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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. Why does the MVCCA exist?- This organization was formed in 1969 as a 501c4 to represent home-owner, condo and civic associations in the Mount Vernon District. These entities appoint representatives to our various committees and their Presidents, or the Presidents' duly-appointed representative, attend our meetings and are authorized by their communities to vote and speak on the communities behalf. We do not represent individuals directly, our member associations represent their neighbors.

2. The Board of Supervisor's approved the new map for the redistricting. Fairfax County will retain 9 supervisory districts. Supervisor Storck will speak to this in more detail at our meeting.

MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes November 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. In attendance:

Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View Condo, Collingwood, Gum Springs, Holland Ct, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Hybla Valley Farms, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mt Vernon Civic Assn, Mt Vee Manor, Riverwood, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Wellington Civic Assn, Westmoreland, William Randall.

Co Chairs Pascoe and Ward; Supervisor Dan Storck, and Nick Rinehart.

The October minutes approved unanimously as printed.

Education Committee: report as in the Record.

Special Redistricting Committee: nothing new locally, state Redistricting has been sent to the VA Supreme Court.

P&Z: no meeting.

E&R: no meeting.

Transportation: joint meeting with Public Safety, report as in the Record.

Public Safety: as in the Record.

Special Stormwater Committee: report as in the Record.

Treasurer's Report: accepted unanimously. We now have 48 paid members, representing 14,758 households.

Supervisor's Report:

- The Wetlands Board is putting together a policy on Living Shorelines.

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- 40% of those testifying on the County redistricting we're Mount Vernon district residents/organizations - we will most likely lose one precinct.
- Penn Daw Fire Station/Shelter decision will be announced at the end of the month.
- Huntington Club is before the Planning Commission right now. The two issues left are the financing and the WDU requirement.
- VDOT's plan is to lower the speed limit to 35mph at the end of Embark construction - working on getting that lowered now.
- Working on setting up a meeting with Evergreen Homes (new homes at the former Messiah Lutheran location) and Belle Haven Terrace.
- Deciding how to present the 2022 Town Hall: in person? online? or hybrid?

Member Time:

Westmoreland is very concerned about developers/builders use of toxic pesticides for the removal of bamboo, with bad outcomes for the tree canopy and Stormwater. Supervisor Storck said that the County can only ban pesticides that are also banned by the state.

Gum Springs asked if the County has an Inspector General. They want to file a business process complaint re: the County's purchase of the Kramer Property. Supervisor Storck said the Kramer property is a Housing Authority Board decision.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Karen discussed the fiscal forecast and joint BOS/SB meeting last week.

Press accounts we have more money available as economy has rebounded a bit and more money available 9.8% property values have gone up.

Enrollment figures and comments at budget hearing – enrollment down and some students will come back 180,000 which is ~8500 less than projected. Still the 10th largest school system Welcomed ~300 Afghan refugees with little to no education. Enrollment numbers per se was not talked about – decline in birth to K overall – high schools tend to be fuller enrolled Karen has asked the Superintendent to provide a detailed level of info on each school.

Want to ensure to prioritize education and compensation for staff as well as the shortage of labor in the public safety/health occupations. Recognition of need for investment in employees while maintaining affordability in Fairfax County. We do not expect there will be a flat rate for the property tax. Karen is the budget chair for the School Board and admitted that it is important that FFX CO stay affordable for our staff.

Title I Schools – new library in Washington Mill In the past decade of no investments in the MV area we have had Newington Forest, Washington Mill, Woodlawn, Waynewood, Belleview, Enhancement @ West Potomac, Bucknell, Hollin Meadows, Stratford Landing, Mount Vernon Woods.

33% of students have already been vaccinated in FFX CO schools.

Title one funding – allocated by the federal government given to the states and then given to the schools on their individual poverty levels. This is looked at in March 75% or more definitely a Title I school.

Title I funding at 33% Free and Reduced Meal enrollment and is currently at 55% because funding has remained flat 198 schools – 42 are Title I – of those, 16 are in the MV area (region 3).

Extra resources are sent to your school – professional development for instruction – more innovation on how to meet the individual needs of every child and allows for high quality investment in tools – resources, technology, manipulatives with a focus on connecting schools with the parents and families – home connections and school readiness. Numbers of ways for folks to get engaged (head start – summer instruction and more measuring of essential skills in the students. Also partnering with the parents on how to be educational partners with their children and for their success.

