Fairfax Connector), the Diversion First program, continued phasing in the Public Safety Staffing Plan, compensation and benefits requirements for employees and contributions to the County reserve. Specific items for Fire and Rescue include an increase of \$100,000 to support volunteer retention, \$266,796 to support the staffing plan which includes 18 positions initially funded from the federal grants program Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), and a reduction of \$1.5 million in personnel services which had been earmarked for payments of Fair Labor Standards Act requirements but no longer needed.

Positive funding impacts include a full compensation package which allows the FRD to be competitive in recruiting highly qualified employees. Chief Caussin explained that here in the Washington, DC area, public safety agencies are in competition for the best employees so hiring and keeping top employees can be challenging so working hours and other employee benefits contribute to maintaining qualified staff. The continued funding of the SAFER positions retains those 18 positions which would have been lost in FY2019. And, volunteers continue to support FRD at 12 different fire stations so the additional funding will assist in gaining additional personnel for that effort.

On the negative side of the FY 2019 budget are unfunded requests for the continued deferring of capital equipment and the majority of the Public Safety Staffing Plan. Also not having a stabilized apparatus replacement fund means that replacements and improvements to apparatus will be delayed.

Plus, the Traffic Pre-emption Program allows responding units to gain control of traffic intersections so traffic can flow more smoothly and units can decrease the time required to arrive at emergency scenes but this will be delayed as the cost of a single intersection is \$10,000. There are over 900 signals under Virginia Department of Transportation control but Fairfax County is provided access to install these systems. Other sources of funding such as developer proffers are being examined as one means to expand the program which aids in FRD reaching the goal of 5 minute response times across the county.

The billing program for Emergency Medical Services response contributed approximately \$20.5 million for the 55,000 medical transports last year. This expense is normally covered by healthcare insurance and the deductible fee for local residents is waived. This program saves the average household \$47 in taxes.

Fire and Rescue currently has a number of capital improvement projects here in the Mount Vernon District including rebuilding the fire stations at Lorton, Woodlawn and Penn Daw. These projects

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will be occurring over the next several years with completion dates in 2023. Other future fire station improvements in the southern part of the county will be included in a bond referendum that will be voted on this fall and the Mount Vernon and Gunston stations will be part of that funding. A new station has been proposed to provide coverage in the East Tysons area. No additional stations are planned for our district.

Changing the subject from the budget to opioid overdoses and the increasing number of incidents here in Fairfax County, Chief Caussin reported that Fire and Rescue was on a task force with the Health and Police Departments, Neighborhood and Community Services, and the Office of Public Affairs. FRD averages 3 to 6 heroin/opioid incidents each week. All FRD and police units have the nasal spray to counteract these drugs. The nasal spray was provided through a grant.

During the question and answer portion of the presentation, Chief Caussin reported:

- Fire and Rescue responded to 101,000 calls last year. About 73 percent of the calls were for emergency medical services and 25 percent were for fires with the balance being hazardous materials, technical rescue and other events.
- Operations personnel work a 56-hour work week which is comprised of 24-hour shifts. Staff work on a day, off a day, on a day, off a day, on a day and then off four days. The other departments in Northern Virginia work the same shift but Washington, DC and Prince Georges County, Maryland work a 42-hour work week.
- A question relevant to hiring practices suggested using an outside or regional-style approach to training. FRD has found that using a shortened "incumbent" school for individuals already trained by other departments did not fully meet the needs of Fairfax County so that process is no longer done. Individuals who are nationally recognized paramedics are hired but still attend the full recruit training and are often able to receive a slightly higher pay rate.

The committee thanked Chief Caussin for his time and presentation. We will have representatives from the Police Department providing the budget impacts at the April meeting.

Old Business

- The Club One facility, located in the Woodlawn Shopping Center, will be appealing a notice of non-compliance from Zoning. The information was contained in Supervisor Storck's packet which was provided at the MVCCA General Council meeting.
- The Committee Chair will be following up with Supervisor Storck's staff on a previous resolution pertaining to the Department of Homeland Security's Run-Hide-Fight video which provides guidance for active shooter events.

There were no new business items for the committee to discuss so the meeting adjured at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

TRANSPORTATION

There was no Transportation Committee Meeting in March 2018.

