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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. We have put Member Time back to the end of the meeting, right before Elected Officials Time.
2. Please read the Did You Know section - there is a brief description of the issue our guest speaker will present.
3. North Gateway CBC comprehensive plan language we fought so hard for finally got approved. Congratulation all!
4. Committee Chair Appointment by Co-Chairs for ER committee is Christopher Morgan.
5. Committee Co-Chair Liaison: Lynn Pasco will liaison with the Budget and Finance Committee.

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MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 18, 2020

Virtual Meeting/Zoom

Called to order: at 7:00 pm

Presiding: Lynn Pascoe, Co-Chair
 Attending: Co-Chair Katherine Ward, Public Safety Committee Chair William Kane, Transportation Committee Chair Pete Sitnik, Secretary Matt Dunne, Education Committee Chair Judy Harbeck, Planning & Zoning Chair Gretchen Walzl, Budget and Finance Committee Chair Jason Zaragoza, Southeast Fairfax Development Corp. Representative Ellen Young, Treasurer Sean McCarthy,

Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff: Supervisor Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District; Nick Rinehart, Land Use Aide to Supervisor Storck;

Invited: Elizabeth Hagg, Director, Community Revitalization Section, Department of Planning and Development, Fairfax County

Voting Representatives:
 Montebello Condominiums Unit Owners Association, Stratford Landing, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Huntington Community, Riverside Estates, Waynewood, Belle View Condominiums, Wellington Civic Association, Hybla Valley Farms Civic Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Mt Vernon Manor Community Association, Hollin Hall Village, Wellington Civic Association
 Woodlawn Manor Community Association
 Engleside Civic Association

Planning and Zoning:
 Met jointly with Environment and Recreation Committee for a presentation by Huntington Club.

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Will consider a resolution to transfer the Huntington Club to the Mount Vernon District.

Transportation:

Received a briefing on airplane noise. At the next meeting, will discuss a resolution asking Board of Supervisors to hire an expert on airplane noise, similar to what counties to the north have done.

Will push for a resolution on North Kings Hwy, asking for more sidewalks and narrower lanes.

We are getting wider and wider roads that are busy at 8 AM, but empty the rest of the day. FCDOT is working with the Transportation Committee to persuade VDOT to adopt a Complete Street Policy, which would measure not just how long a car waits at a stop light, but also how long pedestrians and bikes wait, whether it is safe, etc.

National Park Service will brief Transportation Committee on plan for safety measures for GW Parkway.

Seeking accurate numbers for undergrounding of utilities along Richmond Hwy.

Federation:

Officers are receiving new permanent emails and a new website.

Education:

Will meet on December 2. Return to School is hobbled by insufficient staffing.

Public Safety:

Developing a workplan. Topics include speeding in neighborhoods, police staffing and reform, pedestrian safety, etc.

SFDC:

Received a presentation on Economic Incentive Program. Election is next month, with one at-large seat available.

Treasurer:

Reminder to pay dues. Report accepted without objection.

Co-chairs report:

Gave an update on the River Farm and AHS situation.

Advised the group that both the DC and VA attorney generals are investigating the sale of River Farm.

Cochairs appointed a new Budget/Finance committee chair — the membership approved Jason Zaragoza for that position.

Supervisor Storck:

The Board has resumed virtual meetings.

The Board is seeking to establish a historic overlay district for River Farms, which would restrict or hinder the subdivision of the property.

The Board is considering two other historic overlay districts, including Hollin Hills.

Interim agreement for the Lorton landfill ski area was approved, which provides the developer to conduct engineering and other studies. If so, they will present a plan to the Board and the community.

Began recycling of food waste. Restaurants and I-95 landfill have depositories. There is also an oyster shell depository, which is used to seed the ocean for new oyster beds.

Undergrounding is continuing apace, trying to find a coalition to get it done. No guarantee that it will happen.

BRT survey is available to complete, and attendance at BRT meetings is encouraged.

Shoppers is closing the Lorton location. Uncertain if and when the Mt Vernon Plaza location will close.

Board approved Chris Leonard the new Deputy County Executive for Human Resources.

Adjourned at : 8:15 pm.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance

The committee met via Zoom on December 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Attending associations were: Holland Court Property Owners Association, Huntington Community Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV.

