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# Record

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## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. Supervisor Storck once again supports membership in the MVCCA. See his great letter on page 11 of this Record.
2. Please update your community representatives contact info and pay your dues. Thanks!
3. Get involved in the county's updating of the Zoning Ordinances. Watch BOS land-use committee discussions on channel 16 at 2:30 p.m. July 21 to see what's going on.
4. The MVCCA-GC and Committee approved resolution on the Counties proposed Economic Incentive Program (EIP) has been submitted to the BOS and Planning Commission.
5. MVCCA Board Elections will be at the September General Council Meeting. Thank you to those of you who stepped up to be on the nominating committee.

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## MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

### MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Virtual Meeting/Zoom

**PRESIDING:** Co-Chair Lynn Pascoe

**ATTENDING:** Co-Chair Katherine Ward, 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) Karen Pohorylo (E&R).

**Voting Representatives from:** Belle View Condominium, Belle Haven Terrace, Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Hollin Hall Village, Engleside CA, Grist Mill Woods, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hybla Valley Farms Civic Association, Mason Hill, Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Wellington Civic Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Assn.

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**Elected and Appointed Officials & Staff:** Supervisor Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District, Nick Reinhart, Land Use Aide to Supervisor Storck

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

## Community Time

Wellington community representative requested information on abandoned homes and developers who have walked away from projects already in progress. What is their status? Nick Reinhart, Land Use Aid to Supervisor Storck requested the community send an email with specific properties referenced.

## **Committee Reports:**

**PZ/TRANS:** Joint meeting held. regarding the Rachel Flynn Deputy County Executive presented, and her main theme was the overarching interrelationship between transportation and land use. Her presentation showed how the Richmond Highway Corridor evolved into what it is today and where we are trying to take it into the future. Ms. Flynn suggested that we support lower speed limits on the Richmond Highway, consider lane narrowing, and seek to reduce the complexity of the Richmond Highway with its 27 traffic lights along its seven and a half miles between Jeff Todd Way and the Beltway. Senator Scott Surovell was also in attendance and he pointed out that solid local support for reducing the Richmond Highway speed limit is not matched by VDOT resistance to lowering speed limits and that we will have to discuss this. He then focused on funding of Richmond Highway widening and bus rapid transit. Chair Sitnik has spoken with FCDOT's Tom Burke and that they will be addressing the latest status of the North Gateway Plan Amendment and Huntington Avenue Traffic Study (HATS) beginning with our July meeting.

**Additional PZ information:** Special Exception for Private Home Build at 8726 Stockton Parkway. A Special Exception. Plan Amendment PC19-MV-004, Sherwood Hall Lane. This revised request is part of the SSPA, and consists of a total of 6.54 acres, 80 residential units, with a proposed density range of 8-12 dwelling units per acre. Plan Amendment PC19-MV-002, Richmond Highway. This revised request is part of the SSPA, and consists of 25.83 acres, with a proposed 590 residential units.

**ER:** Resolution presented to Board E&R-2020-02: Support Hollin Hills Stream Restoration Projects. Next meeting to be held on July 1, 2020 and a presentation will be given by Richard Brandt regarding property currently in a flood plain.

**EDU:** Discussion around planning for the 2020-2021 school year and plans for the reopening of schools. Frustrations for families build around childcare should students not return to school in the fall full time.

**SFDC:** SFDC to present resolution in support of undergrounding of utilities in the Richmond Hwy. corridor. Also related is the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce is also in support of the undergrounding, widening and the BRT projects.

**FFX FED:** Federation to request a stop to all Land Use cases until all parties are able to meet in person.

**PS:** Brief discussion on the incident with Fairfax County police officer who has since been arrested and charged with assault during an arrest and use of a stun gun. Public Safety committee will not meet in July.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Period ending May 31, 2020 accepted and approved by acclamation.

