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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

The March 25, 2020 General Council Meeting is cancelled
due to the health risks associated with the Covid-19 situation.

The Fairfax County link for Covid-19 updates is <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus>

ELECTIONS: Nominating committee members sought.

The MVCCA Executive Board Elections will be held in May 2020. It's time again to elect your MVCCA Executive Board. Per our bylaws 3 members of the nominating committee come from the MVCCA membership. Please help MVCCA find the best folks for the job.

If you or one of your committee representatives are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please let us know by emailing one of the co-chairs. Please provide contact information.

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MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Gerry Hyland Government Center

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Katherine Ward/Co-Chair John Ribble

ATTENDING: Co-Chair Lynn Pascoe, Secretary Jennifer Molden, Treasurer Sean McCarthy; Committee Chairs: 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, Hybla Valley Farms Civic Association, Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Zephyr Citizens Association, Riverside Gardens Citizens Association, Sulgrave Manor Civic Association, Wellington Civic Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Assn.

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

Guest Presenters: Leigh Burden, FCPS Assistant Superintendent Department of Financial Services and Joseph Mondoro, Fairfax County Chief Financial Officer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

THE AGENDA Motion to approve changes to the agenda to allow for budget presentations approved by acclamation.

Presentation of Fairfax County FY 2021 Advertised Budget

Plan: Joseph Mondoro, Fairfax County Chief Financial Officer.

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget

Presentation of Fairfax County Public School FY2021 Budget:

Leigh Burden, Fairfax County Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Department of Financial Services. www.fcps.edu/budget

Approval of treasurer's report ending January 31, 2020. Motion to approve by acclamation. Motion passed.

Approval of Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve January 22, 2020 minutes by acclamation. Motion passed.

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PZ: Joint meeting held with ER/TRANS/PZ. Next meeting to be held March 2, 2020

TRANS: Joint meeting held presentation led by Mark Viani, Esq., Bean, Kinney and Korman P.C., representing Aventon-Huntington Holdings I, LLC, in an informational briefing on their application for rezoning of parcels totaling approximately four acres at 5919 North Kings Highway. Presentation also by Jason Hunt, owner of three Roy Rogers restaurants in the area, including the one at the Belle View Shopping Center that was damaged by fire in October 2019. Mr. Hunt was seeking community reactions to his concept for moving his Roy Rogers Restaurant into the former BB&T Bank building at the west end of Belle View Shopping Center. P&Z and E&R adjourned, and the Transportation committee continued with a discussion of the transfer of Jeff Todd Road from U.S. Army to VDOT and provide for joint police jurisdiction. The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2nd.

ER: Joint meeting held with PZ/TRANS/ER. Next meeting to be held on March 4, 2020.

PS: Next meeting to be held Thursday, March 5, 2020.

SFDC: Save the date Economic Outlook Summit to be held at Belle Haven Country Club April 2, 2020.

FED: Citizen of the Year Banquet to be held on May 1, 2020 at the Springfield Country Club. 2019 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year Lisa Sales. Citation of Merit Honorees include Dorothy Keenan and Holi Seibold; Lifetime Achievement/Special Gratitude Award Honoree, Sharon Bulova; Special Gratitude Award Honorees include John Cook, Cathy Hudgins, and Linda Smyth.

Resolutions:

MVCCA Resolution (Transportation) 2020-01

Supporting the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Board Matter Requesting the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the ARMY to Immediately Process and Execute the Necessary Agreement/s Regarding Jeff Todd Way.

Motion to publish. **Motion passed.**

Supervisor Report:

- Plans to rebuild at the site of the massive fire on February 8, 2020. Supervisor Storck commended all fire fighters, first responders and other emergency personnel for their prompt response to this dangerous fire. County staff will have a point person for all questions and concerns during the rebuild of this site.
- Undergrounding remains a focus and a priority for the Richmond Hwy. corridor
- Sunoco Station remains an open discussion and Supervisor Storck will await the HATS study before any decisions are made.
- Discussion on the changes to yard waste and how to dispose of waste in the appropriate containers. Fairfax County will transition to paper bags for all yard waste removal and the use of plastic bags will be prohibited.

Additional information and updates can be found in the monthly newsletter of Mount Vernon District Supervisor Storck. To receive this monthly publication, sign up at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/>

Motion to adjourn 8:35 PM.

