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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. The April 25 General Council meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. with a reception to honor Earl Flanagan's years of service as Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner
2. The MVCCA Executive Board elections will be held at the May General Council meeting.

Send your nominations for Co-chair(3), Secretary or Treasurer to Nominating Committee chair Ellen Young at ellenyoung@aol.com.

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MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

At Mt Vernon Government Center Community Room

PRESIDING: Board Member Ellen Young

ATTENDING: Committee Chairs: Cathy Ledec (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation), Gretchen Walzl (P&Z), Judy Harbeck (Education).

Voting Representatives from: Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Community Association, Montebello Condominium, Mount Vernon Civic Association., New Gum Springs Civic Association, Newington Forest, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Stratford on the Potomac Sec IV, Woodlawn Manor.

Elected and Appointed Officials & Staff: Dan Storck, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Mount Vernon District; Cathy Ledec, Fairfax County Tree Commission, Mount Vernon District; Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

THE AGENDA was approved.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES of the February General Council Meeting held on 2/28/18 were approved with the following correction: adding Huntington Community Association to the Voting Representatives present.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the period ending February 28, 2018 was accepted as published in the March Record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Budget & Finance: As published in the Record.

EDU: As published in the Record, and one Resolution later in the meeting. The school boundary issue, especially at the High School level, is coming to the forefront. Something will need to be done due to the demands on the system and the high costs of construction.

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E&R: As written in the Record, and the Chair presented a report on the Fairchild property stormwater and watershed improvement Projects. The VMRC has issued the second, and final, permit for the Dyke Marsh restoration project to go forward.

P&Z: No March meeting. Andrew Vinisky is stepping down. Gretchen Walzl is the new Acting Chair. There will be no April meeting.

Pub. Safety: As published in the Record.

Trans: As published in the Record. The Monday April 2 meeting will feature Tom Biesiadny, Director of FCDOT, with an overview of ongoing and planned projects. Representatives were encouraged to submit questions in advance to Pete Sitnik, Chair. The May 7 meeting will feature a presentation by VDOT.

Federation: As published in the Record. The legislative agenda was the most successful in several years, due to direct linking of the legislative package with similar bills in the General Assembly. This year's Citizen of the Year banquet will have a Special Gratitude Award presented to Earl Flanagan. The date is Sunday, April 15 at the Waterford, 6715 Commerce St, Springfield, VA. Cocktails will be at 5:30 pm, and the program will start at 6:30 pm.

SFDC: As published in the Record. We have great concern over how the failing retail sector across the country will affect the Mount Vernon area. Please try to attend the Economic Summit on Thursday April 12, at the Belle Haven Country Club. You may sign up at www.sfdc.org.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Gretchen Walzl has been appointed the new P&Z Chair. The appointment was unanimously ratified 11-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Budget & Finance Resolution, as published in the Record. This is the first time that the County has fully funded the schools. Passed unanimously 11-0.

Education Resolution, as published in the Record. Passed unanimously 11-0.

MEMBER TIME

Earl Flanagan led a spirited discussion on the undergrounding of utilities along the Richmond Hwy corridor. Earl also gave behind the scenes insights of the plans for Superstreets (off the table!) and current planning for the North Gateway area.

Pete Sitnik spoke about the need for Virginia to fund Metro in a way that doesn't take money from other NVA projects.

SUPERVISOR TIME

Thanked Earl for his service as Planning Commissioner, and said that one of the meeting rooms would be named in his honor.

Thanked the MVCCA for helping with the Embark project which was completed in 24 months.

Urged everyone to call their legislators and Virginia Government to fund Metro in a way that supports the MV District road projects.

ACTING CHAIR reminded everyone that the April GC meeting will start at **7:30**, as we will be honoring Earl Flanagan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The B&F Committee's next meeting is tbd.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 p.m., April 4, 2018, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Wessynton, Belle Haven Terrace, Newington Forest, Williamsburg Manor North and Hollin Hall.

The purpose of the meeting was to elicit information on the education issues of most interest to members and their communities with a view toward topics for future meetings. Because other locally important meetings (Rte 1 widening) were taking place concurrently, members who could not attend were asked to send in concerns.