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Budget & Finance

The Budget and Finance Committee did not meet in December. The next meeting is TBD. We are looking for a chair for this committee - if you are interested, please contact a co-chair.

Education

MVCCA Ed min 12-1-21

Meeting started at 7:32

Members present:

Wellington, Newington Forest, Sulgrave Manor, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Collingwood Springs

Also present School Board member Karen Corbett Sanders

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Interventions based on the poverty or the education level of the parents – individualized interventions along with enrichment activities with an extra funding stream.

Also ensures that class sizes are smaller – math and literacy coaches as well as financial supports given to the parents. Also have a representative on the Title I board to disseminate information to the local schools from the main office.

Bucknell
Cameron Lorton Station
Woodlawn
Woodley Hills
Washington Mill
Mount Vernon Woods – wrap around services – Community School
Lynbrook
Crestwood

Some pyramid activities are being conducted - Woodlawn, Washington Mill and MVW 60 families participated in a mental health ad well being
Forestdale – family science night
Groveton – self care night
MVWoods has a monthly parent coffee

ESSER funds – to address challenges of Covid 19 with summer school programming and after school activities.

Additional food supports breakfast and lunch every day – funded through USDA is providing funding this year. Served over 17.2 million meals in the 18 month period that the schools were closed.

Support our schools, volunteer in our schools, Support GrandInvolve especially for the title one schools having that extra support system.

John - Where are the gaps? The One on one support in the classroom is where the gap is – need the wrap around services of parents, extended families, food.

Connie - Transparency with the ESSER funding and to get the documentation out there Research shows > 35% means a school is struggling.

Karen's commitment to transparency – posting of ESSER funds as well as a public hearing in late Jan-early Feb status report on expenditure of these funds, remembering that this pandemic is almost 2 years It will take a long time for our most vulnerable -how do we face the challenging behaviors in all of our - schools – self management – as well as retrain people on respect for self and for others – routine is broken.

Student focused – and look beyond our classrooms – we need to prepare our students to work together.

Next month a forum topic brought forward by Stella the SB Chair and Karen that will educate all students on bystander awareness – how to stay safe is someone is aggressive toward you outside of schools, so we are going to have a lesson in Title IX an what the ramifications of those behaviors are.

Big report AIR is pulling together on Ross Green – bringing him in to do professional development and how to interact with kids Representatives from the Title I schools.

New reading curriculum district wide (our committee will look into having a speaker come and talk to our group on this topic)

The Budget for next year will be discussed by the committee in January.

Our future meeting topics will include: State of the region of the schools, COVID lessons learned, Budget in Mid January, creation of a document with links of how to find information that our members may find useful. We would also like to invite a speaker to the General Council meeting in the future.

Next meeting: January 2022, date, time and format TBD

Environment & Recreation

E&R Meeting Minutes December 1, 2021

- **Andrea Dorlester Presentation**
 - Quander and Fairchild Properties
 - Since comprehensive plan was written, county acquired Quander
 - County owned properties on Quander Road
 - Together make up 10.5 acres
 - From plan - should be preserved as public park space with ecological protection
 - Opps for passive recreation, connectivity to transit
 - Environmental constraints
 - Stream Valley - stream restoration project has been completed
 - RPA buffers around Stream Valley - nothing can be built other than trails
 - Steep slopes
 - Fairchild - concerns about sustainability for putting in trail system
 - Quander - has possible buildable area for recreation where house was located.
 - No specific plan yet
 - If Board of Supervisors transfers ownership, Park Authority would initiate Park Master Plan, seeking input from community

