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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. Status of the River Farm Board of Supervisors vote on the Historic Overlay District: They approved the Historic Overlay District.
2. Annenberg Foundation letter to the AHS Board - see pages 10 & 11 in this Record.
3. Elections are coming up for the MVCCA Executive Board of Directors.
4. National Park Service presentation on the GW Parkway Safety Study is available at <https://youtu.be/8ZUuLF4oLUE>

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MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, March 24, 2021 via Zoom

Virtual Meeting/Zoom Convened 7:00PM

Presiding: Lynn Pascoe, Co-Chair

Attending: Co-Chair Katherine Ward, Treasurer Sean McCarthy, Secretary Abby Wells, Budget & Finance Chair Jason Zaragoza, E&R Chair Christopher Morgan, Education Chair Judy Harbeck, Planning & Zoning Chair Gretchen Walzl, Planning & Zoning Vice Chair Karen Pohorylo, Public Safety Committee Chair Bill Kane, Southeast Fairfax Development Corp. Representative Ellen Young, Transportation Committee Chair Pete Sitnik

Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff:

Supervisor Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District, Nick Rinehart, Land Use Aide to Supervisor Storck,

Voting Representatives Present:

Wellington Civic Association, Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association, Engleside Civic Association, Woodlawn Manor Community Association, Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood on the Potomac, Williamsburg Manor North, Hollin Hall Village, Mount Vernon Civic Assn, Hybla Valley Farms Civic Association, Riverside Gardens, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Sulgrave Manor Civic, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Montebello, Wellington Civic, Holland Court, Huntington Civic, Spring Bank.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES of February 2021 General Council meeting were approved as published in the Record.

TREASURER'S REPORT of February 2021 General Council meeting was approved as published in the Record.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: Committee members attended March 1 Mount Vernon District Budget Town Hall in lieu of holding a committee meeting. Next Meeting April 5.

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Environment & Recreation: Committee members attended March 1 Mount Vernon District Budget Town Hall in lieu of holding a committee meeting. Next meeting April 7: Solid Waste Management to discuss composting program.

Planning & Zoning: Committee members attended March 1 Mount Vernon District Budget Town Hall in lieu of holding a committee meeting. Next meeting April 5 with Presentations on the 7/11 at Thieves Market and restaurant development at Sherwood Hall and Route 1.

Public Safety: Met on March 2, report as published in the March Record. Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel 2020 Annual Report is now available. Next meeting April 5, joint meeting with Transportation Committee with National Park Service update on final plans for GW Parkway safety.

Budget & Finance: Committee members attended March 1 Mount Vernon District Budget Town Hall in lieu of holding a committee meeting. Next meeting April 6 and seeking additional committee members, please join.

Transportation: Committee members attended March 1 Mount Vernon District Budget Town Hall in lieu of holding a committee meeting. Next meeting April 5 joint with Public Safety and with National Park Service update on final plans for GW Parkway safety, a major Transportation Committee project over the last 15 – 20 years.

SFDC REPORT: as published in the March Record.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION REPORT: as published in the March Record.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STORMWATER has been established, chaired by Leo Milanowski.

Purpose of the committee: Address the stormwater issues in the Mt Vernon District and to look in depth at legacy problems, current projects underway and future projects impacting all Mt Vernon District communities, property owners and citizens. The special committee will be working with E&R, P&Z and Transportation to collect contacts. April 7 Meeting for member organizations to provide input and identify communities with stormwater runoff issues, what the issues are and to develop a work plan by April 21. Leo can be contacted at the following email: specialcommittee@mvcca.org

SUPERVISOR TIME: Supervisor Storck shared information and updates on the following topics:

While Supervisor Storck did not support the measure, the BOS voted 7 to 3 in favor of permitting approval for Accessory Living Units and Home Based Businesses will go through ZMOD. The measure will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

Unanimous support from the Planning Commission for the proposed River Farm Historic Overlay District. The Board of Supervisors will hold their public hearing April 13, 2021.

Recommendations on Stormwater issues will be included in the county's Green Initiative on Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Plan.

Undergrounding continues as a joint effort with Chairman McKay and Supervisor Lusk from BOS, and Senator Scott Surovell and Delegate Paul Kriezak on the state level. Also potentially as an Earmark with Congressman Byer's office for Federal funds.

Fairfax County has set a goal of being 100% carbon neutral by 2040.

Reminder of new requirement of no more plastic to be used to dispose of yard waste starting mid-April.

Several Covid Vaccination sites are up and running in the district.

Hearing dates on the county budget, assessments and Max Rate will take place mid-April.

On Saturday, March 20, the annual Teen Job Fair was held in conjunction with Lee District and was a great success.

Branding and Signage for Richmond Highway project to be approved in the coming month.

Paving and Re-Striping will begin soon by VDOT for Ft Hunt Road from Sherwood Hall Lane.

Beacon Hill Road Homeless Shelter issues under consideration.

CO-CHAIR REPORT:

Updates on River Farm Historic Overlay District and meetings with property owner were provided.

Special committee for Stormwater Issues now in place

Issues related to the Proposed Fire Station and Emergency Housing at the site of the former Hybla Valley Nursery. A virtual tour of the Kennedy Shelter at Ft Belvoir was taken. Issues related to shelter guests were discussed and will be reviewed more in depth including on-site drug activity or possession, police intervention needed in some disputes between guests, specifics on accommodations, meals and programming, day-care for guests and children of guests. A MV District advisory group has been formed, currently comprised of only 4 citizens and the rest county staff.