This was the first Budget & Finance meeting with its new committee chair. It was decided that the committee will meet on first Tuesday of every month beginning in January. The chair will establish an agenda for upcoming meetings and conduct outreach to recruit additional committee members.

The next meeting will be by Zoom on Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Education

The Education Committee met electronically at 7:30pm on December 2, 2020. Associations represented included: Collingwood Springs, Mt. Zephyr, Newington Forest, Mount Vernon Civic, Sulgrave Manor and Wellington. Bill Kane, Chair of the Public Safety Committee also attended and facilitated the meeting.

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Reopening schools and addressing the many effects of the Pandemic on students, teachers and families were primary topics of discussion and led to the 2 resolutions printed elsewhere in this RECORD.

The first of these (ED 2020-3) recognizes the need for significant additional resources for schools as they reopen to address in a comprehensive and robust manner the educational deficits and emotional consequences suffered by all students but particularly language learners, young children, children with special needs and children living in poverty. These recovery services will hopefully be temporary but expensive as noted in the Resolution; how expensive will depend on what the School Board and staff determine the best method(s) and how long in-person learning is delayed by Pandemic guidelines. Further, PPE and sanitization of schools and buses used by thousands of students will be needed for some time. These budget impacts need to be fully considered by the School Board, the Board of Supervisors and respective staff as FY2022 budgets are developed.

The second (ED 2020-4) asks that teachers and school staff be given first responder/essential worker priority in vaccine distribution. Schools will not be able to open normally until teachers and staff are protected by vaccine. This also provides some protection for students as they await availability of vaccination.

Other concerns raised included FCPS' plan to deal with low grades, and particularly failing grades, experienced throughout the all-virtual period. This is particularly critical for students needing graduation credits but also college-bound students applying for admission and/or scholarships. Certainly, this needs to be considered as part of the recovery services discussion.

Policies regarding use of seclusion and restraint in the context of student meltdowns, disruptive behavior and/or violent outbursts are in the process of review by the School Board, and the Commonwealth generally. The questions arise most often in the context of special education students who may have behavioral or mental issues as part of their diagnosed disability but also in the case of other students acting out inappropriately and dangerously. A working group of parents, advocates, staff and professionals have been working for some time on a proposal which the Board is expected to adopt, perhaps with revision, in January 2021.

The issue of classroom disruption is a thorny one, requiring balancing the needs and safety of all students and staff with the most appropriate way of dealing with the student whose disabilities are the root cause of the behavior. One proposal is establishing behavior analysis specialists who can observe the student and classroom dynamics and suggest ways to avoid "triggers" and de-escalate a situation so that the student and

the class as a whole can proceed normally without disruption to the educational process or the need for extreme measures.

Next meeting (by Zoom): 7:30 pm, January 6, 2021.

Environment & Recreation

Environment and Recreation Committee Report Dec 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Association in attendance: Belleview Condos, Collingwood on Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Huntington Community Assoc., Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Wellington Civic Assoc, Wessynton HOA.

The group was chaired by Katherine Ward, MVCCA Cochair, in the absence of a permanent committee chair. The first order of business after the meeting was called to order for the Dec zoom meeting, was to address the need for someone to volunteer to chair the committee. The group was asked to reach out to their individual communities to see if there were any interested parties. If so that person (s) should contact wither Katherine Ward or Lynn Pascoe the two elected MVCCA cochairs. The group was reminded that the committee would no longer have meetings after the Jan 2021 meeting if no committee chair was appointed. One member suggested if that should happen then the ER areas of interest could be transfer into the Planning and Zoning and Land-use committee.

The member from Stratford Landing asked if we had heard anything from the owner of the vacant lots on Stockton Parkway about their proposed project and would the landowner be permitted to go directly to the Planning Commission ad BOS for approval. He was advised that since this is a special exception request that while they could certainly talk to the supervisor and staff that they would not be able to move forward without coming back to the MVCCA for formal comment and then go to a public hearing. We had not heard a thing.

A status of the River Farm property sale by their Board of Directors was given. The DC Attorney General and the VA Attorney General are both investigating the action of the current board members. They have requested all documents and phone records, minutes etc. The overarching issue is related to this non-profit failing to keep the community trust. To sign up for information and updates go to www.saveriverfarm.com is a website set up by the NV Conservation Trust at 501c3 non-profit. Even if you signed petitions from our state elected officials you should still sign up on www.saveriverfarm.com for the latest info.

