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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. The National Park Service is conducting a community comment period regarding the scoping assessment for changes to the Parkway and the GW bike path. Comments are due no later than Jan 4, 2023. See <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=186&projectID=112569&documentID=124907> They must be submitted via online or snail mail which can be found at the link above.
2. Our excellent Transportation Chair Peter Sitnik will be leaving us very soon. If you care about all types of transportation issues and would like to volunteer for this position, please send your resume to co.chair1@MVCCA.org or co.chair2@mvcca.org.

MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022

Call to order at 7:03 p.m. by Co-Chair Ward.

Attending: Belle Haven Terrace; Belle Haven CA; Belle View Condo; Hollin Hills; Collingwood Springs; Holland Ct; Hollin Hall; Huntington CA; Mason Hill; Mount Vernon CA; Mount Vee Manor; Mount Zephyr; New Gum Springs; Potomac Valley/River Bend; Riverwood; Tauxemont; Wellington Civic; Wessynton; Williamsburg Manor North.
Guests: Erika Christ; Tom Rickert, Jefferson Manor; Senator Scott Surovell; Supervisor Dan Storck.

Agenda approved as amended.
WMATA Resolution passed unanimously.

October minutes approved unanimously as published.
Committee Reports:
P&Z and Transportation (joint): as published;
Education: as published;
Membership: no changes;
Stormwater: as published;
Fairfax Federation: as published;
SFDC: working on "Zero Empty Spaces", putting artists in empty commercial space as pop-ups. Also working to establish a Services Website, a one-stop-shop for county services available to local businesses and residents.

Treasurer's Report: accepted unanimously.

Co-Chairs' Report: the December meeting will be on Wednesday the 14th.

Resolution on Affordable Housing Preservation, approved unanimously as published.

Supervisor's Report:
Resilient Fairfax (climate change impact) was adopted by the BOS. The Army Corps has decided to move ahead

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with their flood wall proposal, in spite of total rejection by affected property owners.

There are 4 nominations in the Mount Vernon District: Cityside, Days Inn, IMP, and Sherwood Hall Lane & Richmond Highway (Gum Springs).

There will be Stormwater Services Pilot Program in the Mount Vernon District.

The BIS has approved the MOU with adjacent Counties, to hire a consulting firm to study airplane noise.

The Council and the Park Service have signed an MOU.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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 Education Meeting Wednesday December 7, 2022, 7:30 pm

Our meeting was held on Zoom.
6 members present

Topics discussed: 4 Legislative issues brought forward from the Fairfax Federation:

1. Full Year School

- a. Are teachers on board?
- b. What is the financial cost to operate school buildings year round?
- c. What does this mean for summer sports and travel teams?
- d. Will this bring up teacher wages so they can live in FFX CO
- e. What do parents think?
- f. Opportunity to focus on subjects in the "off" times.
- g. Teachers are using summers for professional development
- h. Reading lists over the summer
- i. Could we do summer school instead of credit recovery only?
- j. Can we look at data on the schools that have gone to year round school?
- k. How does this impact a student's ability to get an internship or a job?

- I. When would credit recovery happen? (building tutoring program)

2. Governor's school expansion

- a. Liberal Arts Schools are going down hill – humanities are a dying breed?
- b. Where will it be located? Lorton area?
- c. Will enrollment be a lottery?

3. Kids in Poverty

- a. Does this funding include Universal Pre-K?
- b. Schools are not the right avenue to deal with housing instability
- c. Would this money go towards the associations working on outside things, like housing, mental health, food.
- d. Support as long as this goes towards instruction issues that are not the priority of the school
- e. Who decides what the money is spent on? Keep the words Educational funding – perhaps define the intended use. Define the goal and the resources to get there
- f. This is just a starting point – the sausage making comes later
- g. Effects on education need additional instruction

4. Technology in Schools

- a. How will the study be applied to the current use of technology in the classroom?
- b. What is the balance of too much screen time vs. not enough to be prepared for the work force
- c. Independent subject area expert assessment (3rd party auditor) to look at Rand or Mitre to review what is working and what isn't. Also information from other school systems to see how they are doing things.
- d. How is this fitting into the budget?

