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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

REMINDER: General Council meetings will in future begin at 7 p.m., according to Council vote.

LOCATION CHANGE FOR MAY: the **May General Council meeting** (May 22, 2019) will be moved to the cafeteria of Whitman Middle School due to space limitations.

The **April General Council meeting** will have a change in the agenda. The first order of business will be to discuss and take action on the *Gardening As An Accessory Use* joint Resolution from the P&Z and E&R Committees. This is due to the Planning Commission Hearing being the same night as the General Council meeting. The Planning Commission Hearing begins at

7:30 p.m., and Commissioner Clarke will be notified after discussion and ratification of the Resolution.

zMOD, (Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project), representatives will give a presentation about who they are and what they do at the April General Council meeting.

A **zMOD** public hearing will be held on April 23, 2019, 7 p.m., Rooms 4 & 5, Fairfax County Government Center to present the draft of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment on Residential, Accessory and Temporary Uses from April 9, 2019. The public is invited to attend the meeting or watch Facebook Live on the [Fairfax County Zoning Facebook page](#). The draft of this Zoning Ordinance Amendment can be found on the MVCCA website under Planning & Zoning.

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The **MVCCA Nominating Committee** is as follows:

- Karen Pohorylo (Chair)
- Pete Sitnik
- Bob Reynolds
- J. Sean McCarthy
- Tony Morris

The Committee is charged with recruiting candidates for the 3 Co-Chair positions, a Treasurer and Secretary. The success of this Committee is of the **UTMOST IMPORTANCE** to the vitality of the MVCCA. Do not hesitate to contact Karen Pohorylo at kpohorylo@msn.com to learn more about any of these positions. Have somebody you would like to nominate? Send in their name and contact info to Karen.

If we all do a little, a lot will happen!

Council Minutes

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

At South County Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Earl Flanagan

ATTENDING: Co-Chair Judy Harbeck; Committee Chairs: Karen Pohorylo (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation); Ellen Young (SFDC).

Voting Representatives from: Belle View Condominium, Civic Association of Hollin Hills Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside Civic Association, Grist Mill Woods Civic Assn, Huntington Community Association, Mount Vernon Civic Assn, Newington Forest Community Assn, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Wellington Civic Association, Williamsburg Manor North Citizens' Assn, Woodlawn Manor Community Assn.

Elected and Appointed Officials & Staff: Dan Storck, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Mount Vernon District; Anna Smith, Mount Vernon Supervisor's Office.

GUESTS: Bob Brandt; Ivy Carter; John Levto; Tom Fleetwood; Martin Rizer; Aaron Zephyr; Rex Peters; Hussein Malayeri; Liz Lardner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

THE AGENDA was approved.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES of the February 27, 2019 General Council meeting were approved.

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

Presentation by Bob Brandt of Walsh Colucci on the revised North Hill plan. The financing is close to being completed, and it is anticipated that construction could start in October 2019. K Hovnanian will build the Townhouses. The updated designs of the buildings will have less glass. There are significant costs related to marine clay, and retaining walls will need to be constructed. Dart Drive will now go through to Arlington rive, and the project will designate an easement to the county for future utility undergrounding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: As published in the Record.

EDU: As published in the Record. The committee does have a Resolution.

E&R: No meeting. The next meeting is on Wednesday April 3.

P&Z: As published in the Record. The next meeting is on Monday April 1, with presentations by 711 and North Gateway.

Pub. Safety: As published in the Record.

Trans: As published in the Record. There will be three Resolutions discussed at the next meeting on Monday April 1. WMATA will be attending the May meeting, and VDOT will attend in June.

Federation: As published in the Record, with special note that at the Annual Awards Banquet on April 7, Cathy Ledec will be honored as the 2018 Citizen of the Year, and John Ribble will receive a Special Gratitude Award.

SFDC: As published in the Record, with a reminder that the 2019 Economic Outlook Summit will be held on April 11. County staff is presenting Pop-Up Studios on April 4, and April 6 for Richmond Highway streetscape designs. Flyers are next to the door as you leave.

Proposed MVCCA EDUCATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION EDU- 2019-02 IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUEST IN FY2020, as published in the Record. Passed unanimously 11-0.

Proposed MVCCA BOARD RESOLUTION BOARD- 2019-01 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FY2020 COUNTY BUDGET, as published in the Record. Passed unanimously 11-0 to.\

NEW BUSINESS

Co-chair appointees to the Nominating Committee are Karen Pohorylo and Bob Reynolds. Members volunteering from the floor are Pete Sitnik, Sean McCarthy and Tony Morrison.