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A request was made by several members to get an update on Dyke Marsh restoration project, Little Hunting Creek Sewer Restoration Project, and the MV Water Shed Improvements Projects. Updates will be provided via email before the Jan meeting.

A member brought to the attention of the group that Supervisor Dan Storck, who chairs the BOS environmental committee, has his own environmental advisory group. In a recent meeting of that group the Supervisor will recommend to the BOS that they establish an awards program for county businesses who improve their environmental footprint. The MVCCA ER committee thinks that's a great idea.

Although we intended to establish long term goals, we did not do that at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting and possibly the last will be at 7:00 PM via Zoom on Jan 6, 2021.

Planning & Zoning

Planning & Zoning Committee Minutes 12/07/2020

Members Attending: Belleview Condominiums, Belle Haven Terrace CA, Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs CA, Engleside CA, Hollin Hall Village CA, Huntington CA, Huntington Club, A Condominium Unit Owners' Association Inc, Montebello Condominiums, Mt. Vernon CA, Riverside Gardens CA, Stratford Landing CA, Tauxemont CA, Wellington. CA,

MVCCA Co-Chairs

Call to Order: 7:01PM

Discussion: Richmond Highway Undergrounding of Utilities

Katherine Ward updated the committee. Scott Surovell made the following points:

- Broaden Scope: Undergrounding of utilities needs to be, not just for Richmond Highway.
- The State Corporation Commission needs to validate the actual cost for undergrounding utilities.
- All Stakeholders need be included
- The Commonwealth Transportation Board needs to be responsible for getting the necessary easements for undergrounding utilities, instead of VDOT
- Cancel the July 1st sundown clause: This will provide the adequate time needed to get undergrounding of utilities done in areas where it makes sense to do so.

Update: The North Gateway CBC redevelopment plan was approved. Parcel consolidation is still needed.

Discussion: Supporting Transportation Resolution

Gretchen Walzl asked the committee to support a joint resolution with the Transportation Committee. Chairperson Walzl promised to send it out to committee for comment, prior to inclusion in the Record for a vote. The resolution, "Supporting Improving the Current and Planned Design of the Roadway, Sidewalks and Safety Conditions on North Kings Highway Between Jamaica Drive and the Huntington Metro Station", was approved by the Planning & Zoning Committee to adopt.

Discussion: Fenton Property in North Gateway

A brief history of the property and the MVCCA's involvement was given prior to discussion. The project now has a builder, Lenar. The Fentons will be coming to the January P&Z Committee meeting to discuss a proposal for property consolidation to build cottage style homes, townhomes and apartments on several sites within the property.

Discussion: Future Building of Gas Stations and Convenience Stores Along Richmond Highway, our "Main Street"

It was decided by the Planning & Zoning Committee to support a Resolution, (PZ-2020-02), that opposes any future building of multi-pump gas stations and/or convenience stores on Richmond Highway from Ft. Belvoir to the Beltway. This is in line with Embark plans to create a "Main Street" on Richmond Highway that includes community serving retail/restaurant options and a walkable/bikeable street.

Discussion: Remodeling of Beacon Hill Fire Station

P&Z member Ray Novitske, who is on the task force for this project, updated the committee. In addition to a new fire station, the county is seeking to add affordable housing, permanent shelter and semi-permanent crisis shelter at this location.

Many concerns were expressed on affordable housing options connected to a fire station, such as parking, right-of-way, effect on fire fighters getting the fire trucks and emergency vehicles in and out, etc. It was also noted that the type of shelters being provided needed to be identified.

Adjourn: 8:17pm

Next Meeting: Monday January 4, 2020 at 7:00PM by Zoom Conference. Sign in begins at 6:50.

Public Safety

The committee met via Zoom at 7:30 pm on December 3, 2020. Attendees were: Belle View Condominium, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Sulgrave Manor, and Wellington Civic. Guests in attendance were Captain Brian Ruck, Commander of the Mount Vernon Police Station, and Lieutenant Fred Chambers, Assistant Commander of the Mount Vernon Police Station.