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- Master Plans help determine what land uses are desirable, how to meet county recreational needs, set aside areas for resource protection, protect cultural resources, establish long term vision
- Glenda:
 - New opp for new park in Mt. Vernon area
 - What is schedule for developing a master plan?
- Andrea:
 - Alexandria Crossing Rezoning Application will be going forward early next year. Negotiating with developer for funding that could be used for park funding
 - Master Plan would happen after BoS transfers authority. Over first 6 months of next year would have a better idea about schedule.
- Katherine:
 - 10 years ago established language for MV Council for Fairchild Property - trails, nature, etc.
 - On Quander, our position is that Fenton proffers are not acceptable to go anywhere except Quander or Fairchild
- Martin Tillett:
 - What are the concerns for trails on the Fairchild parcel? A trail presently exists that area residents use.
- Andrea:
 - There are "social trails" that people use. No plans to expand or enhance, but could be part of master plan.
- **Robert Brant Presentation, Land Use Attorney**
 - 5863 Richmond Highway, Hunt Use Plaza
 - Janel Kaushner is client
 - Monica Hawkins, J.T. Kelly, B Prodo, Maria Lashinger, Paul Trombley (also on team)
 - 4 and 2/3 acres
 - Property is zoned C-8 district
 - 4 parcels comprise office building - 8, 9, 10, 11
 - Office building built in the 1980s subject to FC approvals
 - Parcel 9 was not included in original approval - was a service station in 1940s or 50s
 - Vast majority of property is located within an RPA - fairly constrained from that standpoint
 - VDOT used Parcel 9 as staging area for Wilson Bridge improvements
 - In 2008 had been looking at a drive thru bank, but did not move forward
 - 2-3 years ago proposed a drive-thru restaurant - feedback that community could support something, drive-thru was not what MVCCA wanted to see
 - New proposal
 - 6,000 square foot building with restaurant and/or multi-use
 - Landscaped trees
- Have established a connection between office building and patio area
- Additional green space
- Enhanced stormwater management
- No tenant yet, but no plans to build without being identified
- Also located in floodplain
- Submitted Special Exception Amendment to modify prior approvals and RPA Exception
- Public Hearings early Spring 2022
- Martin Tillett:
 - Explain dark retail please. What does it mean?
- Robert
 - A building that sits vacant
- Ellen Young
 - We would need to see what kind of restaurants.
 - Are you presenting to transportation? If it is a neighborhood restaurant, need access
- Robert
 - Client agrees that fast food won't cut it
- Janel Kausner from Washington Property
 - Looking for a tenant that will be a high quality addition to office complex and community
 - Working with retail broker for project
 - Would like to see a fast casual - e.g. Panera, Olive Garden
- Katherine
 - People would be looking for a locally owned restaurant
- Robert
 - Have done transportation analysis
 - Know from experience how congested Ft. Hunt and Rt. 1 can be
 - Traffic generated is manageable
- Maria Lashinger
 - Doesn't qualify for full blown traffic study
- Larry
 - Address the question of runoff. Wasn't clear if there would be a decrease in impervious surface.
 - Building in floodplain. Really important to think about resiliency with sea level rise.
- Robert
 - There will be a slight increase, 8,000 sq feet, of impervious surface. Most results from after VDOT left, they installed oblong grassy medium. But are going to be providing water quality treatment measures.
 - Floodplain - everyone on our side acknowledges sea levels are rising. Done full floodplain analysis. Assumed entire site would be filled. Even with that happening no rise.
- Larry
 - Will elevation of building allow for sea level rise?

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- Robert
 - Yes, building will be sufficiently high
- Glenda
 - Will trees be native? Not enough just to plant, but have to be maintained for first 3 years. What commitment willing to make?
 - Clarify impervious surfaces, increase or decrease? Water from site flows in Hunting Creek, one of the most degraded streams in Fairfax County. Would urge county officials to put in strong restrictions.
 - Wetlands behind Hampton Inn. There were wetlands restored during the Wilson Bridge expansion. What would be impact on wetlands?
 - For committee, why should we agree to another RPA exception and floodplain? Has led to a lot of problems we are currently facing.
- Robert
 - Trees - plan for native, non-invasive.
 - The reduction in impervious surface was part of the process of application submission
 - Our development will not have any impact on wetlands. There's a conservation easement that applies to entire area. Not treading into it whatsoever.
 - Keenly aware of how sensitive RPA issues are. Stringent regulations for good reasons. This application is perfect example of development and environmental protection co-existing. Not the development of virgin, undistributed land.
- Anita
 - Have you taken into consideration that soil has been contaminated by gas station?
- Robert
 - Conducted phase 1 environmental assessment in 2008-9 to answer that question, and fortunately that report did not identify any major concerns.
- Larry
 - Can you talk to us at some point about energy efficiency for this building (e.g. LEED certification)?
 - Electric vehicles - critical that new construction be designed to accommodate electric vehicles
- Robert
 - One challenge is we don't have a tenant, so not able to commit to third party green certification
 - FC asked for, and have committed to electric vehicle charging stations
- Katherine
 - One design showed dumpsters right at drive in off of service drive. Are you moving those?
 - You showed notional designs about what building might look like - a few years ago did workshops with citizens to come up with a series of designs

