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Your dues were payable in July; if not paid by September 30 your membership will be suspended and your community will lose its vote at Council and in Committees!

Not sure of your status? Check the website for the list of current paid members. Not there? Fill out the registration form online at www.mvcca.org under About/Membership Information and Application. Mail or bring your check to the September Council.

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MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

At Mt Vernon Government Center Community Room

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Judy Harbeck

ATTENDING: Co-Chair John Ribble; Committee Chairs: Cathy Ledec (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation), Dean Sherick (Public Safety)Gretchen Walzl (P&Z), Ellen Young (SFDC), Treasurer Stephen Markman.

Voting Representatives from: Belle View Condominium, Civic Association of Hollin Hills Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside Civic Association, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Community Association, Montebello Condominium, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Stratford Landing Citizenss Association, Stratford on the Potomac Sec IV, Wellington Civic Association, Woodlawn Manor.

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

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

THE AGENDA was approved.

Presentation by members of Hollin Hills on their bid to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. They asked for the support of MVCCA and members.

TREASURER'S REPORT was accepted as published in the July Record.

2018-2019 Budget was presented by the Treasurer. Approved 12-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Budget & Finance: No meeting.

EDU: No meeting.

E&R: As published in the Record, and the Chair directed members to links in the minutes.

P&Z: As published in the Record.

Pub. Safety: No meeting.

Trans: As published in the Record.

Federation: As published in the Record.

SFDC: As published in the Record. SFDC has written letters in support of the Huntington Crossing project, and of the concept of Fairfax County 2 volume Design Guidelines.

Proposed MVCCA P&Z/Trans Resolution 2018-J02 American Tukong Academy, as published in the Record. Passed unanimously 12-0 to NOT SUPPORT.

Proposed MVCCA P&Z/E&R Resolution 2019-J04 Huntington Crossing, as published in the Record. Passed unanimously 12-0 to SUPPORT.

MEMBER TIME

Bob Reynolds asked members to keep Earl Flanagan in our thoughts. Several communities mentioned plans for National Night Out celebrations on August 7.

SUPERVISOR TIME

Thanked Council members who testified at the Planning Commission hearing on 8800 Richmond Highway.

The Thieves Market building has finally been demolished, and will be completely cleared in 1 to 2 weeks.

The Embark Affordable Housing Group has been appointed, and will be providing a set of recommendation in the coming months.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet in September but will meet in joint session with the Education Committee at 8 p.m., October 3, 2018, in the library of Whitman Middle School. The guest for the meeting will be E. Leigh Burden, FCPS Assistant Superintendent, Department of Financial Services, who began in that position last Spring, having served in similar roles in Arlington, Loudon and Manassas.

The Committee is in need of a Chair and, perhaps, assistant chair. You need not be a current member of the Committee and, if your association already has a representative, he or she can continue in that position. Interested or have a candidate to suggest? Come to the meeting and/or contact the Committee liaison Judy Harbeck at Co.chair1@mvcca.org

Next meeting: 8 p.m., October 3, 2018, Whitman MS library (joint with Education)

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8 p.m., September 5, 2018, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Mt. Zephyr, Newington Forest, Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood Springs, Woodlawn Manor, Wellington, Huntington, Hollin Hills and Potomac Valley/Riverbend.

The Chair, in response to concerns raised, made a short report on the status of safety improvements, including camera installation, which have been reported in the Washington Post and elsewhere. The Chair reminded members that there are essentially 3 levels of safety personnel in schools:

(1) FCPS Department of Safety and Security which includes environmental issues as well as building security and physical safety issues, vandalism and other crimes, crime prevention, and active shooter concerns. In-school personnel are under department supervision and there are also a tip line and officers who can respond to specific crises or problems and monitor after-hours building security. The Department also works closely with the

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Fairfax County Police Department School Resource Officers (SRO) program and has a supervisory-level police liaison located in the office;

(2) In-school security personnel are assigned to schools and address a wide variety of issues ranging from student misbehavior of varying severity to traffic control to crime investigation and prevention, working with SROs and with school administrators and counselors to address student issues. Though many are retired police or have security backgrounds, they are not armed. All high schools and middle schools have several assigned personnel ; most elementary schools do not but administrators can call the Security office and, of course, the police if needed.

(3) SROs are sworn officers who have full police powers and are armed. While working with in-school security on what might be termed police matters, they also provide important public and student relations assistance to improve police-community relationships, and disrupt gang and other undesirable activity in the greater community. The County and the School Board, with community input, recently adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) more carefully delineating duties and responsibilities of SROs and providing for more training for SROs. Every high school and middle school has at least one full-time SRO (although Fairfax does not meet national organization recommendations for 1 SRO per 1000 students); elementary schools typically have a "rotating" SRO who may be assigned to several schools.