RESOLUTIONS:

Education Resolution # 2021-04

Recommend county tax rates remain the same as last year – and to give teachers raises.

Resolution Passed

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Planning & Zoning Resolution Ratification # 2021-03

Ratification of River Farm Resolution
Ratified by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC TIME: No Comments

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

Meeting adjourned 8:58 PM.

Minutes submitted 4/7/21 by Abby Wells

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Budget & Finance

The Budget & Finance Committee met via Zoom on April 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Attending associations were Huntington Community Association and Southwood Civic Association.

Low participation by the committee was discussed. Committee chair suggested inviting a speaker to generate more interest. In order to avoid inviting a speaker and having no one show up, chair suggested a joint meeting with the Education Committee, with a guest to talk about the school budget.

To that end, the next B&F meeting will be held in conjunction with the Education Committee on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Education

The Education Committee did not meet in April.

The Committee had hoped that the Board of Supervisors would advertise a maximum tax rate for FY2022 that would allow discussion and public input, particularly for interested persons to support the School Board Advertised Budget, which requested funds to provide teacher raises needed to support morale and stop the "brain drain". Unfortunately the current tax rate was set at FY2021 levels.

As the Committee had requested in March, the Chair revised its budget resolution to request the FY2021 rate be retained. That resolution was adopted by the Council in March and the Chair testified to the Board of Supervisors on April 15 in accordance.

Even if the Board of Supervisors retains the FY2021 rate, it would appear the chances for funding any raise are slim to none. This will certainly cause severe issues in the future and by FY2023 Fairfax salaries will be even less competitive. There may be some hope for a mid-year raise or one-time bonus (perhaps from the Commonwealth) if resources are available.

Every resident of Fairfax, parent or not, probably wanted a quicker return to school. More days of in-school instruction are being phased in and 5 days is expected in the Fall, barring complications. School will still not be normal, with masks and 3-foot social distancing and perhaps reductions in traditional group activities such as concerts, sports, afterschool programs and PTA events. Schools, until told otherwise by the Commonwealth will need to follow CDC guidelines as they evolve. It may be that as more data is available on transmission in a school setting, guidelines may be loosened, particularly in elementary schools.

Among the things impeding full return, now that all staff has had the opportunity to be vaccinated, is the long standing overcrowding in many Fairfax schools. Coupled with our relatively large class sizes since the 2008 recession reduced funding, this has created significant difficulty: many schools simply have inadequate space to practice social distancing and bring significant numbers of kids back to class. This is also a factor in disparities among schools along with parent choice and teacher availability. This is a real nightmare for staff and administration and burnout is becoming a factor.

The Committee has long been frustrated by the long backlog in renovation, capacity enhancement, and building of new schools. School construction is funded by bonds and the Board of Supervisors has a cap on the amount of bonds which can be sold in any given year in order to protect the County's AAA bond rating. The Board of Supervisors has increased the cap over the last few years in recognition of the construction backlog and other economic factors but relief from overcrowding still is years away for many schools. Expensive upgrades of ventilation and other systems is now added to the list of needs.

Besides over-capacity schools, we also have overcrowded classrooms in nearly every school due to staffing costs. The vast majority of school funds go to school-based educator salaries; if substantial budget cuts are needed, increasing class size (and thus reducing teaching staff) is often the only recourse. Central office costs are already lowest in the region and some have opined that previous cuts to avoid teacher de-staffing were too draconian, reducing central office's ability to oversee and provide guidance to schools.

As usual, it all boils down to money and, unless and until other revenue sources are available and/or the Commonwealth

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provides appropriate funding, it boils down to our property taxes.

In other matters, there is not a great deal of information available about the form and extent of remediation/recovery services for struggling or underperforming students. The question of funding again raises its ugly head! Both the Commonwealth and the Federal government have taken steps to create advisory panels to help school systems design effective programs and identify students needing extra help. See <https://www.edweek.org/policy-politics/miguel-cardona-unveils-summer-learning-partnership-releases-some-covid-19-aid/2021/03>.

Next meeting: May 5, 2021 7:30pm with Leigh Burden, FCPS Asst. Supt. Dept. of Financial Services

Environment & Recreation

E&R Committee Meeting: April 7, 2021

- Roll Call: Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View, Hollin Hall Village, Pavilions at Huntington Metric, Stratford Landing, Wellington, Wessynton, MVCCA Co-Chair, Huntington, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac
- Presentation: Solid Waste Compost Pilot Program: Christine McCoy, Solid Waste
 - Serve 45,000 homes
 - Customer service and trucks sit at Newington
 - Getting 4 new electric vehicles
 - All of enforcement team has electric vehicles
 - Instead of burying waste, now combusting it to reduce GHG emissions - Covanta Waste to Energy
 - Residents are allowed to haul directly to transfer station if they don't wish to contract privately
 - Installing solar panels at I-95 landfill
 - County enforces collection practices of private contractors. You can call if you see something like one truck mixing different types of pick-ups
 - Banned plastic bags for yard waste. Starting to enforce April 19
 - Trying to reduce recycling contamination - only plastic with a neck (markets for plastic 3-7 are non-existent in this area). Movie recommendation - Plastic China. Trying to develop new markets for 3 - 7. Codes connote type of resin, not recyclability.
 - No plastic bags in recycling ever!
 - No AC in these facilities
 - Glass has to be sorted by color. All the breaking made it hard to sort. North Carolina and Pennsylvania partners.
 - Value in glass recycling comes in energy savings
 - Estimated 150 tons of glass recycled per week