The next Transportation Committee Meeting will be held on:

Monday, April 2, 2018
7:00 p.m. (our new regular start time)
Mount Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA
Community Room

April 2, 2018 Transportation Agenda*

- Presentation and Question/Answer session by Tom Biesiadny, Director, Fairfax County Department of Transportation. Presentation will include an update on Mount Vernon District transportation projects. Transportation Committee Members are encouraged to send any questions or topics they would like addressed in the presentation to Chair Pete Sitnik at Chair.Tran@mvcca.org by 5PM Friday March 23 so FCDOT will be fully prepared to give us the very best information.
- Discussion of safety concerns on Route 235 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway.

*Agenda may change due to unexpected events

Updates, reports, announcements, upcoming events:

Update on Transportation Resolution/s & Virginia State DEQ SAG:

- Our February 5, 2018 proposed resolution on the National Park Service (NPS) George Washington (GW) Parkway Traffic Safety Study was considered, amended, and passed by the MVCCA General Council February 28, 2018.
- An MVCCA Board & Transportation resolution recommending the Undergrounding of Utilities in conjunction with the widening of Richmond Highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road (Fort Belvoir to Costco) was drafted, discussed, and passed by the MVCCA Board on February 13, 2018.
- The Virginia DEQ Salt Management Strategy SAG group met for the first time Wednesday February 27, 2018 at the Virginia State DEQ Regional Office. Attendance was amazing with nearly 50 persons and groups in attendance. Goal is to develop "Best Practices" in use and management of road salt treatments. In attendance representing the MVCCA & Mount Vernon District were Pete Sitnik, Dian Donley, Cathy Ledec and other MVCCA affiliated groups and friends.

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Upcoming events:

- March 20: Embark BOS Public Hearing & testimony.
- April 2: MVCCA Transportation Meeting: Monday April 2. 7:00 p.m.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

(FEDERATION/FED)

Report to the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

(MVCCA)

Respectively submitted by Peter Sitnik, February 26, 2018

My Report:

- Starting January 12, 2018 I took a short break from representing the MVCCA at the Federation.
- I restarted when I participated in the latest Federation Board meeting, Thursday, 15 February 2018, 7:30 PM. Location: Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax. There was no quorum achieved so our actions that night were submitted as notes and not minutes. We discussed at length items of concern that had been on the agenda and started the groundwork for a resolution asking for flexibility in the 2019 FFC & Public Schools Advertised Budgets based largely on previous Federation resolutions and this year MVCCA resolution stressing flexibility.
- The latest Federation's Member Meeting was held Thursday, 22 February 2018, at 7:30 p.m. Location: Springfield Government Center. The 2019 FFC Advertised Budget was presented by Joseph Mondoro, FFC Chief Financial Officer. Brooke Gustafson, Coordinator, Office of Budget Services FFC Public School presented budget highlights as they effected the schools and education. Bryan Hill, FFC County Executive was also on hand and after the presentations fielded and answered many budget related inquiries.

Ongoing:

- Current Richmond legislative session: Members of the Federation Board and other Federation Activists are actively lobbying, informing, educating, and coordinating with other organizations, individuals, and elected representatives. Individually and collectively they have made some real progress in advancing the Federation legislative package and FFC legislative bills.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- The next Federation Board Meeting will be Thursday, 15 March 2018, 7:30 p.m. Location: TBA Agenda TBD.
- March has two (2) Federation Member Meetings:
 1. Thursday, 22 March 2018, 7:30 p.m. **Budget Resolution.** Location: West Springfield Government Center

(Community Room), 6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield. Federation Board will propose resolutions regarding the budget for membership to accept or reject. The resolutions approved at this meeting will be passed to the Board of Supervisors in writing and in public testimony as official Fairfax Federation positions.

2. Thursday, 29 March 2018, 7:30 p.m. **Plastic: Litter, Recycling, Incineration.** Location: Mason Governmental Center. Guest speakers will address the issues and impacts of plastic in various disposal situations. A volunteer conservationist/plastic in the environment. A government specialist/plastic in recycling. Waste industry experts/plastic in incineration

More information of all things related to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FEDERATION/FED) can be found on the Federations Website (www.fairfaxfederation.org).