MEMBER TIME

The Huntington Community will be participating in WMATA training regarding this summer's closures. It was agreed that Pete Sitnik is added to the training group.

SUPERVISOR TIME

The Grist Mill Planning process and ZMOD work are continuing. Supervisor Storck met with VDOT to discuss the undergrounding of utilities. The issue is funding, which needs an additional \$15-20 million.

There was a meeting with WMATA about Metro closures, and there may be impacts on the Huntington and Franconia stations beyond September 2. Supervisor Storck will meet with them again next week, where he will discuss possible free parking during the summer closures.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ellen Young, Acting Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance committee did not meet in March.

There is no scheduled meeting. Members will be notified by email if one is scheduled.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8pm, April 3, 2019, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented were: Mt. Zephyr, Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic, Newington Forest, Wellington, Woodlawn Manor and Stratford Landing.

The main topic for the meeting was the results of the 2018 Youth Survey, which is promulgated by the County and given annually by FCPS to all 6th, 9th and 11th grade students during a designated class period. The anonymous survey covers a wide range of topics including risky behaviors (alcohol and drug use, smoking, sexual behavior, suicidal thoughts), safety issues including bullying, and whether the student has “assets” such as school staff, available parents or outside resources to offer help if needed.

Bethany Koszselak, School Psychologist at West Potomac High School, discussed the survey results and also discussed both school specific responses and also more generalized approaches such as community schools.

Koszselak noted that the survey has been given for a number of years and is particularly useful at spotting trends or spikes both at particular schools and County-wide which can then be targeted for response. Results from about 86% of all students in the particular grades are included. She noted that the tabulation program is sophisticated and does a reasonable job of weeding out surveys which are incomplete or internally inconsistent or otherwise unreliable. She said, and committee members agreed, that most students took the survey seriously and tried to give accurate answers. The data is available on the Fairfax County website but is voluminous and not particularly user friendly to the average citizen or parent.

In response to questions, Koszselak said school-specific data is available for all schools and is utilized by FCPS and school-specific staff to design programs in response to particular risky behavior issues at the school. This is done in concert with students who help decide the most serious problems and the most effective response. She was not able to discuss how the County uses the data. Also, while FCPS does some screening of all students for depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts, data results enable stronger targeted response and staff training to particular schools and staff. FCPS also offers teacher training on identifying students who may have psychological problems for professional referral

and screening but the program is not as well-known as it should be.

Koszselak segregated data for the 4 high school pyramids (MVHS and WPHS were discussed at the meeting) and the chair distributed that correlation to members subsequently.

She noted that in our area (and County-wide) some trends were related to school income levels ie students at more affluent schools were more likely to abuse opioids and prescription drugs while less affluent schools reported more marijuana use. Alcohol use and binge drinking is also somewhat higher at more affluent schools, as were reports of bullying and racial/cultural/sexual slurs. Engaging in sex is fairly consistent statistically and higher at older ages (though not as high as some might think); however it was concerning that those younger students who do have sex were also less likely to use any protection.

A particularly positive note was the consistent drop in cigarette use. However, use of e-cigarettes is greatly increasing and Koszselak noted that even so this is probably underreported because students may not have equated “vaping” with e-cigarette use. The survey will probably be adapted to be specific on this issue since “vaping” is very widespread among teens across the County and the country.

Although we may think that depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts are most prevalent at affluent schools because of test and college-admission pressure and parental expectations, responses are higher at lower affluence schools. Apparently—and not surprisingly perhaps—low income students are as depressed and anxious as wealthier peers, if not more so.

Low income students often also report fewer “assets” in terms of adults or groups they can count on for positive support. This lack contributes to psychological problems and poor school performance and is one of the areas the community school program (currently piloted at Mount Vernon Woods ES and Whitman ES but planned for expansion) addresses. This program tries to look at the school as a whole and engage the community and parents in creating a cohesive and supportive environment for children and their families in a multitude of ways, whether actually providing resources locally, establishing clubs, recreation and parent groups, or local tutoring. Public bus service was recently established for Whitman which, as an “island” school, has particular problems in engaging parents and community members who often have no way to get to school for meeting and programs.

The Community School concept—and the difficulty in engaging parents who lack transportation and may be working multiple jobs—has been discussed by the Committee for years. Ideally it may eventually include on-site health and community services since children who come to school sick, undernourished, ill-clothed or in need of glasses or dental services are clearly compromised in their ability to learn.

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However, a start has been made and will hopefully expand to the many schools in our area whose children and families need this assistance.

