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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. Reminder: the MVCCA Board of Directors Election is this month.

2. Undergrounding of utilities within the County: MVCCA has strongly supported the undergrounding of utilities along Richmond Highway for years. Our state representatives and senators have supported us in this request and secured the appropriate legislation to make this happen -- now we just have to get the Board of Supervisors to make it happen through a bond referendum or other means. Chairman McKay has told us he supports undergrounding and is looking into a bond (see the Chairman's letter to us in this Record.) Action has to be taken now before the widening of Richmond Highway project is too far down the road to be changed.

So please email Chairman Jeff McKay at chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov, Supervisor Storck at

MtVernon@fairfaxcounty.gov, and Supervisor Rodney Lusk at LeeDist@fairfaxcounty.gov. Tell them to support a bond for undergrounding throughout Fairfax County with Richmond Highway being the first to get it while the road is being widened.

Remember- the math

Cost to remove utility poles X \$

Cost to replace utility poles X \$

Total: X\$

Cost for undergrounding- X\$

Minus Cost for removal and replacement of polesX\$

Total for undergrounding- A lot less then if we wait to do it piece meal years later.

3. 7-11 with multiple gas pumps at 8101 Richmond Highway: The MVCCA members won- congrats! The 7-11 with multiple gas pumps has pulled their proposal from consideration by the Planning commission and the BOS.

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MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 28, 2021 via Zoom

Virtual Meeting/Zoom Convened 7:05PM

Presiding: Katherine Ward, Co-Chair

Attending: Co-Chair Lynn Pascoe, 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, Christine Morin, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Storck

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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, Holland Court, Hollin Hall, Huntington Civic, Spring Bank.

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

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Evan Kauffman, SFDC Executive Director presented current Site Development plans along the Richmond Highway corridor with highlights including Thieves Market parcel, new intersection configuration for Mt Vernon Hwy and Rte 1. And the proposed parklet for the MT Vernon Plaza Shopping Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Jason Zaragoza (our BF chair) is chairing the committee. The team is in place and a slate will be presented at the May 26th General Council meeting. If you want to nominate someone please contact chair.bf@mvcca.org by May 7th.

Education: Will have a joint meeting with Budget Committee May 5.

People are welcome to join. Less about specifics of the school budget, but more how the budgets are drawn up. FCPS going to a 5 day week model for 2021-2022.

Environment & Recreation: April meeting was Solid Waste – shared in Record. May 5 Meeting will host the new stormwater committee.

Planning & Zoning: Committee meeting included a discussion of plans for a pizza restaurant and food truck at the corner of Shenandoah Rd and Rt 1, had presentation from land use attorney for the proposed Thieves Market parcel development by the 7-11 Corporation and continued the discussion of the Beacon Hill Fire Station and homeless / emergency housing proposed for Hybla Valley Nursery site.

Public Safety: April Committee meeting was held jointly with Transportation Committee members with presentation by National Park Service superintendent with an update on final plans for GW Parkway after study. May meeting topic Fairfax

County Police Civilian Review Panel and Independent Police Auditor.

Budget & Finance: Combining with Education Committee May 5, Guest speaker from Fairfax County Public Schools Budget office to discuss 2021-2022 budget. Additional Budget & Finance Committee Members needed – please contact Jason.

Transportation: April Committee meeting was held jointly with Public Safety Committee members with presentation by National Park Service superintendent with an update on final plans for GW Parkway after study. There is a video available to watch the entire discussion. Opportunities for public input on the comprehensive study will be made available in the coming months through Supervisor Storck's office.

The Transportation Committee is also seeking a new recording secretary, and chairman Pete Sitnik thanked outgoing secretary John Kohout for his dedicated service in that role.

SFDC REPORT: as published in the Record.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION REPORT: as published in the Record. Mt Vernon Council will continue to participate with the Federation as membership and leadership transitions.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STORMWATER ISSUES:

Chairman Leo Milanowski specialcommittee@mvcca.org has convened three meetings since the committee formed in March with excellent participation and contributions from citizens. Upcoming May 5 meeting to summarize consultants input. A shared drive will be set up for the collection of photos and videos provided to the committee.

CO-CHAIR REPORT:

Nominating Committee has been formed in advance of the upcoming Board elections. Slate of candidates will be presented and voted on during the May 26 General Council Meeting.

Highlights also included:

Undergrounding status letter from BOS Chairman McKay was discussed.

River Farm / Historic public access legislation (SB1457) was approval and signed by the VA Governor. Additionally the Annenberg Foundation has sent a letter to the AHS Board of Directors to halt the sale of the property because it is not in conformance with the financial donation terms of the gift.

RESOLUTIONS:

Planning & Zoning Resolution: MVCCA(PZ) Resolution # 2021-04 Opposition to 7-11 Convenience store and multi-pump gas station was approved by the General Council Membership.

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

River Farm: Board of Supervisors and other district elected officials doing everything possible to protect the property.

Senate Bill 1457: Approved by Governor and Legislature. Public meeting on May 25, to educate the county citizens on how the county will implement the law and moving to Planning Commission and BOS hearings in June.

No new news on Undergrounding. Likely to be an upcoming bond issue.