- for North Gateway. Appears that what you are showing does not fit into concept plans.
 - Mentioned hard to get small restaurants - reach out to Michael Babin.
- Robert
 - Continue to have dumpsters in same location. No great place to put it unfortunately.
 - Have been working with Joanne and staff - staff generally supportive of design direction. Trying to strike a balance because don't have end user identified yet.
- Active Committee Items
 - Sale of River Farm
 - Done, not sold.
 - Penn Daw
 - Friday 10am, Supervisor Storck has invited people to listen to his decision on that property
 - Hunting Club Redevelopment
 - Approved, might be delay for funding issues
 - Due to go to BoS, arguing over financing related to roads and ADUs
 - Living Shoreline
 - Supervisor Storck asked for an amendment from the state
 - Wetlands board in process of developing some guidelines on this topic. Needs more work.

Planning & Zoning

Community Attendees: Belle View Condominium CA, Belle Haven Terrace CA, Collingwood Springs CA, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hollin Hall Village CA, CA Hollin Hills, Huntington CA, Huntington Club, A Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc., Hybla Valley Farms, Montebello Condominiums, Mt. Vee Manor CA, Mt. Vernon CA, Mt. Zephyr CA, Riverside Gardens CA, Spring Bank CA, Stratford Landing CA, Wellington CA, Williamsburg Manor North CA

Guest Attendees: Bob Brandt, Land Use Attorney, Walsh, Colucci, Maria Lashinger-Transportation Consultant, Janel Kausner – Washington Properties, Paul Trombley-Studio 66

Meeting started at 7:05pm

Presentation for 5863 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia

Bob Brandt, Land Use Attorney with Walsh, Colucci presenting for Hunt Wood Plaza, the latest renditions for a proposed restaurant at 5863 Richmond Highway including new landscaping and parking spaces. The property is 4 2/3 acres to be used for a one story 6,000 sq ft building. The property is zoned R8 and is a by right development that is looking for two

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special exceptions (increased height and the property sits in a flood plain). Plan is to redevelop this area with a possible restaurant. Property is in an RPA (Resource Protection Area) so exception is needed.

Changes include (from previous plans) additional green space, integration of 2 buildings with a paved area and bio retention planter boxes. Company will contribute to future streetscape and additional work along the Rt. 1 corridor.

Transportation issues continue to be a major topic for this property. The committee suggested they speak with the Transportation Committee. Mr. Brandt is sending the slides to share with the committee for dissemination to their communities. Their public hearing dates are to be held in Spring 2022. They will come back to us again before the public hearings with any updates before a resolution may be drafted by committee.

After the presentation we had member time and discussed a various of topics including questions about possible proposed projects in the Mt. Vernon District.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Our next meeting is scheduled Monday, January 3rd at 7pm via Zoom.

A personal thank to the P&Z Committee for their continuing commitment to the Mt Vernon District by their time and talent and I wish that everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday with their families and that we see you again in the coming year.

Public Safety

The Public Safety committee did not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 4 at 7pm via Zoom.

Transportation

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) Transportation Committee met at 7:00 p.m. on December 06, 2021 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. Participating in the meeting were Aaron LaRocca, Chief of Staff, George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), National Park Service (NPS); Zachary Krohmal, Fairfax County, Department of Transportation (FCDOT); JoAnne Fiebe, Fairfax County, Department of Planning & Development (DPD); Pete Sitnik, MVCCA Transportation Committee Chair & Attendance-Taker for tonight's meeting; John Bioty, MVCCA Transportation Committee Note-Taker for tonight's meeting; Bill Kane, MVCCA Treasurer; and Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chair.