Issues identified included (in no particular order):

(1) A significant concern for all communities continues to be the prospect of boundary changes to address imbalances of enrollment. The Committee has discussed these issues several times but, at present, it appears that no concrete process will begin until this Fall. The possibility of school or pyramid reassignment is probably one of the most difficult and potentially divisive issue facing community and families. Members hoped that staffs' efforts to reach out to other systems to try to devise a process which might reduce contentiousness such as that that surrounded the opening of South County High School. It was also noted that it is often longtime community members who are most upset at the prospect of change rather than parent of current students. Most expressed support for a County-wide boundary process since the problem of "gerrymandered" districts is pervasive and an all-inclusive process might reduce conflicts.

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(2) Due to recent events, school safety was also a strong interest. Members were generally opposed to the idea of arming teachers and thought “hardening” schools was a better approach. Members discussed various changes that could improve safety such as bolts on the inside of classroom and auxiliary rooms such as libraries, some of which can now only be locked from outside. Schools have tightened access through better locating staff to observe the persons seeking entry but recognized monitoring entry is difficult, especially at high and middle schools which have multiple doors and constant in-and-out of students and staff. This would be one area to explore in the context of school improvement plan coverage on lockdown and evacuation, since every school has different circumstances. Personnel from the Region 3 office could address this issue among others.

(3) Members expressed interest in hosting Dr. Francisco Duran, who has been appointed to the newly renamed position of Chief Academic and Equity Officer. As explained by Dr. Brabrand, the added “equity” portion is to attempt to assure that students throughout the County have fair access to programs in their own areas. There is a great deal of variability among Fairfax schools with respect to courses and programs offered, which has been a concern in this area for many years. There has been a perception also that too often our Mount Vernon students—especially low income—are unable to participate in some programs because of distance.

(4) Special education issues with respect to implementation of inclusion policies and teacher training about dyslexia and reading instruction were also of interest.

The Chair was asked to try set up presentations by Dr. Duran and by Terry Dade, Assistant Superintendent for Region 3.

Next meeting: 8 p.m., May 2, 2018, Whitman Middle School Library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee (E&R) met on April 4, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. Community representatives included Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Tauxemont, Wellington Civic, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting). Also present was E&R Chair who also serves as Tree Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District. Four E&R Committee members attended the VDOT Public Meeting on the Richmond Highway widening between Jeff Todd Way and Napper Road.

We welcomed Troy Shaw, Joan Allen and Rachel Griesmore-Zakhar from the Urban Forest Management Division of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. The team presented to us on various topics including providing information on their work with iTree, Fall Cankerworm program, Asian Long-horned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and Spotted Lantern Fly.

iTree: 2017 was the second time that County staff had completed this iTree survey. The Staff continue to analyze the data and reports that were submitted to them by a outside contractor. This work was done using satellite imagery county-wide with ground-truthing by teams to verify and document specific data plots across the county. Tree cover in Fairfax County includes 44.4 million trees valued at \$32.1 billion with tree cover at 51.2%. A committee member asked how this compares with the previous survey. Staff said that it is not possible to compare this to prior results because the model has changed. iTree software also provides the capability to quantify building energy savings, oxygen produced included 232.9 thousand tons/year. This software is also available (www.iTree.com) for individual residents' properties or a homeowner's associations to use. It will quantify the value of shade and energy savings for your property, how much storm water is being absorbed by the trees and other environmental benefits. For the Mount Vernon District, the most abundant tree species include Sweet Gum, American Beech and Black Gum. 7.8 million trees are in the Mount Vernon District and the iTree data says 17% Tree Cover (staff were unsure if this translates to 17% of all of tree cover in Fairfax County? Or 17% of the 51.2% of tree cover for Fairfax County). The data includes non-native trees.

Recent research presented at a conference reported that the presence of certain soil microbes may be indicators of Forest Health. The Board of Supervisors approved the use of funds for a study of soil microbiota in March 2018 with their approval of the 2018 Forest Pest Management program. The project will characterize soil microbes including bacteria (nitrogen-fixing) and mycorrhizae. This work will be done in Fairfax County in collaboration with University of Maryland from Summer 2018 to Fall 2019.

