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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Help us Celebrate the **50th Anniversary** of the founding of the MVCCA November 20, 2019, at the Mount Vernon Government Center at 7:00 p.m.

Karen Pohorylo is chair of a new Membership Committee to broaden base of MVCCA as the region faces critical issues on the revitalization of the Route 1 corridor.

The October 23 General Council meeting will be at the South County Center.

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Mount Vernon Governmental Center

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Earl Flanagan

ATTENDING: Co-Chair John Ribble, Secretary Jennifer Molden; Committee Chairs: Karen Pohorylo (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation); Ellen Young (SFDC) Dean Sherick (PS), Gretchen Walzl (PZ). Incoming chairs Katherine Ward and B. Lynn Pascoe.

Voting Representatives from: Belle View Condominium, Civic Association of Hollin Hills Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Glen Civic Association, Huntington Community Association, Mount Vernon Civic Assn, New Alexandria Citizens Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Wellington Civic Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Assn.

Elected and Appointed Officials & Staff: Supervisor Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District, Anna Smith, Mount Vernon Supervisor's Office.

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

THE AGENDA Motion to amend the agenda approved by acclamation.

Presentation of Site-Specific County Wide Comprehensive Plan

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/assets/meeting-materials/2019/june18-development-south-county-sspa.pdf>

Fairfax County Environmental Coordinator Presentation

The links below include information presented as well as information regarding the upcoming Green Initiatives board matter.

- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment/>
- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/environment/sustainability-initiative>

MVCCA BOARD

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Supervisor Time:

- Board matter to recognize MVCCA for 50 years of service to the community. A celebration will be held at the beginning of the 2019-2020 term TBD.
- Update on the zMOD project: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zmod>
Site Construction Complaints: <http://fairfaxcountygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=1b47ffe00af44f9dbbd008d22269c4fc>
- Richmond Hwy Widening: http://www.virginia.gov/projects/northernvirginia/richmond_highway.asp
- Metro Shutdown updates and progress of the track work can be found in the link following. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/travel-alerts/metro-platforms>
- WMATA: <https://www.wmata.com/service/rail/PlatformProject/SnowWorld> begins to take shape at the landfill in Lorton. This will be the first of its kind in North America, offering indoor slopes to all who desire to ski in year round. A press release can be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/fairfax-peak-one-worlds-longest-indoor-ski-slopes-may-be-built-fairfax-countys-i-95>
- Dominion Strategic Underground Program: <https://www.dominionenergy.com/underground>

Approval of Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve by acclamation. Motion passed.

Approval of treasurer's report ending May 31, 2019. Motion to accept. Motion passed.

Motion by Stratford Landing representative to forego committee reports unless there are changes. Second by E. Young. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Actions:

- Letter sent to both Mt. Vernon and Lee District Supervisors in support of the pedestrian underpasses as express in the resolution passed by MVCCA General Council May 2019.
- E. Young also reported SFDC sent a letter in support of the same pedestrian underpasses.

Resolutions:

P&Z-E&R-2019-j03—WOODLAWN/NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION – WOODLAWN CULTURAL CENTER 8007, 8900, 9000 RICHMOND HIGHWAY

Motion to publish E. Young, second K. Ward.
Motion passed unanimous.

Motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimous. Meeting adjourned 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Molden, Secretary

Committee Reports

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget Committee did not meet in July and currently has no scheduled meetings since it still lacks a Chair. Beyond the County Budget process in the Spring, there are many issues the Committee could be considering including pension funding, funding of undergrounding of utilities, special tax districts, contracting questions and others. The Chair, in consultation with the committee members, determines the subjects, time, date, place and frequency of meetings, and also serves on the Board of Directors. If you are interested, or know an appropriate candidate in your community or another member community, please contact any Board member or Co-chair (co.chair1@mvcca.org, co.chair2@mvcca.org and/or co.chair3@mvcca.org).

