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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to the new Community Members: The Fairfax and Marlin Forest. Vote to ratify their membership.

Thanks to Senator Surovell for his outreach to our Federal Elected Officials about a line-item to fund undergrounding. (see the MVCCA support letter in this Record).

MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, May 26, 2021 via Zoom

Virtual Meeting/Zoom Convened 7:05 pm, no quorum.

The co-chairs announced that, at the request of Supervisors Storck, consideration of the proposed Resolution on the Penn Daw fire station/single adult homeless shelter would be postponed for inclusion of additional information.

Committee Chairs reported on meetings and activities. It was noted that May committee minutes are published in The Record.

Quorum was obtained at 7:25 pm, and the meeting was called to order.

Presiding co-chair: Lynn Pascoe.

Members in attendance: Belle Haven Terrace; Belle View Condominium; Collingwood Springs; Hollin Hall; Hybla Valley; Holland Court POA; Huntington Civic Assn; Mason Hill; Mount Vernon Civic Assn; Mount Vernon Manor; Montebello; New Gum Springs; New Alexandria; Quander-Rollins; Spring Bank; Tauxemont; Wellington Civic Assn; Stratford Landing Civic Assn.

Guests: Mary Paden, South County Task Force.

County Staff: Supervisor Storck; Nicholas Rinehart.

Secretary's Minutes were approved as published, with one additional member noted as present.

Treasurer's Report accepted as published.

Board Resolution 2021-04, Metrorail and Alternatives to Quantico, Virginia: Ratified unanimously.

Supervisor Storck gave his report on the month's Board of Supervisors actions. He included an update on River Farm, including the upcoming ARB jurisdiction. Supervisor Storck also

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reported on updates regarding the Penn Daw Fire Station/ single adult homeless shelter proposals. Alternative location for the single adult shelter and a family shelter will be reported to the Advisory Committee by the end of July.

The members agreed to postpone the Board election until the June meeting since there were problems with the secret polling capability of Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes submitted 5/27/2021 by Ellen Young

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Budget & Finance

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet in June. The next meeting is TBD.

Education

The Education Committee met by ZOOM on June 2, 2021, at 7:30pm.

The main topic of concern was staffing and other resource reductions which could potentially occur in the 2021-2 school year due to enrollment figures on September 30.

Although funding from the County is not directly connected to enrollment, much Commonwealth-determined funding is based on the number of students enrolled on September 30 of the particular school year.

During the pandemic, a significant number of families opted for private schools, home schooling, learning pods and even temporary relocation. For the 2020-21 school year just ending, MVCCA recommended by resolution that schools be held harmless from resource reduction and the Commonwealth agreed due to the unprecedented circumstances.

Although FCPS will return to a substantially normal 5 days of in-person instruction in the Fall, anecdotal evidence and preliminary estimates suggest that a number of families may be adopting a wait-and-see approach and/or waiting until vaccine is available for all school age children before re-enrolling in FCPS, as they are legally entitled to do at any time during the school year. Thus, the September 30, 2021, enrollment number may be a significant undercount as the year progresses.

Should schools be forced to de-staff in October, only to need to re-staff and reorganize class assignments later in the year, students and teachers will again suffer disruption and uncertainty at a time when a return to stability is needed. Moreover, given the nation-wide teacher shortage which even pre-pandemic left positions unfilled, losing qualified staff may have significant detrimental effects into the future.

While the Committee (4 present) was unanimously in favor of presenting the Council a with a new resolution asking that schools be again "held harmless" from reductions based on September 30 enrollment, the lack of a quorum caused the Committee to direct the Chair to request the Board to send again the Council's September 2020 resolution with explanatory cover letter. The Board agreed to prepare and send the requested letter and resolution.

Committee members also expressed some concerns that the summer program to be implemented may not be as robust as hoped, particularly as to students who, while not failing, were achieving at much lower levels than pre-pandemic performance. It is to be noted that while all schools will host a program, the potential enrollment numbers were allocated by central office with each school deciding based on individual school circumstances what students or groups of students will be prioritized and "invited" to attend. Probably because many teachers feel "burned out" by a highly stressful year, some schools appear to be having difficulty staffing the summer program.

More information can be found at www.fcps.edu: see <https://www.fcps.edu/return-school/fall-2021-planning> and <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/summer-learning>.

Next meeting: September 2021, date, time and format TBD

Environment & Recreation

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- Andi Dorlester Presentation from FCPA
 - New Mission. For most of history it has been a dual mission about recreation and being stewards of the land. Updated mission incorporates healthy lifestyles, equity and inclusion, thriving community.
 - FCPA is largest land owner in the county with 10% of land. If you add other park authorities, public lands, it reaches almost 20% of land area.
 - 17 million + visits per year. Likely higher during the pandemic.
 - Park System Planning - expired in 2020. Working on new one. Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Access.

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Access is new - how people are able to get to park spaces.