County staff continues to push forward with proposed Homeless Shelter in conjunction with the Fire Station on the Hybla Valley Nursery site despite overwhelming opposition from neighbors. Other potential sites are still in consideration. A suggestion was made for Supervisor Stork and Supervisor Lusk to look at the issue and proceed together. COS Morin manages the advisory group which has regularly scheduled meetings. Notice will be provided to Presidents on the upcoming meeting dates.

GW Parkway: Sup Storck is not taking a specific position at this time, other than it is urgent that safety concerns are addressed, and public input is made.

No news on Air Traffic noise, other than an increase since last year when air travel slowed dramatically due to the pandemic.

PUBLIC TIME: No Comments

NEW BUSINESS: No new business

Meeting adjourned 8:39 PM.

Minutes submitted 5/10/2021 by Abby Wells

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Budget & Finance

B&F held a joint meeting with the Education Committee on May 5. Please refer to Education Committee minutes. The next B&F meeting will be Tuesday, July 6.

Education

The Education Committee met in joint session with the Budget and Finance Committee at 7:30pm on May 5, 2021. Mount Vernon District School Board member Karen Corbett-Sanders also attended the meeting which was held electronically.

The guest speaker was Leigh Burden, FCPS Assistant Superintendent, Department of Financial Services, who gave a presentation on the many factors—legal requirements, projections, assumptions, revenue streams and expenditures--that are part of the budget process throughout Virginia as well as in Fairfax County. Burden's powerpoint has been distributed to Education Committee members, the Budget Committee chair for distribution and should be posted soon on the webpage.

Newer Committee members and "old timers" alike found the refresher course informative and particularly interesting in the comparisons of Commonwealth support and local budget percentage contributions in other school districts. The rather arcane way the Commonwealth decides what educational spending (such as maximum class size, staffing, psychologists, etc) it will require to comply with the Standards of Quality (SOQ), how much of the required costs will be actually considered for Commonwealth funding, and how much the local jurisdiction will be required to fund. As we know, the local share of funding is set by applying the Local Composite Index or LCI, sometimes called the "wealth index," to the gross cost of SOQ required funding. For illustration, suppose the Commonwealth decides SOQ funding for a particular district is \$10M. If that district's LCI is .800, the local county will have to assume \$8M of SOQ costs, and Virginia will contribute \$2M; if the LCI is .200, the numbers reverse. The manner in which the LCI is computed has been controversial for years and a full discussion would be beyond this report; suffice it to say that the LCI is a major contributor to the reason there is such an imbalance of tax dollars going to Richmond and tax dollars coming back.

Another area perhaps often misunderstood by citizens is the separation of powers between (1) the County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive and (2) the FCPS School Board and FCPS Superintendent. In Virginia, the Superintendent is required to produce a budget that covers what he considers to be the needs of the system; he is not bound in any way to conform to whatever "guidance" the County Executive may offer or actions the Executive may take with respect to the County side of the budget although obviously the budget is not produced in a vacuum with respect to economic conditions.

As between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors (BOS), in simplest terms, it is the BOS' responsibility to provide adequate funds to the School Board, which has the sole

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authority to determine how the provided funds will be spent. The BOS cannot require that funds be spent in a certain way or demand that programs be funded (or not) or make any binding directions on educational matters. However, in the real world there is obviously give-and-take on priorities and economic realities and in recent years, the County and FCPS have worked closely together to better understand each others' needs and limitations.

When the May 5 meeting was set up, Burden did not know if she would be able to discuss details of the FY22 budget due to timing of decisions by the BOS. However, since information had been released, she was able to share that the County would double its proposed Transfer increase of about \$14M to \$28M in order to help the School Board give teachers a raise. Though still far short of the funds requested, FCPS will be able to provide matching funds for a 2% raise for teachers using the increase plus some better than projected numbers on sales tax revenue, Virginia funding, third quarter results and shifting some expenses to FY23.

This was of course very good news but the salary disparities will continue to be a problem and the nationwide teacher shortage will require teacher compensation to be addressed if highly qualified people are to be attracted to and retained in the profession.

It was also good news to hear that to address pandemic deficits, FCPS will have a very enlarged summer school, perhaps with classes in every school, and that federal funds will provide the funding.

Another looming (and perennial) issue is the need to accelerate school renovation and construction. FCPS has long been unable to renovate schools on an acceptable schedule or to address overcrowding and excessive "learning cottages". The pandemic has further highlighted the problems because schools that were already overcrowded or with poor physical plants obviously found it very difficult to socially distance and/or provide ventilation and sanitization.

Citizens have consistently approved large bond referendums for school construction and renovation, perhaps not always understanding that listed projects will not be completed for years because the BOS limits the amount of bonds that can be sold in any one year in order to preserve the County's AAA rating and thus lower interest rates. Some solutions must be found if the situation is to be improved.

The Federal government has proposed providing 2 years of public education for all before kindergarten. This is standard in most developed first-world countries and is a factor in higher academic achievement, since research indicates the importance of appropriate stimulation in these years of meteoric brain growth for all students, but especially those

disadvantaged by poverty or other factors. However, even assuming this does not become another unfunded mandate, providing preschool would also put pressure on school construction, whether as an add-on to existing elementary schools or free-standing dedicated space. In Fairfax County, Head Start programs have difficulty finding space now and most (if not all) elementary schools could not physically accommodate 2 new grade levels.