EDUCATION

The Education Committee did not meet in July consistent with long-standing custom. The next meeting will be in September. Members will be notified by email and others should consult the MVCCA calendar for the date, time and place.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Environment & Recreation Minutes 07/03/2019

Members' Attending: Anita Kerr; Wellington, Betsy Martin; Stratford Landing, Ellen Young; Belleview, Larry Zaragoza; Wessington

Guests' Attending: Katherine Ward; MVCCA Co-Chair, John Troy; Applicant/Owner, Lynne Strobel; Attorney Walsh & Colucci, Fazal Sirhandi; Applicant/Owner, Will Gibson; Intern Walsh & Colucci

Call to Order: 7:15 PM

Presentation: 5928 Richmond Highway, North Gateway, Old Sunoco Site, Tax Map 83-3 ((1)) 69

See Planning & Zoning Minutes.

New from the Planning & Zoning meeting is that the applicant is considering Green Building concepts, electronic charging stations (EV's), solar and a healthy food option such as Sweet Greens.

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Discussion: Glass Recycling*

E&R Member Anita Kerr brought to the attention of the E&R Committee that Fairfax County does not recycle glass. It was thought that the public has not been well informed of this and that Fairfax County should recycle glass in a more convenient manner. Glass may only be recycled if brought to the I-66 or 95 landfills.

It was decided that the E&R Chair would contact the Solid Waste Management Department and invite them to the September E&R Meeting to discuss recycling.

***Update: Since the last E&R Meeting a purple bin for glass recycling has been set up at the Mount Vernon Government Center.**

Adjourn: 8:00PM

Next Meeting: September 10, 2019, Mount Vernon Government Center, 7:15PM

Agenda Items: Presentation from the Project Manager for the sewer pipe replacement at Little Hunting Creek. Presentation from Solid Waste Management.

PLANNING & ZONING

Planning & Zoning Minutes 7/1/2019

Members' Attending: Bruce Bade; Potomac Valley River Bend, Earl Flanagan; Riverside Estates, Mike Frank; Mount Zephyr, Pete Sitnik; Woodlawn Manor, Dan Moon; Gum Springs, Ray Novitske; Huntington, Karen Cerutti; Mount Vernon, Mark Viani; Collingwood, Don Martin; Hollin Hall Village, John Breheny; Waynewood, Peter Aliferis; Montebello, Janet McMillian; Engleside

Guests' Attending: Katherine Ward; MVCCA Co-Chair, Poul Hertel; Riverwood, Lynne Strobel; Attorney Walsh & Colucci, Fazal Sirhandi; Applicant/Owner, John Troy; Applicant/Owner, Will Gibson; Intern Walsh & Colucci, Kathy Taylor; Attorney Walsh & Colucci

Call to Order: 7:01 PM

Presentation: 5928 Richmond Highway, North Gateway, Old Sunoco Site, Tax Map 83-3 ((1)) 69

A Special Exception to permit a service station and quick-food service store was presented by Lynne Strobel. The service station would include six (6) fuel pumping stations located beneath a canopy structure. The proposed convenience store would be approximately 2,920 gross square feet and offer a variety of items, such as pre-packaged food and beverages, coffee and fresh food items.

Access to the subject property would be provided via a proposed right-in only access on Richmond Highway and a full movement across Old Richmond Highway. Nineteen (19) parking spaces are required and would be provided. Streetscape would be added consistent with the recommendations of the EMBARK Plan. The applicant intends to develop and enhance the parcel adjacent to the subject property which is currently a water retention pond owned by VDOT. A monument sign welcoming to North Gateway is also a possibility. It is unclear if the current structure would be utilized or demolished for this proposal

This presentation was for information only, no application has been filed. The committee let the applicant know this type of proposal has come before the MVCCA twice before and is not a desired application for the site. The Applicant/Owner stated that \$1.9M-\$2.0M was spent on the property acquisition and an additional \$3.0M would be spent on this proposal. The committee was not swayed by the amount spent to purchase, or the amount to be spent on this type of application for this site. Other possibilities were recommended by the committee such as, restaurant and retail. It was a concern for the committee that Old Richmond Highway would be utilized in this proposal as well.

Adjourn: 8:23 PM

Next Meeting: September 9, 2019, Mount Vernon Government Center, 7:00PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee did not meet in July. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 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 July 8, 2019 in the Community Rooms, Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane. Participating in the meeting were: Delegate Paul Krizek, 44th District; MVCCA Council Co-Chair B. Lynn Pascoe; and VDOT representative Allison Richter. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle Haven, Belle View, Engleside, Hollin Hall, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Two interested citizens were also in attendance.