Submitted respectfully by Jennifer Molden.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget Committee did not meet in March.

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EDUCATION

The Education Committee met at 8pm, March 4, 2020, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Collingwood Springs, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley/Riverbend (2), Belle View, Newington Forest, Riverside Gardens and Mount Vernon Civic. Karen Corbett-Sanders, Chair of the School Board and Mount Vernon District representative, Dr. Nardos King, District 3 Assistant Superintendent, and Grace Taylor, District 3 Executive Principal, also attended and participated in the meeting.

King, Corbett-Sanders and Taylor all discussed some of the issues facing District 3, which includes the Mount Vernon High School and West Potomac High School Pyramids as well as some very recent positive developments.

Corbett-Sanders highlighted the ADVANCE program beginning soon at MVHS, in co-operation with local colleges such as NOVA and GMU. When implemented it will expand the current dual credit possibilities to allow students to take college level courses potentially resulting in an associates' degree awarded contemporaneously with the high school diploma. The program would provide automatic entrance to NOVA and GMU to complete a four-year bachelor's degree. Students could also use the associate degree to assist immediate entrance into the workforce or additional technical training. Because the courses are college-level nearly all other US colleges and universities would give graduation credits to successful completion, even those who do not accept Advanced Placement (AP) credits (such as Georgetown). International Baccalaureate (IB) remains strong, and whether they are full diploma students or have simply taken some IB courses, graduates report they feel very well prepared—indeed advantaged—whatever college they attend because of the emphasis on writing skills and critical thinking.

Corbett-Sanders also noted efforts she has made with realtor's organizations (which are connected to the website GreatSchools.com) to point out the problems with the rubrics used by realtors and that website in ranking schools. Emphasizing only test scores and AP numbers, while not factoring in other successes such as IB, high levels of college acceptances and positive effects of diverse experiences unfairly denigrate diverse schools and give potential buyers a skewed perspective. She is hopeful some changes will result, giving all interested parties better information.

Further potentially addressing the longstanding problem of inaccurate public perceptions and lack of positive publicity, Corbett-Sanders stated a group of local residents who are past MVHS pyramid students have formed a Facebook group called Mount Vernon Legacy to highlight the many advantages and history of local diverse schools.

King and Taylor discussed the new Virginia Standards of Accreditation (SOAs) which now include some non-academic measures which greatly and unfairly affect all schools but particularly those with high poverty, high mobility and particularly immigrant children.

The Committee has discussed the SOAs' inclusion of absenteeism and dropout rate in determining accreditation status as potentially damaging and the unfairness has now become reality.

One of the biggest absurdities is if a student or student's family is deported, voluntarily leaves in anticipation of deportation or is detained by ICE that student is to be considered a dropout and a negative mark for the school which obviously has no control over those circumstances. Moreover, since such students usually simply disappear, for the first 15 days they would be considered chronically absent, then disenrolled and declared a dropout, creating a double whammy for the school accreditation status. Indeed, any student who leaves FCPS and moves to another state or country is included as a drop out if FCPS cannot prove the student enrolled elsewhere

This anomaly, not academic failing, is the reason MVHS and Justice HS (formerly Stuart) are accredited with warning—and it will likely be an ongoing problem. Efforts by FCPS, School Board and legislators have not yet even persuaded the Virginia Education Secretary to grant waivers in this situation.

The absentee provisions are also problematical for all schools because there is no provision for excused absence, even, for example, a child hospitalized for cancer treatment! Chronically ill, injured and disabled students also may have unavoidable frequent absences which could put them into chronic absentee status triggered at 15 days for the year. Parents also need to understand that taking a child out of school for family vacations, college visits, family weddings or funerals could adversely affect the school's accreditation even if the school considers the absence "excused" and provides makeup work. Schools don't want kids to come to school ill (flu, Corona virus anyone?) to avoid spreading infection but this sets up a definite conflict.

SOAs aside, King and Taylor emphasized that school staff work proactively to assure that students are on track for graduation and identify students at risk of dropping out due to academic, behavioral or social problems. High poverty schools and those with many immigrant children also experience high dropout rates due to the need to help support families and, because, in reality, a student who arrived in high school with little or no formal education or English has very little chance of graduating in the normal course.

In other matters, the School Board Advertised Budget was discussed (it essentially adopted the Superintendent's Proposed Budget, see, www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/budget-documents).