- Food scrap drop off pilot program at 95 and 66 facilities modeled after Falls Church. Carts collected weekly. Started in November. Tentative plans to open four locations at farmers markets. Best method is still to compost. But here you can bring meat bones and dairy products. Goes to compost facilities in Prince Georges and Prince William counties.
- New effort: zero waste by 2030. Joint environmental task force. Not county wide, but within county with key programs. Activists 350
- Yard waste was going to Loudon compost and PW. PW just revamped, better site.
- Steel is recycled at 85% and most valuable.
- Diverted 100 tons of food scraps already 200,000 pounds. Can pursue curbside composting.

The following information was provided by the Fairfax County Solid Waste Disposal Management Department:

- Here's a link to a toolkit for yard waste collection: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/paper-not-plastic-yard-waste-toolkit>
- Here's a link to the vendor, <https://en.byd.com/> and the types of electric transfer trailers and refuse trucks we have proposed to purchase, should we get the VADEQ grant funding to help support that effort:
 - 2 Transfer Trailers: Class 8 Tandem Axle Day Cab
 - 2 Refuse Trucks: Class 8 Rear End Loader with Heil DP5000 25 Yard Body
- Here's a little more detail on how we will charge these vehicles:

The two (2) BYD 8R refuse vehicles and the two (2) BYD 8TT transfer trucks will each be supported with a 40 kW 480v 3-phase charger, which amounts to four (4) chargers in total. The 40 kW units are pedestalmounted chargers that can restore battery power to full charge over the span of eight (8) hours. DPWES will use the chargers overnight when the vehicles have returned to base after their day shifts. This will not only take advantage of the vehicles' downtime but will also enable the County to take advantage of lower, off-peak electricity prices.
- New Committee Business
 - Park Authority Planning and Development
 - Going to delve into new park planning. Clarifying difference between parks and park authority managed space
 - Parks in new developments
 - Policies
 - Might join in May or June
 - Katherine suggests speaking to recreation facilities - what is new, what is getting rehabbed
 - Special Committee on Stormwater Issues (not sub-committee!)
 - We'll likely host next month

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- Active Items
 - Nothing new on River Farm
 - Fire Station / Co-location Supportive Housing - MVCCA Ray and Liz are on the advisory committee.
 - Environmental Impact Statement - done
 - Sale of 6514 Cygnet - nothing new
 - Tax Sale of Yale Lot - someone bid \$10,250 at auction. County is verifying.
 - Gas Station at 8101 Richmond Hwy - requires exception to county plan because automotive business - near unanimous resolution to not support at P&Z.
- Other New Items
 - Katherine - site specific plan amendment process. 4.5 acre site fully wooded on Popkins Lane owned by Verizon. Received permission in 2015 to reduce footprint on property. Currently zoned R3. Verizon wants to sell to developer, change plan to allow for higher density.

Next meeting is May 5th at 7pm via Zoom.

Planning & Zoning

P&Z Minutes April 5, 2021

Members' Attending: New Gum Springs CA, Wellington CA, Belleview Condominiums, Engleside CA, Mt. Vee Manor CA, Mt. Vernon CA, Spring Bank CA, Montebello Condominiums, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village CA, Hybla Valley Farms, Huntington CA, Belle Haven Terrace CA, Collingwood Springs CA, Grist Mill Woods, Riverside Estates CA, Tauxemont CA, CA of Hollin Hills, Quander Rollins CA, Sulgrave, Westgrove CA, Williams Randall Estates, Williamsburg Manor North, Holland Court Property Owner's Association, Mason Hill CA, Stratford Landing CA

Guests' Attending: Nick Rhinehart-Land Use, Supervisor Dan Storck's office; Andrew Holden-Cedar Knoll, Ed Pagett-owner, 3119 Sherwood Hall Lane/ 7925 Richmond Hwy, Jeff Eaney, Zack Williams, Land Use Attorney 7-11 Corporation, Les Adkins, Kevin Fellin- Wells & Associates; Pallas Washington-Fairfax County, Department of Neighborhood & Community Services; Wanda Suder, Fairfax County, Pam Michell-Good Hope Housing; Mr. Ajaffa-owner 7-11 Mt. Vernon Hwy, Tom Rickert, Ivana Escobar

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Presentation: Andrew Holden, Prospective Owner Pizzeria & Food Trucks at 7925 Richmond Highway & 3119 Sherwood Hall Lane

Andrew Holden, current Chef & Owner of Cedar Knoll Restaurant is proposing a pizzeria at the above mentioned property(s).

The current building will be used as a classic neighborhood pizzeria, which would serve pizza, appetizers, espresso, drinks, beer and wine. Customers would order food and beverages from a counter and consume their meals onsite, with both indoor and outdoor seating. Carry-out and delivery is also proposed. No drive-thru is proposed. A 275 sq ft retail area is proposed, offering unique Italian goods such as wine and olive oil, to be located at the entryway of the pizzeria.