School safety issues most on parents' minds are probably gang infiltration and the nightmare of school shootings. All security personnel—including SROs—and administrators are well aware of gang issues in the entire DC area. All agree that while there are gang members or "wannabes" in school (identification can be difficult since members no longer sport specific identifiers such as "colors") actual gang activities in schools are very rare. Security personnel are however often able to give a "heads-up" to patrol officers about potential community activity, as well as identify and intervene with kids who may be in danger of falling in with the wrong crowd—gang or not.

Of course, the rarest but most terrifying security nightmare is the school shooter. It needs to be remembered that, until we can do a better job of keeping guns out of the hands of children (most school shooters are children using improperly secured but legal family-owned weapons) and the mentally ill, as well as improving mental and emotional health intervention capacity in schools and community, we may see more incidents.

Some might advocate for arming school personnel, but Virginia law does not permit guns on school property except for police. As noted, SROs are armed and highly trained.

"Hardening" schools against attack is another approach. Schools are exercising better entry control; unfortunately schools were not built with this concern in mind but are making stricter use of entry

cameras, buzzers, and requiring ID although it often means scarce staff must be assigned to watch doors and view IDs. Newer and renovated schools are including a vestibule double door entry. Still, most school shooters have been actual students or persons otherwise known to staff and, absent metal detectors, would have been allowed access.

Schools are also requiring teachers to keep classroom doors locked at all times and beginning to retrofit doors with buttons to allow locking from inside. Shooter drills are ubiquitous. Additional security cameras inside schools are another response but hardly a panacea. Real time constant monitoring might find an active shooter but most shootings are over in minutes and frequently end in suicide before responders can act.

The School Board is still considering the best deployment of security cameras and other enhancements, as well as costs of monitoring, maintenance and replacement.

More work also needs to be done to identify students who are disturbed, feel marginalized or bullied and to engage parents, staff and the whole community in finding appropriate interventions before there is a tragedy.

Committee members agreed to follow the security issues and noted that, while safety of our children is always first priority, the likelihood of actual risk and/or effective interdiction is also a consideration—as is the emotional distress many kids feel with shooter drills and other adult attitudes which may unreasonably disturb a sense of safety by focusing on what is in reality a very unlikely risk—terrifying as it may be to contemplate.

The Committee also generally discussed plans for the year. Members were interested in meeting and talking with the new FCPS chief financial officer, perhaps in a joint meeting with the Budget Committee. Other likely areas were the progress of boundary issues and school maintenance/construction/renovation questions, perhaps meeting with the Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) . Members also considered it might be desirable to have a "refresher course" on school testing and accreditation protocols give recent changes in those areas.

Next meeting: 8 p.m., October 3, 2018, Whitman Middle School (Joint with Budget and Finance)

Speaker: E. Leigh Burden , FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee (E&R) met on Sept 5, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.

Communities represented included Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Civic Assn of Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic Assoc., Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington Civic Assn, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting) and Woodlawn Manor and MVCCA Co-chairs John Ribble and Earl Flanagan. Speakers attending included Scott Adams, McGuire Woods; Ross Bradford, National Trust for Historic Preservation; Dave McElhaney, Urban, Ltd; Alexandra Dahlman, Stoiber and Associates; and Pam Hess, Arcadia. Also present was the E&R Chair who also serves as Tree Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District.

Announcements Committee members were reminded that MVCCA membership dues are due now for the period July 1-June 30, 2019. This is done by filling in the google form here: <http://www.mvcca.org/general-information/membership-information-application>. Be sure to fill in all parts of the form to include voting delegates for the General Council and Committees including alternates. Membership payments should be sent to the MVCCA, PO Box 201, Alexandria, VA.