- Special Studies - trending issues like dog parks and pickle ball
- Master Plans for Parks - looking for consistency with county plans
- Needs Assessment
 - 5 year check ins (used to be 10 years)
 - 2016 takeaways - 87% of residents use parks, highly valued, trails and open space are most valued
 - 427 parks and only 200 master plans. Only have master plans for parks where we build facilities. Use as a guide of what we build. Used to only consist of drawing or conceptual development plan. Approved by FCPA Board and then goes to planning commission. And then develop capital improvement plan with funding from donations, bond referendums, etc.
- Development Plan Review
 - Minimize impacts of land and infrastructure development
 - Work with Planning & Development
 - Physical impact to adjacent park, development to increase population that may impact our service levels. Negotiate with developers, could be monetary contribution, change to development plan to minimize impact, donate to us, or build facilities on parkland for us.
- Other Plans
 - Comprehensive
 - Rezoning
 - Site
 - Transportation
 - Stormwater
 - Environmental Impact
 - Interjurisdictional reviews
- Proffers
 - Voluntary commitments from developers versus impact fees (required in some states). Lots of room to negotiate, feel in VA we can get more out of that process.
 - Legally binding
 - Have a formula, based on policies in comprehensive plan
- 3 Examples of Development Zoning Reviews
 - NRP - Erickson Living purchased it. Senior Care Community. Dedicated 27 acres to park authority out of 80 acre site. Community wanted to protect trees, build trails, and new recreation facilities. Not going to build facilities, but providing space.
 - McWhorter Place - Townhouse development in Annandale. DOT got them to agree to road improvement on county land, and PA got them to

agree to construct facilities to create community park.

- Midline at Reston Station - more urban example. Mixed use. Introduction of residential housing created a need for park space.
- Dorothy Keough Questions:
 - How can our community participate in parks needs assessment?
 - Last one was 2016, next time is 2026. In 2021 doing a 5-year check in, more of a data analysis for staff. Status update on here's what we found out, committed to provide at that time, here's what we've provided and built since then, what service levels are now, and what do we need to do to better meet the needs of the community.
 - In 2016 announced through local and social media, and randomly selected statistically significant survey
 - Contact is Anna.Bentley@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - Incorporating trails in parkland where park development is happening
 - Build a trail while stream restoration is happening?
 - Work together. Mitigate impacts to natural and cultural resources.
 - Do monetary proffers stay in community. - more are in same supervisory district
 - Contact is elizabeth.iannetta@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - Brian Pagels Question:
 - Is the Resident Curator Program open to alternative plans? Might be open to alternative uses of properties. There was an example of a nonprofit with a different idea that was accepted. They went through their district supervisor. Contact is david.buchta@fairfaxcounty.gov.
 - Anita Kerr Question:
 - How do we get the FCPA to build a trail during a stormwater management project? If we want them to build a trail, they can take park authority money to build a trail. But it is recreational, not stormwater management. FCPA has a separate process for deciding where and how trails will get funded.
- Christopher Company Presentation
 - Founded in 1970s - built over 6,000 housing units here an in Charlottesville area and others
 - Current proposal: Site at Maury Place and Central Avenue, east of Rt. 1
 - Current property is zoned R2. Plan for 2-3 or with consolidation can be 4-5 per acre
 - Proposing PDH 5 - density up to 5 development units per acre. Proposing 22 villa style townhouses. 32 feet

Planning & Zoning

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wide, 2 car garages, and 2 car driveways. Also guest parking.

- Plan provides 44% of open space, exceeding what is required
- Alternatively develop with small lot singles of 22 units, but dramatically reduced open space
- Some interest in saving trees. Concern about trees growing into power lines.
- Due diligence - have met with P&Z and Mount Zephyr neighborhood association
- If move forward, 9-12 month process and then another 9-12 months to start construction
- Stormwater concerns? As we walked the site, met with homeowners on Reddick. According to Fairfax Co floodplain maps, all water for 10 acres winds up in their yard. Because it is flat, it spreads out and ends up in the parking lot of the commercial application. Would have to develop some system for storm drainage though because it is inadequate in the area.
- Berm? Cannot build something that water is going to infiltrate. Typical basements are 9 ft, dug out 10 ft. Drain tile going around foundation discharge into gravel area in backyard. Houses need to be positioned so they are out of the groundwater.
- Katherine: have you considered pocket communities?
John: My understanding is it is a slow process.
Katherine: railroad cottages sold out before they dug in the ground. The concept could actually provide in this 5 acres more clustering and fewer trees being destroyed.
- Anita: R2 would only allow 9 houses? Correct.
Comprehensive plan allows for a density of 4-5.
- Alan Barak: Curious about whether they followed best management practices for stormwater. Have designers suggested anything for areas along the pavement?
Dave: civil site designer. Infill sites like this we deal with quite a bit, as we go through the process what is our ultimate outfall commitment going to be? etc etc.
Different approaches and measures.
- Other business
 - Penn Daw Fire Station - nothing new for us.
 - Fort Belvoir Stormwater Outfall - assigning to Larry
 - Tracking Maury Place
 - River Farm - AGs doing investigation. American Horticultural Society have started process of negotiations
 - Popkins Lane - going before Planning commission for zoning change. Task Force have voted against county staff and Verizon people, denying increase in zoning. Want a serious discussion to put those 5 acres into conservation trust. Task force doesn't trust Verizon to do what they say.
- Next Meeting July 7 - can suggest a topic of interest.