During building renovations, a pizza food truck would operate at 3119 Sherwood Hall Lane, a vacant lot. The proposed business would have up to 8 employees, 30 indoor dining seats and 2-3 company vehicles. The proposed businesses' hours of operation would be 11AM-9PM Monday-Thursday, 11AM-PM Friday and Saturday and 11AM-8PM on Sunday.

The applicant is currently meeting with local communities to gather feedback, and will return when a site plan is completed.

Presentation: Zachery Williams; Land Use Attorney for Applicant for a 7-11 at 8101 Richmond Highway, (former Thieves Market site):

7-Eleven, Inc., the "Applicant," is seeking a special exception to permit the development of a 7-Eleven service station and quick service food store located at 8101 Richmond Highway (Tax Map No. 1012 01 0035A2) (the "Property"). The Property is zoned to the C-8 zoning district and located within the Highway Corridor Overlay District and Richmond Highway Commercial Revitalization District. This proposed use is permitted with a special exception in the C-8 zoning district pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Sections 4-804 and 7-607. The Property was formerly occupied by an antique store (Thieves Market) that was destroyed by a fire in 2017. The Property has been vacant since that time. The Applicant proposes to improve the Property with a new 7-Eleven convenience store and service station with 12 vehicle fueling positions (six total fuel dispensers). This new 7-Eleven store will replace the existing 7-Eleven store located nearby at 8146 Mount Vernon Highway, which has been in operation since approximately 1967. The proposed project is designed to accommodate the Embark Richmond Highway ("Embark") plan for Richmond Highway and the Applicant proposes significant dedication of land to accomplish several proposed road modifications. The project also incorporates recommendations from the Richmond Highway Urban Design Guidelines. The service station and 7-Eleven convenience store are expected to primarily serve the Mount Vernon community as well as commuters driving along Richmond Highway. The Subject Property has a total land area of 46,906 s.f. (1.054 acres) and is located near the southwest corner of the intersection of Richmond Highway and Mount Vernon Highway.

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Hours of Operation: The gasoline fueling stations and 7-Eleven convenience store will operate on a 24-hour seven days a week, including holidays. Estimated Number of Patrons/Clients: The Applicant estimates that approximately 1,000 customers will visit the service station on a daily basis. Estimated Number of Employees: The service station will have approximately 12-16 employees with approximately 2-3 per shift.

The Applicant is proposing a cut-thru on the site, linking Richmond Highway to Mount Vernon Highway, and interparcel access to the restaurant next door.

A lengthy discussion ensued after the applicants presentation, where the committee members shared their opposition to the proposal.

A Resolution to deny this Special Exception Request was requested by the committee.

Discussion: Proposed Beacon Hill Fire Station with Added Homeless Shelter:

A Resolution was proposed by the Spring Bank community to oppose the Homeless Shelter was discussed at great length. The resolution will be considered again at our next meeting after the members can attend the 24th or 26th of April Town Hall meetings on the subject conducted by Supervisor Storck.

The P&Z Committee had several concerns about the addition of a Homeless Shelter on this site negatively effecting current businesses', as well as future business prospects and local communities.

The MVCCA has 2 members on the task force and will continue to monitor the developments on this site.

Adjourn: 9:30PM

Next Meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021 by Zoom

Public Safety

The committee met via Zoom at 7:00 pm on April 5, 2021 in a joint session with the Transportation committee. Public Safety committee attendees were: Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Collingwood on the Potomac, Mason Hill Citizen's Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Potomac Valley River Bend, Sulgrave Manor Civic Association, and the Wellington Heights Civic Association.

The joint meeting minutes are in the Transportation section of this edition of the Record.

The next meeting of the Public Safety committee will be at 7:00 pm on May 6, 2021. The committee will be monitoring the

meeting of the Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel and the Fairfax County Independent Police Auditor. Please see: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel/pcrp-meeting-5-6> for background information and the Webex link.

Transportation

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, 2021 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. This was a joint meeting with the Public Safety Committee. Participating in the meeting were: William Kane, MVCCA Public Safety Committee Chairman; Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP); Aaron LaRocca, Chief of Staff GWMP; Noah Simon, Congressman Beyer's Office; Katherine Ward and Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chairs. Transportation representatives of the following Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) were in attendance: Belle Haven Terrace, Grist Mill Woods, Holland Court, Huntington Community, Hybla Valley Farms, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon, New Alexandria, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. Public Safety Committee attendees represented the following MVCCA member associations: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon, Potomac Valley River Bend, Sulgrave Manor, and Wellington Heights. Total attendance, including both committees and several interested citizens, was 46.

Pete Sitnik, MVCCA Transportation Committee Chairman called the meeting to order and made the following announcements:

- John Kohout our note taker and secretary is very soon moving away from the area. All persons interested in assuming his role please let it be known. John thanks all for many pleasant and interesting years on the committee.
- The MVCCA has created a Storm water run-off special committee. This special committee will identify and pursue remedies for storm water run-off problems in the District. We invite your organizations' participation and ask that you identify storm water issues in your community and join in the Committee's work. Please contact Leo Milanowski at SpecialCommittee@mvcca.org with your input and a list of volunteers to help the committee. Please provide names and email contacts).
- VDOT's 2021 Paving Status Map is now available: [[2021 Statewide Paving Status Map \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)]. This application provides the status of each paving project scheduled on VDOT maintained roads for this year. Users can zoom to an area to view specific paving projects and

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their status (to be paved, in progress, completed). The link to the Northern Virginia Paving Program VDOT NOVA Paving Program provides information on the different treatment types, State of the Pavement report, and other information you may find useful. [[Northern Virginia Paving Program - Projects | Virginia Department of Transportation \(virginiaidot.org\)](#)] Provided by Christine A. Morin, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Dan Storck.

