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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Thanks to all of you who joined us for the 50th MVCCA celebration!

- * Celebration coverage in the Mt. Vernon Gazette "MVCCA hits 50, Still on Point with Mission" <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2019/nov/27/mvcca-hits-50-still-point-mission/>
- * The Virginia House of Delegates and Senate. Congressman Don Byers, The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Dan Storck and the MV District Planning Commissioner all honored the MVCCA members for their 50 years of excellent work and citizen participation.

The December General Council meeting has been **CANCELED**.

Happy Holidays - see everyone in January

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Mount Vernon Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-Chairs Lynn Pascoe and John Ribble

ATTENDING: Co-Chair Katherine Ward, 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, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington Community Association, Hybla Valley Farms Civic Association, Mount Vernon Civic Assn, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates Citizens Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Wellington Civic Association, Williamsburg Manor North Citizens Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Assn.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

THE AGENDA Motion to amend the agenda approved by acclamation.

Approval of treasurer's report ending October 31, 2019. Motion to approve by acclamation. Motion passed.

Approval of Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve October 23, 2019 minutes by acclamation. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Motion to forego committee reports due to the celebration of the MVCCA 50-year anniversary. Motion by E. Young, second K. Pohorylo. Motion passed unanimous. See upcoming announcements and minutes in the Record.

Community Time:

Brief discussion held on the new stop signs at the intersection of Parkers Lane and Hinson Farm Road. This is a continuing situation

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as the signs are not properly placed and will be discussed with both VDOT, FCDOT, Contractor, MVCCA representatives and the Supervisor together to "fix" the problem.

Motion to adjourn 7:35 PM.

Submitted respectfully by Jennifer Molden.

Commencement of the MVCCA 50 Year Anniversary Celebration.

Link to celebration coverage in Mt.Vernon Gazette: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2019/nov/27/mvcca-hits-50-still-point-mission/>

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget Committee did not meet in December.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee was scheduled to meet on December 4; however the meeting was cancelled due to the illness of the scheduled speaker, Dr. Nardos King, Assistant Superintendent for Region 3.

The meeting with Dr. King has been rescheduled for 8pm, January 8, 2020, in the library of Whitman Middle School.

Many members may recall Dr. King from her service as a teacher and Principal of Mount Vernon High School. She is in her first year as Assistant Superintendent but has many years of experience in our area and its challenges. The meeting will be an opportunity to renew acquaintance and learn of plans to continue progress in all our schools particularly with regard to the new Virginia Standards of Accreditation (SOA).

Hopefully, committee members and interested community members will make every effort to attend and start 2020 in a truly positive way.

Next meeting: 8pm, January 8, 2020, Whitman MS library.

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Members Attending: Huntington, Wellington, Belle View Condominiums, Riverside Estates, Collingwood on the Potomac, Tauxemont

Guests Attending: Corey Miles; Senior Environmental Planner/ Coastal Program Manager Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Walter Clarke; Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner, Katherine Ward; MVCCA Co-chair, B.Lynn Pascoe; MVCCA Co-chair

Call to Order: December 4, 2019 at 7:02pm

Presentation: Corey Miles, Planning for Resilient Critical Infrastructure in Northern Virginia
Joint with Planning & Zoning. See Planning and Zoning Minutes. The PowerPoint presentation can also be reviewed on the Environment & Recreation and Planning & Zoning webpages.

Resolution

Review of presented resolution on North Gateway.

Adjourn: 9:17pm

Next Meeting: January 8, 2020, 7:15PM, Mount Vernon Government Center

PLANNING & ZONING

MVCCA Planning and Zoning Committee
Minutes December 2019

Member Attendees: Mt. Vernon CA, Waynewood CA, Belle View Condominiums, Riverwood HOA, Stratford Landing CA, Huntington Community Association, Wellington CA, Hollin Hall Village CA, Potomac Valley River Bend, Mt. Zephyr CA, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Riverside Gardens CA and Montebello (non-voting member).

Guests: Corey Miles, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Coastal Resources Program Manager

A joint meeting was held of the MVCCA Planning and Zoning and Environment and Recreation Committees.

Corey Miles presented that the Northern Virginia Regional Commission functions as a council of governments (includes the city of Fairfax, City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, Reston, Herndon, Alexandria, Fauquier County, Arlington County). Since there is to some degree a shared infrastructure, the jurisdictions work together to narrow the focus on areas of stress that can be mitigated. To reduce workload projects are handled regionally. Ms. Miles is an environmental engineer and as a member of the coastal policy team, helps define areas that need assistance for coastal areas in Virginia.