Fall Cankerworm program: This is a native insect to Fairfax County. It is most evident in native hardwoods in the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. In 2017, the defoliation surveys showed little to no areas of defoliation. County staff have been surveying since 1999. No treatment program is scheduled in 2018. The monitoring program showed few to no female moths on the sticky bands. In addition to monitoring for the presence of Fall Cankerworm, recent research shows that if more than 60% of eggs hatch (some are laid directly on the monitoring signage) there is a high possibility of some defoliation. If less than 60%, there is a much lower possibility. Since 2014, the monitoring threshold for treatment for forest areas was increased from 100 to 300/band. A committee member asked why population eggs seem to be hatching at lower rates. Staff replied that this is not known. Another committee member thanked the staff for being responsive to questions asked about this program. A request to remove the native Fall Cankerworm from the State Pest list was made. Staff replied that they cannot initiate this. Citizens act on this and they can do so by submitting this request to the state directly. As clarification a committee member noted that the Fall Cankerworm was added to the state pest list at the request of former Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Hyland. A committee member requested that

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funds allocated for this program be re-allocated for education and to focus efforts more on forest health. Staff noted that over the past few years they have been expanding their mission to focus on forest health. This includes the iTree work (\$80,000) and the soil study (\$75,000/year) which will begin this year. Staff noted that they recognize that this native insect is an important food source for native wildlife and are expanding their mission to include activities that inform a mission of improving and understanding the health of the county's urban forest. Staff further noted that with populations numbers so low they did not foresee any treatment for a number of years into the future. They will continue monitoring (this was approved in the 2018 Forest Pest Management report approved in March 2018 by the BOS) the ~ 400 monitoring bands and in May/June collect data from the ~2000 defoliation survey points.

Emerald Ash Borer: This insect is native to Eastern Russia, Northern China, Japan, and Korea, was introduced to Virginia in 2003 and 2008. Larvae eat ash trees from the inside out. This insect affects all species of ash at all ages. Many species of ash have died already in our area. A discussion was had regarding treatments available for this insect. This includes an injectable insecticide. The cost is high for this since a hired professional is required for application. Trees that are already dying are not likely to be candidates for this treatment. The trees need to have healthy tissue to be eligible. An on-line guide for this insect can be found at: www.emeraldashborer.info A committee member noted that at Dyke Marsh there are more than 1,000 ash trees and 15 Pumpkin Ash Trees are being treated. The treatment appears to be working. A committee member noted that there is a Virginia Department of Forestry program that was recently announced that will do a cost-share for private property owners who have ash trees eligible for treatment. This can be found at: http://www.dof.virginia.gov/infopubs/forestry-topics/FT0032_Emerald-Ash-Borer-Cost-Share-Program_2018-03_pub.pdf A committee member asked what is the prognosis for these ash trees? Will this insect eat its food source entirely and then the populations will die off? Staff replied that ash trees will likely become functionally extinct, with only small numbers of intensively managed trees surviving. There are efforts underway to collect seeds but unless an effective biological control species is identified from its native range, there will probably be no good news to share. Work is continuing to identify an effective intervention. Staff noted that use of biocontrols such as parasitic wasps are thoroughly researched and vetted before they are introduced to avoid any unintended consequences. Native woodpeckers also eat Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) larvae, although not enough to stem the destructive spread of this invasive species. A committee member asked whether the EAB attacks other trees. Staff replied that it has been seen in the native Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) and in Olive trees. One goal might be that populations of EAB can be reduced to a level where Ash trees can tolerate the insect but more study is needed.

Spotted Lantern Fly: This insect is native to China, India, and Vietnam and was introduced in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York

and Virginia. This insect is found in fruit trees and the non-native Tree of Heaven that it needs to reproduce. On Jan. 10, 2018 it was found in Winchester, Virginia. There is no quarantine currently in place. Samples of this were shown. This insect was first found in wood packing materials. The egg masses are very difficult to see in the field, and are on the tree bark. The examples shown in images show that they are the same color as the tree bark. This species has not yet been found in Fairfax County.

Asian Longhorned Beetle: This insect was first discovered in Chicago in 1995, where a successful eradication program was implemented. This is done by removing the host tree which in this case is the maple tree. Worcester, Massachusetts was mentioned as an example of an eradication program implemented. E&R chair noted that significant tree removal occurred in this area and it was devastating to see this. A quarantine area is still in effect for a 110 square mile area. Several articles have been written about this program questioning the extent of the actions taken. See here for more information on this: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/asian-longhorned-beetle/quarantines/alb-quarantines-mass> The Asian Long-horned Beetle is active from May to August; notify Pest Management if you think you see one. See here for images of this: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/asian-longhorned-beetle>

If there are any follow-up questions feel free to contact: pest-mail@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5304.