National Trust for Historic Preservation (NT) Special Exception Application (SE) for the Woodlawn Historic Site and Cultural Center. We welcomed the team (noted earlier) who presented to us on this Application. The NT is requesting a Special Exception to permit a Cultural Center with various associated accessory uses. The Applicant's Statement of Justification describes details and can be found as a link from the E&R Committee Web page September 2018 agenda here: <http://www.mvcca.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Woodlawn-Statement-of-Justification.pdf>

Described for us were the current uses of this 123 acre property and proposed new uses of the property. The NT will maintain the existing use of the property as a historic site open to the public but also seeks to transform and expand Woodlawn's existing non-profit use and continue the site's evolution by embracing a shared-use model that has been shown to be successful at other NT sites. The intention is to combine traditional site interpretation activities with various experiential learning opportunities. A central tenet of Woodlawn's mission will be to function as a gateway to the region's agricultural and cultural traditions through modern interpretation of the site's historic buildings and uses. The wide range of activities and programming offered to the public, together with the supporting accessory uses, will create a financial sustainable program of public engagement anchored to the site's history, providing the community with a center for history, culture, food, agritourism, and sustainable agriculture. While other uses would be added to the Property, Woodlawn will remain a public historic site that is owned by the NT and that embraces Woodlawn's complex history while

representing best practices in historic preservation and public interpretation. The NT has been working with this shared-use model at other sites in an effort to establish a financially sustainable and long-term preservation of their historic properties.

Discussion and questions covered various topics including: *Fairfax County Architectural Review Board (ARB)*: Approval from the ARB will be required in order for this work to proceed. Mr. Adams told us that three presentations to the ARB have occurred. Questions from the ARB include the location of the restaurant within the historic core of the site. Two more "workshops" with the ARB are planned. The Public Hearings for this project were changed from September 2018 to December 2018.

Storm water management: The plans show underground detention vaults. The opportunities for the use of above ground bioretention areas including rain gardens around and/or within all parking areas should be considered instead of underground detention vaults. Asphalt areas should be curb-less to facilitate directing stormwater into rain gardens. Re-use of stormwater onsite should also be considered.

Tree Preservation and Planting: The applicant proposes more than 630% of required tree preservation in 10 tree preservation areas. No new tree nor shrub planting is shown on the site plan, perhaps this is an error? All open areas offer opportunities to reduce the urban heat island effect with new tree and shrub planting especially areas where visitors will be located like the event spaces, parking areas and new structures including cabins and the cultural center.

Pedestrian trails: These appear to be focused inward and the only connections to sidewalks along the perimeter of the property are along the Richmond Highway Frontage. A review of the site plan shows a less steep area where a trail connection could be considered to Jeff Todd Way. Natural surface trails are preferred.

Green roofs, solar panels and solar powered lighting were suggested and noted by the developer.

Bird-friendly building design: This entire site is located in the Atlantic Flyway and is a stopover point for migrating birds. Implementing LEED pilot credit #55 will work towards reducing bird collisions with built structures, this along with green corridors from new tree and shrub plantings will enhance wildlife habitat on the site. Avoiding reflective or mirrored glass and using down-ward directed lighting will help achieve this.

Interpreting the site's history through a connected story: This site's history is interwoven with surrounding history including the Grist Mill, Mount Vernon, Historic Huntley and others. Recognizing George Washington's known innovative farming practices provides another link to the work of Arcadia on the site. The Applicant was encouraged to connect the history of the larger area in its interpretive programming. Establishing links to work being done at Mount

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Vernon and the Fairfax County Park Authority will help connect the public to the overarching historical context. The recent discovery and listing of the northern boundary of Dogue Run Farm was also noted as an FYI for the Applicant who did not know about this.

A Resolution in support of the project was introduced by motion and seconded. A vote was taken with a 9-1 result in favor. On Sept 8, 2018, E&R Chair received a copy of comments submitted in August to the ARB by C. Richard Bierce, former chair of the ARB. E&R Chair distributed this memo to the committee and put the resolution on hold for further discussion and follow-up at the November 7th E&R Committee meeting. This memo included comments on the compatibility of proposed modern-day activities and structures with respect to the fundamental character and setting of the historic core of the site. A link to these comments are posted on the E&R Committee Web site with the September 2018 agenda: http://www.mvcca.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Bierce-Woodlawn_8-3-18.pdf. The applicant has confirmed their attendance for our November meeting.

8800 Richmond Highway Project: An addendum to the Fairfax County Staff report will be published on October 3, 2018 the same day as our next committee meeting. The Chair agreed to distribute this addendum to committee members as soon as possible after it is published (scheduled for the morning of October 3, 2018) to inform discussion at the October 3rd meeting. The July 5, 2018 staff report was distributed by email to committee members on September 6, 2018 and is also posted on the E&R Committee web site with the September 2018 agenda: http://www.mvcca.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/7-5-18_staffreport8800richmondhighway.pdf

Other Business: E&R Chair announced her intention to step down as Committee Chair before the December 2018 Committee meeting or when a candidate is identified and ratified by the MVCCA Co-chairs whichever occurs first. Committee members are encouraged to share this opening with their communities and suggest candidates for Chair that can be brought forward to the MVCCA Co-chairs for consideration. Chair recommended that the committee consider a co-chairpersonship so that duties can be shared and a backup is available. Other duties that Committee members could share include taking minutes for the meeting, drafting resolutions or other committee actions, maintaining accurate listings of the current committee roster, preparing sign-in sheets.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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

Future E&R meetings: Oct. 3, 2018; Nov. 7, 2018; Dec. 5, 2018; Jan. TBA, 2019; Feb. 6, 2019; Mar. 6, 2019; Apr. 3, 2019; May 1, 2019; Jun. 5, 2019; Jul. 10, 2019.