After introductions, Capt Ruck and Lt Chambers remarked that the Mount Vernon police station is the busiest in the county. However, staffing continues to be a challenge in the current environment where there is considerable risk of COVID exposure, a lot of anti-police sentiment, and strong competition for recruits from a multitude of other law enforcement and security entities in the area. Although FCPD only has jurisdiction to enforce criminal violations on the GW Parkway, the continuing staffing shortage means that FCPD can't increase support to the National Park Service for policing on the parkway. The NPS also has staffing issues, and the result is a lack of police presence and enforcement.

Staffing problems are a result of lack of growth – little change in end-strength while requirements have grown in number and complexity. Despite the challenges, the Mount Vernon police district staff has developed a reputation as the best in the county.

COVID has made a significant impact on policing. Many new ways of doing business have been identified and put into practice – fewer contacts but higher police visibility. They now have an Infectious Disease Response Team (IDRT) to deal with contaminated crime scenes. Many individuals have been reassigned from functions with close contact to more protected, but still effective, functions. There are currently 70 FCPD members in quarantine, not a significant percentage of the force. Jury trials are getting backed up because of the pandemic; however, traffic citations are down as the roads are less traveled.

We discussed shootings, gang activity, burglaries, traffic, and parking citations. You can contact the Mount Vernon station to report potentially criminal activity at any of the numbers/email addresses on their web page <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/district/mountvernon>. If you want to know why the Fairfax County helicopter is flying overhead, go to the "Find Out Why the Helicopter Was Flying Over My House" link on the FCPD web page. There is a new data portal "Open Police Data Initiative" coming to the FCPD Chief's web page <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief>. Much effort continues in de-escalation training, establishing fair pay and benefits, and

creating retention enhancements. The new Virginia legislation on pretextual policing is effective in February. It will curb police ability to make stops for broken lights, loud mufflers, and other similar pretexts.

Next meeting will be by Zoom on January 7th at 7:30pm.

Transportation

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on December 7, 2020 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. Participating in the meeting were: Tom Burke, Senior Transportation Planner, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT); Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chair; and Alexis Glenn, President, Jefferson Manor Citizens' Association in Lee District. Transportation representatives of the following MVCCA citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle Haven Terrace, Belle Haven, Belle View Condominium, Holland Court, Hollin Hall Village, Hybla Valley Farms, Mason Hill, New Alexandria, New Gum Springs, Pavilions at Huntington Metro, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North and Woodlawn Manor. Total attendance was 21.

Transportation Committee Chairman Pete Sitnik called the meeting to order and took the following actions:

- Reviewed Zoom meeting participation protocols.
- Announced that National Park Service is not ready with the final George Washington Memorial Parkway "Safety Study".
- Reported that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) unanimously approved the North Gateway CBC plan amendment Floor Area Ratio (FAR) density increase and FCDOT's Hybrid Plus road design option that includes elimination of the grade separated interchange.
- Announced that the 11Y Metro-bus is still temporarily suspended, but not eliminated, by the latest Metro budget proposal. The REX Bus unfortunately is proposed for elimination, as is Metro-way. The update is by Kathleen Graham. For further information, see Metro Budget link: <https://www.wmata.com/about/board/meetings/board-pdfs/upload/3A-GM-FY2022-Proposed-Budget.pdf>.
- Asked that committee members review the revised 2nd edition of our "Work List & Topics" before our upcoming meetings and volunteer to take lead on projects and issues. By the end of the meeting, about half of the issues had been covered.

Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chair, summarized a meeting he, Katherine Ward and Pete Sitnik had with the Chief of Staff and another staff member from Chairman McKay's office about Richmond Highway widening and the under-grounding of

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utilities as part of the project. Per the staff members, the Chairman is strongly supportive of the under-grounding initiative, if a way to cover the costs can be found. It was agreed at a recent high-level meeting to try to amend State Senator Surovell's bill at the upcoming Virginia General Assembly. Cost of under-grounding was discussed at length. The bill would require a new, hopefully more accurate, estimate of the cost. Chairman Sitnik has spoken with State Senator Ebbin who offered to co-sponsor Surovell's amended bill, but only after reviewing the bill.