Definition from Critical Infrastructure (16 points) – climate resiliency - not going to remove the stressors but help to minimize the effects and costs to relieve some the affected areas.

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Key focus areas include:

Robust infrastructure (lots of capacity-easily accessible)

Redundant infrastructure Examples include: getting off of fossil fuels, using micro grids on buildings or using wind for energy, storm water management, habitat for wildlife, cleaning the water, etc.)

Innovative (autonomous electric vehicle, looking at European countries as they have been at the forefront – EU has made climate control a priority – ex. Green rooftops, green walls, markets of energy for more selections of where to get your energy. Equitability for all, not just the prosperous areas. Locally, Arlington has county energy plan (30-year plan), Fairfax County (climate and energy action plan), City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax (committing to 80% by 2050).

Looking at Science at what the core stressors are in the area. Formed a stakeholders group -climate resiliency team (natural resource managers, utilities, jurisdiction leaders)

In 2016 focused on Heavy rain event, Extreme Heat and Sea Level Storm surge. Will send link to include on webpage for E&R and P&Z.

Going through data at this time to identify where the stressors are located.

Partnering with George Mason University, (Intensity Duration and Frequency of events).

Extreme Heat expected to get worse because of high emissions in the area. Dangerous for those who don't have access to A/C and because of Air Quality issues.

Sea Level Storm Surge: looked at different levels 3/4/5 ft rise in sea level and came up with figures accessed properties will be impacted. Found it be around \$780 Million.

Another exercise was Risk Assessment (used Booz Allan for outside assistance). Major risk to transportation and infrastructure, ex. 4-mile run, Dyke Marsh, Langley air field, Ft. Belvoir, City of Alexandria. Infrastructures that are at risk include historic structures, bridges, roads.

Draft Plan to frame actions we can take today and prioritize natural hazards. Ex. Easy retrofit-paint roofs white. Putting data together on a Dashboard accessible to the public and make it easier to share with everyone. Heat Island Map- understanding where these areas are located to find solutions to mitigate the hazards.

Trying to get groups to work together: Ex. Include Emergency Management folks with Planning and Zoning and Environmental groups, when they don't always overlap in their workings.

During Q&A:

Karen Pohorylo recognized that through local government, we are

looking for areas of revitalization within our committees when groups come before us.

Corey Miles: They are putting forth the recommendations.

Glenda Booth: FC developing community environmental action plan. No plan so far to include a resiliency plan as part of that. Mt. Vernon vulnerable since we are close to tidal basin. Can the group identify areas of concern?

Corey Miles: can map out projections where most vulnerable areas are located and figure out best ways to mitigate. It's on FC to identify those areas.

Mark Viani: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences has a sea level map that can be searched by neighborhoods.

Katherine Ward: Want to know what we can do to help educate our officials so they can understand what we want to advocate for, ex. Doing a study for a risk assessment for safe water, Risk emergencies – is there a cooling shelter?

Pohl Hertel-Wants them to take a different tack – take an educational track. Didn't think COLD was a core stressor at this time.

After Ms. Miles presentation the P&Z and E&R Committees went through the Proposed North Gateway property at 5928 Richmond Highway.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm. Next meeting will be Monday, January 6.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee meeting was held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 in the Mount Vernon Government Center. The meeting began at 7:35 PM with the following associations represented: Holland Court, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor and Williamsburg Manor North.

Introductions & Welcome

Speaker for the evening was Roy Shrout, Deputy Coordinator of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management and Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft Systems Manager.

Mr. Shrout began his program explaining the type of Unmanned Aerial/Aircraft Systems (UAS) or more commonly called drones the program is utilizing. They are using small handheld, remote controlled units for photography or video activity engaged in public safety activities. The current UAS vehicles are the DJI Mavic Zoom

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and DJI Enterprise Dual which can fly up to 40 miles per hour. The aircraft range in price from one to three thousand dollars depending on the level of capability. The aircraft can be programmed to conduct area searches in different patterns, return to the operator when their battery needs replacement, and a variety of other actions.

Currently, the police and fire and rescue departments along with the Office of Emergency Management are using the devices. The UAS can document crime scenes, disaster recovery reimbursements, aid incident commanders at fire or hazardous material events, search and rescue incidents and mapping as well as provide live video streaming. While currently not active in the program, the Sheriff's Office along with the Park Authority and public works are interested in possible participation.

The UAS program began to take shape a couple years ago when the UAS Task Force was assembled to establish protocols, mission profiles, design pilot training criteria and certification, examine regional programs and Federal Aviation Administration requirements. As the program developed, manuals and orders were generated which addressed operator training, flight and maintenance logs, data management, transparency and privacy issues. A broad range of organizations were part of reviewing the UAS program including the Audubon Society and American Civil Liberties Union. Final approval of the UAS program for public safety was given by the Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2019.

