



Mount Vernon  
Council  
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Associations

# Record

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## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Save the date to celebrate our **50th Anniversary**  
November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center  
We will honor you and the citizens who created the MVCCA

Has your community  
paid its dues?

The Board sent 2 letters to Supervisor Storck, Walter Clarke, our Planning Commissioner, and several senior level county staff persons on the following topics:

- Opposing a new gas station at North Gateway (opposed by several previous MVCCA Resolutions)
- Commenting on an email sent to the Planning Commission by the Chief of Ft. Belvoir's Facility Planning Division regarding the National Trust's Woodlawn Plantation and Arcadia project.

Looking for a few great citizens to help us prepare nominations for the site specific plan amendments. If you want to help recreate Richmond Highway, come join us.

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

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### MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, July 24, 2019**  
**Mount Vernon Government Center**

**PRESIDING:** Co-Chair Katherine Ward

**ATTENDING:** Co-Chair John Ribble, Secretary Jennifer Molden; Committee Chairs: Karen Pohorylo (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation); Ellen Young (SFDC) Dean Sherrick (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, Engleside Civic Association, Hollin Hall Village, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Mount Vernon Civic Assn, Mount Vernon Manor Civic Association, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates Citizens Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Wellington Civic Association, Williamsburg Manor North Citizens Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Assn.

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# Council Minutes

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**Elected and Appointed Officials & Staff:** Supervisor Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**THE AGENDA** Motion to amend the agenda approved by acclamation.

## **VDOT Presentation on the Richmond Hwy. widening project.**

Members of the BOD and community members were given the opportunity to review the display of the Richmond Hwy. widening project. The project was displayed in phases. Immediately following, a Q&A session began, moderated by Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-chair.

Q: Question on site lines and who will have the opportunity to vote on sound walls in the Spring Garden Apartment area.

A: Each unit will have a total of 5 votes; owners will have 3 votes and tenants will have 2.

Q: What type of walls will be used for the sound barriers?

A: The sound barriers will be similar in style and structure to those currently in use south of the Ft. Belvoir Tulley Gate. Architecture treatments to those sound barriers would be a consideration based on the community or geographic area. For example, art work that reflects the history of Mt. Vernon.

Q: Is there further information on consideration of undergrounding of the utilities in Richmond Hwy. project?

A: At this time there is no consideration for the undergrounding of utilities. There is a major cost component, space is another issue and the timeframe for the project would increase another 2 years. Cost is said to be approximately \$60 million. This is more complex than the project in Prince William county due to the infrastructure of our area. DC is beginning the undergrounding of their utilities and it is also being done in several other jurisdictions similar to our area. MVCCA BOD requested FCDOT revisit this request with Dominion Power. MVCCA will also form another resolution in support of the undergrounding process.

MVCCA response: This cost does not take into account the fact that there is approximately \$35 million in costs to take down and then put the poles back up! MVCCA also stated that if a 2-year delay is required to get undergrounding, then go ahead and take 2 more years.

All citizens invited are encouraged to visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/richmond-hwy-brt> for further information and questions regarding the progress, process and ways to be involved.

FCDOT presentation concluded and MVCCA meeting commenced at 7:47 p.m.

**Approval of Secretary's Minutes:** Motion to approve June 26, 2019 minutes by acclamation. Motion passed.

**Approval of treasurer's report ending June 30, 2019.** Motion to accept. Motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Education: No meeting held in July/August. Next meeting to be held 9/4/19.**

**Environmental/Recreation:** Presentation by Sunoco. Proposed consideration of green options such as charging stations, solar power and healthy food options. Committee member Anita Kerr brought attention to the county not recycling glass. Current recycling options for glass include the I-66 and I-95 landfill, a more convenient option is needed for our residents. E&R chair will invite the Solid Waste Management Department for a presentation on current recycling in the county.

**Planning and Zoning:** Minutes mirrored E/R as this was a joint meeting/presentation. P/Z chair Gretchen noted she is the MVCCA representative on the Z-mod committee. All information can be found online at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zmod>

**Public Safety:** No July meeting held. Upcoming tax free holiday August 2-4. Includes sales of school supplies and emergency preparedness supplies. Next meeting to be held on 9/5/19. Discussion on helicopter activity in local neighborhood. D. Sherrick noted to call the non-emergency number for further information or if you are a witness to unsafe activity your local neighborhood. Co-chair Katherine Ward requested D. Sherrick to coordinate efforts to have ongoing dialog with public safety committee and Gum Springs neighborhood in relationship to recent events.