PLANNING & ZONING

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Member Associations: Christine; Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Janet McMillian; Engleside Civic Association, Leo Milanowski; Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Ted Godbout; Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Ray Novitske; Huntington Club, B. Lynn Pascoe; Montebello Condominiums, Mike Frank; Mount Zephyr, Bruce Bade; Potomac Valley/River Bend Civic Association, John Breheny; Wanyewood Citizens Association, Richard Johnson; Wellington Civic Association, John Ribble; MVCCA Co-Chair (P&Z), Earl Flannigan; MVCCA Co-Chair (Trans), Karen Pohorylo; MVCCA Vice-Chair P&Z

Guests: Gobi Gopinath, Wife and daughter; Applicant 8728 Lukens Lane, Doug Jones; Resident of Lukens Lane, Robert (Bob) Brant; Attorney for Walsh & Colucci, Janel Christ Kausner; Vice-President of Development for Washington Property Company

Presentation: Christine Kelly; Civic Association of Hollin Hills. Update on Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District

In August of 2018 Supervisor Storck put forth a Board Matter regarding the Hollin Hills process of becoming an Historic Overlay District. The Board Matter passed unanimously. The next part of the process will take approximately 2 years to complete. Staff is putting together their report on the application. Christine stated that 72.5% of the community was in support, and 6.7% opposed out of approximately 500 households. Currently there are 14 Historic Overlay Districts within the county. Christine will keep the committee updated as her community goes through the process. No action from the committee was requested at this time.

Presentation: Robert (Bob) Brandt; Walsh & Colluci, Jane Crist Kausner; Vice-President of Development for Washington Property Company. Restaurant in North Gateway at the Sunoco Site

A 3900 sq ft pad site for retail/restaurant is being looked at for a restaurant with a drive-through that would have no access from Richmond Highway. There has been no application filed and this was the first information only meeting on the concept. The committee expressed the concerns for drive-through type restaurants in that area, including traffic. It was also mentioned that the current Comprehensive Plan does not approve of drive-through restaurants in North Gateway, requiring a possible Special Exception. The committee's concerns were noted, and Bob stated they would come back after the series of informational meetings have been done. No action from the committee was requested at this time.

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Resolution: 2018-MV-004: Support for a Special Exception to Establish a Private School at 8728 Lukens Lane, (Tax Map Parcel 1101 01 0044)

Gobi Gopinath, applicant has given 2 presentations to the Planning & Zoning Committee. At the July Planning & Zoning Meeting, the committee decided to support the Special Exception and to review a resolution at the September meeting. A resolution to support the Special Exception was drafted by the P&Z Vice-Chair, Karen Pohorylo. As the resolution was being reviewed by the committee, Mr. Doug Jones, resident of Lukens Lane, expressed his concerns with the application that included noise from the children during outside breaks, signage esthetics and traffic. It was explained to Doug that the traffic analysis concluded that the school generated traffic volumes are relatively low and not anticipated to impact Lukens Lane. As well as sight distances from the intersection to the subject property are sufficient, and no turn lane or taper is required, and no adverse traffic safety implications would result with this application.

With regards to concerns of noise disruption from children and sign esthetics, it was suggested that Gobi speak with Doug about these two concerns, and that Doug come to the next MVCCA General Council meeting and speak during public time, (Lukens Lane residents do not have a CA or HOA). A motion was made to defer the resolution to the October meeting, and passed 10-0. Gobi has requested that Planning Commissioner Walter Clark defer the Planning Commission hearing, scheduled for October 4, 2018, until November. The committee will consider a resolution at the October Planning & Zoning meeting.

Next Planning & Zoning meeting: Monday, October 1, 2018, 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 in the Mount Vernon Government Center. The meeting began at 7:35 p.m. with the following associations represented: Belle View, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Civic, Potomac Valley/River Bend, Riverside Estates, Stratford On The Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, and Wellington Estates.