Transportation Committee representatives from the following MVCCA Associations were in attendance: Belle Haven Citizens' Association; Belle Haven Terrace Citizens' Association; Holland Court Property Owners' Association; Mason Hill Citizens' Association; Montebello Condominiums Unit Owners' Association; Mount Vernon Civic Association; Mount Vee Manor; Potomac Valley River Bend Civic Association; Riverside Estates Civic Association; Riverside Gardens Civic Association; Riverwood Homeowners Association; Spring Bank Community Association; Stratford Landing Citizens' Association; Sulgrave Manor Civic Association; Waynewood Citizens Association; Wellington Civic Association; Wellington Heights Civic Association; and Williamsburg Manor North Civic Association. Total attendance, including several other interested individuals, was 29.

Peter Sitnik, MVCCA Transportation Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed NPS Chief of Staff, Aaron LaRocca, who will report on the GWMP Striping Project.

Chairman Sitnik then made the following announcements:

- 2022 Transportation Committee meeting dates have been scheduled and are located at the end of these minutes.
- The George Washington Memorial Parkway is a National Park with the same designation and protections as Yellowstone and other well-known National Parks. It was established by Congress on May 29, 1930 as a National Park and is cherished, well loved, and exists as an important, highly-used scenic and recreation area. Additionally, it has become a commuter route and, as such, is part of the region's transportation grid.
- The Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway nomenclature is in reference to NPS' Safety Study completed in early 2021.
 - NPS will give us an update on the new striping (Road Diet) recently implemented on the Southern Section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Benefits of this procedure can be found at the following website: https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road_diets/guidance/info_guide/
 - Thanks again to the 10 volunteers that adopted an intersection to assess or evaluate NPS plans for that intersection.
- Richmond Highway supersize widening project related events.
 - The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) held a virtual public information meeting Tuesday, November 30 on a study to assess the 45 MPH speed limit on about eight miles of Richmond Highway (Route 1) between Belvoir Road/Meade Road and I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) to improve safety for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and

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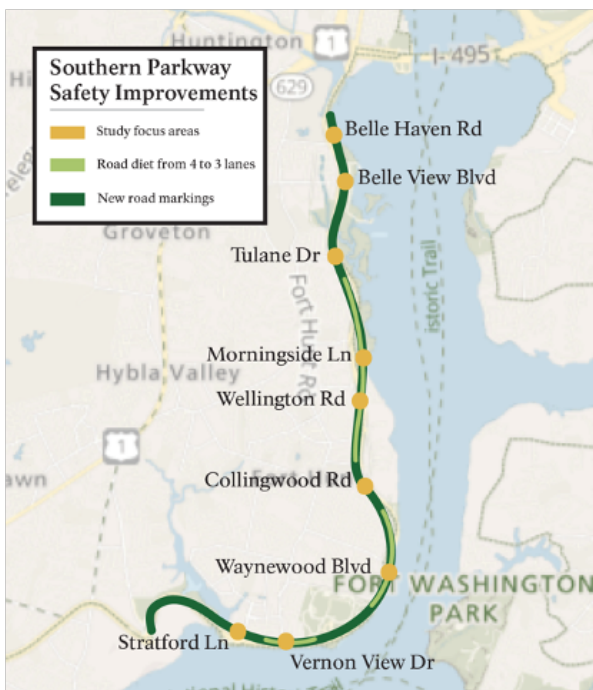
transit users. Study information can be found at:

<https://www.virginiadot.org/Route1SpeedLimitStudy>

- Committee members and residents are encouraged to provide their comments by December 10, 2021 in the following ways:
 1. Via the comment form on the study website.
 2. By mail to Ms. Tien-Jung “Tina” Ho, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.
 3. By email to meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference “Richmond Highway (Route 1) Speed Limit Study in Fairfax County” in the subject line.
- VDOT has installed the traffic control island that the Transportation Committee has been promoting on the Ourisman side of the Richmond Hwy/Fort Hunt intersection (located on Old Richmond Hwy). VDOT has also completed other area intersection improvements. VDOT is scheduled to join us at our January 10, 2022 meeting and give us a short update.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE UPDATE on GWMP ROAD DIET

Chairman Sitnik then introduced GWMP Chief of Staff (CoS) Aaron LaRocca from the NPS to update the Committee on the new striping (Road Diet) project recently implemented on the Southern Section of the Parkway. Following NPS’ presentation, Chairman Sitnik indicated that there would be time for questions and answers as well as sharing compliments or concerns.