Dyke Marsh Restoration Update: Glenda Booth provided the Committee with a brief update on the Dyke Marsh Restoration Project. As was reported previously, the Fairfax County Wetlands Board (FCWB) approved a permit in the fall of 2017. Next the National Park Service submitted the application to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission for a permit to cover the area beyond the jurisdiction of the FCWB. After a series of delays, the public hearing was held by VMRC on March 27, 2018. Many letters of support were submitted by neighbors, homeowner's associations, politicians from across the Commonwealth and US Congressmen and Senators, the MVCCA and numerous scientists doing research in Dyke Marsh. Public testimony was provided by supporters of the project. A decision to issue the permit was made by VMRC for the promontory and to restore 1.5 acres of submerged aquatic vegetation. More details will be provided in future issues of the Friends of Dyke Marsh newsletter here www.fodm.org. We understand that a "start work" order was sent to the contractor the day after the public hearing.

VDOT Public Meeting on the Richmond Highway Road Widening: With the public comment period ending on May 4, 2018, a resolution with proposed MVCCA recommendations for VDOT was introduced. A few edits and improvements were offered and accepted. A motion was made and seconded for the amended resolution. Content for the resolution was taken from the MVCCA's very lengthy EMBARK amended resolution of January 2018 where the VDOT Road widening requests are buried too deeply to be

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easily noticed by VDOT. Other points in the resolution were taken from numerous points made consistently by the E&R Committee that express environmental impact issues that are a priority for the Committee. With no further comments or questions a vote was taken. The resolution passed unanimously with a vote of 8-0; further, the Committee authorized the E&R Chair to circulate the resolution to the four E&R committee members who attended the VDOT meeting so that they could add items that may have been presented there but not included in the resolution. This was done.

At the MVCCA Board meeting it was requested that the resolution be shortened and the request related to the Dogue Creek and Little Hunting Creek tidal influence be deleted; this was done. E&R Chair and TRANS Chair worked closely on improvements to sharpen and shorten the resolution. The resulting resolution can be found in the Resolution section of this edition of The Record. This will be considered at the April General Council meeting.

With no further business the committee meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be May 2, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA.

Future E&R meetings: May 2, 2018; Jun. 6, 2018; Jul. 11, 2018; Aug. – no meeting; Sep. 5, 2018; Oct. 3, 2018; Nov. 7, 2018; Dec. 5, 2018.

PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning & Zoning committee did not meet in April.

The May meeting will be May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. It is expected to be a joint meeting with Transportation in order to hear several development proposals. Committee members will be informed of the agenda once it is set.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Thursday, April 5, 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 Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood and Williamsburg Manor North.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Captain Matt Owens, Commander of the Mount Vernon District Station for the Fairfax County Police Department. Captain Owens shared the "State of the Highway" report which provides an overview of the station for 2017.

The Mount Vernon Station has staffing for 125 sworn officer positions but actual positions currently filled are 118. Due to transfers, promotions and other changes, there are people moving to other areas within the department on a regular basis. Often, the personnel assigned to Mount Vernon excel in various specialty activities so they are reassigned to further improve the department's overall focus on whatever the specialty may be. On the positive side, 7 new positions will soon be assigned to Mount Vernon but these positions will be transferred to the new South County District Station when it opens in a few years. (A specific location for that station has not been identified.) The Mount Vernon District is advertising for a crime analyst so if anyone knows of a qualified individual for that position, please send them over. Station personnel are assigned to patrol, the Neighborhood Patrol Unit, the Criminal Investigation Services unit, Crime Prevention or Selective Enforcement. Captain Owens praised the officers for the dedication to the job and their work to make the Mount Vernon District a safer area for all of us.

A broad range of crime statistics was provided utilizing the 2017 Police Department Statistic Report which can be found online on the Police Chief's page. The most serious crimes are listed as Group A Offenses which include Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Society and Crimes Against Property. The numbers provided are compiled from Incident-based Reports (IBR) and are for the Mount Vernon District.