Our guest speaker for the meeting was Steven Black, Mobile Crisis Supervisor for the Community Services Board's Emergency Services at Merrifield Center. Mr. Black provided the following overview of his unit:

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) serves residents of Fairfax County and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and is a state law mandated part of the human services system. The Emergency Service / Mobile Crisis Unit (MCU) is

comprised of a multidisciplinary team including psychologists, counselors, social workers and psychiatrists. The current staff numbers 69 with individuals who speak 9 different languages including sign language. (Telephone and Internet services are utilized for language interpretation when needed.)

The Emergency Service/MCU is located in the Merrifield Crisis Response Center, staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days each year, and can be reached at 703-573-5679. The unit is utilized by any individual who is self-defined as being in "crisis". The crisis varies by individual and can be generated by a broad range of situations. Individuals may initiate contact or through contact with law enforcement, fire and rescue, the courts, jail or probation, the health department, hospital emergency departments and psych units, friends and neighbors, and others. Statistics were provided regarding the gender, race/ethnicity, living situation and age of contacts. Between 9,600 and 10,000 evaluations are conducted annually with thousands of telephone calls received.

The services provided include; crisis intervention, risk assessment, crisis stabilization, voluntary and involuntary hospitalization, jail diversion, detox placement critical incident stress management, mental health first aid, hostage/barricade response, outreach and more.

The Diversion First program provides alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses. The goal is to intercede whenever possible to provide assessment, treatment or needed supports. Diversion First is designed to prevent repeat encounters with the criminal justice system, improve public safety, promote a healthier community and is more cost effective and efficient use of public funding.

The Emergency Service/MCU provides training to police officers and sheriff's deputies to be part of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). This program consists of 40 hours of instruction, simulation and practical exercises to assist law enforcement with mental health crisis and developmental disabilities. CIT training has been completed by many of Fairfax County officers and provided Mental Health First Aid training as well as components specifically to help people with disabilities. Training is also provided to individuals attending the criminal justice academy and will now also be working with fire and rescue staff as well.

The Mobile Crisis Unit provides on-scene emergency mental health evaluations for individuals in need or unwilling or unable to seek treatment, and treatment and crisis intervention services. The staff work a schedule which meets the regular demands for service.

For individuals who are referring someone to the MCU, basic information of the individual such as name, date of birth, address, telephone and social security number will be requested along with risk issues such as access to weapons will be asked. When handling

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competing referrals, the priorities are Emergency Custody Orders (ECO), Temporary Detention Orders (TDO), Police High Risk Cases, hospitals and outreach.

Virginia Code 37.2-808 outlines the requirements of an Emergency Custody Order which can be done when a person with mental illness or risk issues refuses to go voluntarily or there are safety concerns. An 8-hour timeframe allows for evaluation and finding a bed in a suitable facility.

Temporary Mental Detention Orders are covered in Virginia Code Sections 37.2-809 through 37.2-826. As one would expect, ECO and TDO actions are taken very seriously as the rights of the individual are being impacted.

The Emergency Services/Mobile Crisis Unit works daily to assist individuals in crisis alongside other public safety agencies including the Office of Emergency Management for disaster assistance. A stakeholders meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center for the Diversion First program and is open to the public.

A period for questions occurred after which the committee thanked Mr. Black for his presentation.

Old Business

- MVCCA Transportation Resolution on Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Safety

Copies of the response to the resolution from Fairfax County's Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation were provided by email to the committee. During discussion of the topic, information of the impetus for the resolution was provided and we will continue to follow up on conditions and possible changes as the resolution suggested.

Other Business – Information Sharing

- September is National Preparedness Month

The Federal Emergency Management Theme for this year is “Disasters Happen – Prepare Now / Learn How” and each week during the month has a different exercise for individuals to better their preparedness:

Week 1: Sept 1-8	Make and Practice Your Plan
Week 2: Sept 9-15*	Learn Life Saving Skills
Week 3: Sept 16-22	Check Your Coverage
Week 4: Sept 23-29	Save For an Emergency

*September 15 is a National Day of Action

- 2018-19 Archery Program for Deer Management

Information was shared on the various areas in the Mount Vernon District where the deer management program using archery hunt-

ers was provided. Additional information is available on the County website <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/wildlife/deer-management-program>

- New Fire Chief

John S. Butler was sworn in as the new chief of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue on Tuesday, September 4th. Chief Butler had risen through the ranks to be a deputy chief in Howard County, Maryland and had also been a Marine for 21 years including two combat tours.

- Mount Vernon Fire Station Traffic Control Measures

County Police have been advising motorists not to block the entrance area of the Mount Vernon Fire Station on Sherwood Hall Lane. A sign board as well as enforcement action has occurred so that the apparatus are able to exit the station for emergency response.