The Chair also announced that she will be retiring at the end of her term (June) and that a new chair must step forward to continue the Committee's important work. The Chair would be glad to discuss the parameters with anyone who considers stepping forward; you need not be a current committee member, just someone who is interested in promoting and improving schools in our area to continue to provide a quality educational experience for all students. No experience necessary! Will train!

Next meeting: 8pm, May 1, 2019, Whitman MS library.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Environment & Recreation Committee Minutes 04/03/2019

Members Attending: Pete Sitnik; Woodlawn Manor Civic Association, Katherine Ward; Wellington Civic Association, Ellen Young; Belle View Condominium Association, Alan Ruof; Huntington, Dorothy Keough; Hollin Hall Civic Association, Bill Cleveland; Collingwood on the Potomac

Guests' Attending: Earl Flanagan; MVCCA Co-Chair Liaison

Presiding Chair: Karen Pohorylo; MVCCA Chair, Environment & Recreation

Called to Order: 7:17 p.m.

Introductions of Committee Members

Discussion of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Articles 2,3,6,8,10,18,20 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding COMMUNITY GARDENS, FARMERS MARKETS, GARDENING AS AN ACCESSORY USE AND RELATED CHANGES

Discussion was had about the ZOA and a motion was made and seconded to remove the 15 ft from the front lot line requirement and allow a variance depending on lot depth. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was made and seconded to not allow the ZOA to supersede HOA regulations, CA covenants and Condominium Association rules. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion was made and seconded to be a joint Resolution with P&Z to support the ZOA with above conditions. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion to Join Planning & Zoning Resolution on SE 2019-MV-001 7-Eleven, 8629 Richmond Highway

A motion was made and seconded to join the P&Z Resolution above. So long as LEED, electric charging stations, and solar energy considerations were in the Resolution. Motion passed 6-0.

Announcements

April 13, 2019, 9AM-12 noon, trash clean-up along the Potomac River and Dyke Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Meet at the Marina Rd/Haul Rd entrance to Dyke Marsh or Belle Haven Park near the restrooms. Event sponsored by Friends of Dyke Marsh, (www.fodm.org), and The National Park Service, www.nps.gov/gwmp

April 20, 2019, 10AM- 12 noon, Raptor Rapture, See live raptors, a family that includes owls, hawks and falcons, that were injured and have been rehabilitated, but cannot survive on their own. Where: Along the bike path in the Belle Haven picnic area along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Energy Action Fairfax is giving away up to five LED lightbulbs for free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library to find dates, times and library locations for this event running from April to May

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Huntley Meadows Park: May 13, 2019, 6PM, presentation about the sea rise in Dyke Marsh.

Adjourn: 8:15PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 7:15PM, Mount Vernon Government Center

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning & Zoning Minutes 04/01/2019

Members Attending: Ellen Young; Belle View Condominium Association, Janet McMillian; Engleside Civic Association, Malcolm Northam; Tauxemont, Leah Chapla; Stratford Landing, Ray Novitske; Huntington, Katherine Ward; Wellington Civic Association, Mike Frank; Mount Zephyr, Poul Hertel; Riverwood HOA, Lynn Pascoe; Montebello, Don Martin; Hollin Hall Village Civic Association, Mark Viani; Collingwood on the Potomac

Guests' Attending: Walter Clarke; Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner

Meeting Presided By: Karen Pohorylo; MVCCA Vice-Chair, Planning & Zoning

Call to Order: 7:04PM

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution on SE 2019-MV-001/7-Eleven 8629 Richmond Highway

Committee Discussion on presentation that was held at the March meeting included:

- Escape valve for gas
- Look at design with respect to protecting the community behind the project
- Adequate space for gas trucks
- Electronic charging stations
- Appropriate barrier between project and community
- No pylar signage, monument sign would be more appropriate
- Use solar power
- Undergrounding of utilities or contribution to a fund for undergrounding of utilities along Richmond Highway
- Leed Certification

A motion was made and seconded to support the redevelopment of the existing 7-Eleven, demolish the old building and build a new one. 8-1

A second motion was made and seconded, to not support the Special Exception unless solar considerations, moving the building and gas pumps as far from the community behind the project as possible and no pylar sign, monument sign is preferred, in addition to the above considerations. 10-1

Committee Discussion on Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Articles 2,3,6,8,10,18,20 of the Zoning Ordinance regarding COMMUNITY GARDENS, FARMERS MARKETS, GARDENING AS AN ACCESSORY USE AND RELATED CHANGES

A motion was made and seconded to support the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, if it was made clear that HOA regulations, CA covenants and Condominium Association rules supersede the Zoning Ordinance Amendment. 8-1

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It was asked by a member why work was stopped at Little Hunting Creek. The Committee Chair did not know the answer, but stated they would find out.