Crimes Against Persons:	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Assaults	1468	1489
Homicide	4	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	21	28
Sex Offenses	45	35
Crimes Against Property:	3824	3480
Crimes Against Society:	1006	1055

Overall, there was a decrease of 4.4% in the Group A Offenses for the Mount Vernon District and down 1.6% for the County. There was a slight increase in drug and weapons incidents but violent crime was down. There was little change in the number of calls for service and no evidence of change in these call numbers due to activities by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The number of DUIs was down with the possibility of that occurring due to the closure of various establishments along the Richmond Highway Corridor. Other traffic enforcement numbers also reflected a slight decrease. The Selective Enforcement Team engaged in 7 different initiatives to address specific areas or actions during the past year.

The Neighborhood Patrol Unit for Mount Vernon led the county in the number of arrests with 434. This unit focuses on actions such as community policing and gang suppression.

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The Crime Prevention Unit staff includes both the Crime Prevention Officer and Community Liaison. These two individuals have been engaged in a variety of projects and initiatives which have been focused on improving the communication between residents and the police. There were 39 National Night Out events in the Mount Vernon District. An autism outreach program is planned for April 28th. And, an officer is spending one day per week in selected schools during lunch to provide a friendly uniformed face for students.

The Criminal Investigation Services Unit opened 368 cases in the past year and had a closure rate of 31.23 percent. The unit also investigated 504 cases of domestic violence and 1021 domestic disturbances.

For 2018, a body worn camera program is being studied to determine the effectiveness of such technology. Mount Vernon District is one of three stations which are part of the study with half of the patrol personnel wearing the devices while the other half does not. The study is expected to last from 90 – 180 days and data will be collected for research by the American University. The research will examine the public and officer's perception of the cameras, the effects on the community as well as officer behavior. Once the study is completed, it will be presented to the Board of Supervisors before further action is taken.

Also for 2018, the deployment of an e-summons program will save officers time while completing paperwork during traffic stops by using a scanner for driver's license information which will automatically fill in portions of the report. The station personnel's focus will continue on crime deterrence and offender apprehension.

During the Q & A of the presentation, Captain Owens addressed the following topics:

- School Security: The County is taking the safety of school students and staff very seriously with continual training for the School Resource Officers. They are also taking all information on possible threats and investigating these with charges being brought as appropriate.
- Major Crimes Bureau versus District Criminal Investigation Services Units: The Major Crimes Bureau operates out of Headquarters and investigates robberies, car thefts and other incidents which may have a scope broader than on district. One interesting information item was that robberies are actually listed under Crimes Against Property and not Crimes Against Persons.
- Staffing needs have been addressed in a 5-year plan for Public Safety but that plan has not been fully implemented so maintaining filled positions will continue to be a challenge.
- The social media NextDoor has been used by private citizens to post photographs of individuals who may have been involved in criminal activity but the police department does not have a policy for this action. When a crime occurs, the police

do check to see if there might be video surveillance of the specific location or area. The department does have a policy for individuals who film police and so long as the person filming is permitted in the location and not impeding the police, the action is legal.

The committee thanked Captain Owens for his time and presentation. We will look forward to learning more about the body camera project when the study is completed.

Old Business

- The chair will forward to all members the letter sent to Congressman Beyer regarding the safety study for the George Washington Parkway from the MVCCA Transportation Committee.
- The chair will also be sending the letter pertaining to having all utilities placed underground during the improvements to Richmond Highway.

New Business

- The May committee meeting may include a tour to the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation facility so additional information on that will be sent as available.
- The July meeting is currently scheduled for July 5. A motion was made, seconded and approved to not hold the July meeting.
- A recent pedestrian incident on Route 235 raised questions about signage and crosswalks to prevent future incidents.

No other new business items were raised for the committee to discuss so the meeting adjured at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sitnik at 7:06 p.m.

Communities in attendance: Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association, Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Vernon Manor Citizens Association, Mount Zephyr Citizens Association, Stratford on the Potomac Sec IV, Sulgrave Manor Civic Association, Wellington Civic Association, Westgrove Citizens Association, Williamsburg Manor North Citizens Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Association, and guests.

Chairman's announcements: He reminded the group to attend the April 4 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Richmond

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Highway road widening public outreach meeting to be held at the Mount Vernon High School. Informed all that the Virginia General Assembly decided to fund METRO (WMATA) by removing \$100 million from NVTA projects thereby delaying and killing many Mount Vernon District desperately needed transportation projects. Urged all to write to the Virginia Governor and their elected officials to fund METRO but not at the expense of NVTA (sample email letter was shared with contact information).