It was noted that the school budget continues to address salary inequities and provides a 1% Market Scale Adjustment (MSA) and a Step Increase for instructional staff. It also increases some staffing for a Special Education Chair for 70 Elementary schools, expanding to all schools in FY2121, which in conjunction with the ongoing review of special education services should help to close

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the achievement gap and promote efficiency for the allocation of resources for this growing enrollment group.

Of interest to our area as well is the addition of a third Executive Principal position in our District 3 and in District 2. The Executive Principal, among other responsibilities, provides direct assistance and advice to principals as this Committee has long suggested was needed to help over-burdened staff locate and implement best practices and improve school access to services available.

The school budget also references some placeholders which could prove helpful such as equity in school sports and activities funds, additional counselors and on time graduation coordinators for 9 schools to help with what can be a time consuming nightmare in schools with high mobility within and without the County, US and the world. Security investments, such as security vestibules in schools where the physical plant doesn't permit adequate door security and entrance screening, are also placeholders.

In general, the Committee supported the school budget and the funding request directed to the County although as usual the share of funding to be received from the Commonwealth is not yet certain. However, there is reason to believe state funding will be increased and benefit FCPS to some degree even though limited by the Local Composite Index (LCI) or "wealth index".

The Committee was also asked to attend the County Budget meeting held by the Council in February and to review the County Executive's Advertised Budget (see, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/advertised-budget-plan).

The Transfer to schools proposed by the County Executive was short about \$3-4M from the School Board request, certainly a smaller and more manageable shortfall than experienced a few years ago. However, as noted, the funds to come from Virginia are not yet certain; the County CFO in presenting the County Budget to the Council opined that he expects increased funds from Virginia to essentially eliminate the shortfall. Since FCPS did factor in a conservative increase already, the outcome remains to be seen. In any event, the FCPS-County collaboration seems to be once again paying dividends in identifying needs and addressing issues.

The County Budget, to support County needs and provide the FCPS transfer, proposes a two penny increase in the real property tax rate and, in addition, the restoration of the penny for affordable housing. The total 3cent increase would cost the average taxpayer \$346 or \$29 per month. Most homeowners will also experience an additional cost due to increases in assessed value.

Committee members recognize that virtually all County homeowners will be subject to a tax increase, to a greater or lesser extent based on each homeowner's personal situation. It was equally recognized that some homeowners will hardly notice the increase where others may find it more impactful. The overall sentiment was, however, that the paramount consideration is the need to

protect our way of life, our schools, parks, libraries, police and fire, and social network. This also protects our home values, our communities and our economic future.

As the County CFO indicated, there is some hope that the Virginia legislature may enact legislation giving counties more local taxing authority, similar to that enjoyed by cities (and Arlington). This would allow additional revenue streams and reduce reliance on homeowner property taxes in the future. But that is not today.

Thus, the Committee strongly supported the suggested 2 pennies to fund the County Budget and school transfer. The Committee also supported the 1 penny for affordable housing with the caveat that any additional units for low income and/or subsidized housing should be fairly distributed throughout the County for the benefit of communities and the intended beneficiaries of programs. Mount Vernon and Lee District have a disproportionate number of designated low-income housing which strains schools and County services and is equitable to none of the interested parties.

Considering all of the above, the Committee adopted by a unanimous vote (7-0) the resolution which is printed elsewhere in this RECORD for consideration and adoption by the Council.

Finally, a committee member who is a member of the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee (FPAC) reported that, although the new School Board seems more accepting of the need to comprehensively review school boundaries, significant changes are sometime away. An outside report on best practices and criteria to be used in decision-making will not be received until this summer. FPAC will insist that "capacity" heads the list.

Next meeting: 8pm, April 1, 2020, Whitman MS library

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

Minutes: March 4, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

The first presentation was for the Avention-Huntington Project at 5919 North Kings Highway, Alexandria. The attorney for the project, Mark Viani, gave an update on the proposal. New items included: FC staff asked for an east-west connection, separated buildings connected with pedestrian pathways and enclosed pathways on levels 2-5, and Extended sidewalks from 20 ft. to 60 ft. to allow for plantings. Mr. Viani added they were working with county on path/connection with Mt. Eagle park and would be including native plantings as well as reducing the impervious surface by 800 sq. ft. They are also working with the Park Authority to address plantings/paths. There will be no retaining wall but will be regraded according to FC regulations. Cathy Ledec, President of Pavilions

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at Huntington Metro said the architectural team had worked closely with the community and reminded the group that the buildings need to have bird resistant glass.

