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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Mark your calendars!
MVCCA is hosting a Gala on May 4, 2019, to celebrate 50 years of service to the community. More details will follow.

Fairfax County is creating Urban Design Guidelines for the Richmond Highway corridor.

See Page 9 for more details.

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MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

At Mt Vernon Government Center Community Room

PRESIDING: Earl Flanagan, Co-Chair

ATTENDING: Judy Harbeck (Co-Chair) John Ribble (Co-Chair)
Committee Chairs: Ellen Young (SFDC), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation), Gretchen Walzl/Karen Pohorylo (PZ), Dean Sherick (PS), Cathy Ledec (E&R)

Voting Representatives from: Belle View Condominium, Belle Haven Civic Association, Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Community Association. Mason Hill Citizens Association, Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs Civic Association, Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association, Riverside Estates Civic Association, Riverwood Homeowners Association, Stratford Landing Citizens

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Association, Williamsburg Manor North Citizens Association, and Woodlawn Manor Community Association.

Elected and Appointed Officials & Staff: Dan Storck, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors,

The meeting was officially called to order at 8:00 p.m.

THE AGENDA was approved.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES of the September 25, 2018 General Council Meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the period ending September 30, 2018 was approved by acclamation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: No Report. No meeting

EDU: Minutes as published in the Record. Search remains for a chairperson of the committee going forward. Next meeting will be a joint meeting with Budget and Finance with a presentation by Leigh Burden, Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Financial Services.

E&R: As written in the Record. Cathy Ledec will be stepping down after the November general council meeting.

P&Z: As written in the record. Resolution to be presented. Next meeting to be held at South County Govt. Center.

Public Safety: Meeting minutes published in the Record. Discussed the renovation and rebuilding of the Mt. Vernon fire station. The public is invited to an upcoming Community Shred Event and Drug Take Back program for the safe disposal of prescription drugs.

Transportation: As published in the Record. Community meeting to be held on 10/29/18 on the topic of the Richmond Hwy. improvements.

Federation: As published in the Record.

SFDC: As published in the Record. Upcoming EMBARK on Opportunity event 10/31/18, Belle Haven Country Club. Register online.

CO-CHAIRS REPORT/BOARD ACTIONS

Resolution Ratification

Resolution Planning & Zoning 2018-01
Opposition to RZ 2018-MV-007, Lafayette Building, LLC.
1300-1302 Lafayette Dr. Alexandria, VA (From Office C-2 to Building C5)

Motion to consider, C. Ledec, second, T. Godbout. Discussion held; Call to question Riverside Estates Representative. **Vote in favor of the ratification of the Board action 12:3; Resolution ratified.**

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- Introduction of Diane Watson, newly appointed Mt. Vernon District representative for the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging.
- Mr. Gobi Gopinath was in attendance to provide handouts and information on the proposed Hunting Creek School at 8728 Lukens Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309.

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- Tour De Mount Vernon to be held Saturday, October 27, 2018. Ride begins at Ft. Hunt Park;
- Upcoming Mount Vernon District Environmental Expo November 10, 2018 Littering Campaign, "Improving the Earth, one Person at a time."
- Community meeting to be held at MVHS on 10/29/18. This is the final meeting before the draft plan of the Mt. Vernon expansion.
- GW Parkway traffic study will be underway, and the Federal Hwy. Administration will be contracted to complete the study. Target completion summer 2019.
- Staff changes in the Mt. Vernon Supervisor office. Potential candidates are being interviewed and hope to have the positions filled in a timely manner.

Meeting adjourned 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jennifer Molden, MVCCA Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Committee met jointly with the Education Committee at 8 p.m., November 7, 2018, in the library of Whitman MS. See Education Committee minutes elsewhere in the RECORD for a report.

No meetings are presently scheduled. It is suggested that the members review budget documents and schedules on the school (www.fcps.edu) and Fairfax County (www.fairfaxcounty.gov) websites in preparation for the FY2020 budget cycle.

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EDUCATION

The Education and Budget & Finance Committees met in joint session at 8pm, November 7, 2018, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Mt. Zephyr, Mount Vernon Civic, Stratford Landing, Huntington, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Newington Forest and Collingwood Springs.

The Committees hosted Leigh Burden, new Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services for Fairfax County Public Schools. Burden joined FCPS in the Spring of 2018, but is a longtime Fairfax County resident and comes with a wealth of experience in school finance from similar positions in Arlington, Manassas City and, most recently, Loudon County. At FCPS, she is a member of the Superintendent's Leadership Team and oversees a wide range of functions, including preparation and implementation of the annual budget, payroll, procurement, investments and employee benefits.

At this point in time, the Committees were most interested in preliminary forecasts for the FY2020 School and in terms of funding, the FY2020 County and State budgets.

Burden assured the Committees that the Superintendent intends to continue the multi-year phase in of teacher salary enhancement to reach 95% of local market rate, and that staffing consideration and other enhancements, such as Project Momentum, aimed at high poverty schools would continue.