**Transportation:** Discussion held during the display of the Richmond Hwy. expansion project.

**Fairfax Federation:** No July meeting held. Summer break, meetings will resume in September 2019.

**SFDC:** Discussion and questions regarding presentations on undergrounding.

## **Supervisor Time:**

**Huntington Levy:** Positive feedback on the levy. Water levels rose between 8-12 ft. however the levy held keeping the community safe from significant flooding. Residents encouraged to participate in the upcoming event "Living in a Flood Plain," to be held at the Mt. Vernon Government Center on August 19, beginning at 7:00 PM.

**HOA/Community Association Mapping:** MVCCA will also provide information of the point of contacts to the MV Supervisors office for those associations interested in receiving monthly reports from the Mount Vernon District.

**Cell Phone donation:** Cell phone donations continue in the MV District office and all phones collected will be provided to victims of domestic violence.

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GW Parkway Study: Comments continue to be collected up to July 31. Restriping to begin October 2020. Community members call for increased enforcement and patrolling. Citizens also realize this is not a county issue but a park police issue. Citizens expressed concern and requested Supervisor Storck to stay involved and carry the voice of the community concerns.

Undergrounding: Supervisor Storck discussed the ongoing issues with regards to undergrounding. Both cost and funding the project were again mentioned. Community members again voiced support for the undergrounding of utilities. Ideas have been shared to include tax increment financing and special assessments for businesses. Supervisor Storck will continue to advocate for the undergrounding of the utilities.

Special thank you to Supervisor Storck from MVCCA members for advocating for the placement of the glass recycling container at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Mount Vernon received the first in the county.

Motion to adjourn 8:49 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:** Jennifer Molden, Secretary

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### BUDGET AND FINANCE

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The Budget Committee did not meet in September.

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### EDUCATION

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The Education Committee met at 8pm, September 4, 2019, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included Mt. Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Newington Forest, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon Civic and Sulgrave Manor.

Dr. Francisco Duran, FCPS Chief Equity Officer, met with the Committee to discuss the operations and activities of the Equity Office particularly in terms of addressing school accreditation under the new Virginia Standards of Accreditation (SOAs) as aligned with the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Also discussed were activities to assure students across the County have access to the same curriculum and services.

In the accreditation area, Dr. Duran reported that no FCPS school was identified for support and improvement under ESSA and only one was accredited with conditions under SOAs in 2018-9.

In essence, FCPS through Project Momentum, has adopted a proactive approach which identifies not only schools already facing difficulties with full accreditation, but also those determined to have need of additional services to maintain forward progress. Schools

are identified as Universal (meeting all requirements); Universal Plus (meeting requirements but with circumstances such as high poverty needing additional support); Targeted (schools which have missed a benchmark or have some negative trending data); and Intensive (schools identified as most in need of support and in danger of not meeting SOAs). Schools deemed "Targeted" or "Intensive" receive specific financial, central office and human resources assistance aligned to specific identified needs and issues in the particular school. This is in addition to any staffing consideration all schools receive based on poverty considerations.

This approach is consistent with the Committee's long held belief that high diversity, high poverty schools and their staffs need more direct assistance, training, and dissemination of best practices guidance from central offices and specialists. Individual school staffs are often overburdened with day-to-day crises and need help in identifying and addressing school-specific issues. Although specialists may do some model lessons, the assistance is aimed at helping staff immediately and institutionalize best practices as part of the school culture.

The Committee has previously discussed the new SOAs (see RECORD Minutes for June 2019 at [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org)). In general, the new SOAs are more nuanced and have more categories to better reflect school conditions, adding, for example, achievement gaps into the mix and also recognizing improvement and "near misses" on the flat scores. These are seen as positives.

However some new categories, such as dropout rate, chronic absenteeism (whether excused or unexcused) and graduation rate, may pose significant difficulties for high diversity and high poverty schools. While there are certainly actions schools can and should take to connect kids to school, reduce substance abuse and emotional problems and generally assure academic progress, these problems are more a function of poverty, language issues, family stresses, and overall societal conditions not easily addressed in schools alone. Certainly, apart from in-school efforts, substantial resources from both County and FCPS will be needed to provide support services to families and communities, and to track down the whereabouts of every student absent or no longer attending at all. Yet another category, which will assess graduates' preparation for the workforce and higher education, is still in development and it remains to be seen what the rubrics for assessment will be.