**SECRETARY MINUTES:** May 12, 2020 meeting submitted and approved by acclamation.

## **CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

- Black Lives Matter rally/march held at Walt Whitman Middle School without incident.
- Avention Project will be going to the Virtual Planning Commission on July 8, 2020.
- Dues and payments are all up to date on the MVCCA website. Please send all information out to communities and rally them to renew their memberships. Send link to register as well.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

***MVCCA resolution (ER 2020-02) Stream Restoration Project Hollin Hills***, voted and passed unanimously to publish.

## **SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

- Report on police force. Confidence remains in our police force despite the recent news. Supervisor Storck is committed to making the police force better. A special thank you to all law enforcement for their commitments and continued dedication to our community. Supervisor Storck reminds residents of the recent increase in vehicle break ins and to lock their cars.
- Virtual meetings will continue, and they appear to be working well for all residents and business. Although at times we face obstacles working together will make things better.
- Supervisor Storck continues to hold office hours both in person and online.

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- SSPA (Site Specific Plan Amendment) process will begin again in the very near future in a virtual setting. The schedule for meetings can be found at the track a nomination page at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/sspa/south-track-nomination>
- July 16, 2020 National Night out event has been rescheduled for October 6, 2020.

Motion to adjourn: 8:10 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Molden

## ----- Committee Reports -----

### Budget & Finance

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The Budget Committee did not meet in July.

### Education

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The Education Committee did not meet in July and will not meet in August.

As this report is written (July 15), the regional situation with respect to opening schools for the 2020-21 school year remains fluid. Arlington just announced it will begin with all-virtual instruction as will Prince Georges' County. Montgomery has not formally announced but will likely have some in-school instruction and some virtual.

The Fairfax School Board and the FCPS Superintendent have determined to open schools with a hybrid plan which allows families to choose an all-virtual experience or a plan which provides for 2 days of in school instruction and 2 days of assigned projects and asynchronous instruction. In both cases 1 day per week is reserved for teacher preparation and conferences, and additional instruction for students in need.

Families, and teachers, were required to select the instruction mode by July 15, 2020. All virtual requires a full year commitment from families; depending on response from students, teachers' requests for virtual assignment will be honored to the extent possible with priority given to teachers considered more vulnerable because of personal or family medical conditions.

Superintendent Brabrand has held virtual town halls and has emphasized that schools will continue to work closely with health department recommendations and will respond to changing conditions including going to all-virtual if necessary. Similarly, schools may be able to add more in school time perhaps by an alternating 2 days/3days plan. Return to standard 5 days a week is unlikely this school year, however.

Brabrand also stated that FCPS will continue to offer as wide a range of course offerings as possible, prioritizing courses required for graduation. Virtual classes may combine students from multiple schools, depending on the numbers. All students will receive instruction preparing them for SOL, AP or IB tests as applicable and will receive grades and take SOL and other tests. He emphasized that, to best meet the needs of families, FCPS will be essentially running 2 school systems—one virtual and one in-school and principals will also have dual responsibilities. The best outcome for students will be through a partnership of schools, parent and community involvement in this unprecedented situation.

Child care remains an open issue for families and teachers. The County, not FCPS, runs SACC (School Age Child care), preschool programs such as head start, and after school programs in Middle School, but has not announced its plans as yet.

Sports teams are doing conditioning with social distancing but it seems unlikely there will be normal competitions at least this Fall. Some extracurricular activities may be feasible but the concentration at present is on instructional issues.

For more details see <https://www.fcps.edu/returntoschool> and included links.

Next meeting: TBD

### Environment & Recreation

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July 1, 2020 minutes

Community Associations:  
Wellington, Collingwood on the Potomac, Emma Mosier, Wessynton, Pavilions at Huntington, Mt. Zephyr, Belleview Condominiums, Wellington, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Riverside Gardens.