Chairman Sitnik then introduced Alexis Glenn, President of the Jefferson Manor Citizens' Association in Lee District and thanked her for her initiation and support of the effort to enhance planning for North King's Highway, particularly from School Street north past the upper level of the Huntington Metro station. As it currently stands this stretch of North King's Highway, which forms the border between Lee and Mount Vernon Districts, mixes a high volume of through traffic with significant pedestrian activity. Of particular note is the question of safe access to Mount Eagle Elementary School. As the Embark Richmond Highway and Bus Rapid Transit planning took shape, ideas for improving the configuration of North King's Highway were drafted, but then dropped. Our committee seeks to convince VDOT and Fairfax County to restore planning to that area. This would result in extending to North King's Highway the traffic calming and "Main Street" improvements proposed for Richmond Highway. The resolution addressing this issue made the following recommendations: that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA), with the support of the Jefferson Manor, CA (Lee District) request and urge the Mount Vernon District supervisor to partner with the Lee District supervisor to improve the current and planned design of the roadway, sidewalks, and safety conditions on North Kings Highway between School Street and the Huntington Metro Station. Changes specified included: travel lanes should be narrowed to 10.5 feet and the excess space should be allocated to sidewalk; a speed reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph with flexi-posts or other light barrier types placed between the curb travel lane and the sidewalk; pedestrian-focused street lighting to improve walking safety and support travel to neighborhood nighttime activities; a HAWK beacon signal at the crosswalk directly in front of Mount Eagle Elementary School to facilitate safe pedestrian crossings; the resulting design must be attractive, traffic calming, place making, and safe without the acquisition of additional property from the adjacent residences; and recommend that these improvements be part of any future development project on North Kings Highway. Chairman Sitnik asked for a committee vote on the, and the committee voted unanimously in support of the resolution.

The Transportation Committee has long worked to move the aircraft noise issue forward. With the energy and expertise of Mike Rioux, this meeting was able to view and vote

unanimously to approve a letter to Supervisor Storck to start the ball rolling on cooperation between neighboring communities, the City of Alexandria and Prince Georges County, all impacted by airplane noise south of National Airport. The text of that letter is shown on page 10 of this Record.

The committee also voted unanimously to authorize Chairman Sitnik to redraft the letter as a resolution should the MVCCA Council require it.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11. This and subsequent meetings will be virtual meetings until the COVID-19 health situation is resolved. Transportation Committee meetings for the rest of 2021 are planned for February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 12, August 30 (September meeting), October 4, November 8 and December 6.

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

Ellen Young will be advocating for the SFDC Board to support the MVCCA position against allowing special exceptions for multi-bay gas stations along Richmond Highway. Report at the GC meeting on December 16th.

Committee Resolutions

Education

PROPOSED RESOLUTION MVCCA ED-2020-03 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PANDEMIC RECOVERY SERVICES FUNDING

1. **WHEREAS** the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic (Pandemic) has caused widespread death, illness and economic displacement, and has forced Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to greatly restrict conventional in-person instruction and reopening of school buildings; and
2. **WHEREAS** the inability to provide conventional in-person instruction has been highly disruptive to educational progress and deleterious to the social and emotional health of students; and
3. **WHEREAS** full reopening of schools for conventional in-person instruction may still be many months away, depending on health guidance, local infection rates and the availability of vaccines to permit the safe return of teachers, staff and students to the classroom; and
4. **WHEREAS** it is generally considered that students, particularly (but not exclusively) economically disadvantaged, language learners, and special education students have already lost many months of progress during the all-virtual or hybrid instruction necessitated by the Pandemic; and
5. **WHEREAS** it will be critical to address educational deficits and delays in an immediate and robust fashion once schools can reopen in order to preserve student opportunities and the priority value of FCPS to all taxpayers and citizens, as Fairfax County recovers from the Pandemic; and
6. **WHEREAS** recovery services options could include widespread summer school, extended day, early start of the 2021-2022 school year, and/or expanded after school programs; and
7. **WHEREAS** all recovery services options will require substantial additional investment in FCPS in FY2022 but are necessary to recovery of student educational progress and continuation of FCPS' critical value to the County economy and quality of life; and
8. **WHEREAS** expenses related to sanitizing buses and buildings, improving air flow and assuring availability of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) will also continue to have a significant impact for many months even after schools reopen,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations urges the Fairfax County School Board and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to recognize the Pandemic-related needs of FCPS and include substantial additional investment in FCPS in on-going FY2022 budget development negotiations thus reflecting the priority businesses, taxpayers and citizens place on safe, high quality education for all students.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION MVCCA ED-2020-03