Attendees were also interested to learn that, as required by law, the Superintendent intends to provide a budget based on the needs of the system rather than based on a particular funding assumption from the County as has been done for a number of years despite this legal duty. The Education Committee has long referenced this legal duty in advocating that citizens and elected representatives should know at the onset of the budget process what professional educators deem needed for the health and progress of the school system, whether or not that conforms to budget "guidance" or funding assumptions or can in fact be funded given competing consideration of County needs and taxpayer burden.

As far as funding forecasts for FY2020, Burden noted that the County's 3% increase guidance would yield about \$61M, increases from the Commonwealth are expected to be about \$22M and a very slight increase may in Federal IDEA (special education) funding for a total of about \$83M.

On the expenditure side, employee health care costs are projected to rise about 2% but no increase is expected from the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). Some contractual and fuel expenses will likely rise.

Since the school budget is very heavily salary/employee cost driven, the biggest FY2020 increase will be in salaries, projected

as about \$108M (\$53.5 to continue the market rate progress; \$46.8 step increase; \$8M for a 1% MSA increase).

Together these increases with the funding assumptions would lead to a \$37+ gap.

Because most of the budget is staff salaries, that is where any large deficit would have to be addressed. Some things that could be done would include slowing the progress toward market rate parity. Enrollment projections are slowing and that could reduce the "gap." Higher than expected teacher retirement can also be a factor. The system is also conducting a Staffing Standards review (elementary general education at present) which could also bring about some changes (up or down).

In other areas, Burden agreed with members' concerns that reduction of central office staff over the past decade of budget crises may have gone too far, leaving central offices very thinly staffed and impacting efficiency and the ability to respond to and assist school-based staff. Members also noted that in the same period a number of previously centralized functions--particularly identification and development of IEPs (Individual Education Plans)--had been transferred to local schools with unfortunate effects. Besides burdening schools with another time-intensive requirement, the neutral and consistent decision process by highly knowledgeable professionals became a somewhat politicized issue with widely varying determinations between schools. She indicated that she had no responsibility for staffing in instructional areas but was non-committal on whether she would seek additional staff for the budget and financial services staff since she has not yet experienced a full fiscal/budget cycle.

Burden also stated that she believes in doing microanalysis of likely identified eventualities in advance and establishing placeholders to eliminate the need to go back to the Board of Supervisors or make additional cuts in the summer creating difficulties for local schools and for staffing determinations.

Next meeting: 8 p.m., December 5, 2018, Whitman MS library
Speaker: Scott Higgins, Mount Vernon representative,
Facilities Planning Advisory Board (FPAC)

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

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

Communities represented included Belle View Condominium, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Spring Bank (non-voting), Potomac Valley Riverbend (PS), Riverside Estates (PS), Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV (PS), Waynewood, Wellington Civic Assn, Williamsburg Manor (non-voting) and Woodlawn Manor. We were also joined by the MVCCA's Public Safety (PS) Committee Chair along with several

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PS Committee members. E&R Chair who also serves as Tree Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District.

1. **Woodlawn Fire Station:** We welcomed the staff team for the Woodlawn Fire Station project.

This project will replace the current Woodlawn Fire Station. Construction will be phased to ensure uninterrupted service. The Staff team discussed ways they are reducing the environmental impact of the project. Funding was sourced from bond funds from several years ago. Public Meetings are scheduled for Planning Commission on November 29, 2018 and Board of Supervisors on December 4, 2018. Staff are seeking a Map Amendment requiring the public hearings.

Topics discussed included: A creative stormwater management solution was presented that will use a piping and filtration system underneath the asphalt parking lot. Stormwater will be directed to this underground system where it will be filtered and ultimately released into the North Fork of Dogue Creek. Phosphorus is estimated to be reduced by 0.13 lbs/year exceeding requirements and this credit could be used by the county towards its MS4 permit. Staff noted that they will achieve the full landscape buffer on the west side of the site but not to the south due to the need to provide space for returning emergency vehicles to the facility. CDD Recycling – especially important now that the Lorton Landfill is closing soon. The team noted that they are aiming for 75%. Exterior lighting will at a minimum comply with county ordinances. Light spillage from the second floor will be reduced through the use of black-out blinds. Mechanical equipment on the roof will also be screened. Following up on the February P&Z meeting at which E&R Chair inquired about the use of bird-friendly design elements. The staff team responded that they had reduced the number of windows and will not be using reflective glazings. County staff noted that they will be aiming for the US Green Building Council's LEED Silver certification. With 300+ options to achieve this E&R Chair noted and the majority of the committee members agreed that it is for us to communicate our priorities to them. LEED Pilot Credit #55 provides additional recommendations to reduce bird collisions with the building further reducing the environmental impact. Staff team agreed to investigate this. Solar panels are being considered. Provisions for vehicle washing will include an oil and water separator and gear will be washed off site.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the P&Z resolution of Nov. 5, 2018. Several edits were made and language added from prior E&R Resolutions. A vote on the amended resolution was 3-1 in favor of the resolution in support of the project. This may be combined with the P&Z resolution into one resolution. A copy of the combined resolution is in the resolution section of this edition of The Record.