The second presentation regarding the Little Hunting Creek watershed for Paul Springs Segments 1 (Goodman Park) and Segment 2 (Brickelmaier Park) at Hollin Hills Stream Restoration. Patrick Kelly, President Citizens Association of Hollin Hills (CAHH) the CAHH park locations include Voight, McCalley, Goodman, Brickelmaier, Paul Springs, Sutton Potter Park and the Wildlife Sanctuary. The ground is primarily marine clay. A brief calendar of the project include: October 2004- Little Hunting Creek Watershed Plan recommends improvement to the Goodman and Brickelmaier stream; 2008-2014- CAHH requests FC assistance to address erosion issue in Goodman Park, construction package is finished however the project does not move forward; Spring 2016- Broken lateral sewer line disgoring sewer water directly into Goodman Park Stream discovered. CAHH worked with Storck's office and again addressed the issues. There has been significant Neighborhood outreach and they have worked with Meghan Fellows on the projects shaped by CAHH community with a 121-15 approval. Planting zones will be designed to address erosion and trees will be used as erosion buffers. They are using the superclump planting approach (Trees, Scrubs, Ferns within Fencing, and lots of oaks). Katherine Ward also suggested they use bald cypress as a possibility. They asked for the E&R committee support to move the project forward.

The proposed Avention-Huntington Resolution was brought forward for consideration and discussed. A resolution is included in the Record for the General Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. The next Environment and Recreation Committee meeting is April 1 at 7:15pm at the Mt. Vernon Government Center.

PLANNING & ZONING

MVCCA Planning and Zoning Committee
Minutes: March 2, 2020

Attendees: Belle Haven Terrace CA, Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood Springs CA, CA of Hollin Hills, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hollin Hall Village CA, Huntington CA, Hybla Valley Farms CA, Mason Hill CA, Mount Vernon CA, Mount Zephyr CA, New Alexandria CA, New Gum Springs Civic Association, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates CA, Riverside Gardens CA, Riverwood HOA, Springbank CA, Stratford Landing CA, Tauxemont CA, Waynewood CA, Wellington CA,

Guests: See Transportation Minutes

The meeting started at 7pm and was held jointly with the Transportation Committee. Please see Transportation minutes information about the meeting. The next P&Z meeting will be held on Monday, April 6 at 7pm at the Mt. Vernon Government Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee did not meeting in March. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:30 PM in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on March 2, 2020 in the Community Rooms, Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parkers Lane. This was a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee. Individuals participating in the meeting included: Richard A. Kessler, Gary F. Sedoruk, and their support team from Benenson Capital Partners; David Gill, Wire Gill LLP; Mark Viani, Esq., Bean, Kinney and Korman P.C.; Chris Huffer, and Dan Avrit of Avention-Huntington. Also participating were: Katherine Ward and Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chairs; Walter Clarke and Tim Sargeant, Planning Commissioners; Sandra Sawin, Belle Haven Country Club; Laura Arsenaux, Hollin Hills Historic Overlay; and Earl Flanagan. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA associations attended: Belle View, Belle Haven, Gum Springs, Holland Court Property Owners, Hollin Hall, Mason Hill, Mount Zephyr, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington Civic Association, Wellington Heights, West Grove, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Many interested citizens also attended. Total present for the meeting was in excess of 80.

Chairman Gretchen Walzl called the joint meeting to order and introduced Richard A. Kessler, Gary F. Sedoruk, Counsel David Gill and their support team from Benenson Capital Partners. Their purpose was to describe and seek community inputs on their proposal for redevelopment of the Belle View Shopping Center. The team made several points at the outset. Benenson Capital Partners is a family-run business founded in 1905 and has owned the Belle View Shopping Center for some sixty-five years. Benenson endeavors to create properties of high quality which are environmentally sensitive. The vision they are developing for Belle View responds to the changing retail environment generated by such entities as Amazon which have serious business impact on traditional automobile oriented shopping establishments such as Belle View. The initiative Benenson is pursuing reflects Fairfax County's guidance for nominations to amend the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the 2019-2020 South County Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Process. The owners see themselves as