From an academic and social standpoint, most would welcome universal preschool. But, we need to plan for it not only in terms of curriculum but also physical space.

In keeping with Committee tradition, we will not meet until the new school year barring unforeseen developments. As school reopens—hopefully normally—for the 2021-2 school year when will likely have much to discuss in the way of lessons learned both positively and negatively. Certainly a big question will be how best to use our new found experience with virtual learning to enhance and expand our educational opportunities.

Environment & Recreation

Attendees:
Belle Haven Terrace
Belle View
Holland Court
Hollin Hall Village
Hybla Valley
Stratford Landing
Wellington
MVCCA Co-Chair
Huntington

Meeting was held Wed. May 5th at 7pm.

- Proposed changes to the Fairfax County Public Facilities Manual (PFM) and Code were discussed. These changes related to the RPA and tree policy.

- The E&R Committee hosted the Special Committee on Stormwater issues at this meeting. The Special Committee hosted Blue Heron Group to discuss stormwater issues in the district. Regular business will resume at the June Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Meeting: Wed. June 2nd, 2021, 7pm via Zoom

MVCCA Secretary is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84774856175?pwd=MEFZVW1pSjNnc3pxaEh6d1A3Y0R0QT09>

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Members' Attending: Bell View Condominium, Bell Haven CA, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside CA, Hollin Hall Village CA, Huntington CA, Montebello Condominiums, Mt. Vernon CA, Mt. Vee Manor CA, Mt. Zephyr CA, New Gum Springs CA, Riverside Estates CA, Tauxemont CA, Wellington CA, Westgrove CA

Guests' Attending: Clark Massie, Dave McElhaney, John Reagan, President-Christopher Company, Mary Paden, Bob Fasick, Pam Michell-New Hope Housing

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Presentation: 3900 Maury Place, Alexandria, VA 22309, Christopher Land, LLC

This application is within the feasibility study, with no PC or BOD meetings scheduled.

Rezoning of 4 parcels of land totaling 4.572 acres from the R-2 to the PDH-5 zoning district, yielding 22 villa style townhomes. The villa style townhomes will be 32' wide and will contain approximately 2850 sq ft of living space on 2 levels.

The units will feature full basements and 2 car garages. It is anticipated the homes will be priced in the \$775,000 price range. Onsite guest parking will be included by parking pass only on a private street.

Resolution: Opposing Homeless Shelter at 2801 Beacon Hill Road and Richmond Highway

A resolution was put forth, discussed and approved by the committee.

Adjourn: 9:23

Next Meeting: June 7, 2021, 7:00PM by Zoom

Public Safety

The committee met via Cisco Webex at 7:00 pm on May 6, 2021 as members of the public at a monthly meeting of the Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel (CRP). The Fairfax County Independent Police Auditor (IPA) was also in attendance. In addition to the Chairman, Public Safety committee attendees were: Collingwood on the Potomac, Mason Hill Citizen's Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Riverside Estates Civic Association, Sulgrave

Manor Civic Association, and the Wellington Heights Civic Association. Co-Chair Lynn Pascoe also attended.

In 2015 an Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission recommended establishment of civilian oversight of the FCPD. Specifically, the Commission proposed a hybrid model where an Independent Police Auditor (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policeauditor>) would review investigations relating to the use of force, and a Civilian Review Panel (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel>), drawn from the community, would review all other investigations relating to allegations of serious misconduct and abuse of authority by FCPD officers. On December 6, 2016, the Fairfax Police Civilian Review Panel, a nine-member, all volunteer, civilian oversight body, was established. The mission of the Panel then, as now, is "to enhance police legitimacy and to build and maintain trust between the citizens of Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) by reviewing certain FCPD investigations to ensure the accuracy, completeness, thoroughness, objectivity, and impartiality of the investigation." Individual complainants may file complaints at any level. A complaint initiates an investigation by the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) of the FCPD. If the Complainant is unsatisfied with that investigation, the Complainant may request a further review by the CRP. The CRP review process consists of:

- Each Panel Member reviews the completed FCPD investigation file, which may include officer and witness interviews, and in-car and body worn camera video footage.
- The Panel holds a public Review Meeting to determine whether the investigation is accurate, complete, thorough, objective, and impartial.
- The complainant may appear at the Review Meeting to give reasons why they are unsatisfied with the completed FCPD investigation into their complaint.
- The Panel issues a public report with its findings to the complainant, the Board of Supervisors, the Chief of Police, and the Independent Police Auditor.

The Independent Police Auditor follows a similar process after FCPD IAB investigations into use of force cases resulting in death or serious injury.

The agenda for the May 6 meeting of CRP and IPA included discussion and voting on six complaint cases in various stages of completion. We observed what appeared to be a very thorough review and deliberation process that involved all parties. It was more beneficial for the committee to observe an actual case review session than it would have been to look at powerpoint slides about the process.