Attendees: Belle View Condominiums, CA of Hollin Hills, Collingwood Springs CA, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hollin Hall Village CA, Huntington Club CA, Huntington Club, A Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Hybla Valley Farms CA, Mason Hill CA, Montebello CA, Quander Rollins CA, Pavillions at Huntington Metro CA, Mt. Zephyr CA, Mt. Vee Manor CA, New Gum Springs CA, Mt. Vernon CA, Riverside Estates CA, Riverside Gardens CA, Sulgrave Manor CA, Tauxemont CA, Wellington CA, Westgrove CA, Williamsburg Manor North

Guests: MVCCA Co-Chairs – Lynn Pascoe, Katherine Ward, Walter Clarke, MV Planning Commissioner, IDI - Mark Looney [Cooley LLC], Brian Winterhalter, Evengia Mitrevia, Jolene King, Jeff Kreps, Carols Cecchi, Wells & Associates - Mike Workowsky, John Cavern

Meeting came to order: 7:03pm

Presentation: Update on the Huntington Club Development Project

Associates from Cooley LLC, IDI and Wells & Associates gave an in-depth overview of the project at this time complete with new drawings, grade elevations, building layouts and planned uses for the property. Updated uses include a Senior Living Facility -Land Bay G2 (independent and assisted living-memory care unit) and improved flow of traffic (pedestrian and vehicular) throughout the property.

Outdoor uses to include expanded pedestrian access to the property between internal urban plazas, pocket parks at Land Bay G, Rocky Run Fitness Trail, pedestrian pathway from Huntington Avenue to Metro Entrance to upper level at N Kings Highway, Arboretum Trail, Hounds' Hill Dog Park next to Land Bay F (N Kings Highway next to WMATA parcel).

Extensive grade level elevations have been made to the property including Lombard steps created to accommodate the step grade of the landscape. Elevators are positioned throughout the complex at entrances to buildings along the corridor to allow following ADA guidelines.

Residential uses are defined by two over two designs (Land A/ C/D), townhomes, and mid-rise developments (Land Bay B/E) and apartments (Land Bay F). In addition, hotel/office space is included in Land Bay G1.

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Items of Note: Green building proposals for all buildings on site and bicycle pedestrian connections added 5,791ft from original plans. On site there is pedestrian capacity of 111,889 sq ft and 3737 sq ft of vehicular capacity (reduced parking capacity), Affordable/Workforce Housing units will be 12% of the units on site per FC regulations.

The traffic report shows the configuration of both Huntington Avenue entrances as both with right ins and one right out to reduce traffic within the complex. Overall average trips estimated at 328AM, 390PM and 5086 daily trips on the site. Recommendation to have Transportation Committee look at overall schematics of the traffic flow for the property.

The site plan approval expected Fall 2022, Start Construction 2023/2024 with final completion 2032 (includes all three phases). Fall 2021 -Public Hearings schedule. IDI will be sharing their Powerpoint presentation with the chair and will be uploaded to the MVCCA P&Z webpage as soon as it's available.

Other items of Note for the Committee: An update on the Beacon Hill Fire Station property was given noting that the previous resolution is on hold until the county stakeholders finalize what they want to do with the property. A public hearing on River Farm will take place on Wednesday, June 8th. The NVA Regional Park Authority is looking into purchasing the property. More information may be found at saveriverfarm.com

The next P&Z meeting will held on Monday, July 12th at 7pm via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned 8:18pm

Public Safety

The committee met via Zoom at 7:30 pm on June 3, 2021. In addition to the Chairman, Public Safety committee attendees were: Civic Association of Hollin Hills, Mason Hill Citizen's Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Vernon Manor Citizens Association, Potomac Valley River Bend, Sulgrave Manor Civic Association, and the Wellington Civic Association.

The committee reviewed and approved a joint resolution with the Transportation committee to address the lack of enforcement action recommendations in the April report on the safety of the GW Memorial Parkway. There was a discussion on a proposal for a resolution to continue support of undergrounding utilities to eliminate the recurring safety hazard created when vehicles strike utility poles on Route 1 and bring down power lines. The committee felt more research and analysis was necessary. Members were asked to comment on

their views of the committee Work Plan for the past year and content of the plan for next year. The new Work Plan for the coming year is posted on the MVCCA PS web site. The new Work Plan continues work on a number of issues related to police reform while maintaining an emphasis on briefings from all public safety organizations to maintain currency on their operations.

The next meeting of the Public Safety committee will be at 7:30 pm on July 1, 2021 via Zoom.

