



Mount Vernon
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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Reminder General Council meeting is
November 20th

Let's celebrate **MVCCA's 50th year!**
November 20, 7:00 pm
at the Mount Vernon Government Center

The December General Council meeting is
December 18th

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, October 23, 2019 Gerry Hyland Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Katherine Ward

ATTENDING: Co-Chair John Ribble, Co-Chair Lynn Pascoe, Secretary Jennifer Molden, Treasurer Sean McCarthy; Committee Chairs: Karen Pohorylo (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation and Transportation); Ellen Young (SFDC) Dean Sherrick (PS), Gretchen Walzl (PZ), Judy Harbeck (EDU).

Voting Representatives from: Belle View Condominium, Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside Civic Association, Hollin Glen Civic Association, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Community Association, Hybla Valley Farms Civic Association, Montebello Condominium Unit Owner Association, Mount Vernon Civic Assn, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates Citizens Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Stratford on the Potomac Sec IV, Sulgrave Manor, Williamsburg Manor North Citizens Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Assn.

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

Guest: Steven J. Berke, Professional Registered Parliamentarian

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

THE AGENDA Motion to amend the agenda approved by acclamation.

Presentation by Dominion Energy: Strategic Underground Program

Dominion Energy Virginia's Strategic Underground Program is a system wide initiative to **shorten restoration times** following major storms by placing certain outage prone overhead electric distribution lines and equipment **underground**.

[Dominion Energy Strategic Underground Project](http://DominionEnergy.com/Underground)
(DominionEnergy.com/Underground)1-877-306-8292

Approval of Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve September 25, 2019 minutes by acclamation. Motion passed.

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Approval of treasurer's report ending September 30, 2019.

Motion to accept. Motion passed.

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Motion to forego committee reports, E. Young, second K. Pohorylo. Motion passed unanimously. See upcoming announcements and minutes in the Record.

Resolution:

Pawfectly Delicious Dog Treats Stand at the Mount Vernon District/McCutcheon Farmers Market (MVCCA 01-2019). Motion to publish as approved E. Young, second by representative of Stratford Landing community representative. Motion passed unanimous.

Supervisor Time

Mount Vernon Advisor Monthly Newsletter

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/sites/mountvernon/files/assets/documents/mvadvisor/october%202019%20newsletter.pdf>

- Proposal for Costco Gas Pumps Approved by Planning Commission
- 4th Annual Tour de Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride on Saturday October 19, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., starting and ending at the Workhouse Arts Center.
- South County Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process that allows anyone to nominate site specific land use changes to the Comprehensive Plan, the guiding document for land use and development decisions in the County. The SSPA nomination process will run from September 3, 2019 until December 3, 2019. Community involvement is vital and encouraged.
- Lorton Visioning 2040, What does the future of Lorton look like to you? <https://tinyurl.com/Lorton2040>
- Update on the Belle View Shopping Center fire. Meetings continue with store owners and further support is being offered.
- Upcoming Fairfax County Environmental Expo November 10.
- **Reminder of November 20, 2019 General Council meeting to be held at the Gerry Hyland Government Center.** We will have a brief business meeting and immediately following we will celebrate of our 50 years to the Mount Vernon Community with the honoring of some very special guests as well as refreshments.

Motion to adjourn 8:10 PM.

Submitted respectfully by Jennifer Molden.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget Committee did not meet in November.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee did not meet in November.

Next meeting: 8 pm, December 4, 2019, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Attendees: Betsy Martin-Stratford Landing CA, Ellen Young-Bellview Condominiums CA, Glenda Booth-Tauxemont CA, Bob Connors-Mt. Zephyr CA, Bill Cleveland-Collingwood-on-the-Potomac CA, Katherine Ward-Wellington CA, Pete Sitnik- Woodlawn Manor, Earl Flanagan-Riverside Estates CA,
Guest: Maryann Plummer – Fairfax County Solid Waste Management

Start: 7:20 pm

Discussion started with Plastics, specifically what happens when you mix plastics in the recycle bin? Short answer: It ends up in the dump. Plastics must be clean to recycle. (Think water bottles or similar shapes) For specifics see: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash
Our depository is the American Recycling Center, Manassas, VA: a sorting center where plastics are sorted and bailed for resale. It's all about what re-salers are available for the various recycling products. Little known fact: the triangle on the bottom of items with a number on it, mean nothing to recyclers, it is an industry code only. Everything is NOT recyclable in Fairfax County.