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Fairfax County is one of about 300 municipalities which have established civilian oversight of its police department. While there are about 15,000 police departments across the country, 75% of them have less than 25 employees making it impractical to institute consistent civilian oversight.

The next meeting of the Public Safety committee will be at 7:30 pm on June 3, 2021 via Zoom.

Transportation

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2021 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. Participating in the meeting were: William J. Kane, MVCCA Public Safety Committee Chairman, Zach Krohmal, Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation, and Walter Clarke, Mount Vernon District, Planning Commissioner. Transportation representatives of the following Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) were in attendance: Belle Haven CA, Belle Haven Terrace, Mount Vernon Manor, New Gum Springs, Montebello, Potomac Valley River Bend, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington Heights, and Williamsburg Manor North. Public Safety Committee attendees represented the following MVCCA member associations: Holland Court Property Owners Association. Total attendance, from the committees and several interested citizens, was 17.

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

- No change to the agenda for tonight's meeting. Additionally, there are no presentations to be given.
- Evening plans include the initial review and discussion of last month's National Park Service (NPS) presentation/update on the Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) Safety Study. Note: This will likely be an ongoing long term agenda item for the Committee.
- The MVCCA Public Safety Committee PROPOSED DRAFT resolution for Transportation to join them in their 2021 GWMP Law Enforcement Initiative will be considered for adoption.
- On Monday, May 10, 2021 the National Park Service (NPS) will host a virtual Neighborhood Educational Event on the recently released George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) Traffic and Safety Context Sensitive Solutions Assessment. GWMP improvements are based on (Enforcement, Education, and Engineering (the 3 Es) for traffic safety. NPS intends to provide an overview of the Study, share plans to implement the Study's

recommendations, and answer questions from the public. The meeting will be hosted for free on [Microsoft Teams](#) from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Access the meeting by clicking the link above or visiting the website: go.nps.gov/SouthGWMPNextSteps. You can learn more about the Study by going to: go.nps.gov/GWMPsafety.

- Welcome Chase Eatherly new committee representative from Belle Haven Citizens Association who is replacing Betsy Micklem who has moved out of the area.

Chairman Sitnik led off the evening's discussion by noting that the GWMP Study is in the form of a 304 page "G W Parkway Traffic and Safety Context Sensitive Solution Assessment Final .pdf" accessible at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=186&projectID=89079>. The 304 page report is accompanied by six appendix documents, involves near-term items such as the controversial application of a "Road Diet," and road striping and vegetation pruning planned for later this year. Chairman Sitnik encouraged the Committee to read the full Report and be prepared to discuss it at future meetings. For tonight's meeting, however, he proposed discussing near term actions and the Public Safety Committee's proposed Resolution.

Bill Kane, MVCCA's Public Safety Committee Chairman then discussed his proposed resolution supporting the creation of an action plan to implement the enforcement recommendations contained in the GWMP Safety Study. He indicated that last month's NPS presentation focused on Education and Engineering but said very little about Enforcement. His resolution would attempt to correct this. After some debate, to include discussions of fines from GWMP violations, the membership agreed to support Public Safety's proposed resolution when it is refined and at an appropriate future meeting.. The membership also felt that speed cameras should be considered by the NPS as a means of enforcement. When asked why they weren't, the general consensus was that it was not supported by overwhelming public sentiment. An area citizen whose house backs up to the Parkway, said he discussed enforcement options with the NPS and Representative Don Beyer's Office but was told that no funding was available to add additional enforcement patrolling on the Parkway. It was noted by several members that fines (for Parkway violations) are deposited in, the US Treasury general fund and not returned to the NPS for Parkway improvements or use.

Chairman Sitnik then opened discussed the controversial "Road Diet" which involves reducing the Parkway to one "through lane" between the Tulane and Stratford Landing intersections for "Traffic calming". Some discussion occurred whether the "Road Diet" was just Southbound or both North and Southbound. The study indicates that the "Road Diet" will be implemented at or just South of Tulane Drive and end at or

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just North of Stratford Lane, encompassing the roadways around five (5) intersections (Morningside Lane, Wellington Road, Collingwood Road, Waynewood Boulevard, and Vernon View Drive). This is planned for the fall of 2021 and may slip into 2022. The “Road Diet” would maintain two lanes northbound but only one “through lane” southbound between the intersections stated above. Several members noted that there wasn’t a “trial period” to test the “Road Diet” or a plan to remove it, should it prove unsuccessful. Chairman Sitnik stated that NPS had indicated a willingness to evaluate after implementation the success of the “Road Diet” and other short term measures and take appropriate action.

In determining on how to divide the Study into manageable portions for follow on discussions, it was suggested that since there were nine (9) intersections along the Parkway in the Report targeted for improvements, the Committee could divide those among the membership and report on each. Chairman Sitnik asked for volunteers and six (6) members volunteered selecting named intersections (Belle Haven Road, Belle View Boulevard, Tulane Drive, Morningside Lane, Vernon View Drive, Stratford Lane).. At the close of the meeting, three (3) intersections (Wellington Rd, Collingwood Rd. Waynewood Blvd) remain available for reporting. Chairman Sitnik encouraged the membership to select and report on the remaining intersections. The reports, he stated, could be lengthy or short – essentially, indicating “what you liked or didn’t like about NPS’ plan for that intersection”.