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Chairman Sitnik called the joint meeting to order and read to us all a tribute in remembrance of long time Transportation Committee member Don Hamlin prepared by Joe Gililand.

Don's passing was very sudden and he had been in excellent health. Don's aorta burst while doing yard work in early June, and he passed in the Fairfax Hospital on June 16th. Don's ashes were spread at St. Aidan's Church on Riverside Road on June 29th.

Don represented the Riverside Gardens Citizens' Association on the Transportation Committee for many years. Don was a very experienced and outspoken member of the Committee and, having grown up in the area, was able to provide a long-term view of the Mount Vernon District's transportation issues. Don rarely missed a local event and encouraged others to participate too. He spent most of his time doing community work. He was a good friend to many and a good neighbor.

Don was a 1971 graduate of Groveton High School. He worked in IT as a Navy civilian for over 25 years, mostly at the Navy Yard. Don enjoyed 12 years of retired life and was able to enjoy traveling across the USA. Unmarried and with no kids, Don had a ton of friends and was President of the Riverside Gardens Citizens' Association. He is missed already! We could use a lot more "Dons" in the area!

Chairman Sitnik requested that committee members who have news or have participated in other meetings with transportation interest report on their experiences during the new business part of future meetings. He announced that our revised pedestrian underpass resolution asking for a pedestrian underpass at Dogue Creek and design and right of way needed at Little Hunting Creek was passed at the May General Council meeting. The FCDOT Hunting-ton Area Transportation Study (HATS) is still ongoing.

The Chairman then introduced Ms. Allison Richter of VDOT who gave a thorough presentation on projects and concerns that the MVCCA Transportation Committee has raised in the recent past. These include the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Safety Study, lane improvements at the MVMH and Richmond Highway intersection, and traffic flow problems at the Fort Hunt Road and Richmond Highway intersection. She also responded to a number of committee member questions about repaving now going on east of Fort Hunt Road from Vernon View Drive to Arcturus and the impact of widening the right of way of Richmond Highway on neighboring communities.

The Mount Vernon Memorial Highway Safety Study was generated in response to one serious accident and neighborhood perceptions of safety failings of the highway. Ms. Richter related four recommendations of this study to date. The first was to reduce the speed limit from 45 mph to 40 mph between Cherry Tree and Old Mount Vernon Highway. Second was to install a 35 mph advisory speed

sign approaching the Old Mount Vernon Highway traffic light. Third was the addition of a "watch for turning vehicles" sign for traffic coming off of Richmond Highway near the Grist Mill. Fourth was working the proposal to install radar speed signs which would give the driver's speed at speed limit signs. Committee member comments included further lowering of speed limit below 45 mph, a no turn on red sign at Old Mount Vernon Highway and accompanying enforcement, and extending the green light at Old Mount Vernon Highway because the current timing is "trapping" school busses in that intersection. A further comment complained about busses idling in the tourist bus parking, but that was determined to be a police issue.

VDOT has settled on a candidate fix for excessive congestion of west bound traffic on the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway at the Richmond Highway where there are now two lanes heading south and one lane combining straight through traffic heading to Jeff Todd Way and traffic heading north on Richmond Highway. What VDOT wants to do is to take one of the two east bound lanes and make it an additional west bound lane. A physical barrier would separate east and west bound lanes. This is possible because one of the current east bound lanes is now actually serving as an unneeded excessively long left turn lane. The resulting westbound configuration would be two lanes turning south, one straight ahead to Jeff Todd and one north on Richmond Highway. While there is no funding yet, VDOT feels this would alleviate congestion, and committee members present offered no objections.

Ms. Richter told us that better guidance would be provided to resolve the disorientation issue at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road for drivers continuing straight north who can't identify the appropriate lane on the opposite side of Richmond Highway. VDOT is awaiting paint crew availability. Once they do their painting and signage work, VDOT will come back to us for feedback on the results.