- Police Department Body Worn Camera Pilot Program Completed

The pilot program for the body worn cameras has been completed for the police department. The American University will be reviewing the program and are expected to have a report prepared in early 2019. Information on if the cameras will continue to be used during the period between the pilot program completion and release of the report will be made.

- Personal Safety Program for Women

The police department's Personal Safety Program for Women will be held in West Springfield later in September and has sold out. The committee is interested to learn if another event could be scheduled for the Mount Vernon District and the chair will make the appropriate inquiries.

New Business

- Presentations for Future Meetings

The following topics were suggested to be addressed for future meetings:

- Police representative to address the use of social media as a law enforcement tool for soliciting the public's help as well as monitoring for possible safety concerns.
- School Board representative to share emergency preparations for possible long term lockdowns where food and water need to be provided.
- Pedestrian safety on the George Washington Parkway for those individuals who utilize Metro buses to commute. Individuals must cross the four lane roadway in order to access a bus stop or to their respective neighborhoods.

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- Fire and Rescue representative to provide an update on current department initiatives and fire prevention measures. A fire station tour may also be included.

No other business items were raised 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, October 4, 2018 at 7:30 pm at a location to be announced later.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of September 10, 2018 in the Community Rooms of the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Sitnik. Participating in the meeting were: MVCCA Council Co-Chairs Earl Flanagan and John Ribble; Thomas Burke, Senior Transportation Planner, Fairfax County Department of Transportation; and Mike Rioux, Mount Vernon Representative to the MWAA DCA Aircraft Noise Advisory Group. Transportation representatives of the following citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle View; Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor.

Chairman Sitnik announced the availability of voting cards and reminded representatives that MVCCA dues were due if not already paid. He distributed FCDOT and VDOT letters providing initial responses to our concerns over Mount Vernon Memorial Highway safety problems. He also reported that he had attended an August 14 meeting at the Belle Haven Country Club raising traffic concerns in the area, and that there will be a follow-up meeting.

Thomas Burke, Senior Transportation Planner, FCDOT, led a spirited discussion on traffic problems being experienced on the northern sections of Richmond Highway within Fairfax County, the northern part of Fort Hunt Road, Huntington Avenue at and near its intersections with Fort Hunt and Richmond Highway, on-ramps from Richmond Highway to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and the Beltway toward Springfield, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge itself, and adjacent community streets. This entire area is experiencing serious congestion, both during morning and evening rush hours and even during some mid-day periods. Sources of the problem congestion stem from both an increasing volume of traffic and highway configurations that were not designed to handle the traffic volume now being experienced. Residential areas are experiencing excessive cut-through traffic, communities like Montebello feel cut off without safe access into or out of their neighborhoods. Traffic sources cited included commuter traffic generated by

personnel newly assigned to expanding Fort Belvoir, traffic accessing the National Harbor commercial and Casino complex, and Maryland residents shopping in Northern Virginia, particularly along the Richmond Highway corridor. Mr. Burke also pointed out that on-going high-rise development the full length of Huntington Avenue and the planned Northern Gateway high-rise development of the space now hosting two automobile dealerships, a restaurant and a small motel will further increase traffic pressure throughout the area in question. FCDOT is examining options, but is far from identifying solutions clearly enough to merit serious design work. A grade-separated intersection to carry Huntington Avenue over Richmond Highway is still in the Comprehensive Plan but was resisted earlier by the MVCCA Council and is unlikely to remain in play. Adding a lane to the off ramps from Richmond Highway to the Beltway so there would be a separate ramp for both the WW Bridge and Springfield was raised by a committee member. Council Co-Chair Earl Flanagan recalled that when the Woodrow Wilson Bridge was rebuilt, it was designed to support "Purple Line" metro tracks to offset future vehicular traffic flow. But, that is not likely to happen for a long time. The question of moving toward an "outer beltway" was also raised to carry interstate and cross-metro-area traffic more efficiently. Mr. Burke even commented that there had been communication with GPS Apps companies like Waze and Google to see if their programs could be configured to avoid sending drivers through residential streets. In the absence of any clear resolution of longer term questions, the committee members highlighted a number of short term needs. These included: repainting lane markings of the disappearing left turn lane from Huntington Avenue west to Richmond Highway south and revisiting confusing signage and lane markings for drivers crossing Richmond Highway, both north and south, at Fort Hunt.