It was brought to the attention of the membership that although the Study has concluded, Congressman Beyer (8th VA Congressional District) and Senator Scott Surovell (VA State Senate 36th District) remain open to comments and concerns regarding the GWMP Safety Study and each have respective websites that encouraged inputs.

Chairman Sitnik concluded the meeting by emphasizing that the GWMP was not your ordinary roadway and required special handling at the National Level since it is a National Park. He suggested that everyone tune in to NPS’ Education Briefing on May 10th and ask or repeat many of the same questions that were aired at tonight’s meeting. Chairman Sitnik also concluded that it would be prudent to invite the NPS to address the Transportation Committee sometime after the NPS has its Education Event on May 10 and have met with the MVCCA General Council, thereby, giving time for a deeper dive into our analysis of the GWMP Study – possibly in a couple of months.

Meeting ended at 8:25PM.

The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Jun 7. 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 July 12, August 30, October 4, November 8, and December 6.

Note: “After” the meeting:

1. Wellington Road has a volunteer to take lead on that intersection. Leaving Collingwood Rd and Waynewood Blvd available.
2. The NPS is now scheduled to come to the June 23 MVCCA General Council Meeting.
3. In examining the NPS documents on where the “Road Diet” would be installed, it was determined that the Executive Summary and the original April 5 press released differed. Those differences were presented to the NPS and the NPS confirmed that the April 5 press release was correct. The correct location is as stated in the minutes of this meeting.

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

The SFDC Executive Director, Evan Kaufman, has been working with property owners on and adjacent to the old Thieves Market site. The goal is to consolidate properties under the Economic Incentive Program, to enhance this gateway to Mount Vernon. This is a long-term goal.

We are also looking at historic sites along the Richmond Highway corridor for future implementation of Augmented Reality tours. Stay tuned as we move forward, and look for funding.

Special Committee on Stormwater Management

The MSCS meeting was held on May 5 as a part of Environment & Recreation Committee’s regular meeting. Participants included MSCS committee members and several association presidents. Committee members representing Westgrove, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Belle View, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mount Vee Manor, Riverside Estates, Tauxemont, Randall Estates, and Hollin Hall Village attended the meeting.

This meeting’s purpose was to receive the Consultant’s report-out resulting from our April 26 tour of Mount Vernon District

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(MVD) neighborhoods experiencing stormwater issues. The April 26 tour scheduled 49 sites for visits, but time constraints allowed only 13 visits.

James Patteson and Steve Aitcheson of Blue Heron Leadership Group, LLC, presented their observations and recommendations to attendees. Both were senior leaders in County offices for land development and stormwater planning/maintenance and bring over thirty years of experience to the discussion.

Key elements of the presentation follow:

1. Engagement with the County's Public Works and Environmental Services(PWES) and Land Development Services (LDS), and Virginia Department of Transportation(VDOT), is necessary to develop solutions to stormwater issues in MVD.
2. Specific responsibilities of these offices, as they intersect with our committee's activities are:
 - A. In DPWES:
 - Maintenance and Stormwater Management Division (MSMD) - maintaining the county-owned infrastructure and acting on drainage complaints
 - Stormwater Planning Division (SWP) - planning stormwater projects and addressing illicit drainage
 - B. In LDS:
 - Site Construction - site plan review and inspection
 - Residential Infill Development - new office addressing infill projects
 - Environmental Compliance and Enforcement - proper fulfillment of permitted and non-permitted actions
 - C. In VDOT, the NOVA district is responsible for stormwater infrastructure on and adjoining roadways and roadway right-of-ways in Fairfax County
3. Another office of interest is Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District (NVSWCD), an independent, county-funded entity focusing on soil and water issues in the County providing advice and assistance to residents with stormwater issues.
4. There are several County ordinances/regulations relevant to stormwater issues:
 - D. Zoning Ordinance
 - E. County Code Sections 101(Subdivisions), 104(Erosion & Sedimentation), and 118 (Ches. Bay Act)
 - F. Public Facilities Manual
5. Key concepts important to understanding how these ordinances/regulations are applied by County staff were presented:

- Dillon Rule
- Entitlement
- By-Right
- Infill
- Subdivision Plans
- Non-regulated homeowner work, i.e. projects under 2500 square feet
- sheet flow v. concentrated flow
- 18% impervious surfaces
- Systems designed for minor storms(10 year) v major storms (100 year)
- Adverse impact v. "nuisance impact"

6. Summary of issues identified in the tour included:
 - Maintenance of, capacity of, and lack of infrastructure that are County and VDOT responsibilities
 - Additional impervious surface, poor over-lot drainage/overland relief has created/worsened existing drainage caused by infill
 - Code-compliance issues, exist, e.g. homeowners dumping stormwater on downstream neighbors; neighbor-to-neighbor solutions should be pursued as the first step, and if that fails, county intervention should be pursued.
 - Geology and topography in the MVD are characterized by bad soils, low lying areas, high ground water, poor drainage.
7. Recommendations were provided for specific sites on the tour
8. Self-help sources for individual homeowners to mitigate adverse stormwater issues
9. Overarching recommendations to guide committee's work:
 - G. Remediating/preventing stormwater issues is not a simple task; each occurrence is unique
 - H. Package the issues by categories, e.g. infill, infrastructure, enforcement, etc
 - I. Meet with County/VDOT staff; insist on collaboration between County and VDOT, i.e. discussion should include all parties at same time
 - J. Engage NVSWCD as a resource for homeowners self-help activities

Questions followed the presentation.