Transportation

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2021 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. Participating in the meeting were: William J. Kane, MVCCA Public Safety Committee Chairman, Tim Roseboom, NOVA Senior Program Manager Major Capital Investments (WMATA), Zach Krohmal, Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation, and Mollie Montague, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Adam Ebbin. Transportation committee representatives of the following Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) were in attendance: Belle Haven Citizens Association, Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association, Belle View Condominiums, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hollin Hall, Mason Hill Citizen's Association, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr Citizens Association, Montebello, New Gum Springs Civic Association, Sulgrave Manor Civic Association, Waynewood CA, Wellington Civic Association, Wellington Heights CA, and Williamsburg Manor North. Total attendance, from the committees and several interested citizens, was 27.

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.
- Reminder: The official meeting calendar is on the MVCCA Website and that is your notice of meetings. The Reminder & Agenda I send out is just that...a reminder.
- Paula Cohn, wife of 72 years to our previous MVCCA Transportation Chair Frank Cohn, died on May 30 following a tragic fall. Services were held in the main Chapel on Fort Belvoir, Thursday June 3 at 2PM. Please keep Frank and Paula in your thoughts and remembrances.
- Tonight at the June 7 meeting we will have an initial report on the intersection of Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) "Tulane Drive" in reference to the National Park Service (NPS) Safety Study.
- Time permitting: We will also hear on two more GWMP intersections: Belle Haven Road and Belle View Blvd.

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- If more information on the previously announced NPS plan is desired, use the link below to become familiar with the “G W Parkway Traffic and Safety Context Sensitive Solution Assessment Final.pdf” 304 page & six (6) appendix documents. Note: This will be an ongoing long term agenda item. <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?parkId=186&projectID=89079>
- NPS is formulating the type and scale of a more formal relationship with the MVCCA.
- Regarding the latest on funding of Undergrounding Utilities, there is a move to ask for a Federal Earmark. The MVCCA has written a letter to Senators Warner, & Kaine, and Congressman Beyer in support of this new initiative.
- As previously mentioned, the 11Y bus route/line is now partially restored and is called the 11C. Scheduled to restart on Sunday, June 6.
- Thanks again to the eight (8) volunteers who adopted a GWMP intersection to assess or evaluate the NPS plans for their adopted intersection.
 1. Belle Haven Road
 2. Belle View Boulevard
 3. Tulane Drive
 4. Morningside Lane
 5. Wellington Road
 6. Collingwood Road
 7. Waynewood Boulevard (Available for adoption)
 8. Vernon View Drive
 9. Stratford Lane
- Welcome to Otis Langford and The Fairfax Military Retirement Facility.

Chairman Sitnik introduced presenter Tim Roseboom, NOVA Senior Program Manager, Major Capital Investments (WMATA) who then briefed the committee on the Springfield to Quantico enhanced public transportation study. This Study began in the spring of 2021 and is being conducted by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Tim provided an overview and current status of the study, which was mandated by the General Assembly in 2020. This study was not initially designed to consider a Yellow Line rail option to Fort Belvoir and beyond south into Prince William County but now a possible Yellow Line rail option is part of the study and will be one of the options the study offers for consideration. Draft report will be published in September and a final report will be delivered to House and Senate Transportation Committee chairs by December 1, 2021. Presenter Tim Roseboom provided the committee with a detailed status and goal of the study which is to provide options for enhancing public transportation modes south and possibly to Quantico Marine Base. Tim then answered the many questions and provided even more detail. It was noted that the study will not recommend a specific route or option over another but will offer four (4) possible options or alternatives. Yellow Line rail extension, Blue Line rail extension, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

extension, Virginia Rail Express enhancements. <http://drpt.virginia.gov/transit/springfield-to-quantico/>

Chairman Sitnik then introduced presenter Mike Rioux who led us through an update and proposed next steps to address airplane noise. The thrust of the conversation is that there is no solution presently in sight and the previously endorsed idea of hiring an expert consultant has not yet been achieved and is still urgently needed. There was lively discussion and many questions including how to complain about both airplane and helicopter noise and how to become better informed. Following the meeting: Mike provided “Links” to help us to be better informed and, when necessary, register complaints about both airplane and helicopter noise. Links are located at the end of the minutes.

Chairman Sitnik next introduced Bill Kane, MVCCA's Public Safety Committee Chairman who then discussed a “revised” 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 lively debate and discussion of fines from GWMP violations (for Parkway violations) the committee voted to approve the resolution as written and send it on to the MVCCA Board for action.

Next: We listened to our a very detailed and thorough analysis/ report on the intersection of the GWMP and “Tulane Drive” in reference to the National Park Service (NPS) plan for the Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) Safety Study, by our own Keith Kerr.

The Committee then had a short discussion on the 11Y and the 11C bus routes and concluded we needed better information. Following the meeting one of our own members provided a clearer update, complete with links which are added at the very end of these minutes.