A brief report was given on the status of our request for a George Washington Memorial Parkway safety study for Congressman Beyer's office. The report should be available toward the end of 2019. There is no interim report. One committee member reminded all of the recent Cadillac van versus motorcycle accident at Morningside Lane. Another suggested speed cameras, but these are prohibited by federal law.

Mike Rioux, Mount Vernon Representative to the MWAA DCA Airplane Noise Advisory Group presented a well-developed briefing on the status of efforts to reduce the impact of the noise of aircraft arriving and departing over the Mount Vernon district. This noise issue stems from the implementation of the Next Gen navigation technology which concentrated departure and approach paths of aircraft so that each successive aircraft passes over exactly the same points on the ground thereby creating an intolerable noise burden on a narrow band of neighborhoods. His presentation has been supported by hard-working members of the South Flow Alliance who have assembled an extensive statistical basis for communicating the nature of the noise impact on certain neighborhoods in the Mount Vernon district and how best to reduce that impact. The Aircraft Noise Working Group has been engaged in this effort for three years. It has produced a proposed new

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Standard Instrument Departure that would keep aircraft departing Washington's Reagan National Airport (DCA) to the south over that Potomac River until they reach an altitude high enough that surface noise levels should not be objectionable. They have also proposed a change to the arrival pattern that would simply keep arriving aircraft 1,000 feet higher than the pattern they are flying now until their final descent for landing. The Noise Working Group's proposals were submitted to the FAA for review and eventual implementation. The change suggested for arriving aircraft was evidently deemed by the FAA to be unwarranted. But, initial communications with the FAA indicated that the departure procedure was a valid and workable measure that merited further review. The review process has been slow and has been further complicated by legal action taken by communities north of the airport which caused FAA's legal counsel to block any FAA participation with local community working groups. Mike expressed some optimism that the reviews of the new departure procedure, particularly the Environmental Review – the long pole in the tent – would be successful and could happen by late 2019 or mid-2020. He related that when FAA officials were asked whether there were any alternatives better than what the Working Group had suggested, the reply was that there aren't any.

The Chairman raised the subject of the small 24 student school proposed for Lukens Lane that we addressed at our last meeting and determined to be primarily a planning and zoning issue. After receiving the Planning and Zoning resolution favoring this project, he took a poll to determine committee interest in joining the Planning and zoning resolution and no one in the committee thought it useful to join in the P&Z resolution.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 1. Note that our October meeting may be delayed one week due to the possibility of needing to respond to a Fairfax county action now scheduled for October 3. Notice will be sent to all committee members if that delay is necessary. Subsequent meetings will take place on November 5 and December 3, both starting at 7:00 p.m.

Visit the MVCCA Website Transportation page to view:

- VDOT and FCDOT initial response letters to our Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Safety Resolution
- Aircraft noise presentation by Mike Rioux and his team members
- Wellington Heights letter to Representative Don Beyer in reference to Air Plane Noise

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

Respectively submitted by Peter Sitnik, September 11, 2018:

My Report:

The latest Federation Board meeting, Thursday, 24 May, 7:30 p.m. Report previously published in "Record".

The latest Federation Member Meeting/Annual Federation Picnic, was on June 21, 6:30 p.m.. Report previously published in "Record".

The Board meeting announced for June 28 was cancelled. Report previously published in "Record".

- There was no in person meeting in August, however, the Committee Chairs and Board started the Annual Legislative Survey for distribution to the Membership.
- The Next Member & Board Meeting is scheduled for September, Place and TBA.

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).

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No meeting. Report at General Council meeting.

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July 26, 2018

Dear Chairman Murphy and Planning Commissioners,

Subject: PA 2018-IV-MV2 8800 Richmond Highway Plan Amendment Language Recommend by the MVCCA

During my testimony on behalf of the MVCCA I was asked about our Resolution and if it was still valid, and how it related to the proposed plan language you had apparently been furnished by staff or others. MVCCA was not given a copy. Our Resolution stated that the MVCCA supports a residential option as in the above referenced Plan Amendment. The “recommendations for consideration within the process of evaluating and improving the site plan” included in the Resolution did not change or supercede our conclusion to support the Plan Amendment. They were just that: recommendations for consideration as the process moves forward in order to achieve the best possible framework balancing the needs for revitalization and environmental protection.

Revitalization is a critical need of our citizens, and is recognized as such by the County. Revitalization requires economically viable privately funded residential development both to create a positive climate for business redevelopment and to improve long extant environmental problems. This position is in keeping with the goals of EMBARK and that of the late Commissioner Byers’ vision when he created the CBC concept.