PROPOSED RESOLUTION MVCCA ED-2020-04 IN SUPPORT OF TEACHER PRIORITY IN COVID-19 VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

1. **WHEREAS** the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic (Pandemic) has caused widespread death, illness and economic displacement, and has forced Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to greatly restrict and/or eliminate conventional in-person instruction and reopening of school buildings; and
2. **WHEREAS** the inability to provide conventional in-person instruction has been disruptive to educational progress and deleterious to the social and emotional health of students; and
3. **WHEREAS** closing of schools to in-person instruction has serious impacts on the economy as parents face lack of childcare impeding ability to effectively return to work and businesses which support and supply schools and families with school age children also suffer; and
4. **WHEREAS** returning to in-person instruction will put teachers and school staff in daily unavoidably close contact with hundreds of children and will pose significant risk of infection to teachers and staff, many of whom have personal risk factors or who have close family members who would be endangered; and
5. **WHEREAS** a substantial return to in-person instruction, even in a hybrid or restricted form, is not feasible until all teachers and staff (including those who have currently opted for all-virtual, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation or extended leaves) are confident that they are protected by vaccine and can safely return to the classroom; and

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- WHEREAS** vaccines are expected to be available soon but the magnitude of the rollout process will require a tiered “triage” approach to eligibility considering Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advice, but the ultimate decision on priority and distribution rests with the States; and
- WHEREAS** the reopening of schools is essential to Pandemic recovery with teachers and staff serving as essential frontline workers so that prioritizing teachers and school staff along with other first responders such as police and fire would be appropriate in the vaccine distribution program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations urges the Governor, Secretary of Education and Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax School Board and our elected representatives to take such action as needed to assure that teachers and school staff receive appropriate vaccine distribution priority in recognition of their status as essential frontline workers and first responders for our children.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION MVCCA ED-2020-04

- WHEREAS**, The MVCCA supports small neighborhood gas stations that are part of the community fabric; (Example- the Station located on Ft Hunt Rd in the Hollin Hall Shopping Center. They provide assistance with gas pumping, filling tires with air, washing windows, checking the oils and other repair services and flower beds that change with the seasons.);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA opposes approvals of multi-pump gas stations /convenience stores along Richmond Highway Corridor from Ft Belvoir to the Beltway;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the MVCCA requests that the county staff, our District Supervisor, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors uphold the vision of Richmond Highway as a “Main Street” and oppose any and all SE requests for of multi-pump gas stations/convenience stores along the Richmond Highway.

END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION MVCCA PZ-2020-02

Planning & Zoning

PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) RESOLUTION PZ-2020-02

OPPOSING APPROVALS OF SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR MULTI-PUMP GAS STATIONS /CONVENIENCE STORES ALONG THE RICHMOND HIGHWAY CORRIDOR

- WHEREAS**, The current Comprehensive Plan under the EMBARK design process created the concept of Richmond Highway, from Ft Belvoir to the beltway, as our “Main Street” with gathering places connected by walkable/ bikeable wide avenues along with trees and green spaces;
- WHEREAS**, Multi-pump gas stations with or without convenience stores are already abundant along Richmond Highway, are more suited for major freeway locations that are not gateways to neighborhoods;
- WHEREAS**, Several SE requests for multi-pump/ convenience stores are starting to be proposed to the County for approval; These stations make a visual statement that Richmond Highway is a drive-through commuters' road, not a “Main Street”;

JOINT Transportation Planning & Zoning Public Safety

PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) JOINT RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING & ZONING, PUBLIC SAFETY), AND JEFFERSON MANOR CA, LEE DISTRICT) JOINT (PZ, TRAN, PS, JM CA/LD) 2020-05

SUPPORTING IMPROVING THE CURRENT AND PLANNED DESIGN OF THE ROADWAY, SIDEWALKS, AND SAFETY CONDITIONS ON NORTH KINGS HIGHWAY BETWEEN SCHOOL STREET AND THE HUNTINGTON METRO STATION