The Waynewood Citizens' Association representative reported about the status of the repaving now going on east of Fort Hunt Road from Vernon View Drive to Arcturus and asked about the status of Croton Drive from Waynewood Boulevard to Darton Drive. Residents near that street had been told that that section of Croton would not be repaved this year. Ms. Richter related that that particular segment of Croton Drive was indeed being rescheduled for next year. The substrate of that section of pavement is in poor enough condition that the type of repaving being done this year would not be adequate to preserve that road's surface, and if VDOT tried to do it anyway with the machinery and materials on hand, the new pavement would start to fail before the year was out. So, repaving that part of Croton will be moved to next year's schedule and will be undertaken along with other jobs needing deeper and more extensive work. This same information was later confirmed by Brian Edwards, the project foreman. Neighbors might see workers taking core samples along Croton to confirm the exact subsurface situation. Otherwise, the repaving operation appears to be going well. The materials appear appropriate; the resulting

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surfaces look good; the work is being done efficiently; and interference with traffic flow within the repaving area is minimal.

The Chairman reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee had received an information only presentation on a proposed development that would place a service station and convenience store at the location of the former Sunoco station at 5928 Richmond Highway just northeast of the Huntington intersection. While both P&Z and our Transportation Committee documented our opposition to a service station at this location because it is not in the Comprehensive Plan, conflicts with the "Northern Gateway" concept, and would increase traffic congestion at this location, our committee is concerned that our consistent opposition to such non-conforming development schemes is not being taken seriously by our political representatives.

The committee voted to support a generally more active posture including letter writing and ask the MVCCA Board to put into writing correspondence to our political representatives to ask for the political will and funding to support consistency in enforcing the planning decisions made to shape the future Richmond Highway corridor and other positions that have been or are adopted by the MVCCA General Council. The vote was 13 for and 1 against.

Again, we briefly discussed the issue of electrically powered bicycles and scooters on roads, trails and sidewalks. While none of our members expressed immediate concerns with these vehicles, safety concerns are manifesting themselves globally, and both the Virginia State government and local governments are undertaking regulatory actions. We will continue to watch these as safety statistics and initial experience develops.

Thanks to Congressman Beyer's intervention, the National Park Service is finally presenting a "listening session" to gather feedback about ways to improve George Washington Memorial Parkway safety from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane on Thursday, July 11th. All are encouraged to attend and to submit insights into how to make the Parkway safer for all. Maximum attendance is solicited to demonstrate to the NPS and Congressman Beyer how much this community cares about our Parkway and ways to make it safer.

Committee members asked about the impact of the widening of Richmond Highway on adjacent communities and land owners as well as the configuration of bridges across Little Hunting Creek and Dogue Creek. VDOT will present a briefing on updated details of the impact on land parcels/lots of the widening of Richmond Highway to the MVCCA General Council meeting on Wednesday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center. All are invited to attend but only Council members vote.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9th in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. For planning

purposes, Transportation Committee meetings for the rest of the year will be on October 7, November 11 and December 2.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

Minutes not available.

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

SFDC

At the request of the MVCCA, SFDC passed a motion to send a letter of support for the construction of pedestrian underpasses at Little Hunting Creek and Dogue Creek, with special note on environmental design standards for crime prevention.

Two Board members attended the Supervisors' Revitalization Committee meeting. Utility undergrounding along Richmond Highway was discussed. The utility companies are inclined to underground at no cost, provided that someone else builds (and pays for) the ducts; the Board of Supervisors is divided on the need for undergrounding. SFDC has sent a letter in support of utility undergrounding, emphasizing the positive effect this would have on revitalization and economic growth.

Treasurer's Report

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.
Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year Compared to Budget
Periods Ending June 30, 2019

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	June	Total July 1 to June 30	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	10	10	
Total Cash Receipts	1	2,713	3,310	\$ (597)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	107	300	193
Insurance Premium	-	844	880	36
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	80	1,080	1,390	310
Web Site	291	1,753	2,500	747
Total Cash Disbursements	371	3,784	5,570	1,786
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(370)	(1,072)	(2,260)	\$ 1,188

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

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:				
Cash at Beginning of Period	9,862	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	\$ 9,492	\$ 9,492	\$ 8,906	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 937
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	8,555
Total Cash	\$ 9,492

Respectfully
Submitted,
Stephen Markman,
Treasurer
July 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, July 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Government Center/Community Rm
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria 22306

TENTATIVE 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—July 24, 7:00 p.m., MVGC/Comm Rm
MVCCA Board—Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	Sept. —		date, time, place TBD	Harbeck
E&R	9/10	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Pohorylo
PL/Z	9/9	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	9/5	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	9/9	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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