Guests: Robert Brant, Attorney, Walsh, Colucci @Walsh, PC; Chris Tucker, Architect; Roger Bohr, Civil Engineer; JT Kelly, Wetlands Consultant; Mr. and Mrs. Jesson, Owners of 8726 Stockton Parkway, Alexandria, VA, Mark Viani, Carter Clarke and Neil Teague, Bean, Kinney.

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Meeting started at 7pm with the first presentation for the property at 8726 Stockton Parkway. Owners gave us their history and it was indicated that they have not submitted an application yet and are just presenting a preliminary sketch of their vision for the property. According to Fairfax County (FC), it is a buildable lot and the building proposed will meet the FC setback guidelines/site. The environmental site design was shared it showed the home to be built on caissons (support columns). The "Low Impact Technology Project Plan" included the following nine items for consideration: (1) Native Species and improved drainage, (2) "Light Touch" Caisson Construction, (3) Minimal Land Distribution, (4) Enhanced Landscaping, (5) Shoreline Restoration and cleanup, (6) Potential Rain garden, (7) Landscape Maintenance & Invasive Species Management, (8) Rainwater Harvesting, (9) Solar Energy Technology. Christopher Morgan explained buildable vs. Non-buildable lots. Ellen Young said that since Hurricane Isabel in 2003, FC has not been allowing homes to be built in an RPA. Glenda Booth said she didn't see a reason to change the shoreline as it's already natural and said that beautification doesn't justify a need to build in an RPA. George Ledec said the floor plain designation is there for a reason and this plan doesn't adequately mitigate RPA issues. Mr. Brant said they recognize the lot constraints; however, they want to move forward quickly.

Our next presentation was for an SSPA nomination by WMATA for the Huntington Metro Joint Development Project Update. They are requesting a comprehensive plan amendment to meet the current projected timeline for the area. The station is a connector point to Amazon HQ2, VT Innovation Campus, Embark along Richmond Highway and Ft. Belvoir. It is designed to be a core walkable transit community and create neighborhood. It is a future 2.5-3.0 FAR and a recognition of major grade changes across the site. Presented were several possible housing development projects for the area along with retail pace closer to metro interior. Shared sections of possible developments and showed joint development timeline. South Station—2026, Middle Infrastructure – 2025 thru 2031, North Station – 2030 thru 2035. The BRT Section I is due 2026 and Section II 2029. There is a working group with communities surrounding properties for consistent engagement. Larry Zaragoza and Glenda Booth put forth serious concerns about storm water runoff issues because of the steep grade of the properties.

Estimated approximately 1000 housing units within the complex.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 2, 2020, 7:00PM by Zoom, Agenda:TBD

## Planning & Zoning

The P&Z committee held a joint July meeting with the Transportation committee. See the Transportation committee minutes in this Record.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, August 31, 2020, 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

## Public Safety

The Public Safety Committee did not meet in July. We will plan to have some type of "gathering" on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:30 PM.

## Transportation

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on July 6, 2020 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. This was a joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Committee. Participating in the meeting were: Tom Burke, Senior Transportation Planner, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT); Sophia Fisher, Vanessa Aguayo, Arpita Chatterjee, Rick Foley and Ajmal Hamidi, FCDOT; Tim Sargeant, Fairfax County Planning Commissioner at Large; Rebecca Moudry, Director, Fairfax County Economic Initiative Office; Megan Van Dam, Chief, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Dan Reinhard, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); Katherine Ward and Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chairs; Neel Teague, Stout & Teague, Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) Development Consultant; Mark Viani, Esq. and David Houston, Bean Kinney & Korman; Nick Rinehart, Supervisor Storck's Office; Alexis Glenn, President, Jefferson Manor, Lee District; Mike Bennett of Ourisman Dodge; Bob Brant from Washington Properties; and Earl Flanagan. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle Haven, Huntington, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights and Woodlawn Manor. P&Z representatives for the following MVCCA citizens' associations were in attendance: Belleview Condominiums, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Engleside, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Hybla Valley Farms, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Riverside Gardens, Wellington, and Woodlawn. Total attendance, including several interested citizens, was 62.