- Whereas:** The MVCCA has long had concerns and voiced those concerns during the Embark process on the current and future design of N Kings Hwy, and;
- Whereas:** The Jefferson Manor CA (JMCA), Lee District has asked to partner with the MVCCA and the MVCCA has agreed on jointly working on suggesting improving roadway, pedestrian, and bike safety, on N Kings Highway, and;

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3. **Whereas:** The Embark Comprehensive Plan Amendment describes possible improvements that would enhance the safety and comfort of traveling on North Kings Highway (page 46 of Adopted Text) including widening the sidewalks, installing streetlights, landscaping or bollards between the sidewalk and road, median/islands in the middle of road, and HAWK signals, and;
4. **Whereas:** Preliminary design of North Kings Highways released to the public in the spring of 2020 does not reflect any enhancement or safety improvement, and;
5. **Whereas:** North Kings Highway will serve as the first/last half mile of the planned bus-rapid transit (BRT) service and is located within two Community Business Centers (CBCs), Huntington and Penn Daw.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) and with the support of the Jefferson Manor, CA (Lee District) requests and urges the Mount Vernon District supervisor to partner with the Lee District supervisor to improve the current and planned design of the roadway, sidewalks, and safety conditions on North Kings Highway between School Street and the Huntington Metro Station, and;

- A. Travel lanes should be narrowed to 10.5 feet and the excess space should be allocated to the sidewalk area; a speed reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph with flexi-posts or other light barrier types placed between the curb travel lane and the sidewalk, and;
- B. Pedestrian-focused street lighting to improve walking safety and support travel to neighborhood nighttime activities; a HAWK beacon signal at the crosswalk directly in front of Mount Eagle Elementary School to facilitate safe and efficient crossings, and;
- C. The resulting design must be attractive, traffic calming, place making, and safe without the acquisition of additional property from the adjacent residences.
- D. Recommend these types of improvements be part of any future development project on North Kings Highway.

**END: PROPOSED MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF
CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) JOINT RESOLUTION
(TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING & ZONING, PUBLIC
SAFETY), AND JEFFERSON MANOR CA, LEE DISTRICT)
JOINT (PZ, TRAN, PS, JM CA/LD) 2020-05**

----- Proposed MVCCA Letter -----

Airplane Noise letter – December 2020

From: Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations

To: Supervisor Dan Storck
2511 Parkers Lane
Alexandria, VA 22306

Subject: Airplane Noise Reduction Efforts

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) and the residents of the Mount Vernon District strongly urge that Fairfax County in partnership with the City of Alexandria and Prince George's County (PG County), Maryland to pursue the contracting of flight procedure and aircraft noise technical experts similar to the contract Arlington County, VA and Montgomery County, MD completed to help define new flight procedures south of the DCA airport that will help mitigate aircraft noise from Reagan National Airport. The technical experts will study and develop flight procedures, consult residents, and propose to the Federal Aviation Administration the best alternatives to reduce noise pollution.

Arlington County Board Chair Libby Garvey has stated "Airplane noise has bedeviled both of our communities for a really long time, we are aiming to get a holistic approach to the procedure design, reducing aircraft noise wherever we can and sharing the impacts where necessary." The \$250,000 cost for the technical support is being split between the two counties of Arlington County, VA and Montgomery County, MD.

Mike Rioux, MVCCA Transportation Committee member and Fairfax County, Mount Vernon District representative to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Community Noise Working Group has advised that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is pleased to be working with the Arlington/Montgomery County consultants and that they are making great progress. Mike has been trying hard to coordinate our efforts with the FAA, but with the extra challenges of the pandemic, progress is very slow.

Our concern is that Arlington and Montgomery Counties have clearly pushed this issue to a higher level and have committed resources to find solutions in the near-term. Since we are not part of their effort, the solutions that they come up will get FAA priority and further delay progress on implementing new south of DCA departure and arrival procedures.

We propose a two-step approach:

1. Convene a virtual meeting with your office and representatives from the City of Alexandria and Prince George's County to discuss a proposal to jointly contract technical experts.
2. Based on the results of the meeting, present to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS), a proposal to fund a request for proposal and contracting technical consultants, which can be done jointly with Alexandria and PG County or independently.

Thank you for your support of this very important initiative.
Attached: Previous Resolution and correspondence

Did You Know?

Below are the responses from James Patteson (Blue Heron Leadership Group, LLC) regarding the questions posed at the Sept 23rd MVCCA meeting about North Hill.