2. **Other business:**

(A) Search for a new E&R Chair: The committee does not yet

have a new chair to recommend to the MVCCA Co-chairs for consideration. The December meetings will be chaired by the MVCCA Committee liaison Earl Flanagan. 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. A Committee member suggested and with no objections a working group will be established to identify a chair for recommending to the MVCCA Co-chairs.

(B) Tree impacts from in-fill development. Residents are urged to contact the Urban Forest Management Division of Fairfax County for questions on specific projects. 2017 Legislation from the Virginia General Assembly included privacy protections that the chair understands limits a resident's ability to obtain copies of site plans. County Urban Foresters presented and exhibited at the Environment Expo on November 10, 2018 and took direct discussion from interested participants. Questions on tree impacts from development can be directed to the Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770.

(C) FYI a note on the agenda regarding the Woodlawn Special Exception Application: Public hearings for the Woodlawn Special Exception project have been rescheduled for March 2019 so this applicant may return to E&R in February 2019.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Our next meeting will be **December 5, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA.**

Future E&R meetings: Jan. 3, 2019; Feb. 6, 2019; Mar. 6, 2019; Apr. 3, 2019; May 1, 2019; Jun. 5, 2019; Jul. 10, 2019; August – no meeting; Sept. 4, 2019; Oct. 2, 2019; Nov.6, 2019; Dec. 4, 2019.

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Member Associations: Gum Springs, Dan Moon; Belle View Condominium, Ellen Young; Mount Vernon Civic Association, Karan Cerutti; Engleside Civic Association, Janet McMillian; Wellington Civic Association, Richard L. Johnson; Montebello Condominiums, B. Lynn Pascoe; Hollin Hall Village, Leo Milanowski; Huntington Community Association, Ray Novitske; Waynewood Citizens Association, John Breheny; MVCCA Co-Chair P&Z Liaison; John Ribble,

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Guests: Walter Clarke, FC Planning Commissioner; Rich Merrell, Captain, FC Fire & Rescue; Kirsten Schneder, FFX-FRD; Dennis Holder, FFX County; Mark Manetti, AIA, BKV Group; Lukens Lane Property Owners- Paul Whitridge, Kristen Whitridge. Doug Jones, Rev. Vicky Yelton; Lukens Lane Property Owner, Gobi Gopathini; Halley Farm Court Owners – Steve Petro, Ray Duff, Rony Tagubi, Debbie Tagubi

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Presentation: Woodlawn Fire Station 8701 Lukens Lane, Resolution Requested

Built in 1970, with an addition in 1986, the current fire station has inadequate female living quarters and operations management space, and limited parking. The current fire station is 9600 sq.ft and has 2 ½ undersized bays. The current fire station is located within a transitional area, with a “mixed bag” of uses, and will remain functioning during a 15-18 month build out of new fire station.

The current parcel is 1.0 acres and zoned R-20, the adjacent parcel, (east of current parcel), is 0.5 acres and zoned R-2. The plan would rezone the R-2 parcel to R-20 to match the existing parcel. The proposed site design would improve screening and stormwater management. In addition to MVCCA comments, the community and the value engineer process, the following design revisions were made:

- The curtain wall was replaced with storefront systems
- The spandrel glass was replaced with a metal panel system
- The number of windows was reduced on the south elevation
- Tower element was reduced in scale
- Mechanical Roof Screen was added
- South elevation masonry cost-alternate
- Elimination of external downspouts and conductor heads
- Landscape buffer- north side of site
- BUG rated lighting to reduce glare to residential community in the east
- Rework of driveways and site entrances based on late VDOT comments

The proposed fire station would be approximately 15,000 sqft, 2-story office and living space and 4 apparatus bays. The MVCCA Environment & Recreation Committee requested creative ways to manage the stormwater on site. The design team evaluated bioretention facilities and rain gardens. It was found that the water table was too shallow for a rain garden, and the soil was too poor for bioretention facilities. In addition, the soil has a slow permeability rate, the area of site is limited- so no room left for a bioretention system or other creative BMPs, and permeable pavers are not an option due to heavy truck traffic and poor soil conditions. The proposed fire station will utilize an underground, (under the parking lot), isolator system that will filter out phosphates before going into the main sewer stem.

A motion for a resolution of support was made, and seconded. A motion was made to have an outside jurisdiction look at the plans, with no second. The motion for a resolution of support passed 8-0.