Transportation Committee Chairman Pete Sitnik called the joint meeting to order and made several announcements:



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- Governor Northam has signed the retrocession agreement with the U.S. Army so that Jeff Todd Way can be owned by VDOT and policed by Fairfax County. Final transfer is pending County resolution of a storm water retaining pond design question and wording issues now before the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
- The George Washington Memorial Parkway Safety Study has been delayed by COVID-19.
- The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) has recommended \$120 million for Richmond Highway widening and \$0 for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). BRT probably gets NVTA funding next round.
- The Aircraft Noise issue will probably be revisited this fall.
- Our August 31 meeting should include a Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development update on plans for the North Gateway area.

Transportation Committee Chairman Pete Sitnik then introduced Tom Burke who presented an update on the North Gateway Transportation Study and Comprehensive Plan language changes. This study, previously known as the Huntington Area Transportation Study (HATS), seeks solutions for current congestion and future traffic growth due to increased land use density from 1.65 to 2.0 Floor Area Ratio (FAR). The study impacts four intersections key to the North Gateway development concept and its implementing Comprehensive Plan Amendments: (1) Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue, (2) Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road, (3) Huntington Avenue and Fort Hunt Road, and (4) Huntington Avenue and Old Richmond Highway. The study was based on 2019 data and projections into future years. The standard for analysis of impact on the four intersections is Level of Service (LOS) determined by the length of time a vehicle is delayed at a given traffic light at morning and evening rush hours. Under present (2019) conditions, only the Old Richmond Highway and Huntington Avenue intersection is acceptable; the other three do not meet standards. Raising the FAR to 2.0 increases delays minimally, but still does not meet standards. Changes to signalization and other conventional traffic measures still do not achieve the needed improvements. As a result, a Hybrid Option was crafted that prevents southbound drivers on Richmond Highway from turning left into Fort Hunt Road southbound, obliging them to turn left at Huntington; continuing Fort Hunt Road farther north across Richmond Highway to provide access to the denser development of the North Gateway plan; and making traffic exiting that new development area from Cameron Run Terrace right turn only. This hybrid approach improved the LOS somewhat, but still did not fully meet County or VDOT standards.

The National Highway System standards for Richmond Highway were a particular challenge. The major obstacle to meeting that standard was the queuing and congestion along Richmond Highway by drivers taking the Beltway/Bridge on-ramps. So, a Hybrid Plus (+) option was created. This added to the Hybrid Option channelization of traffic seeking Bridge and Beltway access into two lanes well before the beginning of the Beltway/Bridge access ramps, perhaps as far south as the Fort Hunt Road intersection. Signage and barriers such as bollards would direct and then force drivers into the correct lanes well before their turns. Analysis showed that this Hybrid + Option would raise the performance of all four intersections to an acceptable level. VDOT is reviewing this alternative and should respond in late July or August.

Recognized, but not yet addressed is the observation that, as new as the Woodrow Bridge is, the bridge has reached or is exceeding its designed capacity, and for a full solution to congestion problems in the North Gateway area, bridge capacity must be increased. While engineering increased bridge capacity is possible, bringing the several governments involved (VA, MD, DC and Federal) together in the near term to fund such a project is improbable.