Dr. Duran specifically noted that central staff was decimated by cuts during past years of budget crises and that some areas were particularly hard hit including professional development. Because of unavailability of staff, teacher training and professional development has to be done in very large groups in central locations—not the most effective delivery method. He also mentioned school counselors and psychologists, social workers and parent liaisons as in short supply.

On the issue of curriculum equity, Dr. Duran said, for example, his office is actively working to assure all elementary schools offer

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advanced math, both in name and substance. Course offerings and access in secondary schools is a somewhat more difficult undertaking and includes accessibility to academies. A member expressed concern that Mount Vernon High School does not have Advanced Placement (AP) courses which leads families to seek transfer or private schools because of a perceived lack of rigor. It was noted that International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and a few AP are available but presentations to parents may overemphasize the IB Diploma difficulty (leading some to shy away) although IB courses can be taken on a class-by-class basis with the same rigor and potentiality of college credit. The AP vs IB issue continues to be a somewhat divisive one and it would seem that AP offerings could be increased without overly diluting IB.

New reports on progress will be coming out in October and November. Committee members and interested citizens are directed to last year's report which has some detailed background information on SOAs, ESSA, Project Momentum. It also includes some school specific statistics which may be outdated but show trends. [https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/B65E6S38F21D/\\$file/SchAccountabilityPro-jMomenUpdates\\_SBWS\\_103118Final.FINAL%20\(002\).pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/files/B65E6S38F21D/$file/SchAccountabilityPro-jMomenUpdates_SBWS_103118Final.FINAL%20(002).pdf)

Next meeting: 8 pm, October 2, 2019, Whitman S library

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### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

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MVCCA Environment and Recreation Committee Minutes  
September 4, 2019

Attending Civic Associations: Belle View-Ellen Young, Hollin Hall Village-Dorothy Keough, Mason Hill-Delisa Wodfolk, Mt. Zephyr-Bob Connors, Riverside Estates-Judy Joyce, Stratford Landing-Elizabeth Martin, Tauxemont-Glenda Booth, WMCA-Pete Sitnik, Wellington-Katherine Ward, Wessynton-Larry Zaragoza  
Guest Attendees: FFX-WDCD-Tom Grala, Karen Zaragoza

Karen Porohylo, Chair E&R introduced Tom Grala representing the Little Hunting Creek Sewer Replacement Project. Mr. Grala gave an overview of the project including:

- Alternatives Analysis
- Key Design Investigations
- Vegetation Survey
- Geotechnical Investigation
- Field Survey
- Permitting Process
- Goals: Joint Permitting Application, Design Schedule, Permits, Construction Considerations, Minimize impact to the park/boat ramp/interference with recreational creek
- Pre-qualified contractors

For additional information, please refer to the presentation on the E&R Webpage.

Question/Answer period followed:

- Pete Sitnik asked what the support pilings are made of (Timber friction piles go to 55 ft deep).
- Betsy Martin asked about staging (Thomas Stockton Parkway) and plantings (native plantings to replace space – no trees at start point to avoid roots damaging the pipes. Trees will be replaced at the temporary staging area.
- Glenda Booth asked about plans for showing the tide levels (they have been reviewed and are part of the design plans) and Permitting process (assured the FC Wetlands Board is included in review process).
- Karen Zaragoza asked about Safety Factors (they have been incorporated into the design plans to mitigate against higher levels. Additionally there will be curtains to contain silt/fine clay particles and excavation will occur within the cofferdam.
- Larry Zaragoza asked about whether pipes will stay about the same level as now (yes)

Karen Porohylo then asked about the Annual Agenda for the E&R Committee. Several items are either on the agenda or suggested by committee members. They are as follows:

- Solid Waste Management presenting at the October 2019 meeting
- Mt. Vernon Recreation Center development
- Climate/Resiliency

Noted was a Coastal Study to be presented at the Martha Washington Library on September 11.

Karen P. also noted that the MVCCA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party is being held on November 20 at the General Council meeting. She then opened up the meeting to community time.

Pete Sitnik gave an update from the Fairfax Federation and the Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce meetings regarding undergrounding utilities. The Federation produced a resolution that supports these efforts and the Chamber is writing a letter of support as well.