Presentation: Lukens Lane Private School 2018-MV-004, Resident and Applicant, Resolution Requested

The residents of Lukens Lane, as presented by Doug Jones, (resident of Lukens Lane), came back to the Planning and Zoning Committee with a petition of opposition for the private school on Lukens Lane. Their previous petition contained names of people listed as “church goers” and not residents of Lukens Lane, as stated in their petition, as well as businesses, that were removed from the petition for consideration. The new petition of opposition contained 16 signatures, 7 which were new from Halley Farm Ct., (a cul-de-sac on the southeast of Lukens Lane). The opposition, Doug Jones, stated issues with noise from children playing, pick-up and drop-off times, signage and size of school sign on property. This was restated by an owner of property on Lukens Lane that his elderly renters would be disrupted by the noise of children in the afternoon while they were gardening. Also in their packet was a court case, sighted by Earl Flanagan, of Cingular Wireless’s proposal to put in a cell phone tower in the Ft. Hunt area. The county’s position to deny the cell phone tower was upheld by the Fourth Circuit Court to deny the applicant based on residents’ concerns of the tower not being in harmony with the surrounding area (based on approx. 50 residents). The county’s position to deny was upheld based on the “quality of concerns about the proposal, not the quantity of objectors”.

The applicant, Gobi Gopinath, stated that the issues of the residents had been resolved. He presented a petition in favor of the private school, 45 signers from Lukens Lane or cul-de-sacs from Lukens Lane, Halley Farm Ct. and Walutes Circle and 112 from residents in Mount Vernon and Fairfax County. Also included were signatures from directors of pre-schools in Mount Vernon area, businesses along Rt.1 and residents of Washington DC, Loudoun County and Prince William County which came to 193 total. The hours of the school are from 9 a.m. -2 p.m., with early drop off at 7:30 a.m. and late pick up at 5 p.m.— this is before public school drop off and after pick up. The driveway can accommodate up to 9 cars, and there will be fencing and greenery on both sides of the property to mitigate sound. The playground area will be a 40’x 60’ fenced area with 12 children at a time for 45 minutes. Playtime will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a small sign, with accompanying greenery, in the circular driveway area. VDOT stated no transportation study was needed, and the applicant stated that the area is a transitional area, with a mix of R-2, R-20 and businesses along Lukens Lane.

Halley Farm Ct residents were concerned about the number of possible students in the school exceeding 100. The residents were told by the chair and vice-chair that no more than 24 students would be attending per the Special Exception request. They stated

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they were told a significantly larger number, and then wondered why they were there if it was no more than 24 students.

A motion for a resolution of support was made, and seconded. A motion that the applicant comply with what staff recommends was made, and seconded. The motion for a resolution of support and that the applicant complies with what staff recommends, to the best of his ability passed 3-2.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 p.m.

The next meeting is December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Government Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee meeting was not held on the regular meeting date which allowed members to attend either the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on Monday, November 5 or the Environment and Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 7. Both committees had presentations on the planned rebuilding of the Woodlawn Fire Station. The following associations were represented: Potomac Valley/River Bend, Riverside Estates, and Stratford On The Potomac IV.

The Planning and Zoning Committee as well as the Environment and Recreation Committee were provided presentations by Fairfax County Government staff on the plan to rebuild the Woodlawn Fire Station which is located at 8701 Lukens Lane, Alexandria, Virginia. The following is an overview of the presentations.

The Woodlawn Fire Station was one of the first actual Fairfax County fire stations to be constructed. All previous stations had been built by volunteer fire companies but as the county was growing, additional coverage was required so it was decided for the county to provide this service. The original station was built in 1972 on property at 8701 Lukens Lane and updates were made in 1986. The station currently is one story high, has office and living quarters for the staff, and two and one-half bays for the fire and rescue apparatus. The new station is needed to accommodate staff of each gender and larger apparatus.

Fairfax County purchased the property at 8707 Lukens Lane and is going through the process to change the current zoning of R-2 to R-20 which is what 8701 is zoned as well as adjoining properties. The new station will be built using both the 8701 and 8707 properties and will be done without any interruption of services. Once the new structure is completed, the old station will be removed to accommodate parking, the stormwater management system and a buffer area.

The new station will be a two-story high office and living quarters side of the structure and will have four apparatus bays. Yes, there

will be a fire pole! The new station will have over 15,000 square feet while the current facility has just over 9,000. The exterior will be a mix of metal panels and red brick which blends with the design of other structures in the area. Once all the various hearings have taken place and the facility is approved, it is estimated that the project will take 18-20 months for completed after contracts are awarded.

At meetings of the Planning and Zoning Committee and Environment and Recreation Committee, resolutions were passed to support the project.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of November 5, 2018 in Room 221 A and B of the South County Center at 8350 Richmond Highway. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Sitnik. Participating in the meeting were: State Senator Scott Surovell, 36th District; Delegate Paul Krizek, 44th District; Senior Legislative Aide Rodrigo Velasquez representing Delegate Kathy Tran, 42nd District; MVCCA Council Co-Chair Earl Flanagan; Vincent Fusaro, Fairfax County DOT; and two representatives of The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. Transportation representatives of the following citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle Haven, Gum Springs, Huntington, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Two interested citizens also attended.