The evening was running late so two (2) additional Intersection Reports, Belle Haven Rd. and Belle View Blvd, will be heard at another meeting. It was strongly suggested by the writers that committee members review the reports, specifically noting the call for channelization of the traffic.

Chairman Sitnik concluded the meeting by giving thanks to all the presenters and participants for an informative and interactive meeting. Reminding all the NPS is scheduled to come to the June 23 MVCCA General Council (GC) Meeting so committee members should update and prepare their GC reps and prepare them with questions.

The meeting ended at 8:47PM.

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The next Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12. This and subsequent meetings will be virtual meetings for the foreseeable future. Subsequent Transportation Committee meetings for 2021 are planned for August 30, October 4, November 8, and December 6.

Note: Following the meeting:

Airplane and helicopter noise: Links are provided to be better informed and how to register complaints.

Helicopter Noise:

GAO Study on Helicopter noise in DC area
<https://www.gao.gov/products/gao-21-200>

Congressman Beyer and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton jointly sponsored a bill that supports the creation of a noise reporting system for helicopter noise similar to the one used for airplane noise. The system is not established yet but you can submit a helicopter noise complaint to the FAA and the FAA Regional Ombudsman at:

<https://www.faa.gov/noise/inquiries/>

and

<https://www.faa.gov/noise/inquiries/#ro>

The Pentagon will eventually be assigned to track helicopter noise in the DC area <https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/general-aviation/2021-02-01/pentagon-will-track-dc-helicopter-noise>

DCA Airplane Noise:

To submit an airplane noise complaint for airplanes departing and arriving at Reagan National go to:

<https://www.flyreagan.com/dca/dca-reagan-national-submit-noise-complaint>

11Y and 11C Bus Routes:

https://wmata.com/schedules/timetables/upload/11C_210606.pdf

and

<https://wmata.com/service/status/details/Metrobus-Service-Changes.cfm>

The new schedule for the 11C runs Monday through Friday.

The 11C differs from the former 11Y by (1) terminating at Braddock Metro instead of going into Washington, DC; (2) running for a longer rush hour period; and (3) having somewhat longer intervals between buses. It does not serve the former stops between Pendleton and Slaters Lane in Alexandria.

The second link seems to suggest that the timetables may change for routes with “adjusted schedules.”

We should thank Metro for partially restoring the service, but encourage them to eventually resume full service directly to Washington, DC as Federal offices and other major employers reopen. The advantage of the 11Y (over a connector bus plus Metrorail) is faster service and not having to transfer between modes.

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 is starting planning for a November outlook summit, with details coming this summer. There will also be hard hat happy hours, touring new development projects in the Richmond Highway corridor.

Planning is also underway for an outdoor event at the Old Mount Vernon High School.

Special Committee on Stormwater Management

The MSCS meeting was held on June 7. Participants included MSCS committee members representing Westgrove, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Belle View, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Mount Vee Manor, Riverside Estates, Tauxemont, and Hollin Hall Village.

This meeting’s purpose was to receive presentation from VDOT, Fairfax County (FC), and Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District (NVS&WCD) staffs. VDOT attendees represented its planning, permitting, maintenance, and engineering functions; FC staff attendees represented its public works and land development functions; and NVS&WCD attendee represented the overall organization.

The meeting opened with a review of the meeting’s agenda and activities since the last meeting. In addition, the committee’s action plan and a sample of photos/narratives of affected properties were briefed to the staff attendees. The VDOT/County/NVS&WCD briefings followed. The briefings were informational in nature, presenting an overview of each

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organizations role/purpose; activities; complaint procedures; and overarching statutory/regulatory/advisory framework they operate under. The briefings did not address specific stormwater issues in MVD or County-wide.

VDOT staff presented first; a summary of the briefing follows:

1. VDOT is responsible for overseeing/managing:
 - Stormwater runoff from travel lanes, VDOT Right of Ways, and VDOT easements
 - Drainage facilities/structures that collect, convey, and retain stormwater, including curb & gutter, open channels and ditches, under-drains, driveway culverts, drain inlets, pipes, manholes, culverts, outfalls.
2. Drainage infrastructure is extensive, but aged and undersized
 - Built to old standards
 - Significant addition stormwater load to existing system from new construction and increased residential input, i.e. direct discharges to system, increased impervious surface
 - Increase in rainfall intensity, higher groundwater, and flooding
3. Maintenance focus is:
 - Cleanup of open drainage and constructed conveyances
 - Replacement of deficient/damaged pipes/culverts
4. New construction focus/funding is primarily for transportation projects
5. Upgrades to existing stormwater system have no dedicated funding in state budget
6. VDOT constantly coordinates with FC DPWES, NVSWCD for research, analysis, projects, outreach efforts
7. Advice to Homeowners:
 - Avoid activity preventing free flow of water (grass clippings, leaves and debris) in an open channel, ditch, driveway pipe
 - Do not discharge pollutants, pet waste, fertilizers into VDOT drainage system.
 - Do not discharge flow from sump pumps, gutters, french drains directly to VDOT Right of Way
 - Maintain own drainage facilities on private property.
 - Do not obstruct flow of stormwater to detriment of another property owner
 - Be mindful of drainage easements in their property.
8. Provided on-line contact points to report problems