Transportation Committee Chairman Pete Sitnik then introduced VDOT's Dan Reinhard, and FCDOT's Vanessa Aguayo and Rick Foley for an update on Richmond Highway Widening and Bus Rapid Transit. Dan Reinhard led off with a review of where the Widening project stands. He talked about Embark, safety, congestion relief, intersection improvements, the wide BRT median, bridges and storm water management. Since the basic design is now relatively mature, recent changes have been small. They include making the bike track two-way on both sides of Richmond Highway and widening the amenity panels from 8 feet to 9 feet to accommodate larger trees. The scheduling of the project remains fluid. The environmental Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is still outstanding. Utility relocation projections have increased from three and a half years to six or six and a half years. As a Federal project, Richmond Highway widening requires linear planning and execution (i.e. You can't start one part of the work until the previous step is complete.). In order to move forward more efficiently, widening has been split into two phases—Jeff Todd to Frye Road and Frye Road to Sherwood Hall Lane. This permits sequential steps in each phase to be accomplished in parallel thereby accelerating completion of the project. Funding remains to be fully provided. The target date for completing of the entire widening project is late 2028 or early 2029.

Vanessa Aguayo then presented the status of the Bus Rapid Transit that will serve the Richmond Highway Corridor from Fort Belvoir to the Huntington Metro Station. The 30% design should be complete late this summer. Right-of-way determinations and coordination with utilities will follow.

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Funding of about half of the required \$730 million has evidently been identified. Planned completion of the BRT project is 2030. Rick Foley then gave a presentation that illuminated the processes required for securing the properties needed for the BRT right of way. These processes follow detailed Federal, State and County guidance about determining payment for properties taken and assistance for relocation. Acquisition is anticipated to extend to 2023 and demolition of structures taken for the BRT could begin in 2022.

MVCCA Co-Chair Katherine Ward then introduced the Fairfax County Economic Incentive Program (EIP). For several years the Fairfax County staff has been devising a process to encourage development within "revitalization areas" including the Richmond Highway corridor. The current initiative was approved by the Economic Committee of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on June 16<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled for a BOS public hearing on September 15<sup>th</sup>. If approved by the BOS, the EIP will provide real estate tax abatement for developers consolidating and developing at least two acres of land. This program authorized by the State of Virginia will last ten years. Parcels not previously site planned or rezoned are eligible, and developers can apply any time within the ten year authorization period.

It should be noted that the MVCCA General Counsel already discussed and approved this program and is asking for committees to propose a resolution supporting it. The urgency in adopting the requested resolution reflects the General Counsel's intent to send the resolution to the BOS before its 15 September public hearing. The combined P&Z and Transportation Committees addressed, voted on and passed the requested resolution unanimously. Below is the text approved unanimously by the joint Planning and Zoning and Transportation Committees:

## MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION'S (MVCCA) BOARD RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION and PLANNING & ZONING) 2020-03

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EIP)

- Whereas:** The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) has been seeking revitalization along Richmond Highway since MVCCA's inception in 1969, and;
- Whereas:** MVCCA's 2009 Comprehensive Plan change nominations were approved, and;
- Whereas:** The MVCCA has consistently supported EMBARK comprehensive plan changes, and;
- Whereas:** Educating the development community and landowners about the Economic Incentive Program (EIP) is critical in order to make it a success.

**Therefore be it resolved:** The MVCCA fully supports the Economic Incentive Program (EIP) and encourages the following:

- Fairfax County Staff to work diligently and promptly with the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority to inform and educate local and national developers about this new program, and;
- Fairfax County staff to expedite development proposals under the EIP process, and;
- The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to quickly authorize the proposed EIP ordinance.

Transportation Committee Chairman Pete Sitnik then introduced Neel Tigue and Mark Viani to brief the Committees on status and seek community input on the Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) application of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for intensified development of its Huntington Metro Station property. WMATA's 29 acre Huntington Metro site is now essentially undeveloped except for the Metrorail station and associated parking. This site extends from North Kings Highway to Huntington Avenue and The Avention to the Huntington Club developments. WMATA sees this site becoming the hub of an energized corridor including Amazon's second headquarters at National Landing, Virginia Tech's Innovation Campus, Embark Richmond Highway with its six Community Business Centers, and Fort Belvoir with 35,000 jobs as well as the new Army Museum.