Areas to be put in "The Bin" for further discussion will focus on developing a process to categorize stormwater issue and who is responsible for their resolution.

The Committee's next meeting will be on June 7.

Committee Resolutions

Planning & Zoning

BOARD

**[PROPOSED] MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA)
RESOLUTION PZ-2021-05
OPPOSING HOMELESS SHELTER AT 2801 BEACON HILL RD AND RICHMOND HIGHWAY (OLD HYBLA VALLEY NURSERY SITE)**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Plan under the EMBARK design process created the concept of Richmond Highway, from Ft Belvoir to the beltway, as our "Main Street";
 2. **WHEREAS**, Fairfax County has an urgent need of affordable Housing, Workforce Housing and Supportive Housing;
 3. **WHEREAS**, Using bond money, Fairfax County purchased the Hybla Valley Nursery site at 2801 Beacon Hill Road to replace the current fire station #11 on Hulvey Terrace;
 4. **WHEREAS**, in 2020 the county staff proceeded to plan using the property at 2801 Beacon Hill Rd to relocate the Eleanor Kennedy homeless shelter and co-locate other housing there;
 5. **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Storck formed an advisory committee to "advise" the county staff and him as to what the appropriate housing solution is for 2801 Beacon Hill Rd;
 6. **WHEREAS**, Supervisor Storck on April 28, 2021 indicated no decision has been made and this is the beginning of the process to select a site and what type of housing to go on 2801 Beacon Hill Rd;
 7. **WHEREAS**, a shelter for single adults is not appropriate in a location adjacent to residential neighborhoods;
- A. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the MVCCA requests that the county staff, our District Supervisor the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors halt consideration of 2801 Beacon Hill Rd as the site for the Eleanor Kennedy homeless shelter;
- B. FURTHER RESOLVED**, the MVCCA requests that County staff conduct a transparent, public, inclusive and thorough investigation of alternative locations for emergency housing in Mt Vernon and Lee Districts; and
- C. FURTHER RESOLVED**, the MVCCA supports co-locating a family emergency shelter, affordable and workforce housing at 2801 Beacon Hill Rd and opposes including the Eleanor Kennedy Shelter there.

END PROPOSED RESOLUTION PZ-2021-05

**PROPOSED MVCCA RESOLUTION BOARD-2021-04
METRO RAIL AND ALTERNATIVES TO QUANTICO,
VIRGINIA.**

1. **WHEREAS**, The Virginia Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation (DRPT) is conducting a study called the "Springfield To Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study" and is discussing extending the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to Potomac Mills and the Metrorail Yellow Line thru Belvoir to Quantico, and;
2. **WHEREAS**, The Mount Vernon Council of Community Associations (MVCCA) has historically supported extension of the Metrorail Yellow Line down the Richmond Hwy corridor, the Blue Line to Franconia, and the Orange Line to Centerville, and;
3. **WHEREAS**, Richmond Highway has many intersections that are graded Level of Service (LOS) "D" with some intersections graded at level of service "E" or "F", and;
4. **WHEREAS**, Fort Belvoir, the largest employer in Fairfax County is continuing to grow in population and facilities including the National Museum of the United States Army, the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, and the Wounded Warrior Program, has no Metrorail, and;
5. **WHEREAS**, the Fairfax Federation of Citizens' Associations has also historically supported Metrorail and BRT extensions, and;
6. **WHEREAS**, based on population projections the need for the extension and expansion of public transportation including, Metrorail, BRT, and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) will only increase in the years to come.
 - A. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the MVCCA strongly supports the concept of the extension of Metrorail, Yellow Line/ Blue line along the Richmond Highway corridor to Fort Belvoir and beyond to Quantico Marine Base, and supports BRT extension to Potomac Mills, and;
 - B. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the MVCCA urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, (BOS), to add the Metrorail Yellow Line extension south past Hybla Valley (down the Richmond Highway corridor to Fort Belvoir and beyond) as the "top priority" for any Metrorail extension.

END PROPOSED RESOLUTION BOARD-2021-04

*This resolution was approved and passed by the Board of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations at their meeting on May 11, 2021.
MVCCA co-chairs will forward this resolution to the appropriate elected officials and agencies.*

Nominating Committee Report

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association (MVCCA)

Nominating Committee Report

The following five officers' terms are due to expire on June 30, 2021.