Katherine Ward gave a brief history from the BOS March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting whereby utility companies were grilled about the undergrounding issue. Jeff McKay made clear they need to get it done and pony up the costs. We are waiting to here from Dan Storck about what they are going to do about it. Communication companies are willing to do the undergrounding if pipes are secured to run the lines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Next E&R meeting will be held October 9.

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## PLANNING & ZONING

### Planning & Zoning Minutes 9/9/2019

**Members' Attending:** Northam; Tauxemont, Leah Chapla; Stratford Landing, Ellen Young; Belle View, John Breheny; Waynewood, Matt Kellogg; Riverside Gardens, Andrew Petitti; Mason Hill, Erica Bovenzi; Mason Hill, Dave Battaglini; Belle Haven, Marty McGuinness; Belle Haven, Richard Johnson, Wellington, Terry Jennison; Hybla Valley Farms, Earl Flanagan; Riverside Estates, Alix Kauffman; Collingwood Springs, Don Martin; Hollin Hall Village CA

**Guests' Attending:** Katherine Ward; MVCCA Co-Chair, Jen Leos; Mason Hill, Kathryn Taylor; Attorney Walsh & Colucci, Meghan Van Dam; FCDPD Planning Division, Tom Burke; FCDOT Senior Transportation Manager, Tom Bishadney; FC Department of Transportation, Lynn Pascoe; MVCCA Co-Chair, Tim Seargent; Planning Commissioner At-Large, David Cohn; Owner Woodlawn Shopping Center, David Smith; Owner Woodlawn Shopping Center, Poul Hertel; Riverwood HOA

**Called to Order:** 7:03 pm

**Presentation: Megan Van Dam and Tom Burke, Update on North Gateway Community Business Center, (CBC), Plan Amendment**

Joint with the Transportation Committee, see Transportation Minutes. Issues with VDOT concerning the Embark transportation plans, including grid streets, has been delayed. An updated schedule will be posted to the P&Z webpage.

**Presentation: Dunkin Donuts at Woodlawn Shopping Center**

Joint with Transportation Committee, see Transportation Minutes. The presentation shown is on the P&Z webpage. No application has been filed.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:02

**Next Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting: October 7, 2019, 7:00 pm, Mount Vernon Government Center.**

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

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### Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2019

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 in the Mount Vernon Government Center. The meeting began at 7:35 PM with the following associations represented: Belle View, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill (2 reps), Mount Vernon Civic, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Potomac Valley-

Riverfarm, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Waynewood, Wellington, and Williams Manor North. Association representatives included members of the MVCCA Education Committee along with Committee Chair, Judy Harbeck.

Speakers for the evening were representatives of the Fairfax County Police Department:

- Captain Brian Ruck, Mount Vernon District Station Commander
- Officer First Class Israel Latorre, School Resource Officer for West Potomac High School

### Introductions & Welcome

#### Guest Speakers Presentation

Officer Latoore gave a brief personal history:

- Originally from Stafford area, he served in the United States Marine Corps with two deployments to Iraq
- Fairfax County Police Officer since 2006
- School Resource Officer at West Potomac High School for the past 5 years.

Captain Ruck provided the following:

- The North Hills victim was identified and the crime has been connected to a national gang
- The recent shooting events have generated additional foot patrol with officers making over 1000 contacts to talk with residents in the communities
- There have been over 120 arrests including both on scene incidents as well as warrant service.

Both Officers provided the following:

- The School Resource Officer (SRO) program is the responsibility of the Police Department School Liaison Commander who works out of the Public Schools' Office for Safety and Security. Currently there are 52 SROs assigned to the high and middle schools. Most of the facilities have one SRO with exceptions being Mount Vernon High School and pyramid middle schools which have five while Robinson and Lake Braddock High Schools which have two. In the past, there had been two Education Officers assigned to each district to assist the SROs and have a presence in elementary schools but those positions were cut from the budget.
- Safety is the primary responsibility of the SRO along with building community relationships with the student body and school staff. West Potomac High School has a student population of approximately 2700 which is housed in three different buildings on the school campus.
- Officer Latorre is on campus for school buses arriving and departing, lunch periods and throughout the day.
- Under the 2018 Police and Schools Memorandum of Understanding, the SROs do not get involved in school administration regulation violations. The SROs may observe situations where administrators enforce regulations to ensure the situation does not move into criminal action.