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following Fairfax County guidance favoring areas of community focus that contain mixes of compatible uses, a diverse housing stock, and community-serving desirable services. Although the final configuration for a future Belle View Shopping Center remains to be determined, the owner is proposing a 1.2 to 1.5 FAR three to five story development consistent with the surrounding community. The SSPA process envisions zoning changes some three years in the future with design and actual construction perhaps five to ten years in the future. Benenson insists that this initiative should not impact those retail establishments damaged by last October's fire. Those merchants, Benenson states, should be back in business within a year. Some of the improvements being considered in the Benenson concept for the future Belle View Shopping Center include adding public spaces, improving storm water management, increasing access by mass transit, pedestrians, as well as bicycles and perhaps reduced need for automobile access by including up to a thousand dwelling units on site. Benenson ultimately desires that the future Belle View site become a "cool" place to visit. The Benenson team then took questions from the audience. Questions touched on the following issues:

Was Benenson aware of past flooding generated by severe weather and the extremely difficult challenge for storm water management? Was current traffic congestion on Forth Hunt Road, Huntington, Richmond Highway, access to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, and at the George Washington Memorial Parkway and Belle View intersection recognized as compromising access to Belle View? What about Saturday shopping traffic congestion? Could fewer dwelling units be considered? What sort of housing would dwelling units be—affordable, work force, owned or rented, condos? Would future stores such as Safeway be as large as or smaller than today's stores? Could a redesigned Belle View compete with stores such as Wegman's? Has Benenson spoken with current business proprietors now renting space at Belle View? How will environmental noise be managed? What impact will additional residential units have on local schools and transportation? The owners acknowledged the insights generated by the above questions and promised to take them into account. Benenson agreed to return and exchange ideas with MVCCA, probably many times, before a new Belle View Shopping Center design is determined.

Mark Viani, Esq., Bean, Kinney and Korman P.C., representing Avention-Huntington Holdings LLC, followed with a continuation of the informational briefing on their application for rezoning of parcels totaling approximately four acres at 5919 North Kings Highway. Mr. Viani highlighted changes to Avention-Huntington's proposed seven-story building that would provide 379 multifamily units at this site. The building will now be separated into two structures connected by a multi-level bridge so occupants can get to their cars without going outside. Additionally, pedestrians can cross through the middle of the development east and west on the ground level. The original plan was for 1.6 parking spots per apartment. Fairfax County desires to reduce parking to 1.25 parking spots per apart-

ment. Minor changes to Montebello shuttle bus access and lighted pedestrian pathways along the eastern and northern perimeter of the property were reviewed by Mr. Viani who indicated that his team was working through all the issues raised. He stated that issues would not only be addressed, but proposed solutions would be clearly documented. After the completion of the briefing, the combined committees edited and passed a resolution supporting this development project subject to developers and neighbors settling potential issues surrounding private streets. The vote, including P&Z and Transportation was 21 "for" and 0 "against".

Following a presentation to the Planning and Zoning Committee on the Hollin Hills Historical Overlay District, the Transportation Committee resumed its meeting with a reminder that the 2020 Paving and Restriping Program will begin with a Mount Vernon District meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, at The Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Chairman Sitnik encouraged all representing neighborhoods needing repaving to attend. Further, he reminded all to pay attention to striping and engage with technical teams to remind them where striping is needed.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6 in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. For your information, Transportation Committee meetings for the rest of 2020 are planned at the same location for May 4, June 1, July 6, August 31, October 5, November 9, and December 7.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

The federation cancelled its meetings and rescheduled the Citizen of the Year award gala to June.

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

SFDC

The 2020 Economic Summit, scheduled for April 3, has been POSTPONED. We hope to reschedule for June.

The longtime Executive Director, Edythe Kelleher, has moved on to new adventures, as of the end of January. While we were sorry to see her go, we are excited to welcome our new Director, Evan Kaufman.