Chairman Sitnik called the meeting to order and reminded committee members of the availability of voting cards and reminded representatives that MVCCA they could not vote until dues were paid.

Chairman Sitnik pointed out the following information from the Board of Supervisors (BOS), Mount Vernon Brief, October 30, 2018. Action 5: Endorsed transportation projects to be submitted for funding consideration from the Commonwealth's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Grant Program. This funding request includes \$198,000 for an improved crosswalk at Frye Road, approximately 300 feet north of Richmond Highway. The proposed project consists of a new pedestrian refuge island, curb ramps and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at the existing crosswalk on Frye Road. The full item can be read on pages 219 - 244 of the Board Package.

Delegate Paul E. Krizek, 44th District shared updates on transportation and road concerns in the Mount Vernon District and offered

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his assistance in resolving any issues that required Virginia State Government, particularly VDOT, involvement. Some of the points he addressed were: changing street lights to LED bulbs where possible, the process of placing bollards on Francis Lane as have been in place on Sherwood Hall Lane for some time, reducing the speed limit on Sherwood Hall Lane from 35 mph to 25 mph, trimming vegetation that restricts sight lines at intersections and overhangs sidewalks on Morningside Lane and Parkers Lane, painting centerlines on Karl road. He discussed the bollards as an effort to prevent drivers from using the bicycle lanes to pass cars awaiting a chance to complete a left turn. He expressed a willingness to include neighbors' perceptions about LED bulb brightness and appropriate speed limits before final decisions are made. Delegate Krizek described the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Trail Project with particular attention to pedestrian safety enhancements and sight distances at intersections with Southwood Drive, Forest Haven Drive, Grist Mill Park, Old Mill Road and Patton Boulevard. The improvements envisioned include cross walk markings; pedestrian warning signs; curb ramps; and, in one case, a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Light. He added that he and VDOT are looking into the feasibility of adding an additional lane to the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway where it meets Richmond Highway and Jeff Todd Road so that there would be a dedicated right turn only lane next to the two left turn only lanes and straight ahead and right turn lanes now existing at the right side of that intersection. Delegate Krizek closed with a strong invitation to call his office any time we encountered trouble with state support.

State Senator Scott Surovell, 36th District shared the latest on the Richmond Highway widening design/funding and on the proposed Bike and walking trail at Huntley Meadows park. He also discussed the Sherwood Hall Lane bollards and passing on the right in response to a committee member's question. The cost of Richmond Highway widening has gone up some 75% in comparison to original estimates. So, the \$110 million now authorized will be well short. But, Senator Surovell anticipates that the state share should be expected to increase. Earl Flanagan added that there is money for acquiring the needed right-of-way. Senator Surovell expects condemnation to take about four years because VDOT has too few condemnation experts to do the job any faster. Senator Surovell and Delegate Krizek, who was still present, both expressed support for undergrounding utilities on both sides of the highway for the full length of the widening project. Up to now the Board of Supervisors has refused to consider undergrounding utilities. Supervisors Storck, McKay and Bulova all need to be convinced of the importance of undergrounding. Senator Surovell is also trying to get some Northern Virginia Transportation Authority money for this work. Senator Surovell commented that success of undergrounding would only be probable with Democratic Party control of the legislature next year. In the discussion associated with Senator Surovell's remarks, it was pointed out that Proffer law still remains in effect for Richmond Highway. Katherine Ward suggested talking with the County Executive who understands the importance if undergrounding utilities. Other comments included the importance

of linking Bus Rapid Transit to bus service in the City of Alexandria. Creation of a new headquarters for Amazon in Crystal City would add to our arguments for funding. At this point it appears that Richmond Highway widening should be completed by 2027.

Senator Surovell then gave a moving advocacy for the building of a paved bike path along the south edge of Huntly Meadows Park, the largest park in Northern Virginia, from Telegraph Road near Hayfield Secondary School to a point near the Hybla Valley shopping mall. He feels quite intensely that children living on the west side of the Richmond Highway do not have the access to Athletic fields and walking and bicycle paths away from dense vehicular traffic that our children on this side of Richmond Highway do. The three and a half mile path he envisions would follow a high voltage electrical power line and an underground 24 inch natural gas line with a broad right of way that is mowed regularly. This means that a trail could be built and maintained cheaply. While this trail is in Lee District, it comes within 100 feet of the Mount Vernon District and would serve many Mount Vernon District residents who deserve the same level of quality community assets we on the east side of Richmond Highway enjoy. Lee District communities are not well enough organized to advance this type of project. While Senator Surovell's support of this project is compelling in human terms and seems to have minimal environmental impact and low budget costs, two attendees at our meeting expressed the position that, in spite of regular mowing and periodic application of herbicides, this particular right-of-way hosts rare wildlife and plant species that deserve protection against the intrusion that a trail would constitute.