The majority of the meeting was spent listening and interacting with Mr. Tom Biesiadny, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) Director. He updated the group on the various transportation projects that are ongoing or planned within Fairfax County; he focused primarily on Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. The chairman asked for a link or a copy of the presentation so it can be posted on the MVCCA Transportation webpage. Mr. Biesiadny said he'd look into providing it.

Of particular interest to the group was the update on MV bike trail completion along Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Route 235): Southwood to Richmond Highway (US 1), and the North Gateway (NG) CBC area "Traffic Study" including the removal of the at grade interchange at Ft Hunt, Huntington Ave, and Richmond Highway (US 1). Mr. Biesiadny advised the members that the removal of the interchange was a priority and at least 3 options for restructuring the road network in this area were being considered. Mr. Flanagan (recently retired Planning Commissioner for MV District) reminded the group that there was also a 4th option for this area. Mr. Biesiadny acknowledged that point and said that his department was looking at all options including using parts of all options in order to achieve the best road network in this area.

Members raised issues related to several hazardous road conditions and asked for Mr. Biesiadny to resolve them with VDOT or get FCDOT to take action and get prompt resolutions:

1. With the existing stripping, signage and mediums at the location of the North Gateway (NG) CBC that make it hazardous to transit that area; especially when trying to go from Fort Hunt Rd into or out of the north east side of the CBC across Richmond Highway (US 1).
2. Additional issues were raised regarding the flow of traffic along the northern portions of Fort Hunt road where side-walks and bike paths were almost non-existent thereby creating hazards to pedestrians and drivers.
3. The problem of incomplete or no side walk or bike path along Collingwood road from Karl Road to the GW parkway was also addressed. In particular the fact that pedestrians coming from the bus stop near INOVA hospital are walking in the road to the Manor Care nursing facility near Ft Hunt. A very dangerous situation considering that there is no shoulder along that stretch of Collingwood.

4. Why the crosswalks across from the middle school and the MV Government offices and the police station were just regular lines and the ones near the INOVA hospital across from the playing fields at the school warranted more visible hashed mark crosswalks. Mr. Biesiadny stated that VDOT has specific rule for various types of crosswalk markings. But that they were looking into using HAWK crossing systems and adopting the hash mark design in more areas in coordination with VDOT.

Mr. Biesiadny took notes on all the members' concerns/issues and will respond back to the committee chair as to the resolutions.

After the presentation the group raised issues regarding speeding, cut through traffic, and other safety issues on Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Route 235). A draft resolution was offered for discussion at the May 7th meeting.

The chairman reminded the group that:

1. The May 7th meeting will start as a joint meeting with the PZ/ Land-use committee in order to hear a presentation regarding the proposed development at 8800 Richmond Highway. Then VDOT may present and conduct a Question/Answer session concentrating on citizen safety concerns Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Route 235). A proposed resolution on same may be considered.
2. Reminder: Transportation meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

- The latest Federation Board meeting, Thursday, 15 March 2018, 7:30 p.m. Location: Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax. A draft Budget 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 was drafted. *The Board voted to support the MVCCA & Mount Vernon Districts efforts to "Underground Utilities along Richmond Highway" by lobbying our elected officials.*
- There have been two (2) Federation Member Meetings:
 1. Thursday, 29 March 2018, at 7:30 p.m. Plastic: Litter, Recycling, Incineration. Location: Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Five guest speakers led a very informative presentation and question answer session on the issues and impacts of plastic in various disposal situations.
 2. Thursday, 5 April 5 2018, at 7:30 p.m. Decide Budget Resolution. Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Membership debated and amended the

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Budget Committee's consolidated Federation budget resolution. The resolution as amended was approved. Includes reallocation of Canker worm funds, funding for the "undergrounding of utilities' along Richmond Highway and other NVTA projects. President Tim Thompson will testify before the Board of Supervisors April 10-12 on behalf of the Fairfax Federation.