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EDUCATION

Approved by the MVCCA Board

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING OF THE FY2021 SCHOOL BOARD ADVERTISED BUDGET EDU-2020-01

1. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County School Board (SB) adopted its Advertised FY2021 Budget (School Budget, see <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/budget-documents>) on February 6, 2020, which requires an increase of \$89.7M in support from Fairfax County (Transfer Request) for full funding of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS); and
2. **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Executive presented the County FY2021 Advertised Budget (County Budget, see <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/advertised-budget-plan>) on February 25, 2020, proposing an increase in school funding of \$85.5M (Proposed Transfer) which would underfund the Transfer Request by about \$4.2M (Shortfall); and
3. **WHEREAS** the Transfer Request is reasonable, supports continuing efforts to address compensation inequities and includes staffing additions driven by enrollment increases particularly in students requiring extra assistance such as students living in poverty and/or needing language support and/or special education services; and
4. **WHEREAS** both the Transfer Request and the Proposed Transfer anticipate increases in school funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia which, if not realized, would effectively increase the Shortfall; and
5. **WHEREAS** the County Budget also includes some increased funding for school age childcare (SACC), early childhood intervention and education, and school nurses; and
6. **WHEREAS** the County Budget recommends a real property tax increase of two cents to fund County needs and the Proposed Transfer and an additional one penny for affordable housing initiatives so that the combined three cent increase, if adopted, would cost the average homeowner \$346 or an additional \$29 per month, and
7. **WHEREAS** MVCCA recognizes that much housing in Fairfax County is not readily affordable for many individuals and families, forcing long commutes and/or exodus of qualified workers from the County, and that homelessness continues to be a serious problem; and
8. **WHEREAS** MVCCA also recognizes that Mount Vernon and Lee Districts have a disproportionate number of subsidized and low income housing units which have strained services, made it difficult for our schools to address the needs of all students and have isolated the population served in an area that lacks well-paying jobs and good transportation thus creating pockets of poverty; and
9. **WHEREAS** “affordable housing” has many definitions and any new units, particularly those designated for low income/homeless residents, should be as a matter of fairness to all be geographically distributed throughout the County with consideration of job opportunities, access to transportation and impact on schools and other services,
 - A. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) urges that the adopted FY2021 County Budget fully funds the Transfer Request as potentially modified by Commonwealth funding; and
 - B. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that MVCCA accepts and urges adoption of the two-cent increase in property taxes as necessary to fund the County Budget and the Transfer Request; and
 - C. **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that MVCCA accepts adoption of the one penny rate increase for affordable housing provided that the specific uses are delineated and provide for equitable distribution of affordable, particularly low income, units throughout the County.

END RESOLUTION (EDUCATION) EDU-2020-01

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ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

This resolution will be voted on at the April GC meeting

PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS'S (MVCCA) RESOLUTION ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION) ER-2020-01

**SUPPORTING AVENTON-HUNTINGTON HOLDINGS I, LLC, APPLICATION FOR REZONING OF PARCELS TOTALING APPROXIMATELY FOUR ACRES AT 5919 NORTH KINGS HIGHWAY
PCA/CDPA/FDPA 2000-MV-046**

1. **Whereas:** The applicant has met with the neighboring communities and the MVCCA committees of Transportation, Planning & Zoning and Environment & Recreation to understand community concerns and gather support for the project, and;
2. **Whereas:** Landscaping will facilitate public access to the Metro Station, including improved Montebello shuttle bus access and lighted pedestrian pathways along the eastern and northern perimeter of the property. This intended to provide a safe and more attractive access to Mount Eagle Park and existing residential neighborhoods to the north and north east, and;
3. **Whereas:** Walking surfaces will be improved and invasive plant species now dominating the Applicant's property will be removed. The steep grade down to the Park and neighboring communities will be re-graded as approved by Fairfax County, and;
4. **Whereas:** To address concerns raised about existing conditions, the Applicants have agreed;
 - 1) To keep the eastern pedestrian pathways and fire lane in a safe well-lit and well-maintained manner, with the emphasis on access during all weather conditions, including snow removal and;
 - 2) To keep the sidewalks on Metro Access Drive, Huntington Park Drive and the interior private road network in a safe and well-maintained manner and;
 - 3) To work with the courts of Huntington on an agreement to ensure that the portion of Huntington Park Drive between the two properties is kept clear of obstructions, including snow removal and;
 - 4) To work with Montebello to ensure the adequate and safe provision of the new bus path and emergency vehicle path alignment prior to construction of the residential community or as otherwise agreed with Montebello and Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and;

- 5) To ensure that the abandoned road portion is converted to permeable land, and;
- 6) To implement bird-friendly building design to minimize collisions including no mirrored or reflective surfaces among other features and;
- 7) To ensure that a public access easement from Biscyane Drive is recorded in perpetuity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) supports the Avention-Huntington Holdings I, LLC application (PCA/CDPA/FDPA 2000-MV-046) provided that the Applicant fully addresses the issue noted above including any associated legal agreements.