Rodrigo Velasquez, Senior Legislative Aide to Delegate Kathy Tran of the 42nd District, extended greetings from Delegate Tran and offered any assistance we might need from her office. Her legislative district includes a small part of the Mount Vernon District.

Following these three presentations, Chairman Sitnik took two votes on issues that they had raised. The first was on Senator Surovell's proposal for a trail within Lee District. The vote was 11 to 0 in favor of taking no position.

The second issue was on a decision whether or not to push the Board of Supervisors to act in favor of undergrounding utilities along Richmond Highway. The vote was 11 to 0 in favor of communicating our support to our supervisors.

Dean Lohmeyer of Stratford on the Potomac has prepared a Power Point presentation on possible fixes to the congestion at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road and the merger with I-495 and I-95 north. He agreed to do his presentation at our next meeting due to this month's crowded agenda.

Chairmen Sitnik announced VDOT's Northern Virginia's hosting of an Incident Management Open House on November 10 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in

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Fairfax. This will be the kick-off of the Federal Highway Administration's National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 3 in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

Sept 11 to Sept 26 2018 Report to MVCCA General Council

Respectively submitted by Peter Sitnik, October 24, 2018:

My Report:

The Federation Board led by President Bill Barfield and Tim Thompson finalized the 2018-2018 Legislative Survey questionnaire in late July and approved the release to the residents of Fairfax County on September 3. The survey asked for your opinions about issues facing Fairfax and Virginia residents. The survey had 1 question asking for your written response, 12 multiple choice questions, and a final question asking only for your ZIP code. The survey and the resulting Legislative package is the major undertaking of the Federation.

The latest Federation Member Meeting was 20 September 2018, 7:30 p.m., Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. Agenda was almost exclusively about the 2018-2019 Legislative survey results. The process followed, the raw data received, and initial analysis of the results was reported and discussed at length starting the process of selecting the significant topics for the forthcoming annual Legislative Issues report to our elected senators, delegates, and supervisors. The survey participants reached an all-time high level of just over 500 individual responders with many responders sharing additional and exact concerns in the write in sections of the survey.

More on the Legislative Survey:

The Legislative Survey data will next be refined a little more then sent to the appropriate Federation Committee for additional review, research, discussion, compiling and then to the membership that votes the Top 10 issues for the final Legislative Issues package. This Final Package is presented for action to the 26 Fairfax Senators and Delegates to the 2019 Virginia General Assembly and copied to the ten Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Ideally your issues as part of the Legislative Package will be embraced in the General Assembly in Richmond and possibly become the law of the State of Virginia.

Sept 27 to Nov 14, 2018 Report to MVCCA General Council

Respectfully submitted by Pete Sitnik, October 24, 2018:

Addendum to my Sept 11 to Sept 26 2018 report:

The Federation Board held a meeting on September 12, 2018. I did not receive the standard email notice and the Federation webpage did not list so I was not in attendance. My report is based on the minutes of the meeting. Normal business of fine tuning the Legislative Package survey was conducted and some other housekeeping actions were taken. With no MVCCA representative present and no opposition the Board at the urging of the Environmental Committee lead by Flint Web and Monica Billger was given the task of drafting a resolution to directly oppose the MVCCA Resolution TRAN/P&Z 2018-J01: Support with Recommendations for 8800 Richmond Highway (That passed at the Wednesday, June 27, 2018 MVCCA General Council Meeting).

The September Membership meeting was held September 20 as reported in my Sept 11 to Sept 26 2018 report.

The following is respectfully submitted by both Pete Sitnik & MVCCA Co-Chair Judy Harbeck, October 24, 2018:

The October Federation Board Meeting was held Thursday, October 11, 2018 7:30pm to 10:00pm Woodrow Wilson Library, Meeting Room 1: 6101 Knollwood Dr, Falls Church, VA 22041. The announced agenda was Legislative Issues & GoogleDocs with no mention of the now drafted resolution word doc: FedResolution_8800RichmondHighwayV2.docx and titled: Fairfax Federation of Citizen Associations Resolution: Opposition to Proposed Plan Amendment PA 2018-IV-MV2 (PA). MVCCA Co-Chair Judy Harbeck and I attended the Federation Board Meeting. Co-Chair Judy Harbeck offered the MVCCA passed resolution in place of the resolution pushed by Flint and Monica. Co-Chair Judy Harbeck represented the MVCCA Council well but was interrupted and shouted over during the process. Co-Chair Judy Harbeck later stated "it was a contentious meeting" although only a plan amendment was at issue, not a final approval of the project, and plan amendments are peculiarly of interest to the community involved. Only the Sully District Representative listened and stated: "It is not the Federation's normal order of business and not right for the Federation to directly meddle in the business of member districts" and "definitely not the Federation's business to make opposition resolutions" and added "as the Representative to Sully I oppose because I and the Sully would not appreciate an action like this in opposition to my districts positions". Most Board members, it appeared, had not seen the resolution before the meeting and there was less than 1/2 hour left to discuss it. The resolution backed by Flint and Monica passed 8/2 (with several abstentions) to be sent to the Membership on October 25, 2018. Immediately after the meeting some Board members said that they did not feel they had adequate information and did not understand that a "no" vote