The National Capital Region Airspace is a 30 mile restricted area around the capital which requires permission for use of the drones. Fairfax County is also impacted by the Dulles Airport restrictions as well. Regular drones purchased for use actually have programs imbedded in the global positioning system so they will not operate if in a restricted area. Once permission is granted by the UAS pilots, the drones are required to be operated in line-of-sight which means the drone needs to be observed by the pilot. The pilots will be required to operate the aircraft in accordance with their agencies mandates and also be aware of their activities impact on sensitive wildlife areas.

Fairfax County requires that **all UAS pilots obtain the FAA Part 107 license**. Each pilot must take a 2-day Part 107 preparation course prior to taking the FAA examination. Once the pilot has successfully passed the examination, they will then take a 90-minute classroom orientation followed by a 2 or 3-hour initial hands on flight training program. Each pilot is then **required to take an additional 2-3 hours of advanced training** which covers emergency procedures, safety, privacy, data management, airspace restrictions and policy and procedures. **All pilots will be required to take and pass a final examination prior to becoming a certified Fairfax County UAS pilot.** A minimum of 2-3 hours of flight time or missions will be required every 90 days to maintain proficiency. **Once a year, each pilot will be required to take the updated policy course** to ensure they are aware of any

new legal or procedural changes. It is expected that there will be more than 25 certified pilots by the end of January for the current agencies.

Currently the UAS pilots conduct training at Lake Fairfax Park every two weeks. It is expected that the program will have an annual report and conduct public review every other year. Individuals can sign up to receive notification when a UAS mission is being conducted through Fairfax Alerts. Additional information can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/uas.

The committee thanked Mr. Shroul for his time and program presentation.

Old Business

- The chair provided brief reports on the following:
 - ◇ George Washington Parkway Traffic Safety Study Update <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=186&projectID=89079&documentID=99978>
 - ◇ Public Safety related proposed legislature for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+men+BIL>
 - ◇ Self-driving trucks on Virginia Highways <http://e-edition.fairfaxtimes.com/Olive/ODN/FairfaxCountyTimes/shared/ShowArticle.aspx?doc=FACT%2F2019%2F11%2F22&entity=Ar00107&sk=471DD8FC&mode=text>

New Business

Meeting dates for 2020: (Normally the first Thursday except for August...no meeting.)

January 2 or 9	February 6	March 5	April 2
May 7	June 4	July 2	September 3
October 1	November 5	December 3	

Discussion was held regarding the January meeting as the first Thursday is actually January 2 and since a room was not available at the Government Center for January 9, it was decided that our first meeting in 2020 will be February 6th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be February 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of December 2, 2019 in the Community Rooms, Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane. Participating in the meeting were: Noelle C. Dominguez, Chief, Coordination and Funding Section, Fairfax County Department of Transportation; and Katherine Ward and Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chairs. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle Haven, Belle View, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor.

Chairman Peter Sitnik called the meeting to order and introduced Noelle Dominguez who presented a detailed briefing on the status of regulating "Shared Mobility Devices" in Fairfax County. "Shared Mobility Devices" is regulatory language covering electric scooters, electric skate-boards and electrically augmented bicycles. Ms. Dominguez is on the four-person Shared Mobility Device Work Group now moving toward adoption of an SMD ordinance that will be effective January 1, 2020. This regulation is intended to set initial and maximum fleet sizes, speed limits (10 mph), and operator requirements within Fairfax County. The Work Group will do community outreach and education, regulate SMD operators and analyze data reported by SMD operators. The term "operator" refers to the companies owning the scooters and renting them out to "riders". The regulatory effort does not address rider behavior other than to prohibit operation on sidewalks or crosswalks that have been specifically posted with signs indicating no SMDs and parking SMD's where it would impeded pedestrian or traffic movement. Separate SMD programs exist in each Northern Virginia jurisdiction, so rules differ. To set up an SMD operation in Fairfax County, an Operator's Permit requires payment of a \$100 non-refundable processing fee, a \$1,000 annual operator's permit, and an annual \$28 per vehicle certificate fee. SMD Certificates are initially limited to 300 per operator and an eventual maximum number of 600 based on demonstrated demand. Operators are required to pick up abandoned scooters within a reasonable amount of time and communities may establish "geo-fencing" to exclude SMDs. Evidently the Belle View community has done that. The work group will continue to study how successful the introduction of SMDs is after the initial regulation is in place. Questions from committee members focused on safety aspects of mixing scooters and regular motor and pedestrian traffic. To date there has evidently been little or no engagement with the Fairfax County Police in shaping the SMD effort, but it was promised for the future. Ms. Dominguez pointed out that we are learning as we go on SMD regulation. The committee expressed its appreciation to Ms. Dominguez for the informational briefing. We will post the briefing slides to the Transportation web site.