SFDC

The 2018 Economic Summit will be held on April 12, at the Belle Haven Country Club. Complete information was sent out last week on the listserv, and is also found at www.sfdc.org, where you may sign up.

SFDC continues to push for the revitalization of the Richmond Highway corridor, and this year we got very good news from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The top two Fairfax County projects for funding in the 6-year candidate program are widening of Richmond Highway from Napper Rd. to Jeff Todd Way, and Phases I and II of the BRT project (Embark).

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Proposed MVCCA Budget & Finance Resolution 2018-01

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION (MVCCA) BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION B&F-2018-01: RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FY 2019 BUDGET PLAN

- 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
- WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Executive has presented the FY 2019 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 \$1.155/\$100 assessed valuation which is a \$0.025 increase over the FY2018 rate; and
- WHEREAS** with no change to the Real Estate tax rate, Fairfax County would be unable to meet the Schools funding request, compensation would be partially funded, and limited funding would be available for priorities such as Diversion First, Gang Prevention, the Opioid Epidemic, and School Readiness initiatives; and
- 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
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA recognizes that the Transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools proposed in the Fairfax County School Board's FY2019 Advertised Budget with no change to the real estate rate would mean the county transfer to FCPS would be reduced by more than \$28 million from the FY2019 proposed budget which 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 2018-2); and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA recognizes that the Commonwealth of Virginia uses an unfair formula (the Local Composite Index) to distribute school funds with the result that only 23% of FCPS's budget is funded compared with a statewide average of 45.3% and, moreover, that Fairfax County taxpayers receive back only about 22 cents on every tax dollar sent to Richmond; and
- WHEREAS** the County Advertised Budget recommends a \$25M increase in annual sales of taxpayer-approved bonds which will allow significant school capital needs to be addressed earlier, resulting in cost savings and speedier reduction of the significant backlog in renovation and construction requirements; and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA promotes public safety funding including funding for staffing the new South County police station and supports the funding of Diversion First and Gang Prevention programs; and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA supports adequate funding to Community Development and Transportation, including Metro, Fairfax Connector and VRE transfers and/or allocation amounts; and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA supports adequate funding to Libraries and Parks and that the advertised budget of \$55.95M is the minimal amount to be funded to maintain the quality of life expected by residents of the Mount Vernon district; and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA recognizes the need to fully fund the county's compensation plan, and notes the fact that the county's full compensation program has only been fully funded two out of the past nine years; and
- WHEREAS** the county's contribution to funding operations of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) is inadequate to fund SFDC activities promoting effective economic development along the Richmond Highway Corridor; and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA understands that the County has an ongoing review of the County's retirement system following investment impacts of the Great Recession and changes to comparator pension plans (Virginia Retirement System) with the goal strengthen the long-term vitality of the systems; and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA recognizes the County is exploring possible adjustments to benefit levels, employee contributions, and eligibility requirements with an anticipated goal of the findings to be presented to the County Board's Personnel Committee this spring; and
- WHEREAS** the MVCCA understands that a study is ongoing to examine the rank, organizational and pay structure of the Fire and Rescue Departments; and

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16. **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 FY2019 budget does not eliminate the budget line items for this spray program; and
- A. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the MVCCA urges the BOS to adopt the \$1.155 per \$100 assessed valuation residential real estate tax rate as recommended in the FY2019 Fairfax County advertised budget; and
- B. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the MVCCA urges the BOS to provide a School Transfer at least to FCPS total \$2.26 billion, which is a \$95.10 million, increase over the current FY 2018 transfer amount to FCPS, and to authorize the suggested \$25M increase in school bond sales; 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** that the MVCCA urges the BOS to redouble efforts to advocate changes to the Commonwealth's school funding formula to provide a fairer share of funding to FCPS (23% compared to 45.3% state wide) and to also advocate for a fairer share of state revenue for County purposes and return of taxpayer dollars (currently 22 cents for every \$1 of revenue generated in Fairfax); and
- E. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the MVCCA supports the priorities funded of \$11.36M for Community Development, \$8.78M for Human Services; and \$7.48M for Public Safety as mentioned in the proposed FY2019 budget plan; and
- F. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** supports the \$49.96M increase to county employee pay and fully funding the County's compensation plan, and urges the County to continue to work towards a sustainable pension programs; and
- G. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the MVCCA requests that funding levels, organization and pay structure of our County Fire and Rescue Department will not be lowered nor negatively affect our outstanding County Fire and Rescue Department; and
- H. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the MVCCA requests that the BOS should create a budget line item, allocate funds and pursue opportunities to bury utilities underground along the Richmond Highway corridor; and