Question 1: Is there a requirement for providing conduit or a ductbank for the future undergrounding of the overhead lines along Richmond Highway?

- Response: Undergrounding the overhead lines or providing a ductbank for future undergrounding along Richmond Highway was a topic during the rezoning. During the RZ process, it was ultimately decided that this would not be a requirement for the affordable housing development. The Proffers (CHPPENN I, LLC; RZ 2016-MV-014; PCA 78-V-125) clarified this point in the following proffer –
 - Proffer 5. Overhead Utilities – Notwithstanding the fact that a location for future undergrounded utilities is shown on the CDP/FDP, the Applicant shall not be responsible for the undergrounding of overhead utilities along the Application Property's Richmond Highway frontage. At such time as the undergrounding of overhead utilities along Richmond Highway may be required, the Applicant shall grant, at no cost, any additional necessary easements for utility relocation by others.
 - Easements along the Richmond Highway frontage were dedicated as part of the site plan approval process. The easements included space for future underground utilities.

Question/Comment 2: Future project renderings should include a depiction of the overhead powerlines.

- Response: This will be done.

Question 3: How are applications for the subject development prioritized and can there be a local preference?

- Response: Pennrose will manage the application process for the affordable rental housing. Applications are not being accepted at the present time; however, interested household/individuals can submit their contact information and express their desire to be notified when the application period opens. This information is included on the North Hill page of the county website - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/housing/community-development/north-hill>
- Furthermore, specific outreach will be provided to the Woodley Hills neighborhood in coordination with the County's Department of Housing and Community Development.
- CHPPENN does not see any major roadblocks for a local preference in the application process but must get approval from Virginia Housing on their marketing and leasing plan prior to committing to the local preference. The local preference must be in an easy to define geographical area. Housing has provided their guidance that the development should benefit the people living in the Richmond Highway Corridor (zip codes 22306, 22309, and 22060). CHPPENN will follow-up with the county once the review is complete. It is anticipated that leasing activities will begin in the summer of 2022.

----- 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 November 30th, 2020

| | November | Total July 1 to November | 2020-2021 Annual Budget | Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|--|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u> | | | | |
| Dues - Current Members | \$ 225 | \$ 2,452 | \$ 3,145 | |
| Money Market Interest | 0 | 2 | 8 | |
| Total Cash Receipts | 225 | 2,454 | 3,153 | \$ (699) |
| <u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u> | | | | |
| Administrative | - | 241 | 450 | 209 |
| Insurance Premium | - | - | 844 | 844 |
| Outreach/Town Hall Meets | - | - | - | - |
| "Record" Production | 60 | 370 | 800 | 430 |
| Web Site | - | 164 | 2,200 | 2,036 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 60 | 775 | 4,294 | 3,519 |
| Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements: | 165 | 1,678 | (1,141) | \$ 2,819 |

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Cash at Beginning of Period | 10,230 | 8,717 | 8,717 | Note 2 |
| Total Cash at End of Period | \$ 10,395 | \$ 10,395 | \$ 7,576 | |

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

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Burke & Herbert - Checking | \$ 4,331 | |
| Burke & Herbert - Money Market | 6,064 | |
| Total Cash | \$ 10,395 | |

Respectfully
Submitted,
Sean McCarthy,
Treasurer
December 8, 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, 2020.
- 3 Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Minutes Approved - November GC
- Guest speaker: Owen Graham--Planning and Development staff Fairfax Cty - Housing Element and Work Force Housing Policy
- Committee reports
- Treasurer report
- Co-chairs report
- Resolutions
- Members Time
- Elected Officials Time
- Adjourn

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—December 16, 7:00 p.m., Virtual
MVCCA Board—January 12, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

| Comm | Date | Time | Place | Chair |
|------|------|------|---------|-------------|
| BUDG | 1/5 | 7:00 | Virtual | Zaragoza |
| EDU | 1/6 | 7:30 | Virtual | Harbeck |
| E&R | 1/6 | 7:00 | Virtual | <i>open</i> |
| PL/Z | 1/4 | 7:00 | Virtual | Walzl |
| PS | 1/7 | 7:30 | Virtual | Kane |
| TRAN | 1/11 | 7:00 | Virtual | Sitnik |

* All committee meetings are virtual until further notice

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