- Dean Lohmeyer, long time committee member from Stratford on the Potomac IV, has resigned and he and his wife are moving to Missouri. We wish him well.
- Welcome to Marcel **Rousseau** the new Riverside Estates Transportation committee representative and thanks to Tony Cochran for your service.
- Welcome Becca Guerra new committee representative from Hybla Valley Farms Civic Association who is replacing Leslie Siddeley who has moved out of the area.

Chairman Sitnik then introduced Bill Kane, MVCCA Public Safety Committee Chairman for his comments. Bill expressed appreciation to the Superintendent and his Chief of Staff for making the time to present the study results to us. Bill also thanked the Transportation Committee for inviting the Public Safety Committee to join in this meeting.

Following Chairman Kane's comments, a certificate of appreciation was virtually displayed thanking John Kohout for his many years of service and recognizing him for great work with the MVCCA Transportation Committee. The committee at large then also thanked John. John, in his usual gracious manner was appreciative of the gesture but thought it a little much. Arrangements will be made to deliver the certificate to John.

Chairman Sitnik next introduced lead presenter Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent, GWMP who was assisted by Aaron LaRocca, his Chief of Staff, to brief us on the much anticipated update to the Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway Safety Study. This Study began in the spring of 2019. Its initial public comment session resulted in over 850 comments which were screened and most were taken into account in the Study effort. Outcomes were categorized in terms of Engineering, Education, Enforcement (The three E's). The goal, Mr. Cuvelier stated, is to establish an appropriate balance between the needs of all categories of users and the historic memorialization that the Parkway was created to serve. The overarching focus is improving the Parkway's safety. The study itself is in the form of a 304 page "G W Parkway Traffic and Safety Context Sensitive Solution Assessment Final .pdf" accessible on line at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=186&projectID=89079> The 304 page report is accompanied by six appendix documents.

Several aspects of the briefing brought themes that deserve close attention. These include near and longer term changes including:

- The controversial application of a "Road Diet,"
- Welcome availability in the study of traffic and accident data,
- And near term actions such as road striping and vegetation pruning planned for this year.

The "Road Diet" involves reducing the Parkway to one southbound through lane between the Tulane and Stratford Landing intersections for "Traffic calming", roundabouts at some intersections, acceleration and turn lanes to use the lanes no longer available for through traffic, and no additional pedestrian bridges over the Parkway. Stated another way, moving southbound, the Road Diet begins at the Tulane intersection and continues past Morningside Lane, Wellington Road, Collingwood, Waynewood Boulevard, Vernon View, Lucia Lane, and opens up at Stratford Lane. The lane configuration at Stratford Lane is not impacted by the Road Diet. Mr. Cuvelier also described the redesign and rebuilding of Bridge number 12 on the Bike Trail.

A Q&A session opened a couple of issues of intense local interest such as an observation that the 11Y bus signs along the Parkway and within neighborhoods were being removed. There was concern among the membership at this point regarding the future of the 11Y Bus Route. Upon completion of the Q&A session, the committee thanked Mr. Cuvelier for his helpful briefing, but decided to give everyone a chance to actually read the Study and then discuss it at next month's meeting before inviting Mr. Cuvelier back for more detailed discussions. Chairman Sitnik then extended an invitation for Mr. Cuvelier and the NPS to return after the Transportation Committee has a chance to review the Study, and the invitation was readily accepted.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3. This and subsequent meetings will be virtual meetings until the COVID-19 health situation is resolved. Subsequent Transportation Committee meetings for 2021 are planned for May 3, June 7, July 12, August 30, October 4, November 8, and December 6.

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Fairfax Federation

The Federation is modifying its bylaws so they have set dates of each month for their meetings. They were asked by a few members to help fund a law suit against the county over ZMOD. They are having issues getting a slate of officers together for their election. Volunteerism is just so much fun.

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

SFDC

There will be a verbal report at the April 28 General Council meeting.

Special Committee on Stormwater Management

The MSCS had its initial meeting on April 15, via ZOOM. Participants included committee members several association presidents. Community represented at the meeting were Westgrove, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Belle View, Riverwood, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mount Zephyr, Mount Vee Manor, and Hollin Hall Village. Also attending, as an invited guest of the committee co-chairs, was Mr. Chris Koerner, a Civil Engineer, with specialization in hydrology, and retired staff member of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

After introductions, the Committee reviewed the DRAFT Plan of Action and near term milestones. Following the first step in the plan's methodology, participants were asked to identify stormwater problems within their communities and provide same to Co-Chairs. This will be used, as suggested, to document the extent of stormwater problem in Mount Vernon District. Clarification was requested as to how the sites would be prioritized given the short time period allowed for the visits. Subject to change after the collected data is analyzed, priority would be given to existing and new homes with stormwater issues. Participants were asked to provide their inputs during the week of April 19th. Mr. Koerner suggested that this data could be associated with the County digital maps to provide a clearer picture of not only where the problems are occurring, but where the problem originates. Ms. Carol Campbell, Westgrove, agreed to use Westgrove data as the test case for this approach. She will work with Mr. Nick Rinehardt, from Supervisor Storck's office, to utilize the most useful maps in the

County's JADE array, and see how useful it is for the Committee's work.