Chief of Staff LaRocca provided a PowerPoint Presentation ([view here](#)) to the Committee which summarized the developments, to date, for the Southern Section of the GWMP. NPS stated that road striping, which was announced in September, will complete by the end of December 2021. NPS briefed that the Safety Study which began in the spring of 2019, generated 700 public comments; more communal engagement than any other NPS project Chief of Staff LaRocca had been associated with. The completed Study, released in April 2021, recommended a southbound Road Diet beginning at Tulane and ending just before Stratford Landing exit for traffic calming purposes.

NPS stated that recommendations from the Safety Study fell into four (4) categories - often referred to as the 4 E's (Engineering, Enforcement, Education and Emergency (response)).

Implementing the Road Diet as an engineering modification in 2021, CoS LaRocca reported that National Park Service was fortunate to have Legacy Resource Funds from prior years to use. When asked by a Committee member if any Legacy Resource Funds remained, Chief of Staff LaRocca said “no” all funds had been obligated. In the future, funds would be needed for Parkway modifications outside the scope of the GWMP Safety Study.

CoS LaRocca stated that Parkway is currently transitioning from line (machine) marking to hand work for crosswalks and intersections. All GWMP modifications, he reiterated, are aimed at increasing safety by reducing (1) end-to-end crashes, (2) side crashes and (3) calm (slow) traffic. Initial “feedback” concerns, however, were received in the following areas:

- Pooling of water in the southbound Road Diet through lane,
- Short merge areas,
- Signage,
- Uncertainty on how to navigate the Road Diet, and
- Enforcement.

In NPS’ opinion, GWMP modifications are working. NPS believes that many complaints on the Nextdoor Website and other media channels are due to people having to adjust to new patterns.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Chief of Staff LaRocca asked Chairman Sitnik how the NPS could utilize the MVCCA Transportation Committee, possibly as a partnership, to facilitate Safety improvements on the Parkway. Chairman Sitnik’s initial response was to encourage dialogue between the NPS and Transportation Committee members who adopted and evaluated intersections. Chairman Sitnik thanked NPS for the update and requested a copy of the presentation for inclusion in the record; Chief of Staff LaRocca agreed to send the Committee a copy.

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GWMP ROAD DIET QUESTION and ANSWER (Q&A) DISCUSSIONS

Chairman Sitnik opened the question and answer period to the membership and the ensuing dialog was quite spirited. Committee involvement was quite high and constant.

A Committee member from Wellington Heights opened discussions by indicating overall he was pleased with the effects of the Road Diet. He asked if roundabouts in his area were a dead issue. NPS responded that roundabouts required a bigger footprint at some intersections and are not planned at this point. Another member asked about increased enforcement and wanted to know what the United States Park Police (USPP) had in mind to address the issue. Chief of Staff LaRocca indicated he was aware that at last month's Transportation Meeting, USPP Officers took note of the request. He was also aware that MVCCA Transportation offered to look at ways to help NPP enforcement efforts. Chairman Sitnik addressed this point by stating the Committee knew that USPP Officer staffing was at a low level and suggested intervention with Congressional/State representatives may be needed to improve the situation.

Another Committee member claimed that the Road Diet made the Parkway 50% safer at his intersection but noted that speeding was still an issue (often to beat other vehicles to Road Diet choke points). A member related her story that she was passed on the left where the Road Diet snakes to the center of the Parkway to better clear the underpass. She said it was quite "scary". NPS agreed that enforcement was still an issue and mentioned a possible Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address that issue with USPP. Another member commented on the poor pavement condition of the Parkway and stated that an entire Parkway repaving effort was needed. NPS responded that a complete repaving would be a larger project and out of scope of the Safety Study. Another Committee member commented that there was no deceleration lane for the River Farm Drive intersection and he was nearly rear-ended there.

Many unfavorable comments were directed to NPS over the road markings at the Belle Haven Rd. and Belle View Blvd. intersections. Vehicles at the Belle View Blvd. intersection are crossing in front of each other with northbound traffic turning inside of southbound traffic. One Committee member asked "who has the right of way?" NPS responded that roadway traffic delineations were only at Belle Haven Rd. and Belle View Blvd. intersections; northbound vehicles coming off the Parkway have the right of way. Many Committee members pushed back on NPS' delineation concept saying it was confusing and claimed that it is an accident waiting to happen. Chief of Staff LaRocca responded that NPS would continue to monitor those intersections but suggested that modification, if

required, should be accomplished only after all Safety Study recommendations were implemented.