County staff followed. Staff from Public Works and Land Development Services Departments presented a briefing in three parts; a summary of each part follows:

The first part was presented by Public Works - Stormwater Maintenance and Management Division - Stormwater

Infrastructure Branch. Their presentation focused on their responsibilities as follows:

1. Perform service request in response to
 - Erosion
 - Undermined structures/sinkholes
 - Blockages
 - Yard flooding that impact homes, i.e. basement intrusion, NOT flooded yards
2. Assess system condition (and prioritize responses)
 - Identify issues/prevent problems before failure
 - Walking Surveys (on 5 Year cycle)
 - Closed circuit TV inspections
3. Maintain and repair existing elements
 - Pipe flushing, root removal, other blockages
 - Repair of damaged or deteriorated pipes at failure point
 - Replace entire system (costly and disruptive)
 - Renew existing pipes with cured-in-place pipe liner (less costly and disruptive)
4. Flood mitigation
 - Provide path for water to flow over land during large storms or when system protecting homes fails; Flood-proofing homes may be necessary.
 - Improve conveyance systems with insufficient hydraulic capacity or/structure openings

Land Development Services - Residential Infill Development Branch briefed next. This office is currently pursuing changes to guidance on stormwater management for infill developers. This is an effort looking forward and will not address issues caused in the past or current infill projects. This guidance being prepared falls within currently existing law, and additional elements are advisory only. Noteworthy aspects of the briefing follow:

- Staff and elected leaders increasingly aware of localized flooding issues. Flooding and channel degradation are widespread
- Development over time leads to cumulative impacts to stormwater conveyance and is expensive to fix.
- Infill projects proposing increased stormwater flows are scrutinized for downstream impacts on a case-by-case basis.
- County's Current Stormwater Regulations fall under existing:
 - Chapter 124 - Stormwater Management Ordinance (SWMO)
 - Chapter 118 - Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance (CBPO)
 - Article 2-600 - Zoning Ordinance
 - Chapter 104 - Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance
 - Public Facilities Manual
- Existing Stormwater Regulations for infill development consider:

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- For SFD Projects (land disturbance > 2,500 square feet), the SWMO detention requirements apply to Infill Lot grading Plans, i.e.
 - All projects discharging concentrated flow (124-4-4.B & C)
 - Projects without concentrated flow but with known downstream issues (124-4-4.E)
- SWMO § 124-1-7.3.b provides exemption categories for Infill
 - Exemptions carried from CBPO when SWMO was adopted, with additional exemptions added by the Board
 - Includes lots < 18% or 2,500 square feet impervious area, and lots < 0.5 acre adding < 500 square feet impervious area
 - Approximately one-third of Infill Lot Grading Plans are exempt from the SWMO
- SWMO-exempt projects are required to provide detention based on different authorities on a case-by-case basis
- Localized Flooding Mitigation Policy
 - goals were developed between county staff and core group of local engineering firms . Outreach was to frequent infill plan submitters, Engineers & Surveyors Institute, Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, and NWS&WCD.
 - Policy will be formalized in an upcoming Technical Bulletin that:
 - Acknowledges known drainage issues
 - Reiterates SWMO requires detention when downstream issues exist
 - Reaffirms detention requirement for drainage to inadequate systems in all cases
 - Provides compliance tools

The final part of the County staff’s briefing was presented by the Stormwater Management and Stormwater Planning Divisions. It provided a detailed account of the county government offices involved in stormwater matters; the laws, ordinances, regulations, and best practices governing stormwater and drainage; and enforcement mechanisms, including the offices responsible for enforcement and guidance on how citizens can reach out to the responsible offices. Noteworthy elements of the presentation follow:

- Enforcement is largely compliant driven, unless emergency response or identified during county inspection
- Land Development Services takes in and responds to complaints for active construction sites, and following issues:
 - Runoff coming into a adjacent yard from active construction
 - Dirty water leaving construction site
 - Tree removal during construction

- Multiple agencies are responsible for Drainage:
 - NVS&WCD - Ponding in an individual yard and drainage from an individual property
 - MSMD/DCC - Drainage from offsite entering an individual yard
 - VDOT - Drainage or flooding in the VDOT right-of-way
 - DCC - Zoning Ordinance enforcement, i.e. flood plain intrusion, yard coverage

The NVS&WCD rep briefed last, and presented the four areas where they can help residents by providing information, technical assistance, engagement/stewardship, and financial assistance to mitigate stormwater issues. The latter is particularly noteworthy because it can help residents to defray the cost mitigation efforts. The program has limited funding and is application driven.

On completion of the briefings, questions were taken from committee members.