Mr. Koerner added that the committee has taken on a difficult task. Undersized infrastructure, infill development increasing impervious surface, historic rainfalls associated with climate change, and Mount Vernon District's topography and soil characteristics present major challenges to fixing stormwater run-off problems. He added that the county offices have little incentive to step out of their areas of expertise to address this growing problem and provide comprehensive solutions. He noted that individual property owners may have to solve their own problems, but warned that individual fixes, that only push the problem "downstream," be avoided.

Near the end of the meeting, additional topics were suggested for Committee investigation. Operation Stream Shield, creation of stormwater districts, and self-help Citizen Improvement Committees will be discussed in future meetings.

Committee Resolutions

Planning & Zoning

PROPOSED MVCCA RESOLUTION 8101 RICHMOND HIGHWAY 7-11 MULTI-PUMP GAS STATION AND CONVENIENCE STORE SPECIAL EXCEPTION (PZ-2021-04)

1. **Whereas** 7-11 Corporation is seeking a special exception to build a multi-pump gas station and convenience store at 8101 Richmond Highway to operate 24-7 365 days per year;
2. **Whereas**, the intersection of Mount Vernon Highway and Richmond Highway is a major roadway that is the gateway to the historic Mount Vernon Estate of George and Martha Washington;
3. **Whereas**, residential neighborhoods surround the proposed site of this project, including entry and exit points;
4. **Whereas**, the site location between Mount Vernon Highway and Richmond Highway and the corner across from Buckman Rd is unsuitable for a heavily trafficked, per the applicant, business;
5. **Whereas**, the site plan provides for unwanted through traffic to move through the site onto Mount Vernon Highway;
6. **Whereas**, the movements of tanker trucker and supply trucks between the Richmond Highway, the site and onto the Mount Vernon Highway will cause a safety hazard for school children, pedestrians, bikers and private automobiles in and on Mount Vernon Highway;
7. **Whereas**, a gas station operating 24/7 365 days is not in alignment with the current EMBARK program because of:
 - a. Noise
 - b. Bright and late-night lights;
 - c. Loitering;
 - d. Odors; and
 - e. Possible pollution to Little Hunting Creek.
8. **Whereas**, Richmond Highway already has ample gas stations and convenience stores;
9. **Whereas**, the completion of the recent Richmond Highway Market Study states that continued use of “traffic sewers” will inhibit the true revitalization of Richmond Highway and that preservation opportunities of higher and better uses if appropriate;
10. **Whereas**, the MVCCA’s previously stated position on multi-pump gas stations and convenience stores has already been established and states that they do not meet the standards for “our main street”; (attached)

Therefore, be it resolved that: the MVCCA does not support this special exception application for the reasons stated above.

Further be it resolved that: If the county just continues to approve non-conforming and site specific applications, we will never reach the potential of a truly revitalized Richmond Highway Corridor.

END PROPOSED MVCCA RESOLUTION PZ-2001-04

Did You Know?

The County is currently conducting its every 5 year update to the Comprehensive Plan. These are site specific (SSPA) within the suburban neighborhoods that are between the Commercial Business Centers. Details can be reviewed on the Fairfax County website - search 2019 SSPA.

Here’s a list of the properties that are being reviewed by the SSPA task force. MVCCA has several people on that task force.

- 2806 Popkin’s Lane- Verizon owns 5.5 acres and wants to increase the density of development authorized on 4.5 acers of it. Then sell it to a developer.
- 2550 Huntington Ave- Currently zoned and planned for a 12-story hotel and a 15-story office building. The proposal is to change the plan so an apartment building with some retail can be built there.
- 8160-8174 Mount Vernon Highway- Proposed consolidation of these properties and changing the density to 8-12 du/ac per acre vs current 2-3 du/ac.
- 5801 North Kings Highway- Washington Metro Area Transit Area property is going to be replanned for mixed use to include hotel, residential, commercial and retail.
- 8465-5441 Richmond Highway- Currently trailer parks, commercial sites. Current plan allows for a small-town center with retail and residential. Proposal is seeking increased density to 16-20 du/ac and 25% to be retained for commercial and retail.

Moving Toward Food Security: How to Get Help From and Donate to Local Food Pantries

The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for food in Fairfax County and thousands of people in our community are experiencing food insecurity. [Read more of this post](#)

Get or give food - Service Search Results: Food - Human Services Resource Guide (HSRG) - Fairfax County, Virginia

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/HSRG/Pages/ServiceSearch.aspx?servicename=food>

----- Attachment for Resolution P&Z-2021-04 -----

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";

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.

Approved by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) General Council on
Tuesday, December 16, 2020.

----- Letter to AHS from Annenberg Foundation -----



April 7, 2021

Terry Hayes
Chairwoman
American Horticultural Society
River Farm
7931 East Boulevard Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308

Re: Annenberg Foundation/Preservation of River Farm

Dear Ms. Hayes,

I am writing on behalf of The Annenberg Foundation (the "Foundation") to express the Foundation's support of preserving River Farm as important green space for public use. We understand that River Farm was designated a Horticultural Landmark by the American Society for Horticultural Science and is currently owned by and serves as headquarters for the American Horticultural Society (the "Society"). We understand that the Society purchased River Farm, located at 8031 East Boulevard Drive in Fairfax County, containing 27.662 acres, more or less (the "Property") pursuant to a contract of sale dated December 9, 1972 (the "Sales Contract"), which contemplated the Society using the Property as a national headquarters and a horticultural center for exhibits, meetings, and related activities (the "Original Purposes").