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meant Mount Vernon's resolution would not go to the membership. The resolution has since been modified to remove the direct linkage to the MVCCA resolution but is still in word and in spirit opposing the wishes of the MVCCA General Council, and it would seem, attempting to circumscribe any exercise of flexibility or judgement (even though such is provided for in the actual legislation).

The following is respectfully submitted by both Pete Sitnik & MVCCA Co-Chair Judy Harbeck, November 14, 2018:

The October Federation Member meeting was held Thursday Night, October 25, 2018, 7:30 PM Providence District Government & Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr. Fairfax, Room upstairs, right.

Announced agenda included:

1. The now renamed published draft resolution named "Supporting the Flood Plain and Chesapeake Bay Ordinances" will be discussed and voted on.
2. Legislative package discussion, vote.

Both Co-chair Judy Harbeck and Pete Sitnik were in attendance and actively participated in the meeting. The meeting concentrated on completing the legislative package and some important changes were made that as requested by Mount Vernon member associations including the removal of the endorsement of raising the grantors tax. The resolution that was the main topic of concern for the MVCCA was not heard due to lack of time but the originators plan on still bringing it to a vote.

Upcoming Federation Meetings:

- The next Federation Membership Meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, 15 November 2018, 7:30 p.m.: Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Agenda to include: Program & presentation will focus on the Police Independent Auditor & Civilian Review Panel. A vote is scheduled to approve: The Federation Resolution on FCPS' Strategic Plan.
- The next Board meeting is: Thursday, 6 December 2018; This is the Federation's annual holiday board dinner. Place, time, location, agenda to TBD and TBA.
- January 2019 Membership meetings is: 17 January 2019, 7:30 p.m., Reston Community Center (pending), 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston.

More information *may be found* (*Much of the postings are very much out of date as of this report November 14, 2018*): 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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SFDC

Verbal report at the General Council meeting on November 28.

Fairfax County is creating **Urban Design Guidelines for the Richmond Highway corridor**. The Guidelines provide details on many of the recommendations described in the Embark Comprehensive Plan including the appearance and function of streets, parks and plazas, and other elements of the public realm. To kick this project off, the County invites everyone in the community to participate in an Urban Design Workshop to share their design ideas for Richmond Highway.

Event Details:

- Saturday, December 8, 2018
- 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
- Walt Whitman Middle School Cafeteria, 2500 Parkers Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306

For more information visit:

www.fcrevit.org/richmondhwy/designguides.htm

or contact JoAnne Fiebe at the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization the Office of Community Revitalization at 703-324-9300

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PLANNING & ZONING

PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION'S (MVCCA) RESOLUTION (PLANNING & ZONING) 2018-01

TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL ON LUKENS LANE SE 2018-MV-004

1. **WHEREAS**, the subject property is located at 8728 Lukens Lane (Tax Map Parcel 1101 01 0044) in Alexandria, VA, on the eastern side of Lukens Lane near the intersection of Lukens Lane and Richmond Highway in the Mount Vernon Magisterial District and;
2. **WHEREAS**, the Applicant seeks a special exception to establish a private school of general education, to be housed in an existing single-family detached house and;
3. **WHEREAS**, the proposed school will serve a maximum of 24 students in K-3rd grade with hours of operation from 9:00 AM-2:30 PM, Monday-Friday, with early drop-off and late pick-up hours to be worked out with the community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association supports SE 2018-MV-004;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, The Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Association requests the applicant comply to the best of their ability with the requests in the staff report.

TRANSPORTATION

PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION'S (MVCCA) RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION) 2018-04

UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS ALONG RICHMOND HIGHWAY FROM JEFF TODD WAY TO NAPPER ROAD

1. **Whereas**: The Board of Supervisor's adopted a Policy Plan Objective 41 encourages us to "Construct underground transmission and distribution lines, whenever possible, along existing or planned utility or road rights-of-way, preferably on lot lines which will least disturb future development of the site." and; Locate future above-ground transmission lines along railroad rights-of-way, where possible, and when in keeping with adjacent development. Placement of transmission lines should not compromise the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. Visual impact should be a key element in the evaluation of proposed transmission line locations." and;