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 in July

Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

MVCCA Proposed Budget 2021-22	
Dues	\$ 3,016
Money Market	\$ 2
Total Receipts	\$ 3,018
Administration	\$ 400
Insurance Premium	\$ 930
Outreach/Town Hall	\$ 250
"Record" Production	\$ 1,240
Web Site	\$ 1,400
Total Cash Disbursements	\$ 4,220
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess (less than) Disbursements	\$ (1,202)

----- Committee Resolutions -----

JOINT Public Safety / Transportation

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS PROPOSED RESOLUTION (TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY) JOINT (PS/TRAN) 2021-01 SUPPORTING CREATION OF AN ACTION PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL PARKWAY: TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CONTEXT SENSITIVE SOLUTIONS ASSESSMENT OF APRIL 2021

Whereas: The National Park Service published in April 2021 a report entitled "George Washington Memorial Parkway: Traffic and Safety Context Sensitive Solutions Assessment".

Whereas: The Executive Summary (section 1) of the report states:

- "Overall...crashes seem to be overrepresented in April and on Fridays...Therefore...the Parkway, in cooperation with the US Park Police (USPP), could conduct focused traffic enforcement efforts."
- Global recommendation two states "Initiate education and enforcement measures to reduce excessive speeds, including:
 - a. Speed management action plan
 - b. Public awareness campaign of the Parkway in a national context.
 - c. Enforce speeds via manual and automated methods.

Whereas: The section entitled "Traffic Safety Evaluation and Crash Experience Conclusions and Recommendations" (section 2.12) states "It was recommended that the US Park Police (USPP) and the Parkway staff apply for a grant through the Highway Association to pilot speed management. Unfortunately, this has not been successful due to the state selecting non-federal applicants. Meanwhile, coordinated efforts between the Parkway and the US Park Police regarding expanded enforcement efforts are encouraged. The majority of public feedback expressed support for more enforcement."

Whereas: The "Top Concepts" (section 4.3) developed for Enforcement are:

- a. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement/Educational Campaign
- b. Law Enforcement Push on Speed, Driving Under the Influence, and Distracted Driving
- c. Automated Speed Enforcement (Speed Cameras)
- d. Crowdsourcing/Citizen Reporting Application

Therefore Be It Resolved: The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association supports and requests action to petition the National Park Service to complete a study and action plan to pursue each of the enforcement recommendations included in the George Washington Memorial Parkway Traffic and Safety Context Sensitive Solutions Assessment of April 2021.

END PROPOSED RESOLUTION PS/TRAN-2021-01

----- Resolution for members to ratify (cont.) -----



The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.

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Fairfax County School Board
8115 Gatehouse Rd.
Falls Church, VA 22042

June 12, 2021

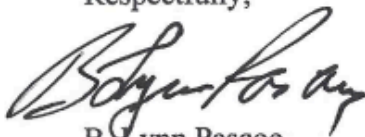
Dear Members of the Board:

As Fairfax County Public Schools prepares for in-person instruction in the fall, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations is concerned that some families may wait until a vaccine is available for all school-aged children before re-enrolling their children in FCPS, which will impact the September 30 enrollment figures used by the Commonwealth to allocate funding for the 2021-2022 school year.

Should our schools be forced to de-staff in October as a result of this undercount, only to need to re-staff and reorganize class assignments later in the year as more students return, students and teachers will again suffer disruption and uncertainty at a time when a return to stability is needed.

Therefore we strongly urge the School Board to once again “hold harmless” schools that might suffer de-staffing based on the September 30 enrollment numbers. We made the same point in our resolution passed unanimously by our General Council last year which we are attaching for your reference.

Respectfully,



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

CC: District Representative Karen Corbett Sanders
Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni
Chairman Jeffrey McKay
Supervisor Dan Storck.

----- Resolution for members to ratify (cont.) -----

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "HOLD HARMLESS" ON SCHOOL STAFFING LEVELS, ED 2020-2

WHEREAS the enormous and unprecedented challenges of the global pandemic have forced Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) to provide education only virtually although hybrid in-person learning is planned to be phased in when conditions permit; and

WHEREAS many FCPS schools have seen temporary enrollment decreases as families opt for homeschooling, learning pods, or private schools as preferable to virtual classes; and

WHEREAS in an ordinary school year FCPS would adjust preliminary staffing levels based on actual enrollment as of September 30, but in this pandemic year this process may result in significant loss of teaching positions at many schools; and

WHEREAS in these uncertain times, loss of teaching positions will immediately cause disruption for students learning virtually as classes would need to be readjusted, and even more problems if in-person hybrid learning is resumed, some students re-enroll, and some teachers and students elect to continue virtual learning due to health issues; and

WHEREAS once FCPS is able to begin a phased-in return to classrooms, more teaching positions, not fewer, may be needed to support what will become essentially two separate school systems: one hybrid and one virtual;

WHEREAS de-staffing teachers only to require re-staffing a short time later, is disruptive to teachers, school administration, and to students who may have been shuffled from one teacher to another and, in the case of continued virtual learners, to merged classes with classmates and teachers from other schools; and

WHEREAS disruption and lack of continuity should be avoided as much as possible given the challenges of the current school year even if it means lower staffing ratios and acceptance of lower class size minimums,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, under these unusual circumstances and in the interest of promoting the least disruptive educational experience for students in the Mount Vernon District and throughout Fairfax County, urges the Fairfax County School Board to "hold harmless" schools which have suffered enrollment decreases from de-staffing of staff positions based on September 30 enrollment figures.