Walter H. Annenberg ("Ambassador Annenberg" or "Trustee"), the founder of The Annenberg Foundation, was named the Trustee in a Charitable Trust Agreement dated November 7, 1952, made by Enid A. Haupt as Settlor (the "Trust"). As Trustee, Ambassador Annenberg was directed to hold the trust funds in perpetuity and to distribute the net income and so much of the principal thereof as Trustee, in his sole discretion shall determine, for the following "Charitable Purposes":

to or for such religious, charitable, literary, scientific or educational purposes, or institutions having such purposes located, created or organized in the United States of America or in any state or possession thereof, including the District of Columbia, no part of the net earnings of which shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which consists of the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, as the Trustee in his sole and uncontrolled discretion shall determine. . . ."

As a philanthropist, Enid A. Haupt made significant contributions to her personal causes and interests, foremost among which was horticulture. Her passion for the glories of nature inspired her to give millions of dollars in support of public gardens, horticultural institutions, and other green spaces in Washington, New York, and around the world. Her obituary in the Washington Post, dated October 29, 2005, described her devotion to the Property and her statement that "that property belongs to the American people." The then president of the Society, Katy Moss Warner, stated that: "[s]he was an unbelievably great lady who understood the importance of preserving great institutions, particularly great horticultural institutions."

----- Letter to AHS from Annenberg Foundation (cont.) -----

Exercising his discretion and limited by the express terms of the Trust, Ambassador Annenberg entered into an agreement with the Society dated January 22, 1973 (the "Grant Agreement"), pursuant to which the Trust contributed \$ 1 million to the Society to provide the Society with funds to retire the loan that the Society required to purchase, and make certain improvements to, the Property (the "Grant"). Ambassador Annenberg made the Grant in reliance on the written representation of the Society in the Grant Agreement that the Society would use the Property for the Original Purposes, which Original Purposes are also confirmed in the Sales Contract. Specifically, the Grant Agreement provides that "the Society intends to use [the Property] as a national headquarters and horticultural center for exhibits, meetings, and related activities" and the Sales Contract indicates that "[t]he Vendee intends to acquire and use the property as a national headquarters and to open the property to its members and the public as a horticultural center for exhibits, meetings and related activities which may entail levying charges for admission or use." The Sales Contract was "contingent upon such contemplated use being permitted under existing zoning applicable to the property and further contingent upon obtaining necessary variances or use permits as required for the intended use prior to settlement."

But for these representations by the Society, in both the Grant Agreement and the Sales Contract regarding the Original Purposes, we believe that Ambassador Annenberg would not have exercised his discretion under the Trust to make the Grant to the Society. Further, the Grant would likely not have been permissible under the Trust if it was not made for the Charitable Purposes.

The Grant Agreement and the Sales Contract do not provide for any alternate use of the Property, nor the right of the Society to sell the Property. The Grant Agreement further provides that "the Trustee and the Society hereby agree that if title to the Property shall not pass to the Society, [the Grant Agreement] shall be null and void."

The Foundation urges the Society to adhere to the representations and directives in both the Grant Agreement and the Sales Contract, which contain express limitations on the Society's ability to use the Property – specifically for its national headquarters and as a horticultural center – and the Society cannot use the Property for any other purpose. The Foundation appreciates the Society's commitment to the conditions of the Grant and Ms. Haupt's philanthropic legacy.

Very truly yours,


Cynthia Kennard
Executive Director
The Annenberg Foundation

cc: Alan Rowsome
Executive Director
Northern Virginia Conservation Trust
4022-A Hummer Road

----- MVCCA Nominating Committee -----

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

A Nominating Committee is being formed to find the best and the brightest to serve on the MVCCA Executive Council and we are recruiting to prepare a slate of nominees for the five positions: Three Co-Chairs, a Secretary and a Treasurer.

We seek individuals who can lead the Mount Vernon Council toward its goal of representing and promoting the interests of its member associations and advancing the common good and general welfare of the residents of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District.

Nominee Qualifications: Nominees must be members in good standing of a MVCCA member-association in good standing and be capable of performing the duties for the nominated position as described in the MVCCA Bylaws. Incumbents may reapply. Co-chairs can only serve for 3 consecutive years. You may nominate yourself or another qualified person.

To nominate yourself as a candidate, please prepare a summary of your MVCCA-related experience and interests on a single-page document and send it to chair.ps@mvcca.org, no later than 5 pm on May 7th, 2021. If you wish to nominate another person, please indicate in your nomination the other person's willingness to serve.



After deliberation, the nominating committee will post a list of nominees in the MVCCA RECORD newsletter in mid-May.

Elections will be held at our May 26, 2021 General Council membership meeting. Nominations from the floor at the meeting will be allowed.