The next discussion revolved around Glass. Glass needs to be separate from regular recycling and brought to the purple bins now available at various locations in the county. Your closest is at the Mt. Vernon Government Center next to the Fire Station. They are emptied every time they are filled. As more people learn about the availability, the faster they are coming to empty it. There is NO plan for the county to create purple bins for our homes. **(If you include glass in with your recycling it will be sent to the dump automatically.)** Glass products are sent to the glass crusher in Lorton where the end product is currently used in construction projects, just an example.

Regarding Yard Waste, it was made clear that if yard waste is in plastic bags, it AGAIN ends up in the dump, since they can't empty each bag to dump into a composting area. They need to be in the

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brown yard waste bags available at Costco, Home Depot, Lowe's etc.

Other recycling possibilities: At Lorton: Donation Station for household items like paint, plastic bags, composting, etc. At My Organic Market (MOM's), they accept plastic bags, corks, shoes, etc. Many of the plastic bags to the Treks' plant in Winchester, VA where they make decking and some goes to make shoes again.

The county is looking into a Glass Return Program because they have found in their research this type of effort creates more recycling. In addition, in July 2019, the county created the position of Office of Environmental and Energy Coordinator.

During Committee Time the following members shared information about activities in the Mt. Vernon District:

Betsy Martin-Fairfax County Litter Project-homeless individuals are hired to pick up litter giving them some income. Suggestions were made to reach out to the Little Hunting Creek organization and through Stormwater Management for additional location possibilities.

Glenda Booth-encouraged us to look into the Fairfax County Restoration Project and reminder about the Friends of Dyke Marsh will have Sally Valdez as their next speaker. Additionally she let us know that on December 4th, there is a meeting regarding the Northern Virginia Regional resiliency on climate change.

Earl Flanagan-Let us know about the Report on Erosion at Dyke Marsh, that Phase 2 is under way in the Dyke Marsh Restoration Project.

Karen Porohylo-Gave a quick overview of the Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process currently underway. A full report will be presented at the next Mt. Vernon Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm. Next meeting: December 4, 2019, 7:15PM, Mount Vernon Government Center.

PLANNING & ZONING

Members' Attending: Leah Chapla, Stratford Landing; Mac Northam, Tauxemont; Janet McMillan, Engleside; Ray Novitske, Huntington; Jen Lucas, Mason Hill; Terry Jemison, Hybla Valley Farms; Alix Kauffman, Collingwood Springs; Leo Milanowski, Hollin Hall Village; Mike Frank, Mount Zephyr; Earl Flanagan; Riverside Estates

Guests' Attending: Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-chair; Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-chair; Walter Clarke, Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner; Lynne Strobel, Walsh & Colucci; Kathy Taylor, Walsh & Colucci, John Troy, Sirardi; Joanne Fiebe, County Department of Planning & Zoning; Mark Murray; VP Chamber of Commerce

Call to Order: 7:06pm

Following presentations were joint with Transportation.

Presentation: Joanne Fiebe on Volume II Urban Design Guidelines for Richmond Highway.

Volume II contains urban design guidelines that are tailored specifically for each Community Revitalization District/Areas, CRD & CRA

The public draft of Volume II will be out in November/early December 2018 with a 6 week review period. Adoption by the BOS is anticipated in early 2020.

See Transportation Minutes for more details.

Presentation: Sunoco North Gateway by Walsh & Colucci

5928 Richmond Highway additions to the last presentation include:

- 6 Fueling stations.
- 6 REV charging stations.
- High quality food service area, York Street Market, with possible plaza or seating area.
- 20 year interim use with a 5 year administrative extension.
- Four sided architecture.
- Green Building Initiatives
- Solar
- Clean up of VDOT parcel with possible public art, fencing and seating.