Co-chair/s: Katherine J. Ward and Lynn Pascoe
Secretary: Vacant but temporarily filled by Abby Wells
Treasurer: Sean McCarthy

In accordance with the Bylaws of the (MVCCA): The nominating committee consists of five persons drawn from members in good standing of MVCCA member associations, none of whom shall be a current Officer. Three members were selected for the General Council, and two members were appointed by the Co-Chairs. The Co-Chairs appointed the Chair of the Nominating Committee from among the five Committee members. The members of the committee are:

Jason Zaragoza (Chair) Huntington
William Kane Holland Court
Haroldo Suarez Wellington
Terry Jemison Hybla Valley
Sherri Berthrong Mason Hill

The nominating committee compiled a list of potential nominees and collected their current BIO/resumes. The committee met by remote means and unanimously decided on a slate of officers to announce in the Record and present to the May 26, 2021 General Council meeting. If elected, they will serve until June 30, 2022.

The nominees are:

Co-chair:	Lynn Pascoe	Montebello Condominiums Unit Owners Association
Co-chair:	Katherine Ward	Wellington Civic Association
Co-chair:	No nomination	
Secretary:	Abby Wells	Belle View Condominium Association
Treasurer:	Bill Kane	Holland Court Property Owners Association

We plan on using the Zoom anonymous polling options to protect the election process.

Note: Nomination/s from the floor at the May 26 General Council meeting are appropriate and encouraged.

Respectfully submitted by the Nomination Committee on May 12, 2021.

----- MVCCA Officer Nominees -----

B. Lynn Pascoe

NOMINEE FOR CO-CHAIR

Experiences:

- Incumbent Co-Chair of the MVCCA for the past two years.
 - Active member of the Planning and Zoning Committee representing Montebello Condominiums several years before that.
 - Pushed for intelligent and community friendly development of the Richmond Highway Corridor including improvement of housing and businesses, and sought to support the concerns of local communities to improve the Mount Vernon district.
 - Retired American diplomat, having served almost 40 years in the Department of State and five years at the UN as the Undersecretary-General for Political Affairs. He spent most of his career working on U.S. relations with China and the Soviet Union, and was the U.S. ambassador to Indonesia and to Malaysia.
 - Lynn and his wife Diane have two daughters and four grandchildren.
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Katherine J. Ward

NOMINEE FOR CO-CHAIR

Experiences:

- Incumbent Co Chair on the MVCCA for the past two years.
- Board Member, Potomac Riverkeeper, MVCCA and Wellington Civic Association.
- Real Estate Agent (commercial and residential).
- Proven experience and successful leadership in strategic and policy planning, simulation and war gaming, problem solving and management.
- Los Angeles 1984 Olympic Games Military Support Logistics Director managed a \$50M security communications and logistics budget.
- Exchange Officer with British Royal Air Force - Civil engineering program manager for the Tri-National Fight Aircraft – managed all ground systems, housing, training facilities and commissary design and development.
- Substitute Teacher (elementary school).

Background:

- Colonel, US Air Force, Retired
- Assisted US and foreign national organizations develop and assess alternative futures and their impact on mission effectiveness
- Evaluated national security and political environments and their impacts on US policies
- Created evaluation and analysis programs for multi-disciplined education and training courses
- Assessed and evaluated instructional techniques and tools
- Authored multi-media education and orientation programs
- Managed a multi-year \$6M operating budget, subcontractors and a staff of WMD experts.
- Developed follow-on programs to support all DOD Reserve Components and civilian first responder communities.

----- MVCCA Officer Nominees -----

Abby Wells

NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY

Experiences:

- Abby has 25 years in the hotel and event business, as a Catering & Event Manger in upper-upscale Four Diamond hotel properties in major metropolitan cities in the Mid-Atlantic.
- She was the Senior Catering Sales & Event Manager with the iconic Omni Shoreham Hotel in NW DC.
- Previously she was with Marriott International for 10 years, opening the brand's (then) east coast flagship property - the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in 2001 - and later in Charlotte, NC, where she was awarded the highest honor within the Marriott Sales Organization for multi-year, multi-million-dollar sales achievement.
- In Baltimore she served on the Board of Directors with her industry trade association, NACE, and was awarded National Community Service Awards for the 2 consecutive years for managing the chapter's annual philanthropic projects.

Background:

- Abby is an Adjunct Instructor with the University of North Carolina, teaching a Meetings & Event Planning Certificate program in an Adult Continuing-Education environment.
- Abby is proficient in several IT Systems and currently works on staff part-time at Long & Foster in Old Town.
- She and her daughter reside in Belle View.

William J Kane

NOMINEE FOR TREASURER

Experiences:

- Volunteer work at Mount Vernon Ladies Association, USO Fort Belvoir, Military Officer's Association of America, National Museum of the US Army, Holland Court Property Owners Association, and the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations.
- Director of a Veterans Affairs Regional Office and a VA Headquarters Division. Managed delivery of Veterans benefits across two states. Maintained an Enterprise Data Warehouse to store and retrieve performance data.
- Division Chief of a Research and Development division at a Defense Agency. Managed annual acquisition budgets up to \$30M to find technology solutions for critical military needs through contracts with public and private sector entities.
- Chief of the Information Management Division on the Joint Staff. Managed the records of the Chairman and the Joint Staff.
- Principal Engineer in the private sector at a consulting firm performing contracted services for the Defense and Intelligence communities.