Nomination Committee members:

TBD - Nominating Committee Chair

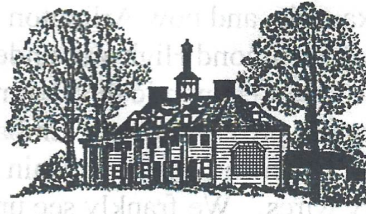
Bill Kane, chair.ps@mvcca.org

Terry Jemison (Hybla Valley Farms)

Haroldo Suarez (Wellington Heights)

Sherri Berthrong (Mason Hill)

----- **MVCCA Letter to Chairman Jeff McKay** -----



The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.

P.O. Box 203, Mount Vernon, VA 22121-9998

<http://www.mvcca.org>

April 16, 2021

To: Chairman Jeffrey McKay

Cc: Supervisors Dan Storck and Rodney Lusk

Subject: Undergrounding of Utilities in Fairfax County

Dear Chairman McKay:

We are grateful for the attention the Board of Supervisors has given to transforming one of the nation's oldest highways (Rte. 1) into a Main Street serving Mount Vernon and Lee districts. And we particularly appreciate the strong support you have given to this project both in your former and current responsibilities.

However, time is moving on, and we feel it is essential to write to you once again to urge that the Board not let the opportunity go by to put Fairfax County roads on the path to a 21st Century appearance. It is past time to get away from the ugliness of overhead utilities that mar our streetscape and that project a vision of a county stuck in its rural past.

We know the Board of Supervisors is dedicated to revitalizing our county's oldest commercial and residential areas. Undergrounding is an important element of this effort, and the Mount Vernon Council, the Fairfax Federation, the South Fairfax Development Corporation, and the Mount Vernon/Lee Chamber of Commerce have all supported it. Those of us that were around at the time remember that Alexandria Mayor Beatley's decision in the 1970's to put the wires underground on King Street led the way for the revitalization of Old Town. It's time for a similar forward-looking approach in Fairfax County.

----- MVCCA Letter to Chairman Jeff McKay (cont.) -----

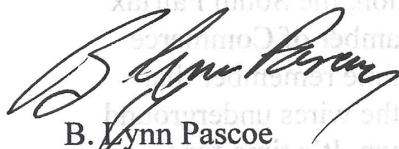
Prince William County, Alexandria, and now Arlington have all decided to put the utilities along busy sections of Richmond Highway underground. They understand that this is an important part of their economic development plan. It seems foolish for us to squander the opportunity provided by the Embark plan and highway widening from Jeff Todd Way north and have our Main Street end up marred by the usual tangle of ugly utility wires. We frankly see undergrounding as a test of whether the county is serious about carrying forward with its Embark vision.

We believe the bill recently signed by the Governor which your office helped to shape gives us a possible way forward. It would provide the income to support a county-wide fund for undergrounding utilities as major revitalization projects go forward with a modest one dollar meter charge. A second approach would be to bond a utilities undergrounding fund. There are, of course, numerous examples throughout the County for bonded projects in all districts: Libraries, community centers, fire stations, stream restorations, and most recently, the dredging of Lake Accotink. The Board might also consider asking our Congressional representatives to include funding for undergrounding in Fairfax County in the Infrastructure Bill now under consideration by Congress. Whichever route is taken, we do believe there are adequate ways to fund this project.

Time is of the essence as design planning for the Richmond Highway road-widening project moves forward. We know that the Board has supported undergrounding in certain other parts of the County. We believe this approach should be implemented across the County as revitalization projects move forward. For those of us in the Mount Vernon District, transforming Richmond Highway from a dangerous, high-speed thoroughfare with a 20th Century commercial strip and a maze of overhead wires into an attractive Main Street with dynamic commercial and residential facilities is of vital importance. We ask that you and the Board make this vision a reality.

Thank you again for all you do from the citizens of the Mount Vernon District.

Sincerely,



B. Lynn Pascoe
Co-Chair, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

----- 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 March 31st, 2021

	<u>March</u>	<u>Total July 1 to March</u>	<u>2020-2021 Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 140	\$ 2,734	\$ 3,145	
Money Market Interest	0	2	8	
Total Cash Receipts	140	2,736	3,153	\$ (417)
<u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u>				
Administrative	-	241	450	209
Insurance Premium	-	930	844	(86)
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	-	-
"Record" Production	250	840	800	(40)
Web Site	-	824	2,200	1,376
Total Cash Disbursements	250	2,835	4,294	1,459
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(110)	(99)	(1,141)	\$ 1,042

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	8,727	8,717	8,717	<small>Note 2</small>
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 8,617	\$ 8,618	\$ 7,576	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,458
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,160
Total Cash	\$ 8,617

Respectfully
 Submitted,
 Sean McCarthy,
 Treasurer
 April 13, 2021

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
- (Paid Association(s) Update - Villamay CA)

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Guest speaker: 7:15 p.m.
 Evan Kaufman, Executive Director of the
 Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation
 (SFDC)
- Minutes Approved
- Committee reports
- Treasurer report
- Co-chairs report
- Resolutions
- Members Time
- Elected Officials Time

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—April 28, 7:00 p.m., Virtual
MVCCA Board—May 11, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	5/5	7:30	Virtual	Zaragoza
EDU	5/5	7:30	Virtual	Harbeck
E&R	5/5	7:00	Virtual	Morgan
PL/Z	5/3	7:00	Virtual	Walzl
PS	5/6	7:00	Virtual	Kane
TRAN	5/3	7:00	Virtual	Sitnik

[NOTE: BUDG & EDU will be a joint meeting]

* All committee meetings are virtual until further notice

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