No vote was taken. Mark Murray, VP Chamber of Commerce expressed the chambers support, as did the Huntington Community.

See Transportation Minutes for additional details.

Presentation: Site Specific Plan Amendments by Karen Pohorylo, MVCCA Vice-chair, Planning & Zoning

Four Plan Amendments were presented. See Resolutions.

Adjourn: 8:48pm

Next Meeting: December 2, 2019, 7PM, Mount Vernon Government Center

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee did not meet in November. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of November 11, 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: JoAnne Fiebe, Senior Revitalization Manager, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Lynne J. Strobel, Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh PC; Katherine Ward and Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chairs; and Earl Flanagan. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle View, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, New Gum Springs, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Vernon Heights, Waynewood, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Several interested citizens were also in attendance plus the full Planning and Zoning Committee.

Chairman Gretchen Walzl of Planning and Zoning called the joint meeting to order and introduced JoAnne Fiebe, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, to present to the committee the status of District Design Guidelines for Richmond Highway. The focus of this project is the Richmond Highway Corridor from Huntington to Fort Belvoir. There are three layers of the Urban Design Framework supporting the Comprehensive Plan for the entire area. They are: area-wide design elements such as consistent streetscapes, highway cross sections, paving and bus rapid transit intended to incorporate themes reflecting legacy, ecology, and connectivity in the interest of "place-making"; a northern focus on contemporary design and southern focus on more traditional design; and Community Business Center-specific guidance for the six CBC's now envisaged for the Richmond Highway. While the planned highway cross section remains 178 feet-wide hosting three lanes of vehicular traffic both ways, two dedicated BRT lanes, and sidewalks and a trail, this design effort addresses features such as pavement textures, amenity zones, town home design, tree selections and placement, step down and step back building placement, linear parks and livability spines. Each CBC would have its distinctive appearance and all would look different from adjacent Suburban Neighborhood Areas. Special consideration would be applied to facilities such as gas stations which usually do not improve the quality of a neighborhood. An example is a dialogue over the design of a new 7-11 taking shape on Richmond Highway. Structure design would be more conservative; advertising signage would be reduced; gas pumps would be behind the building; and screening plantings would further reduce visual impact. Ms. Fiebe circulated a draft of the District Guidelines so all present could take a quick look. The final version should be on-line soon and go to the Board of Supervisors in early 2020. Questions raised by committee members included: impact on problem intersections, developer concerns that ecology spines would compromise development potential, how can poorly designed establishments be kept from undermining the design concept, and how will there be sufficient parking. Several of Ms. Fiebe's responses were that the North King's Highway/Richmond Highway

connection would be severed and replaced by another form of connection; this design guidance was flexible; and the Comprehensive Plan has a stronger affect than this design guidance. The committee expressed its appreciation for the informational briefing.

Planning and Zoning Chairman Walzl then introduced Lynne Strobel of Walsh Carlucci Lubeley and Walsh PC who re-introduced the concept for development of the old Sunoco site at 5928 Richmond Highway. This site is 0.6 acres zoned C-8 and the requested development should require no proffers. The original Sunoco station was condemned by VDOT for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, then it went back to Sunoco, and now has been purchased by the Sirhand Investment Group which wants to build a modern, state-of-the-art gas station with six gas pumps and six electric vehicle charging stations, and upscale convenience store on the site. It would bring the site up to code and conform to all legal requirements. Upon their purchase of the remains of the old Sunoco station, the new owners painted it white to make it somewhat less of an eyesore. The Huntington Citizens' Association president spoke up to voice the community's position that is strongly in favor of redeveloping this site as soon as possible. Ms. Strobel explained that access to the site would be from Richmond Highway southbound with exit on Old Richmond highway. The upscale convenience store would be like the York Street Market chain. The new building would be modern and "green". She showed graphics showing design features of alternative designs. She pointed out that examples of the design concept previously applied by the owner can be seen at National Harbor and the newly remodeled Chesapeake House on I-95 north of Baltimore. Ms. Strobel addressed the widely felt concern that this development did not match the Northern Gateway design concept planned for this area. She explained that the development she was describing would be an interim 20-year use of the property with eventual incorporation into the North Gateway scheme beyond that time frame. She expressed confidence in having that much time before the Northern Gateway could ever take place. She pointed out that the neighboring establishments had long term leases that would preclude acceleration of Northern Gateway property consolidation enough to impinge on the requested gas station. If the Northern Gateway could begin sooner, the period of gas station interim use could possibly be reduced to 15 years. A Lee-Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce representative expressed his support for the project pointing out that Richmond Highway widening would force closing of four existing gas stations farther south. While many committee members remained concerned about this development, Ms. Strobel expressed confidence that this development could conform to the Comprehensive Plan and make the Richmond Highway a better place.