Ongoing:

- Richmond: Members of the Federation Board and other Federation Activists are once again actively lobbying, informing, educating, and coordinating with other organizations, individuals, and elected representatives. These efforts now include funding for Metro that does not reduce NVTA funding.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Sunday, 15 April 2018, Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Program 6:30 p.m.: The Federation's 67th **Annual Year's Citizen of the Year (COY) Honorees and Banquet**, Location: Waterford Reception Center, 6715 Commerce St, Springfield, Virginia. Honoring 2017 Fairfax County:
 1. **Citizens of the Year:** Gary Ambrose.
 2. **Citation of Merit Honorees:** Barbara Lippa, Lyle McLaren, Richard Raines.
 3. **Special Gratitude Award Recipient:** *Earl L. Flanagan.*
- Thursday, 19 April 2018, at 7:30 p.m. The next Federation Member Meetings: Agenda: Report from Richmond. Location Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.
- Thursday, 26 April 2018, at 7:30 p.m. The next Federation Board Meeting: Location: Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2) 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Agenda TBD.

More information: 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 SFDC report will be given at the April 25 MVCCA General Council meeting.

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Proposed MVCCA Environment & Recreation Resolution 2018-01

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION (MVCCA) ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION E&R-2018-01: VDOT RICHMOND HIGHWAY WIDENING BETWEEN NAPPER ROAD AND JEFF TODD WAY

WHEREAS, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is in the design phase of the road widening project on Richmond Highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road;

A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt Vernon District Supervisor and Fairfax County should partner with VDOT to protect the Environmental Quality Corridors (EQC), Resource Protection Areas (RPAs), Floodplains (FPs) and the natural resources within and adjacent to these areas from any adverse impacts from this work. Including;

- Stormwater management structures, where possible, should be placed outside of EQCs, RPAs, and FPs;
- VDOT and Fairfax County should take effective steps (including state legislation and/or regulation) to capture and prevent trash from getting into local streams;
- Construction must ensure time of year restrictions to protect breeding wildlife including anadromous (migrating) fish;
- Under-the-road wildlife crossings using an open design with clear lines of sight rather than walls if structurally possible;
- A trail with raised boardwalk and unobtrusive fencing could be considered to provide a safe under-the-road trails for pedestrians and bicyclists that be connected to other similarly constructed trails in the area; this should be coordinated with the Park Authority and ;
- Any restoration of stream crossings should be coordinated with FC DPWES; and
- Appropriate vegetation be included within the current proposed right of way;

B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the pedestrian and bicycle crossings, could be widened at stream crossings to provide space for a pedestrian and bicycle pull off and include interpretive signage on both sides of the road providing a closer connection between people and nature, consistent with EMBARK Vision Element #1;

C. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that historic places and events should be celebrated consistent with EMBARK Vision Element #2 even where no physical structures remain with the installation of historic interpretive signage along the roadway in the project area (e.g. Old Potomac Path, George Washington's Mill Race, historical site of Gum Springs baptisms at the Little Hunting Creek crossing);

D. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that VDOT should partner with Fairfax County, Dominion Energy, and other utilities to underground all utilities on both sides of the roadway;

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2018-01 (E&R)

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 March 31, 2018

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	March	Total July 1 to March 31	Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 42	\$ 2,783	\$ 3,300	
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 Fiscal Year ³	-	54	-	
Money Market Interest	1	8	10	
Total Cash Receipts	43	2,845	3,310	(465)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	63	164	300	136
Insurance premium	-	835	835	-
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	-	600	1,390	790
Web Site	-	75	900	825
Total Cash Disbursements	63	1,674	3,925	2,251
Net Budget-Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements	(20)	1,171	(615)	\$ 1,786
Other sources/changes in cash				
Cash at Beginning of Period	12,953	11,816	11,816	Note 2
Plus - 2018-2019 Dues collected in current fiscal year	-	-	-	
Dues - Collected in 2016-17 for 2017-18 Fiscal Year	-	(54)	-	Note 3
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 12,933	\$ 12,933	\$ 11,201	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,890
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,043
Total Cash	\$ 12,933

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman,
Treasurer
April 10, 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" 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, April 25, 7:30 p.m.*
Mount Vernon Government Center
Parkers Lane, Alexandria

AGENDA

Reception to honor Earl Flanagan
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

*Note earlier start time

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—April 25, 7:30 p.m.*, MVGC Comm. Room
MVCCA Board—May 8, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG		7:00	TBD	Bell
EDU	5/2	8:00	WWMS Library	Harbeck
E&R	5/2	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Ledec
PL/Z	5/7	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	5/3	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	5/7	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

*April General Council starts at 7:30 p.m. with a reception to honor Earl Flanagan's years of service as MV Planning Commissioner

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