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- Trespassing is a major problem at West Potomac where non-students come onto the campus. Larceny is also a problem as it is most frequently a crime of opportunity. Also, the influx of electronic cigarettes has generated issues as the use of THC oils that have a high can be a felony crime.
- A balance between criminal and administrative offenses is sought through diversion programs for both categories of violations. The criminal justice offenses utilize the Alternative Accountability Program where offenders can avoid having a criminal history through alternative actions. The administrative offenses go through the Restorative Justice Program to achieve similar outcomes.
- The schools conduct lockdown drills four times each year as well as separate shelter-in-place drills. The school administration provides training for the students for situations such as active shooter. (The Run-Hide-Fight program is for adults.)
- The SRO is there to address an active threat, call for backup immediately and run to the last known location of the threat. School security staff is there to assist with student control and the lockdown of the school.
- There was discussion on occasions when the SRO may be absent and the position not covered as well as the recommended number of SROs to student ratio (1 to 1000).
- Recent incidents at West Potomac included:
  - A highly functioning autistic student who had a knife and a “kill list.” He was removed and will receive mental health treatment.
  - A text message to law enforcement reported that a student was involved with shooting at deer in the area. The investigation determined the incident to be valid and a gun stolen from Prince William County was recovered from the student’s residence.

There was additional time for questions and answers. One topic addressed was the recent shooting event which was determined to be related to community groups from specific neighborhoods which fit the Virginia Criminal Code “gang activity” definition. While there may be specific suspects for those events, there are no victims so additional investigative action continues.

The committee thanked both officers for the information and the time they shared.

### Old Business:

- The chair provided brief reports on the following:
  - Living in a Flood Plain Meeting
  - George Washington Parkway Study
  - Deer Management Meeting
  - Upcoming Community Resiliency Group Meeting

### New Business:

- There was discussion to have a representative from public schools provide information on lockdown procedures and how students will be cared for during these events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be OCTOBER 3, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Mount Vernon Government Center.**

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## TRANSPORTATION

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The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of September 9, 2019 in the Community Rooms, Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane. This was a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee. Participating in the meeting were: Tom Biesiadny, Fairfax County Department of Transportation; Thomas Burke, FCDOT Senior Transportation Planner; Meghan Van Dam, FCDOT Planning and Development; Tim Sergeant, FCDOT Planning Commission; Aspate Chatterje, FCDOT; Kathryn Taylor, Walsh Carlucci Lubeley and Walsh PC, and Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-Chair. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA citizens’ associations were in attendance: Belle Haven, Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon Terrace, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, and Woodlawn Manor. Several interested citizens were also in attendance for a total of 21 plus the full Planning and Zoning Committee.

Chairman Gretchen Walzl of Planning and Zoning called the joint meeting to order and introduced Meghan Van Dam of FCDOT Planning and Development, and Thomas Burke, FCDOT Senior Transportation Planner. They presented the latest update on the proposed Northern Gateway Commercial Business Center (CBC) Plan Amendment. The supporting Northern Gateway / Interchange Study staff report was originally scheduled to be published on August 24. However, it was delayed by VDOT questions arising from VDOT’s perceptions of Richmond Highway’s importance to the State’s transportation system, Richmond Highway’s role as a part of the national highway system, and its historical significance. Also contributing to this delay was the Embark Richmond Highway planning effort that took long enough that FCDOT’s early reliance on then existing traffic planning tools, now deemed outdated, need to be replaced. As this study is being re-accomplished, it focusses on removing intersections in order to smooth Richmond Highway traffic flow, particularly in the area of the current Huntington Avenue and Fort Hunt Road intersections with Richmond Highway. This will involve the triangle of land including the Ourisman car dealerships, old Sunoco gas station between Old Richmond Highway, Huntington Avenue and Richmond Highway. The present Plan Amendment effort is focused twenty to forty years into the future and does not include grade-separated intersections. But planners are not ready to foreclose on the idea of grade-separated intersections sometime farther into the future. This study also projects that the Embark Richmond Highway concept which adds more residential structures to the residential-commercial mix along Richmond

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Highway and Bus Rapid Transit will reduce locally generated traffic and contribute to a freer flow of traffic along Richmond Highway. Ms. Van Dam passed out copies of a draft schedule detailing planning steps to take place between the present and a return to brief the Planning and Zoning and Transportation Committees on an update in April 2020 and then a briefing of the final study report in September or October of 2020. Committee members expressed concern that this planning effort does nothing to ease the current bottle-neck on Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt as drivers try to access the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Several suggestions, long ago offered by this Transportation committee, were brought up with some energy. They included adding an additional lane to Woodrow Wilson Bridge access, placing bollards to force an earlier decision on drivers to stay in the right lane for the Bridge or left fork for the inner loop. With these comments, the FCDOT speakers were thanked and excused. In response to a question on intersections, Chairman Sitnik promised to ask transportation planners for information on intersection planning status as these issues are worked.