The concept is for this re-planning to create a mixed use neighborhood bringing together parts of the station area and opening the possibility of further development. It would accommodate the unique terrain elevation challenge of the site. FAR would be increased from the current 0.2 to a quite moderate 1.5. Several possible configurations were presented. Structures ranged in height up to 17 stories. Green spaces would be preserved. Ample parking would be maintained. Bus, BRT and pedestrian access would be featured in the design we were shown. The timelines presented showed master planning and SSPA application from the present to 2022; rezoning, development and leasing of the south Station from 2021 through 2026; middle infrastructure to be determined but from 2025 to 2031; and then North Station zoning, development and leasing from 2030 to 2035.

The Transportation and Planning & Zoning Committees thanked the briefers and expressed interest in being kept informed as this project advances.

Transportation Committee Chairman Pete Sitnik then introduced David Houston of Bean Kinney & Korman, who is in the process of seeking a Special Exception for NOVA Petroleum, a subsidiary of Capital Petroleum Group, to redevelop the 0.93 acre site of an existing gas station at 8500

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Richmond Highway on the northwest corner of the intersection of Richmond Highway and Frye Road. The existing Shell Station on the site dates back to the 1960's and includes several car maintenance bays and tire sales. The proposed new gas station would include a quick service food store, but would not have maintenance bays or tire sales. It would have 12 vehicle fueling positions under a new canopy and requisite parking for the convenience store.

If approved as a Special Exception, this newly developed gas station and food market is intended to profit from the loss of several other existing gas stations to Richmond Highway widening. One committee member asked if, given the access from both Richmond Highway and Frye Road, site design would discourage impatient drivers (stuck at a red light on Frye Road) from cutting through the gas station to get to Richmond Highway. The response indicated that the owner has not thought about this. Katherine Ward pointed out that though this was an information briefing, this Special Exception application was scheduled to go to the Planning Commission on September 30. This leaves little time for any formal committee action.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> (This is in lieu of our September meeting.) This and subsequent meetings will be virtual meetings until the COVID-19 health situation is resolved. Subsequent Transportation Committee meetings for 2020 are planned for October 5, November 9, and December 7.

## Fairfax Federation

The Federation's July membership meeting hosted a group of guest speakers who covered a variety of topics related to Affordable Housing and Assisted Living Units.

Guest speakers were:

- Carmen Bishop and Casey Judge, both from the Fairfax County Zoning Administration Office
- Mary Paden, South County Task Force
- David Levine, President/CEO Good Shepard Housing

The speakers presented information about the housing needs in Fairfax County, specifically addressing the affordability and accessory living units programs.

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)).

## SFDC

We received a grant from the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors to set up a "parklet" within the Mount Vernon Plaza parking lot, near Home Depot. We're working with volunteer engineers & designers, as well as the local merchants, to make this happen.

Our Executive Director, Evan Kaufman, has been discussing site development with various land owners along the Richmond Highway corridor. The Board will be looking to partner with county staff and the Mount Vernon Council to compile a vision and plans for these sites. You may remember that the Council was the lead voice in the 2009 Nomination process, which this year is the SSPA process. There will be much more on this in the coming months.

### Nominating Committee Members

Chair: Peter Sitnik (Woodlawn Manor)-- appointed by CoChairs

Jen Molden- (Wessynton)-- Appointed by CoChairs

William Kane ( Holland Court)-- volunteer

Rachel Bell (Bellevue)--volunteer

Peter Aliferis (Montebello)--volunteer

### Did You Know?

After Years of planning the **North Hill Housing Development Project** has started. The County's Coordinator will brief our General Council membership on the projects status and schedule for completion at our September General Council meeting.



## The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

MVCCA needs your help! And, “Together we make a difference”.

A “Nomination Committee” has been formed to find the best and the brightest to serve on the MVCCA Executive Council.

We are recruiting to prepare a slate of nominees: **three Co-Chairs, A Secretary and A Treasurer.** Incumbents may reapply.