Adjourn: 8:36PM

[Next Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019, 7PM, Mount Vernon Government Center](#)

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 in the Mount Vernon Government Center. The meeting began at 7:35 PM with the following associations represented: Belle View, Hollin Hall, Mount Vernon Civic, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, and Waynewood.

Our speakers for the meeting were from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department; Deputy Chief Cheri Zosh, Emergency Medical Services Division and Maura Power, Section Manager of Data and Analytics.

An overview of the department was provided:

- 38 Fire Stations
- Approximately 1400 uniformed personnel, 200 civilian personnel and 350 operational volunteers
- Units/Apparatus
 - ◇ 38 Advanced Life Support Engines
 - ◇ 42 Advanced Life Support Transport Units
 - ◇ 2 Hazardous Material Response Units
 - ◇ 14 Ladder Trucks
 - ◇ 6 Tankers
 - ◇ 8 Rescue Units

The advertised budget for FY2020 for the department is \$216,369,937 and there is an expected income of \$28,903,100. The income is generated mainly from medical transportation billing, and Fire Marshal Office permit fees. Also included in the proposed budget are funding adjustments for employee compensation and the inclusion of a position which will be part of the Diversion First program.

Fire and Emergency Medical Service for the Mount Vernon District is provided by Fire Station 11 – Penn Daw, Fire Station 9 – Mount Vernon, Fire Station 24 – Woodlawn, Fire Station 19 – Lorton and Fire Station 20 – Gunston. A mutual aid agreement is also part of the response program so units from Alexandria City as well as Fort Belvoir may be dispatched to incidents in the Mount Vernon District. Stations outside of the Mount Vernon District may also be dispatched such as Springfield, Pohick, Crosspointe and Kingstowne. Fire station rebuilding is currently underway at the Lorton station and soon to begin at the Woodlawn station. Options are being examined for replacing the Penn Daw station.

Overall, the number of incidents in Fairfax County continues to increase each year with approximately 105,000 for 2018. This was over a 3 percent increase from the previous year. Incidents in the Mount Vernon District increased by about 1 percent with a total of 13,055 calls. Mapping displayed, to indicate incident frequency, showed areas along Richmond Highway with multi-family units were the highest activity which would be expected as that is where the higher concentrations of population are located. The majority

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of the incidents were for emergency medical calls at 9,363. Alarms and investigations had 1,649, public service and fire marshal calls were 1,197, fire calls were 434, rescue calls were 224 and hazardous material incidents numbered 188.

The top cause for fires was electrical arcing but the speakers advised that this time of the year there was a high number of fires generated by mulch being ignited. The flaming mulch often then spread to adjoining structures. In the previous 14 days, 40 percent of fires had started in mulch.

Response times to incidents are also tracked with the goal of having an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator on the scene within 5 minutes to improve life-saving efforts. This goal is achieved in the Mount Vernon District 56.5 percent of the time. The goal for fire response is set at 5 minutes and 20 seconds and the Mount Vernon District units achieved this goal over 48 percent of the time with the average response time being 6 minutes.

The Fire and Rescue Department works with the Health Department, Community Services Board, and the Police Department as part of the Opioid Taskforce. Emergency Medical Services conducts weekly monitoring of events. Often the patient is revived but will overdose at a later time so kits are left for family members to administer should this occur.

A period of questions and answers provided direction for CPR classes (check with the American Red Cross or the Lorton Fire Station) and fire station personnel awareness of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which Fire and Rescue sponsors so most are aware.

The committee thanked the speakers for their presentation and time.

In other business, the Waynewood representative provided additional information on the CERT program and local (zip code) teams which are being established. There was discussion on having another locally conducted class as it is not convenient to go up to Fairfax City or onto Fort Belvoir to complete the full 24-hour class.

There was no further business so the meeting concluded at approximately 8:35 PM.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of April 1, 2019 in the Community Rooms, Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane. Participating in the meeting were: Tom Burke, Fairfax County Department of Transportation and Sophia Fisher, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Also attending was Alexis Glenn, president of the Jefferson Manor Citizens' Association.

Chairman Sitnik called the Transportation Committee to order and began with a number of announcements.

Ann Rowan of Wellington has agreed to manage attendance and sign-in sheets at our committee meetings.