2. **Whereas**: The Board of Supervisor's recently adopted EMBARK URBAN STREET NETWORK DESIGN recommendation that "Utilities, utility boxes, and utility vaults should be placed underground, wherever practical, (with the exception of storm drainage in areas where natural channels are possible) to foster a visually appealing and pedestrian-friendly environment. Such infrastructure should be located within building structures, under sidewalks, or in the building zone. These facilities should not be located within the landscape panel where conflict with street trees is possible. If underground utility lines are located under sidewalks, above grade structures and utility cabinets should not be located in the sidewalk where they may impede pedestrian movements. To achieve this goal of undergrounding utilities, detailed site analysis should take place early in the development process to avoid conflicts between utilities and proposed street tree locations. If underground utilities are not practical at the time of redevelopment, redevelopment should provide underground utility conduits and commitments to facilitate future improvements as adjacent development builds-out and utilities are relocated.", and

3. **Whereas**: VDOT is beginning its condemnation of roadway frontage in order to widen the highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road and;

4. **Whereas**: This process will take up to 4-5 years therefore there is ample time for funding to be attained for undergrounding and;

5. **Whereas**: The current businesses along Richmond Highway generated approx. \$4.5 million in tax dollars in 2017 and the property owners and residents deserve a true revitalized highway that undergrounding of utilities and communications will achieve and;

6. **Whereas**: Prince William County and James City County in VA accomplished undergrounding with a variety of funding methods (examples: NVTA revenue, CIT revenue, County General Funds, Special taxing District, Prepay proffers etc.); Fairfax County, a rich county, should be able to do the same and;

7. **Whereas**: Proffers to repay the County for funding this undergrounding can be another funding method and;

8. **Whereas**: The piecemeal proffers of developers to underground utilities at redevelopment sites as developers begin projects will not enhance Richmond Highway and will merely disrupt traffic haphazardly along the roadway as each development commences; and;

9. **Whereas**: EMBARK will never achieve the true status of the award it attained if undergrounding is not made part of the process now.

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Therefore be it resolved: We the citizens of the Mount Vernon District ask Supervisor Storck to introduce a board matter in support of the undergrounding of utilities and communications and;

Therefore be it finally resolved: The citizens of the Mount Vernon District requests County Staff and all elected officials to do the economically right thing and use all sources of funding available to them to add undergrounding of utilities and communications to the widening project of Richmond Highway.

REF: Previous resolutions: MVCCA Resolution 2017-AC-01 and MVCCA Resolution 2018-03

**JOINT
PLANNING & ZONING
TRANSPORTATION
ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION**

**PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZEN'S
ASSOCIATION JOINT RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEES
PLANNING AND ZONING, TRANSPORTATION, AND
ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION RESOLUTION
P&Z/TRAN/E&R 2018-J03**

WOODLAWN FIRE STATION 8701 & 8707 Lukens Lane

1. **WHEREAS**, the applicant Fairfax County DPWES CAP BDCD requests approval to rezone approximately 1 acre from the R-20 District and 0.5 acres from the R-2 District to the R-20 District to replace the existing Fire Station #24 with a new fire station. The requests include modification to 20' front yard setback to 17', modification to the transitional screening requirements, and a waiver of the bicycle master plan and;
2. **WHEREAS**, the applicant is proposing the existing 9,142 square foot one-story fire station, with two full and one half bays be replaced with a 15,149 square foot two-story with four drive through bays and;
3. **WHEREAS**, the applicant is proposing to construct the new fire station south of the existing fire station in order to permit the existing station to remain in operation during construction of the new station and;
4. **WHEREAS**, applicant will have an underground rainwater storage facility and treatment facility and;
5. **WHEREAS**, applicant is using Low Impact Development (LID) and Best Management Practices and;
6. **WHEREAS**, applicant agrees to investigate LEED Pilot Credit #55 (reducing bird collisions with buildings) and;
7. **WHEREAS**, applicant aims to recycle 75% of Construction, Demolition and Debris (CDD) waste.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations backs the application and requests that the Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner and Supervisor support application RZ2018 MV-012 & 2232-V18-1.

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 October 31, 2018

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	October	Total July 1 to October 31	2018-2019 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 129	\$ 2,601	\$ 3,300	
Dues - Collected in 2017-18 Fiscal Year ³	-	102	-	
Money Market Interest	1	4	10	
Total Cash Receipts	130	2,707	3,310	\$ (603)
<u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u>				
Administrative	-	107	300	193
Insurance Premium	-	-	880	880
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	-	240	1,390	1,150
Web Site	150	417	2,500	2,083
Total Cash Disbursements	150	764	5,570	4,806
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(20)	1,943	(2,260)	\$ (5,409)
<u>Other Sources/Changes in Cash:</u>				
Cash at Beginning of Period	13,026	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	\$ 13,006	\$ 13,006	\$ 8,906	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,958
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,049
Total Cash	\$ 13,006

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman,
Treasurer
November 14, 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, November 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—Nov. 28, 8:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Room
MVCCA Board—Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	12/5	8:00	WWMS/ Library	Harbeck
E&R	12/5	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	<i>open</i>
PL/Z	12/3	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	12/6	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	12/3	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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