Background:

- Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA
- BS US Naval Academy, MS in Mechanical and Civil Engineering
- Retired as a Navy Captain after fourteen years of sea duty and a variety of shore duty assignments
- Took up residence in the Mount Vernon District in 1992 and have two grown children
- Certified Department of Defense Acquisition Professional
- Registered Professional Engineer in Virginia, DC and Maryland

---- Response from MVCCA Letter to Chairman Jeff McKay. ---

Subject: RE: Undergrounding of Utilities on Richmond Highway

Date: 2021-04-26 13:32

From: Chairman <Chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov>

To: "co.chair2@mvcca.org" <co.chair2@mvcca.org>

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Dear Mr. Pascoe,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Mount Vernon Council regarding undergrounding utilities as part of the Embark Revitalization effort. As you may know, I grew up on Route One, so for me, this project is near and dear to my heart.

As you have indicated, Senate Bill 1759 establishes a program in Fairfax County that would allow undergrounding of electric utility distribution lines in conjunction with transportation infrastructure improvement projects. It allows for Fairfax County and the electric utility to enter into an agreement providing that Fairfax County pays the utility's full cost of relocating and converting lines underground that are not recoverable under applicable rates. Fairfax County would then have to impose a levy on electric utility customers throughout the County to recoup those costs (residential utility customers will be charged up to \$1 per month); and the utility converts, operates, and maintains the agreed portion of the line underground. This is, of course, a challenge to gain support from Supervisors who don't represent the highway. This is compounded by the pandemic and the struggles many around the County are already having difficulty paying utility their utility bills. All of these challenges were well known by the General Assembly and sadly, not addressed.

To that end, understanding how expensive utility relocation is likely to be, we sought changes to SB 1759. In fact, Fairfax County sent a letter to the Governor requesting amendments to SB 1759 to provide safeguards for the County. The amendments suggested entering into an agreement for undergrounding utility lines, as well as ensuring that the upfront costs of such a project are borne equally by the Commonwealth, the utilities, and the County. At that time, the bill was signed into law without inclusion of those amendments.

County staff estimates that the upfront cost of undergrounding is approximately \$30 million, while repayment with funds procured from the utility bill surcharge could potentially occur over a period of time as long as 20 years, eliminating the possibility for like projects in other areas of the County until that debt is paid. The bill is also silent on the process and cost of undergrounding for cable operators and telecommunications service providers.

During this year's General Assembly session, several amendments were passed as part of the bill with the exception of the most important of Fairfax County's suggested amendments. Again, cost sharing by the Commonwealth was not included and the bill and its subsequent amendments are completely silent with regard to finding a feasible means by which the project would be paid for. The bill requires the County to pay for an undergrounding project upfront, recovering a substantial portion of the costs over a long period of time by adding SB 1759's utility surcharge.

As far as the Prince William comparison, Prince William County failed to invest anywhere near what Fairfax is investing in Route One. Not only did they not provide for any transit - a recurring cost to the County in the hundreds of millions of dollars, they also did not agree to maintain stormwater facilities in perpetuity as Fairfax County has. This is a significant environmental investment in the highway with a lifetime recurring investment as well.

Please know that I am in full support of undergrounding utilities on Route One. While SB 1759 adds very little towards achieving our shared goal of undergrounding utilities, it leaves Fairfax County to look to alternative resources to pay for the project. Your suggestion with regard to a bond as well as other ideas to bring undergrounding to fruition are being worked on as we speak. I will leave no stone unturned in order to bring the best product possible to Route One and undergrounding utilities is certainly a part of Embark's success.

With regard to your statement questioning whether the County is serious about this project, the price tag for Embark is close to a half billion dollars, outside the cost of undergrounding. It is far and away the boldest and most expensive revitalization effort Fairfax County has ever undertaken, and something I have been fighting for now for over a decade.

As you know, this is an ongoing effort, and I will continue to work to find feasible means to support this effort.

Again, I thank you for the Council's letter.

Jeffrey C. McKay
Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
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----- 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 April 30th, 2021

	April	Total July 1 to April	2020-2021 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 2,734	\$ 3,145	
Money Market Interest	0	2	8	
Total Cash Receipts	0	2,736	3,153	\$ (417)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	241	450	209
Insurance Premium	-	930	844	(86)
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	-	-
"Record" Production	160	1,000	800	(200)
Web Site	-	824	2,200	1,376
Total Cash Disbursements	160	2,995	4,294	1,299
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(160)	(259)	(1,141)	\$ 882

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	8,727	8,717	8,717	Note 2
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 8,567	\$ 8,458	\$ 7,576	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,298
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,160
Total Cash	\$ 8,458

Respectfully
Submitted,
Sean McCarthy,
Treasurer
May 11, 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 - Potomac Valley Riverbend CA)

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—May 26, 7:00 p.m., Virtual
MVCCA Board—June 15, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	7/66	7:00	Virtual	Zaragoza
EDU	TBD	7:30	Virtual	Harbeck
E&R	6/2	7:00	Virtual	Morgan
PL/Z	6/7	7:00	Virtual	Walzl
PS	6/3	7:30	Virtual	Kane
TRAN	6/7	7:00	Virtual	Sitnik
MSCS	6/7		Virtual	Milanowski

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