The recommended plan language below is similar to that previously approved in Lee District for a property with similar environmental conditions and is in keeping with our resolution and the citizens desires. It is also in keeping with Supervisor Hyland’s 2014 Board Matter and that of Supervisor Storck’s 2018 Board Matter.

We strongly urge you to approve the comprehensive plan language below:

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RECOMMENDED PLAN LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO: Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan 2017 Edition Area IV Mount Vernon District Amended through 3-20-2018 MV-8 Woodlawn Planning Sector page 107

AS AN OPTION, RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RANGE OF 5-8 DWELLING UNITS PER ACRE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE AND ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE (TAX MAP PARCELS 109-2((1)) 18c, 19, 20) PROVIDED THE DEVELOPMENT MEETS THESE GUIDELINES:

- FULL CONSOLIDATION OF PARCELS WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT IS ACCOMPLISHED
- DEVELOPMENT IS SENSITIVE TO THE EXISTING EQC , WETLANDS AND RPA
- ACHIEVES URBAN DESIGN THAT IS COMPLEMENTARY TO THE NEARBY HISTORIC GEORGE WASHINGTON 'S GRIST MILL AND WOODLAWN PLANTATION SITES
- PROVIDES SUITABLE BUFFERING TO DOGUE CREEK WHICH MAY VARY IN WIDTH BUT SHALL ENSURE VIABILITY OF THE PROJECT.

Judith F Harbeck

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Co-Chair
MVCCA

cc: Supervisor Dan Storck

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To Members of the Jury, Daniel Burnham Award

August 22, 2018

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) is a 501(c)(4) entity which has for 50 years represented as an umbrella organization individual citizens' associations, condominium and HOA groups in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District, Fairfax County, Virginia.

We are pleased to support awarding of the Daniel Burnham Award to Fairfax County for the EMBARK plan which promises to reinvent and reinvigorate the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route One) corridor as it runs through our community, creating a new "Main Street", with vibrant areas for living, working and recreation, from what is now a traffic-jammed obsolescent road, bordered largely by outdated and even derelict properties.

This was no simple undertaking: Route One is one of the oldest highways in the US and largely unplanned development over decades had created a myriad of land use, environmental, street grid, transportation, housing and general policy issues, complicated by historic overlay districts. Further, Commonwealth plans for road widening and accommodation of mass transit options including needed density had to be considered while retaining the suburban quality of the area and serving current residents.

County staff worked diligently over more than 2 years to completely rewrite the County Comprehensive Plan, working with a County-created community/business advisory committee, as well as community civic and economic development groups. As the rewrite progressed, multiple district-wide outreach sessions and MVCCA presentations were held to solicit and incorporate citizen comments and concerns in the final EMBARK plan.

The EMBARK plan creates a unique and far-reaching blueprint for revitalization as community needs change while retaining the essential character of our neighborhoods. We look forward to continue working with staff, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors as the vision of EMBARK is realized in a flexible, creative and expedited manner for our citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith F. Harbeck

Judith F. Harbeck, Co-chair, on behalf of the Board of MVCCA

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 August 31, 2018

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	August	Total July 1 to August 31	2018-2019 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 372	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,300	
Dues - Collected in 2017-18 Fiscal Year ³	-	102	-	
Money Market Interest	1	2	10	
Total Cash Receipts	373	2,504	3,310	\$ (806)
<u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u>				
Administrative	107	107	300	193
Insurance Premium	-	-	880	880
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	-	110	1,390	1,280
Web Site	267	267	2,500	2,233
Total Cash Disbursements	374	484	5,570	5,086
<u>Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:</u>	(1)	2,020	(2,260)	\$ (5,892)
<u>Other Sources/Changes in Cash:</u>				
Cash at Beginning of Period	13,085	11,166	11,166	Note 2
Dues - Collected in 2017-18 for 2018-19 Fiscal Year	-	(102)	-	Note 3
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 13,083	\$ 13,083	\$ 8,906	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 3,037
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,047
Total Cash	\$ 13,083

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman,
Treasurer
September 11, 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, 2018.
- 3 Note dues collected in 2017-18 fiscal year for 2018-19 fiscal year are included in "Cash Receipts" above; therefore, must be deducted from "Cash at Beginning of Period".

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 26, 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—Sept. 26, 8:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Room
MVCCA Board—Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
*BUDG	10/3	7:00	WWMS/ Library	open
*EDU	10/3	8:00	WWMS/ Library	Harbeck
E&R	10/3	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Ledec
PL/Z	10/1	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	10/4	7:30	TBD	Sherick
TRAN	10/1	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

*Joint Budget & Finance / Education meeting

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