Kathryn Taylor, Walsh Carlucci Lubeley and Walsh PC, then presented an information briefing on a proposed drive-through Dunkin Donuts to be established at 8702 Richmond Highway in the Woodlawn Shopping Center in a structure that had earlier served as a bank and, more recently, as a smoke shop. Access from Richmond Highway would be right-in, right-out through the shopping center parking lot. Drivers wanting to return to the north would proceed south the length of the parking lot to Cooper Road which has a signalized intersection with Richmond Highway. The briefing was received without negative comment. It was the final order of business for the Planning and Zoning Committee's meeting for the evening.

Chairman Peter Sitnik then called the Transportation Committee to order. He welcomed Dave Battaglini, a new representative for the Belle Haven C.A., and visitors Marty McGuinness, also from Belle Haven and Austin Grisham from Mount Vernon Terrace.

He noted in his agenda for the meeting that VDOT attended the MVCCA General Council meeting on July 24 and held an open house style event on the land parcels that would be impacted by Richmond Highway widening.

Chairman Sitnik noted that the Fort Hunt Road and Richmond Highway intersection "puppy tracks" have been removed and extended painted island markings have been installed, and VDOT would like our feedback. The response was thankful that some progress was made but resoundingly negative. The repainting is all on the pavement surface and so is still hidden by the crown of Richmond highway, so it is useless. MVCCA Co-Chair Katherine Ward has already communicated this reaction to VDOT and reiterated the elevated signage that is required to make this intersection safer.

After committee members again raised questions about improving the safety of the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP),

Chairman Sitnik reminded all that the National Park Service had held its Public Open House on the GWMP on July 11. It had been well attended and both individuals' and our committee's comments had been submitted, and the NPS is now processing the large amount of data received. There is broad agreement that speeding is a key challenge to Parkway safety and many other obstacles exist. Virginia State Senator Surovell also wrote two detailed letters that have been posted to the Transportation Committee web site. Stay tuned.

Chairman Sitnik also noted that the Board of Supervisors voted to authorize the Richmond Highway widening including both pedestrian underpasses this committee suggested some time ago.

Steve Ditmeyer, Wellington Heights, provided a copy of the Long Bridge Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement that has been posted to the Transportation Committee web site. This project is intended to enhance and expand the railroad infrastructure between Arlington and the L'Enfant Plaza. It might include a walking and bike trail.

Fairfax County will host a Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Public Hearing at the Bryant High School gymnasium, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, on September 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a presentation at 7:00 p.m.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7 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 November 11 and December 2.

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### FAIRFAX FEDERATION

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Report to the MVCCA Board & General Council  
June 13 to Sept 13, 2019

*Respectfully submitted by Pete Sitnik, Sept 13 2019:*

My Report:

- June Membership Meeting was held on Thursday, June 20, 6:30 PM at the Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annapdale: Well attended annual picnic with a festive Hawaiian Luau theme with great Polynesian influenced food. Chairman Bulova discussed the State of Fairfax County and swore in the new officers.

President	Bill Barfield
1st Vice President	John Pinkman
2nd Vice President	Pete Sitnik
Treasurer	Leslie Braun
Corresponding Sec	Erika Yalowitz
Recording Secretary	Vacant

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- June Board Meeting was held on Thursday, 27 June 2019: Dunn Loring Center, agenda concentrated on an administrative review of last year and plan going forward.
- July Membership Meeting: None (As is the Feds custom)
- July Board Meeting was held on Thursday, 25 July 2019: Dunn Loring Center, agenda included membership and marketing of the Federation and normal business.
- August Membership Meeting: None (As is the Feds custom)
- August Board Meeting: Was held on 8 August 2019: Dunn Loring Center. Board listened to testimony from the Braddock District requesting support in their opposition to the One University project as it is presently proposed. Several representative of surrounding communities also testified in opposition to the project as proposed. Board voted to support Braddock District and write a letter to the Planning Commission. The Board also reviewed a **proposed resolution from the MVCCA supporting the Undergrounding of Utilities throughout Fairfax County and voted unanimously to submit the proposed resolution to the next Federation Membership for discussion and vote.** The time line and process for the Legislative Survey and questionnaire was reviewed with the Executive officers and Legislative Committee taking lead. Two issues important to the Mount Vernon District (**Undergrounding of Utilities, and Tax Equity**) were introduced and are to be part of the final survey.