Planning and Zoning's Vice Chair, Karen Pohorylo then presented the latest information on Site-Specific Plan Amendments which will be considered and voted on by the MVCCA General Council at their November 20th meeting. These and other citizen initiated inputs are elements of the 5-year review of the Area Comprehensive Plan. Karen reviewed 5 nominations for 10 parcels owned by

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12 owners who will be notified by certified mail of this action. The focus is on underused parcels. The amendments being considered do not change the zoning of properties, but they could support changes downstream. Plats considered seemed to focus on C-8 zoned properties suggested to go to multi-family or mixed use residential, and R-2 residentially zoned properties suggested to change to R-4 to accommodate independent living facilities.

With this presentation, the Planning and Zoning Committee adjourned and Chairman Sitnik continued the Transportation Committee meeting. In view of the chronic problems with the Fort Hunt Road and Richmond Highway intersection in terms of signs and pavement marking configuration and left turns, the committee is seeking someone to take the lead in interacting with the responsible officials on these issues.

The subject of the new all-way stop signs was discussed at some length. The signs were erected by the contractor in accordance with a proffer accepted in order for County approval of the new Town homes being built where the old horse farm stood opposite the hospital along Hinson Farm Road. The signs were not erected properly and lighted signs warning drivers of the new signs were so poorly placed that one actually blocked west-bound drivers' view of the stop sign. Katherine Ward had already contacted Supervisor Storck's office, and a November 12th meeting was already set up to bring together VDOT, FCDOT, Contractor, MVCCA representatives and the Supervisor together to "fix" the problem.

The challenge of electrically powered scooters and other vehicles was brought up again. Chairman Sitnik will arrange for a speaker on the subject at a future meeting.

Chairman Sitnik pointed out that the 20 November General Council meeting would be the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, so all are invited to attend.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 2nd in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

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

SFDC

No report.

Did You Know?

The Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations approved a resolution regarding the Undergrounding of Utilities throughout the whole of the county

MVCCA started this and the Federation supported our effort - congratulations to all of you.

Treasurer's Report

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget

Periods Ending October 31st, 2019

(Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar)

	October	Total July 1 to October	2018-2019 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 246	\$ 1,950	\$ 3,100	
Money Market Interest	1	3	10	
Total Cash Receipts	247	1,953	3,110	\$ (1,157)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	166	300	134
Insurance Premium	-	-	880	880
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	170	230	1,390	1,160
Web Site	125	482	2,500	2,018
Total Cash Disbursements	295	878	5,570	4,692
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(48)	1,075	(2,460)	\$ 3,535

50 Year Anniversary Celebration				
Receipts	-	500		Note 3
Expenses	-	-		
Net Results	-	500		

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	10,802	9,492	9,492	Note 2
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 10,754	\$ 11,067	\$ 7,032	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,509			
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	8,558			
Total Cash	\$ 11,067			

Respectfully
 Submitted,
 Sean McCarthy,
 Treasurer
 November 12, 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, November 20, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Community Center, Community Room
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria VA 22306

MODIFIED AGENDA

Call to order

Member time

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50th anniversary celebration

- Awards presented to founding members
- Presentations from elected officials

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—Nov. 20, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3
MVCCA Board—Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	12/4	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	12/4	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Pohorylo
PL/Z	12/2	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	12/5	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	12/2	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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