**The purpose of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations (MVCCA)** is to represent and promote the interests of its member associations and to further the common good and general welfare of the residents of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. See [mvcca.org](http://mvcca.org).

**Nominee Qualifications:** Nominated person must be citizens living in an MVCCA member association. Individuals currently holding positions on the executive board can be nominated. Co-chairs can only serve for 3 consecutive years.

To submit your name as a potential nominee/candidate, please prepare a summary of your experience and interest in MVCCA on a single-page document and send it to the Nomination Committee Chair C/O [chair.tran@mvcca.org](mailto:chair.tran@mvcca.org) or any nomination committee member, no later than 5PM August 25, 2020.

After deliberation, the nomination committee will post a list of nominees in the RECORD (Our MVCCA newsletter) in early September.

Elections will be held at our September 23, 2020 General Council membership meeting.

**Nomination Committee members:**

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# Nominating Committee BIO/Resume Request

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association (MVCCA)  
Nomination Committee

Attention: Perspective nominees.  
BIO/Resume Request

Each interested person requesting to be considered for nomination is asked to complete a one (1) page BIO/Resume. Please, not more than a one page. Note: All or part may be published in the Record.

Please refer to the following when creating your BIO/Resume:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email, phone, contact:
4. What is the name of your community?
5. Is your community a member of the MVCCA?
6. What position/s are you interested in being nominated?
  - a. Co-Chair
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Treasurer
7. Why do you want to be nominated and elected for the office?
8. Have you been or are you currently involved in MVCCA?
9. How would you like to further be involved in MVCCA?
10. Have you been or are you currently involved with your community?
11. Other current or previous volunteer roles or positions?
12. Other life experiences you would like to share? i.e Past, present, work experience or interests.

Please note: Once completed, please email to any member of the nomination committee.

In the event of not being chosen by the nomination committee you can be nominated or self-nominate at the General Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

Thank you.

The Nomination Committee

Peter Sitnik (Chair)	Woodlawn Manor	chair.tran@mvcca.org
Jen Molden	Wessynton	secretary@mvcca.org
Peter Aliferis.	Montebello	pvaliferis@gmail.com
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# Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes

MVCCA Nomination Committee

ZOOM Meeting July 14, 2020, 2PM

Hosted by nomination chair

Present

Peter Sitnik	Chair	Woodlawn Manor	chair.tran@mvcca.org
Jen Molden		Wessynton	secretary@mvcca.org
Peter Aliferis.		Montebello	pvaliferis@gmail.com
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## Approved Minutes

Call to order and get to know each other.

Review Mission and status “Snap Shot”

Review DRAFT Flier: Vote passed unanimously as amended. Hold distribution until following question on form is resolved.

1. Should flier be distributed on Facebook? Discussion. Too wide of a net, so no.
2. To whom should the flier be sent? Discussion. Flier should go to Presidents in MVCCA, but not until Jen finishes her investigation and we meet on Friday.
3. Is there a form for the prospective nominees to fill out? Discussion. Jen Molden to investigate, and...
  - a. Should the form be attached to our flier?
  - b. Or perhaps and or expand reference to BIO in flier,
  - c. And/or each on committee has and perspective nominees ask for it.
  - d. Minimum if there is no form, we need a one page BIO & Why do you want to be nominated and elected for the office?

Plan going forward: Concentrate on open co-chair position but all qualified nominees are welcome.

Other business:

1. What makes up a slate? At least one per office. Per bylaws as verified post meeting by Pete. Sent email of Art 10 to committee.
2. How are elections determined? Unsure, Highest number of votes. Post meeting Pete verified according to bylaws to be correct. Example, 4 co-chairs running. Top 3 vote tallies win. Sent email of Art 10 to committee.
3. Inclusiveness? All qualified nominees are welcome and encouraged.
4. What is qualified? Lives in member organization and is active in community and for a co-chair position should have already actively served in the MVCCA.