Several members focused on improved gains from the southbound Speed Diet, noting that it appeared to lower Parkway speeds by about 5 to 7 mph. These same individuals asked NPS why not a Speed Diet in the northbound direction? NPS noted that a northbound Speed Diet was not recommended in the Safety Study and was therefore out of scope. NPS did acknowledge that a northbound Speed Diet was a possibility for further actions at a later date. Several other members commented that the Parkway, which was intended as a pleasurable drive to Mount Vernon, is no longer that. Another member asked that the yield sign at the Mount Vernon Circle be replaced with a "Stop Sign" since many visitors unfamiliar with the circle, fail to yield at that location. NPS responded that the Mount Vernon Circle was not part of the GWMP project; Chairman Sitnik interjected that the Stop Sign has been a long-time recommendation of the Transportation Committee. NPS' response was "if the Stop Sign is that important, the Committee should reengage authorities on that issue. Another Committee member asked about Parkway signs directing slower traffic keep to the right. His claim was that some slower (35-40 mph) vehicles travel in the left lane which leads to unsafe passing on the right. NPS responded by saying it was their intention that all vehicle passing on the Parkway be done so safely. Another member closed the Q & A session by commenting that the southbound Road Diet was an improvement but enforcement was still needed - especially in the Stratford Lane area.

Chairman Sitnik stated from his perspective, the Road Diet seems to be working. Several times during the Q & A period, Chairman Sitnik asked NPS to take the Committee's Comments back to be reviewed, analyzed and, if justified, implemented and in the interim improve measures to ensure safety during the process. In response, Chief of Staff LaRocca asked the Transportation Committee to formalize their Parkway concerns. He went on to say that NPS' position, however, was to finish implementing Safety Study recommendations before performing other "tweaks" to the Roadway. He said NPS would be evaluating GWMP modifications as well.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Chairman Sitnik thanked Chief of Staff LaRocca for keeping the Committee informed and reiterated that the George Washington Memorial Parkway is a National Park with the same designation and protections as Yellowstone and other well-known National Parks. He also noted that the Parkway has become an important area commuter route as well. Without new business introduced by members, Chairman Sitnik thanked all attendees for tonight's meeting. The Transportation meeting concluded at 8:28 PM.

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The next Transportation Committee Meeting will take place after the holidays on January 10th, 2022. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 29 (this is our Sep meeting), Sep (Aug 29), Oct 3, Nov 7 and Dec 5.

Fairfax Federation

No report this month.

Updates can be found on the Federations website (www.fairfaxfederation.org).

SFDC

There will be a report on the Richmond Highway mural project at the General Council meeting.

Special Committee on Stormwater Management

Meeting minutes not available.

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Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget
Period Ending November 30, 2021

	November	Total July 1 to November 30	2021-2022 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 430	\$ 4,265	\$ 3,016	
Money Market Interest	0	1	2	
Total Cash Receipts	430	4,266	3,018	\$ 1,248
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	316	250	(66)
Insurance Premium	-	-	930	930
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	250	250
"Record" Production	120	720	1,240	520
Web Site	-	1,006	1,400	395
Total Cash Disbursements	120	2,042	4,070	2,028
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	310	2,224	(1,052)	\$ 3,276

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	10,118	8,205	8,205
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 10,428	\$ 10,428	\$ 7,153

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 4,268
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,161
Total Cash	\$ 10,428

Respectfully
Submitted,
William J Kane,
Treasurer
December 3, 2021

Notes:

- 1 This financial statement uses the cash basis of accounting except as noted on the face of the statement.
- 2 Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Minutes Approved
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer Report
- Co-chairs report
- Resolutions
- Elected Officials Time
- Members Time
- Adjourn

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—December 15, 7:00 p.m., Virtual
MVCCA Board—January 11, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD	7:00	Virtual	open
EDU	TBD	7:30	Virtual	Hosek
E&R	1/5	7:00	Virtual	Morgan
PL/Z	1/3	7:00	Virtual	Walzl
PS	1/4	7:00	Virtual	Zaragoza
TRAN	1/10	7:00	Virtual	Sitnik
MSCS	TBD		Virtual	Milanowski

* All committee meetings are virtual until further notice

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