Committee members who attend any transportation related events in between our meetings were asked to share their experiences as a part of the new business part of the following Transportation Committee meeting.

Supervisor Storck's office has two flashing speed boards available upon request to help with member Citizen Associations' local problems with speeders.

A county staff flyer advertising Richmond Highway Urban Design Pop-Ups was circulated. Anyone interested in sharing ideas about urban design along the Richmond Highway corridor is invited to attend. The location is the Mount Vernon Plaza Shopping Center, 7648 Richmond Highway (behind McDonalds and next to DTLR). Pop-Up Studio Number 1 is from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on April 4th. Pop-Up Studio Number 2 is from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 6th.

Chairman Sitnik reminded everyone of the planned shutdown of all Yellow and Blue Line Metrorail Service south of Reagan National Airport this summer from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Watch for measures intended to accommodate added vehicular traffic, such as modified HOV rules on Washington Street in the City of Alexandria. Also plan for traffic slow-downs as commuters depend more on their cars during this period of reduced Metrorail availability.

Tom Burke of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation then presented a thorough briefing of the Huntington Area Transportation Study. This HATS study addresses the challenges involved in responding to the Northern Gateway Community Development Center reflected in the Comprehensive Plan modifications

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we explored in the course of our March meeting. The HATS study was originally commissioned with the support of Supervisor Hyland, but it is deemed to remain valid because of the distant 2040 traffic projections used and the possibility of scaling the development density from a floor area ratio (FAR) from 1.65 to the currently planned 2.00 FAR. The intersections addressed are the Richmond Highway intersections with Huntington Avenue, Fort Hunt Road and the ramps to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and I-95 headed west. The Huntington Avenue and Telegraph Road intersection was deemed to have improved to the point that it was dropped from the study's focus. Also dropped from consideration was the idea of a grade-separated intersection carrying Huntington Avenue over Richmond Highway. Similarly dropped was the idea of doing a full "super street" reconfiguration that would block traffic crossing Richmond Highway completely in the area under consideration. As most drivers in the area surmise, the intersections in the study are now more congested than the target Level of Service (LOS) of D which is a rush hour average delay of from 35 to 55 seconds at each intersection. For example, the current LOS at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road is E with an average delay of 71 seconds. Projecting out to 2040, the morning rush hour projection is an F with a delay of 134 seconds and the evening rush hour an F with an 81.5 second delay. Applying conventional mitigation techniques, particularly limiting left turns and reducing driver options of where to make needed turns, should bring that morning Fort Hunt delay to 90.6 seconds, still an LOS of F. All of this is based on study work done before Embark and the addition of Bus Rapid Transit which hopefully improve projected delays somewhat. A further improvement could be gained by widening the access ramp to the bridge an additional lane and restricting lane changes to access the bridge back as far as Fort Hunt Road. While the HATS study isn't based on completely current data, it is going to VDOT to fulfill the requirement for a Chapter 870 study. If current thinking is accepted, this planning effort would go to the Board of Supervisors in July. There was considerable discussion by committee members. All were grateful that FCDOT could share this briefing with us. Many also were concerned that the HATS concept did not touch on pedestrian safety given recent fatalities along our part of Richmond Highway. Several committee members recalled Woodrow Wilson Bridge project design elements that were never actually built then and might help now. A ramp from Richmond Highway northbound lanes down to the through lanes of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge was in the design but never built. It might provide an alternative bridge access that would unload the current ramps. Also, an extension of the Cameron Run trail beneath the Richmond highway along Cameron Run to connect with the George Washington Memorial Parkway trail extension that now reaches all the way to Richmond Highway at Cameron Run would create a safe and sorely needed pedestrian crossing.

Following Tom Burkes presentation, the committee addressed its draft resolution to support improvements to increase safety and improve traffic flow at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road and at the adjacent ramps to I-495 and the

Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The committee approved the resolution by a vote of 16 to 0.

The committee then addressed its resolution supporting the construction of pedestrian walkways under the planned bridges at Little Hunting Creek and Dogue Creek and raising safety concerns that should be resolved. The committee approved the resolution by a vote of 16 to 0.

The committee then addressed the question of whether or not to prepare a resolution supporting construction of a new 7-Eleven at 8629 Richmond with 8 gas pumps. The committee decided unanimously that, since this was primarily a planning and zoning issue, we need not take a position.

Representative Beyer's office has advised that the long awaited George Washington Memorial Safety Study is underway. There will be opportunities for public comment. The Transportation Committee is inviting the National Park Service to send a representative to one of our meetings.