- I. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the MVCCA recommends that Fairfax County end the native Fall Cankerworm Insecticide Spraying Program, remove this program's line item from the county budget, create a new line item not under a name different than Fall Cankerworm Insecticide Spraying Program and reallocated designated funds from the older Fall Cankerworm Insecticide Spraying program to help control non-native invasive forest pests and plants; and
- J. **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 2019 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 2018-01 (B&F)

EDUCATION

Proposed MVCCA EDUC Resolution 2018-2

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION (MVCCA) EDUCATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ED-2018-02: IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUEST IN FY2019

1. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County School Board FY2019 Advertised Budget ("School Budget"), adopted February 8, 2018, required an increase in support of 4.3% ("School Transfer") from Fairfax County for full funding; and
2. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County FY2019 Advertised Budget, published February 20, 2018, ("County Advertised Budget") proposed to fully fund the School Transfer (assumed to be reduced to \$95.10M due to increased funds from other sources) and also provided for increasing annual bond sales for school construction by \$25M; and
3. **WHEREAS** full funding of the School Transfer creates an opportunity to begin to re-establish the preeminence of Fairfax County Public Schools ("FCPS") as a valuable County asset, to bring teacher salaries to a competitive level and eventually to address class size increases and other cuts necessitated by a decade of underfunding of school needs; and
4. **WHEREAS** the suggested \$25M increase in sales of taxpayer-approved bonds will allow some significant school construction needs to be addressed earlier, resulting in cost savings and speedier reduction of the significant backlog in renovation and construction requirements; and

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5. **WHEREAS** the County Advertised Budget recommended a property tax rate increase of 2.5 cents to \$1.155/\$100 assessed valuation (\$268 or \$22.33 per month for the “average homeowner”) which would generate revenue to fund the School Transfer and bond sale increase as well as other County needs as set forth in the County Budget; and
6. **WHEREAS** the recommended FY2019 tax increase follows several years of very modest increases, does not change the relative tax burden position of Fairfax compared to surrounding jurisdictions nor to other large semi-urban counties, and is necessary to protect quality of life now and promote a positive future even as efforts should continue to obtain fair funding from Virginia and the U.S.; and
7. **WHEREAS** on March 6, 2018, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (“BOS”) advertised a maximum FY2019 residential property tax rate of \$1.155, the same as the recommended rate in the County Advertised Budget,
 - A. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (“MVCCA”) urges the BOS to adopt the advertised maximum tax rate as the actual property tax rate for FY2019 and to fully fund the School Transfer increase (\$95.10M) and other school assistance suggested in the County Budget; and
 - B. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that MVCCA further encourages the BOS to pursue all potential sources of revenue, and to continue and increase efforts to obtain fair educational funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2018-02 (EDU)

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, 2018

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	February	Total July 1 to 28-Feb	Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 264	\$ 2,741	\$ 3,300	
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 Fiscal Year ³	-	54	-	
Money Market Interest	1	7	10	
Total Cash Receipts	265	2,802	3,310	(508)
<u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u>				
Administrative	-	101	300	199
Insurance premium	-	835	835	-
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	-	600	1,390	790
Web Site	-	75	900	825
Total Cash Disbursements	-	1,611	3,925	2,314
<u>Net Budget-Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements</u>	265	1,191	(615)	\$ 1,806
<u>Other sources/changes in cash</u>				
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	12,689	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	\$ 12,953	\$ 12,953	\$ 11,201	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,912
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,042
Total Cash	\$ 12,953

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman
Treasurer
March 13, 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, March 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—March 28, 8:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Room
MVCCA Board—April 10, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	4/4	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Bell
EDU	4/4	8:00	WWMS Library	Harbeck
E&R	4/4	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Ledec
PL/Z	4/2	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Vinisky
PS	4/5	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	4/2	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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