Next meeting: Meet on Friday July 17 2PM

Adjourn: 2:50PM



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***To Present and Prospective Members of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations:***

As your elected representative, I wanted to share with you my thoughts on the value of being a member of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations. I have worked with and enjoyed the energy of the dedicated community members and the Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) for over 16 years. It is a pleasure to participate in their monthly General Council meetings and hear firsthand the positions they take regarding County policies, land-use cases and civic interests.

The Council always endeavors to understand the issues that impact all of us within the Mount Vernon District, the region and the state, and then to relay this to its membership. When the Covid-19 pandemic stopped our ability to meet face to face they pivoted to virtual meetings, keeping up with the issues and effectively voicing their positions to me, the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors (BOS), State and Federal Officials. Those of you who are long standing members have already seen this.

Relationships between neighborhoods in the Mount Vernon District as well as with communities throughout Fairfax County have been built through the MVCCA's committees and General Council. There are many examples of their engagement in making our District a better place to live, work, learn and play. Here are a few of note:

- Hard work and reach enabled the Council to work collaboratively to get the City of Alexandria to build systems to stop dumping raw sewage into the Potomac River.
- Decades of involvement helped the North Hill affordable housing development become a reality.
- Engagement with major changes and new construction projects on Fort Belvoir have helped lessen impacts on our environment and roadways.
- Testimonies before the BOS and other entities have encouraged revitalization efforts along Richmond Highway.

If your community association is already a member of the MVCCA, I congratulate you and urge you to continue that membership. If your association is not currently a member, I encourage you to join TODAY and get involved. Your involvement gets things done and it creates positive change for the Mount Vernon District and the County as a whole. MVCCA reflects the voices of the community it serves, and I encourage you to join with them to raise important issues and embrace solutions.

I take this opportunity to thank the MVCCA for their hard work, continued efforts and collective leadership in advocating for issues on behalf of the community, their endless volunteer hours and for continuing to foster collaboration, communication and a better community.

Respectfully yours in public service,

Dan Storck  
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

# ----- Treasurers Report -----

**Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.**  
 Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget  
 Periods Ending June 30th, 2020  
 (Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar)

	<u>June</u>	Total July 1 to <u>June</u>	2019-2020 Annual <u>Budget</u>	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b><u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u></b>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 2,646	\$ 3,100	
Money Market Interest	1	8	10	
Total Cash Receipts	1	2,654	3,110	\$ (456)
<b><u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u></b>				
Administrative	-	16	300	284
Insurance Premium	-	844	880	36
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	80	780	1,390	610
Web Site	93	2,041	2,500	459
Total Cash Disbursements	173	3,681	5,570	1,889
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(173)	(1,027)	(2,460)	\$ 1,433
<b><u>50 Year Anniversary Celebration</u></b>				
Receipts	-	500		Note 3
Expenses	-	248		
Net Results	-	252		

**Other Sources/Changes in Cash:**

Cash at Beginning of Period	8,889	9,492	9,492	Note 2
<b>Total Cash at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 8,717</b>	<b>\$ 8,717</b>	<b>\$ 7,032</b>	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,654
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,063
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 8,717</b>

Respectfully  
Submitted,  
Sean McCarthy,  
Treasurer  
July 13, 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, July 22, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual**

### AGENDA

- Call to order
- Members Time
- Committee reports
- Treasurer report
- Co-chairs report
- Resolutions
- Elected Officials Time
- Adjourn

## COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Council—July 22, 7:00 p.m., Virtual**  
**MVCCA Board—September 8 7:00 p.m., Virtual**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD			<i>open</i>
EDU	TBD	8:00		Harbeck
E&R	9/2	7:00	Virtual	Pohorylo
PL/Z	8/31	7:00	Virtual	Walzl
PS	9/3	7:30	Virtual	Sherick
TRAN	8/31	7:00	Virtual	Sitnik

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