Chairman Sitnik then introduced a draft resolution expressing the Transportation Committee's disapproval of a requested Special

Exception to the Comprehensive Plan intended to permit redevelopment of the old Sunoco gas station site at, 5928 Richmond Highway. Because the original Sunoco station was condemned by VDOT for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, plans by the Sirhand Investment Group to build a modern, state-of-the-art gas station with upscale convenience store require a Special Exception. While the developers are willing to accept a "sunset clause" specifying an interim 20-year use of the property in order to avoid conflict with subsequent realization of the North Gateway scheme beyond that time frame, the Transportation Committee remains concerned that this requested use constitutes an unacceptable risk to the North Gateway plan. After discussion and the addition of several editorial changes, the committee voted in favor to oppose the gas station SE by a vote of 6 to 5.

Chairman Sitnik introduced two new citizens' association members of the Transportation Committee: Betsy Micklem of Belle Haven and James "Tony" Cochran of Riverside Estates.

Chairman Sitnik reminded members of an FCDOT public meeting on options for new trail connections between Telegraph Road and the South Kings Highway and Richmond Highway Corridors in the vicinity of Huntley Meadows Park. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m., in Room 221A/B of the Gerry Hyland (South County Government Center) at 8350 Richmond Highway.

Chairman Sitnik also reminded members about the National Park Service second public meeting on the status of the George Washington Memorial Parkway Safety Study on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Walt Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane. The first public meeting on the GWMP safety study generated an unprecedented 580 comments and significant government official interest. This second meeting was also well attended with an estimated crowd size of about 200 including State Senator Scott A. Surovell, Delegate Paul Krizek, many Transportation Committee members and members of local communities. By the beginning of the meeting public comments received by the Park Service exceeded 700, with many more comments added in the course of the meeting. The Park Service had tried to organize comments and relate them to the eleven specific intersections covered and the overarching problem of excessive speed on the part of between 70% and 85% of drivers using the Parkway. Once comments generated by this meeting are processed and contractor analysis is completed, a final report should be completed in about the March 2020 time frame.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6th in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. Subsequent 2020 meetings are currently planned on the following Mondays: Feb 3, Mar 9, Apr 6, May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6, Aug 31 (In place of a September Meeting), Oct 5, Nov 9, Dec 7.

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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

SFDC will be sending comments on the newly released Fairfax County Richmond Highway Design Guidelines. Comments from MVCCA will be compiled, and we will be asking SFDC to support us. SFDC also continues to monitor studies and recommendations regarding North Gateway. The SFDC Board has written letters in support of MVCCA positions in the past, and should continue to do so in the future.

MVCCA 50th Anniversary Celebration



Supervisor Storck presents MVCCA with a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Proclamation honoring our 50 years of service.



Co-Chair Pascoe presents Gant Redman and Glenn Fatzinger with plaques honoring their work as founding members of the MVCCA.



MVCCA Co-Chairs receive on behalf of The Virginia State Senate and House of Representatives joint resolutions commemorating the dedicated work of our members.

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 November 30, 2019

(Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar)

	November	Total July 1 to November	2018-2019 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 198	\$ 2,148	\$ 3,100	
Money Market Interest	1	4	10	
Total Cash Receipts	199	2,152	3,110	\$ (958)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	166	300	134
Insurance Premium	-	-	880	880
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	60	290	1,390	1,100
Web Site	801	1,283	2,500	1,217
Total Cash Disbursements	861	1,739	5,570	3,831
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(662)	413	(2,460)	\$ 2,873

50 Year Anniversary Celebration				
Receipts	-	500		Note 3
Expenses	(228)	228		
Net Results	(228)	272		

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	10,802	9,492	9,492	Note 2
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 9,912	\$ 10,177	\$ 7,032	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 1,619
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	8,558
Total Cash	\$ 10,177

Respectfully
Submitted,
Sean McCarthy,
Treasurer
December 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, January 22, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Mount Vernon Community Center, Community Room
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria VA 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

The December MVCCA Council meeting has been canceled.

MVCCA Council—Jan. 22, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3
MVCCA Board—Jan. 14, 7:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	1/8	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	1/8	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Pohorylo
PL/Z	1/6	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	2/6	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	12/6	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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