### Upcoming Federation Meetings & events:

- September Membership Meeting “Combines” with the League of Women Voters (Note: Date and location), Monday, 23 Sept 2019, 7 PM: Fairfax County Government Center. Features an At-Large Candidates Forum in conjunction with the League of Women Voters. Normal business to be conducted including considering the proposed Undergrounding resolution.
- September Board Meeting: Thursday, 26 September 2019: Dunn Loring Center, agenda specifics TBD & TBA and will include Legislative Survey status.

More information may be found (*Many of the postings are still somewhat out of date as of this report Sept 13 2019*): All things related to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FEDERATION/FED) can be found on the Federations Website ([www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org)).

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## SFDC

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SFDC continues to work with the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and Fairfax County Economic Development on business retention and expansion along Richmond Highway.

The 2019 Beautification Awards will be presented on October 2 from 4 to 7 pm, at the new Woodlawn Press Winery at 8733-B Cooper Rd.

SFDC will have a presentation from county staff on Community Revitalization Districts (part of zMod) on September 18. There will a full report on this at the September 25 General Council meeting.

## Did You Know?

VDOT has pushed back on our long-awaited North Gateway area traffic study. Therefore, FCDOT is having to redo the traffic data. New deadline will be in November 2020 for the BOS Public Hearing.



## MVCCA Proposed Budget 2019-20

### Income

	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Proposed
Dues	\$ 2,703	\$ 3,100
50 Year Anniversary	\$ -	\$ 500
Money Market Interest	\$ 10	<u>\$ 10</u>

**Total Income**                    \$        2,713                    \$        3,610

### Expense

Administrative	\$ 107	\$ 300
50 Year Anniversary	\$ 500	\$ 500
Insurance Premium	\$ 844	\$ 880
Outreach/Town-Hall	\$ -	\$ 500
"Record" production	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,390
Web Site	\$ 1,753	<u>\$ 2,500</u>

**Total Expenses**                    \$        4,284                    \$        6,070

**Net Gain (Loss)**                    \$        (1,571)                    \$        (2,460)

The budget deficit proposed (\$2,460) is funded by accumulated surplus balances from prior years.

# Treasurer's Report

## Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

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

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	August	Total July 1 to August	2019-2020 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</b>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 384	\$ 1,302	\$ 3,100	
Money Market Interest	1	2	10	
Total Cash Receipts	385	1,304	3,110	\$ (1,807)
<b>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</b>				
Administrative	92	141	300	159
Insurance Premium	-	-	880	880
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	-	60	1,390	1,330
Web Site	328	328	2,500	2,172
Total Cash Disbursements	420	529	5,570	5,041
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(35)	775	(2,460)	\$ 3,235

<b>50 Year Anniversary Celebration</b>				
Receipts	-	500	500	Note 3
Expenses	-	-	500	
Net Results	-	500	-	

**Other Sources/Changes in Cash:**

Cash at Beginning of Period	10,802	9,492	9,492	Note 2
<b>Total Cash at End of Period</b>	\$ 10,767	\$ 10,767	\$ 7,032	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,210
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	8,556
<b>Total Cash</b>	\$ 10,767

Respectfully  
Submitted,  
Sean McCarthy,  
Treasurer  
September 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, 2019.
- 3 Refund of the prior fiscal year deposit for the Fifty-Year Anniversary.

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Mount Vernon Government Center/Community Rm**  
**2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria 22306**

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Call to Order**

- Member Association Time
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Secretary's Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report and Budget
- Committee Reports
- Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

**Published Items and Resolutions**

**New Business**

- Mount Vernon Supervisor Time
- Other Elected Officials and Public Time

**Adjournment**

### COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Council—Sept. 25, 7:00 p.m., MVGC/Comm Rm**  
**MVCCA Board—Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	10/2	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	10/9	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Pohorylo
PL/Z	10/7	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	10/3	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	10/7	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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