Approved unanimously by the General Council on September 23, 2020

----- Letter to Sen. Warner, Sen. Kaine, & Cong. Beyer -----



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June 7, 2021

The Hon. Mark Warner
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Don Beyer
U.S. House of Representatives
1119 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Tim Kaine
United States Senate
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Senator Surovell's letter of May 27, 2021

Dear Senators Kaine and Warner, and Representative Beyer:

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations has supported the undergrounding of utilities on Rte.1 (Richmond Highway) as part of the almost \$1 billion project to widen the highway and provide bus rapid transit lanes for many years. There is unanimous agreement among our members that this is essential to accomplish the goal of transforming this old highway into our "Main Street" by enhancing smart development, livability, and equity along the corridor, increasing the number of mature trees to reduce the heat island effect, providing a modern transportation link between Washington, Alexandria, and Fort Belvoir, and protecting the grid from disruption of utility and communications services by natural or manmade disasters. To this end, we have worked closely for many years with the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen's Associations, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce as well as Fairfax County and state elected officials to make undergrounding a reality.

We therefore strongly support the proposal made to you by State Senator Surovell and Delegates Krizek and Tran in their letter of May 27, 2021 to earmark \$45 million in federal funds for undergrounding utilities as this project moves forward. The citizens of Fairfax County's Mount Vernon and Lee Districts have seen this as a top priority since the Richmond Highway widening

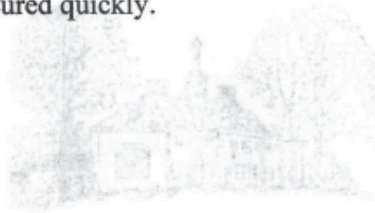
--- Letter to Sen. Warner, Sen. Kaine, & Cong. Beyer (cont.) ---

and bus rapid transit was first proposed. As the project's design is in progress, it is essential that funds for undergrounding be secured quickly.

Sincerely,



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



- Senator Scott Surovell
- Delegate Paul Krizek
- Delegate Kathy Tran
- Chairman Jeffrey McKay
- Supervisor Dan Stork, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor Rodney Lusk, Lee District
- Secretary Shannon Valentine, Virginia Dept. of Transportation
- Ms. Jennifer Mitchell, Director, Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transit
- Mr. Brian Hill, County Executive, Fairfax County
- Mr. Tom Biesadny, Director, Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation
- Ms. Helen Cuervo, District Engineer, Virginia Dept. of Transportation
- Ms. Katherine Ward, Co-Chair, Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations
- Ms. Holly Dougherty, Executive Director, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce

----- 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/Background:

- Retired Colonel USAF
 - Consultant in Strategic and Long Range Planning
 - Current Co-chair MVCCA
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Abby Wells

NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY

Experiences:

- Abby has 25 years in the hotel and event business, as a Catering & Event Manager 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.

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

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

----- 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 May 31st, 2021

	May	Total July 1 to May	2020-2021 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 75	\$ 2,809	\$ 3,145	
Money Market Interest	0	2	8	
Total Cash Receipts	75	2,811	3,153	\$ (342)
<u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u>				
Administrative	-	241	450	209
Insurance Premium	-	930	844	(86)
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	-	-
"Record" Production	-	1,000	800	(200)
Web Site	-	824	2,200	1,376
Total Cash Disbursements	-	2,995	4,294	1,299
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	75	(184)	(1,141)	\$ 957

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	8,458	8,717	8,717	Note 2
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 8,533	\$ 8,533	\$ 7,576	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 2,373
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,160
Total Cash	\$ 8,533

Respectfully
Submitted,
Sean McCarthy,
Treasurer
June 8, 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 - Marlan Forest CA)

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Minutes Approved
- Guest Speaker: National Park Service will discuss the GW Parkway study
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer Report
- 2021-2022 Proposed Budget
- Co-chairs report
- Resolutions
- Elected Officials Time
- MVCCA Board Election
- Members Time
- Adjourn

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—June 23, 7:00 p.m., Virtual
MVCCA Board—July 13, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD	7:00	Virtual	Zaragoza
EDU	TBD	7:30	Virtual	Harbeck
E&R	7/7	7:00	Virtual	Morgan
PL/Z	7/12	7:00	Virtual	Walzl
PS	7/1	7:30	Virtual	Kane
TRAN	7/12	7:00	Virtual	Sitnik
MSCS	July		Virtual	Milanowski

* All committee meetings are virtual until further notice

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