Gary Drane, Hollin Hall, C.A., reported on the March 28 Public Information Meeting about VDOT's Northern Virginia Paving Program. All residential streets east of Fort Hunt Road and Vernon View from the River north to Arcturus Lane will be resurfaced. Work should be underway this month and completed by the end of the year.

Steve Ditmeyer, Wellington Heights, asked about process for getting a crosswalk painted. The consensus was to start with the VDOT work number.

The February 14th *Mount Vernon Gazette* had an article citing an effort to get electrically powered bicycles authorized on Fairfax County trails. John Kohout, Waynewood, raised the question of whether or not the Transportation Committee should develop a position on e-vehicles. Given the safety questions raised recently in the press about safety of electric vehicles such as scooters and bicycles and how well they mix with other vehicles and pedestrians, this is worthy of future discussion.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6 in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will present a briefing on the status of Metrorail initiatives at that May meeting. At our June 3rd meeting, VDOT will join us for their presentation on Richmond Highway Design. For planning purposes, our Transportation Committee meeting schedule for the rest of the year is: July 8, No meeting in August, September 9, October 7, November 11 and December 2.

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FAIRFAX FEDERATION

Report to the MVCCA Board & General Council
March 13, 2019 to April 10, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Pete Sitnik, April 10, 2019:

- March Board meeting was held Thursday, 21 March 2019, 7:30PM: at the Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA, 22027. Agenda concentrated almost entirely on review and crafting a Resolution on the Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2020 Advertised Budget to be presented at the 28 March Membership. Draft minutes of previous Board meetings and general business.
- March Federation Membership Meeting was held on 28 March, 2019: The meeting was called to order @7:30PM at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 7, 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035. Agenda included discussion and vote where the Membership passed a consolidated resolution on the Fairfax County FY2020 Advertised Budget. Resolution on the Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2020 Advertised Budget.
- 2018 COY Annual Awards Banquet: Sunday, 7 April 2019, Program 6:30 PM, Tysons Corner Doubletree Hotel, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, Tysons Corner, VA.

2018 Year's COY Honorees

2018 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year: **Catherine Ledec**
Citation of Merit Honorees: Alberto Sangiorgio, Tania Hossain
Special Gratitude Award Recipient: **John F. Ribble, III**

Attended by approximately 65 that included many elected officials, Federation Officers and members, and friends and family of the awards recipients. All enjoyed a tasty meal and beverages while hearing from the presenter and awards recipients.

Upcoming Federation Meetings & events:

- April Federation Membership Meeting: Thursday, 18 April 2019, 7:30 PM. Location and agenda should be on the Federation webpage the week before the meeting.
- April Board meeting: Thursday, 25 April 2019: Location and agenda TBD & TBA

More information may be found (*Many of the postings are still somewhat out of date as of this report April 10, 2019*): All things related to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FEDERATION/FED) can be found on the Federations Website (www.fairfaxfederation.org).

SFDC

The SFDC endorsed the Woodlawn/National Trust/Arcadia Application.

There is an excellent small business resource guide on our website, at SFDC.org/business-resources-2/.

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PROPOSED JOINT RESOLUTION # P&Z-E&R-2019-J02

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS,
(MVCCA), PLANNING & ZONING AND ENVIRONMENT &
RECREATION COMMITTEES

SE-2019-MV-001 8625/8629 RICHMOND HIGHWAY,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22309 7-11 SITE

1. **Whereas**, the applicant is seeking a to redevelop an existing 7-11, demolish the old building and replace with a new building and;
 2. **Whereas**, the applicant is seeking a Special Exception, (SE), to add 8 gas pumps to the site;
 3. **Whereas**, Fairfax Green Initiatives are under way to create energy related initiatives, such as, "Comprehensive Plan and Zoning changes that would incentivize and support more environmentally sustainable development; Building design and code changes, including the International Green Construction Code, that could inspire and expedite energy savings practices on all new construction and significant renovations;"
- A. Therefore, be it resolved**, the MVCCA supports the redevelopment of the existing 7-11;
- B. Therefore be it resolved**, the MVCCA does not support the Special Exception without the following development conditions:

- Building placement and gas pumps should be placed in a manner that creates a pleasing "line of site" from the frontage, and protect the community in the back of the property from light pollution
- Cost analysis and benefits for this site to utilize solar energy
- Leed Certification
- Electronic charging stations, or build the infrastructure for future electronic charging stations
- No pylon signage, monument signage is recommended
- Gas pumps are to be state of the art, and include no escape valves
- Assure adequate space for gas trucks to get in and out with the least disturbance to the surrounding buildings and traffic
- Undergrounding of utilities, or contribution to the future undergrounding of utilities along Richmond Highway