END PROPOSED RESOLUTION (ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION) E&R-2020-01

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JOINT
PLANNING & ZONING
TRANSPORTATION

This resolution will be voted on at the April GC meeting

PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS'
ASSOCIATIONS'S (MVCCA) JOINT RESOLUTION
(TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING & ZONING) JT2020-J01

SUPPORTING AVENTON-HUNTINGTON HOLDINGS I, LLC,
APPLICATION FOR REZONING OF PARCELS TOTALING
APPROXIMATELY FOUR ACRES AT 5919 NORTH KINGS
HIGHWAY
PCA/CDPA/FDPA 2000-MV-046

1. **Whereas:** This is Phase III of the rezoning at the south end of Huntington Metro station that produced the Courts at Huntington Station (Phase II) and the Pavilions at Huntington Metro (Phase I), and;
2. **Whereas:** This current vacant land lies north of North Kings Highway, immediately east of the now closed south (upper) Huntington Metro parking garage and west of Mount Eagle Park, and;
3. **Whereas:** The proposed two seven-story buildings would provide 379 multifamily units. The development is intended to be a high quality, modern structure with brick façade and urban design elements over a wood frame, and;
4. **Whereas:** The residential parts of the building will wrap around three sides of a multi-story garage with subdued entry and include an enclosed area for trash collection, and;
5. **Whereas:** Landscaping will facilitate public access to the Metro Station, including improved Montebello shuttle bus access and lighted pedestrian pathways along the eastern and northern perimeter of the property. This intended to provide a safe and more attractive access to Mount Eagle Park and existing residential neighborhoods to the north and north east, and;
6. **Whereas:** Walking surfaces will be improved and invasive plant species now dominating the Applicant's property will be removed. The steep grade from the building site down to the park and neighboring communities will be accommodated by re-grading the site as approved by Fairfax County, and;
7. **Whereas:** The applicant has met with the neighboring communities and the MVCCA committees of Transportation, Planning and Zoning and Environment and Recreation to understand community concerns and gather support for the project, and;
8. **Whereas:** To address concerns raised about existing conditions, the Applicants have agreed;
 - 1) To keep the eastern pedestrian pathways and fire lane in a safe well-lit and well-maintained manner, with the emphasis on access during all weather conditions, including snow removal.
 - 2) To keep the sidewalks on Metro Access Drive, Huntington Park Drive and the interior private road network in a safe and well-maintained manner.
 - 3) To work with the courts of Huntington on an agreement to ensure that the portion of Huntington Park Drive between the two properties is kept clear of obstructions, including snow removal.
 - 4) To work with Montebello to ensure the adequate and safe provision of the new bus and emergency vehicle path alignment prior to construction of the residential community or as otherwise agreed with Montebello.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) supports the Avention-Huntington Holdings I, LLC application (PCA/CDPA/FDPA 2000-MV-046) provided that the Applicant fully addresses the issues noted above.

End PROPOSED JOINT RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING & ZONING) JT-2020-J01

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 February, 29th 2020

(Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar)

	February	Total July 1 to February	2019-2020 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 72	\$ 2,448	\$ 3,100	
Money Market Interest	1	6	10	
Total Cash Receipts	73	2,454	3,110	\$ (656)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	(150)	16	300	284
Insurance Premium	-	844	880	36
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	70	480	1,390	910
Web Site	320	1,726	2,500	774
Total Cash Disbursements	240	3,066	5,570	2,504
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(168)	(612)	(2,460)	\$ 1,848

50 Year Anniversary Celebration				
Receipts	-	500		Note 3
Expenses	-	248		
Net Results	-	252		

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:				
Cash at Beginning of Period	9,299	9,492	9,492	Note 2
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 9,132	\$ 9,132	\$ 7,032	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 3,071
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,061
Total Cash	\$ 9,132

Respectfully
Submitted,
Sean McCarthy,
Treasurer
March 10, 2020

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, April 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

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

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	4/1	8:00	WWMS/Lib	Harbeck
E&R	4/1	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Pohorylo
PL/Z	4/6	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Walzl
PS	4/2	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	Sherick
TRAN	4/6	7:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Sitnik

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