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION P&Z-E&R-2019-J02

PROPOSED JOINT RESOLUTION # P&Z-E&R-2019-J03

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS,
MVCCA PLANNING & ZONING AND ENVIRONMENT &
RECREATION COMMITTEES'

PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**ARTICLES 2,3,6,8,10,18,20 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE
REGARDING COMMUNITY GARDENS, FARMERS MARKETS,
GARDENING AS AN ACCESSORY USE AND RELATED
CHANGES**

Whereas, the ZMOD process has recommended amendments to the above Zoning Ordinance(s);

Therefore, be it resolved; the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations supports the Zoning Ordinance Amendment with the following conditions in regards to GARDENING AS AN ACCESSORY USE:

- It is made clear, either written in the Zoning Ordinance, and/or explained at the Planning Commission Hearing and the Board Hearing that HOA regulations, CA Covenants and Condominium Associations that prohibit gardens, (not landscaping), in the front yard takes precedence over this Amendment
- Removing the 15 ft setback from the front lot line, or allow for variance depending on lot depth

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION P&Z-E&R-2019-J03

Committee Resolutions

TRANSPORTATION

PROPOSED

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION'S (MVCCA) RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION) 2019-01 SAFETY AND TRAFFIC FLOW IMPROVEMENT: FORT HUNT ROAD AT RICHMOND HIGHWAY/ROUTE 1 CROSSING AND NORTH-BOUND ONTO RAMP TO I-495 TOWARDS WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND MARYLAND

1. **Whereas:** Drivers on Fort Hunt Road have a difficult time seeing how to cross Richmond Highway/Route 1 to access Old Richmond Highway, Ourisman Chevrolet/Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge, and Great America Steak & Buffet, and;
2. **Whereas:** The concrete island on the NW side of the intersection is "hidden" by the center ridge of Richmond Highway/Route 1, and;
3. **Whereas:** The entrance to Ourisman Chevrolet creates the illusion of a "street," causing drivers to aim for that "street," and;
4. **Whereas:** Drivers have no lane guidance to help them stay on track to enter the street on the NW side of the intersection properly (to the right of the island), and;
5. **Whereas:** Striping and lane guidance in entire area is poor, confusing, and hard to see, and;
6. **Whereas:** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is studying the issues leaning toward installing an enlarged raised island in the current location with enhanced signage, and;
7. **Whereas:** VDOT has also agreed to extend the Old Richmond Highway hatched median and remove the "puppy tracks" for East Bound Left Turn movement at that same location, and;
8. **Whereas:** Traffic volume in this area has increased significantly in the past few years due to the increased population at Fort Belvoir, and;
9. **Whereas:** Pedestrian cross walk markings are not adequate for the intensity of vehicular travel in the area and the center pedestrian refuge on Fort Hunt Road is not safe, and;
10. **Whereas:** Heavy traffic congestion moving north to and on the ramps to I-495 towards Maryland at times bad enough to cause grid lock in the nearby intersections.

- A. **Therefore be it resolved:** We support VDOT's study of installing an enlarged raised island in the current location that also has enhanced high visibility signage and striping and;
- B. **Therefore be it further resolved:** We support the removal of the current "puppy tracks" and extending the hatched median with high visibility hatching on the Old Richmond Highway side of the intersection and we request revisiting the area after 30 days to consider additional measures to improve both safety and traffic flow and;
- C. **Therefore be it further resolved:** Request all the Pedestrian Crosswalks road surface markings be enhanced with high visibility markings and the pedestrian refuge on Fort Hunt Road be improved, and;
- D. **Therefore be it further resolved:** We ask VDOT to determine the causes and effects of north bound heavy traffic congestion in area and especially on the ramps to I-495 towards Maryland and once identified move as quickly as possible to make all needed improvements, and;
- E. **Therefore be it finally resolved:** We ask our elected officials, Supervisor Dan Storck, Congressman Don Beyer, Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin, Virginia State Delegate Paul Krizek, to support and aid VDOT in all ways necessary so VDOT may fund and quickly implement these or better not yet identified solutions understanding that delay will only prolong the current conditions and put drivers at unnecessary risk.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION TRAN-2019-01

Committee Resolutions

PROPOSED

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION'S (MVCCA) RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION) 2019-02 SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY UNDERPASSES THAT MAY BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE TWO NEW BRIDGES THAT ARE TO BE BUILT WHEN RICHMOND HIGHWAY IS WIDENED AT BOTH DOGUE CREEK AND LITTLE HUNTING CREEKS.

1. **Whereas:** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) proposes to build two Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses that may be constructed under the two new bridges that are to be built when Richmond Highway is widened at both Dogue Creek and Little Hunting Creeks, and;
2. **Whereas:** VDOT has asked for citizen input and comment, and;
3. **Whereas:** The MVCCA Transportation Committee discussed this matter at length and would like to share its ideas for ensuring a great end product, and;
4. **Whereas:** The MVCCA General Council also supports both of the proposed Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses.
 - A. **Therefore be it resolved:** The Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses must be Safe and Secure, and;
 - B. **Therefore be it further resolved:** The Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses must be Pedestrian friendly, inviting, well maintained, and esthetically pleasing in order for them to be fully utilized and safe, and;
 - C. **Therefore be it finally resolved:** We urge our Supervisor Dan Storck to actively support the building of both VDOT proposed Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses at the two new bridges at both Dogue Creek and Little Hunting Creeks.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION TRAN-2019-02

Attached: Transportation Committee idea's and concerns.

On February 4, 2019 and again on April 1, 2019 the MVCCA Transportation Committee discussed at length the proposed Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses that may be constructed under the two new bridges that are to be built when Richmond Highway is widened at both Dogue Creek and Little Hunting Creeks. The Committee then voted in favor of supporting the proposed Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses.

The following are the highlights of that discussion and we ask the implementation of as many as possible or other good ideas that achieve the same desired results of safety, security, and pedestrian inviting and friendly.

Discussion results follow:

1. The Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses must be Safe and Secure:
 - A. Motion sensing lighting that turns on when someone enters the Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses and stays on until they leave — day or night.
 - B. Security devices and protocols (cameras, panic buttons, emergency alarms).
 - C. Process in place to immediately report safety and security issues with someone directly responsible for correcting security and safety issues in real time.
 - D. Safety railing must be installed if close to the creek
 - E. Kept clear of trash, loitering, and clear of snow and ice.
2. The Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses must be Pedestrian friendly, inviting, esthetically pleasing in order for them to be fully utilized, safe, and maintained.
3. Design and construction concerns:
 - A. Possible flooding in high water events (Not full flood stage events).
 - Consider Solid (Stone, concrete, brick) water tight step wall along the stream side of Pedestrian Walkway to help prevent flooding of walkway in high water events (Anchorage Alaska uses this technique).
 - B. Slippery road surfaces on bridges due to the proposed open Grates designed to let light onto Pedestrian Walkway.
 - Grates should not be on the vehicular travel surfaces of the bridges but should instead be located in the areas between the vehicular travel surfaces.
4. Post construction the committee is concerned that there will not enough money to maintain the Pedestrian Walkway Underpasses and keep them inviting, safe, and secure:
 - Sufficient money must be budgeted/dedicated to maintain and keep inviting, safe, and secure.

Treasurer's Report

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget
Periods Ending March 31, 2019

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	March	Total July 1 to March 31	2018-2019 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 2,601	\$ 3,300	
Dues - Collected in 2017-18 Fiscal Year ³	-	102	-	
Money Market Interest	1	8	10	
Total Cash Receipts	1	2,711	3,310	\$ (599)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	107	300	193
Insurance Premium	-	844	880	36
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	100	790	1,390	600
Web Site	121	1,101	2,500	1,399
Total Cash Disbursements	221	2,842	5,570	2,728
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(220)	(131)	(2,260)	\$ (3,327)

50 Year Anniversary Celebration				
Receipts	(2,500)	-		Note 5
Expenses	-	(500)		Note 6
Net Results	(2,500)	(500)		

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:				
Cash at Beginning of Period	13,152	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	\$ 10,432	\$ 10,432	\$ 8,906	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 380
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,053
Total Cash	\$ 10,432

Respectfully Submitted, Stephen Markman, Treasurer April 10, 2019

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".
- 4 Dues that are currently collected for the next fiscal-year are separated from budgeted transactions but are included in the cash balances reported.
- 5 All receipts collected for the 50 Year Anniversary Celebration have been refunded.
- 6 The deposit with MV Country Club is expected to be refunded soon.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Government Center, Community Rm
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria 22306

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Call to Order

Discuss and ratify the *Gardening As An Accessory*
 Use Joint P&Z/E&R Resolution

- 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—Apr. 24, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm
MVCCA Board—May 8, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	5/1	8:00	WWMS/lib	Harbeck
E&R	5/1	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Pohorylo
PL/Z	5/6	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	5/2	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	5/6	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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