Can we get more data from the county to get more data on these issues? – Year round school -

Studies on how technology is getting used – how can we be intentional about using it for education?

Announcements:

Update on the Strategic Plan being developed by Fairfax County Public Schools

<https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/strategic-planning-process-2022-23>

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Community Conversation - Registration Form

We invite you to attend an ESSER III Community Conversation on **Thursday, December 13, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** This hybrid event will be held on Zoom and in person at FCPS' Gatehouse

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Administration Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church VA 22042.

Free parking is available in Gatehouse's garage. Language interpretation will be provided, as available, as well as accommodation for American Sign Language.

If you are able to attend, either in-person or virtually, please register for the event by completing this short form. For those attending virtually, the Zoom link will be sent via a separate email.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRQPkKyL_wFHwKCb4Q9N2S94MfJCMicSGbGYf15Z8yW1wuBQ/viewform?utm_campaign+

At a future meeting we would like to discuss security issues. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Environment & Recreation

E&R Meeting Minutes December 7, 2022

Roll Call

E&R Calendar
No updates

Active Committee Items

Wetlands Board Guidance

Larry Zaragoza: Positive developments in guidance. Not every project requires professional engineer now. If no wetlands protected and you have a bulk head, you don't need a permit. Still leaves out many situations discussed in this committee: rip rap, cliff that requires stabilization at bottom. Doing more research on it now and talking with chair of Wetlands Board.

Action: Invite Clyde from Wetlands Board to present

Glenda Booth: Happy to have further discussions about it. Support current Living Shorelines Law.

Floodwall

Ellen Young: Not prepared for updated this month

Glenda: Corps of Engineers accepted comments and said they would summarize comments as opposed to providing all comments. Friends of Dyke Marsh submitted FOIA request in August. Have not received them.

Sale of 6514 Cygnet Drive

Christopher Morgan

11 trees removed in RPA, owner had to replace them

There is no approval for development on lot

Larry

Should invite tree commissioner to one of our meetings. Elaine Kolish.

Discussion of heritage tree program and role of NVCT versus Fairfax County in protection, fines, etc.

Stormwater Coordination

Dorothy Keough

Leo is willing to give an update in January. They are at a milestone in fixing problems and making recommendations to the county.

This committee is in position for follow-through

Quander/Fairchild Properties

Kevin Knappmiller

Nick Rinehardt provided an update: county has \$250k. Took a month to get an answer.

Wheelchair access issues with Novis (sp) property and Rt. 1 issues

Mt. Vernon Rec Center water main leaking issues onto sidewalk

CECAP

Larry

Plan to be presented to the board on Dec. 13

Recommendation that should be making use of MVCCA and others for education and taking action that can make a difference

Absence of government involvement beyond county programs - should be included in this

City of Alexandria Toxic Tours

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Katherine Ward

Sent to Alexandria Mayor's Office. Riverkeeper is still moving forward with law suit

1509 Collingwood Road

No update

Brookside Motel

Larry

Presented to transportation and land use committees.

Gaps in plan. Staff reports not available.

Provided comments to them on things we would normally ask a developer to do: bird friendly windows, impervious surface, etc.

Waiting on more info from them

Parking Reimagined

Larry

Would it be following the process and rules that other projects under development are adopting?

County Budget

Larry

Keep item, but any work will not come up until March

Should get engaged and comment upon it

GWP Vine Removal

Glenda

Fantasy - all communities along south parkway prevent English Ivy

Friends of Dyke Marsh have been doing this

Willing to organize a training session with park service staff. Hoping MVCCA can identify people in communities along parkway to do this

Christina

Trying to get high schoolers to get more involved

"Train the trainer" approach

Katherine

You have to get certified as a "weed warrior" by park service

Send an email to potential volunteers

Glenda

Never been given a card or certificate

GWP EA

Glenda

Asking for a delay in public comment

Glenda will give update on impact on Dyke Marsh in the future

Friends of Dyke Marsh asked for a 30-day extension

Ellen Young

Would not support 30 day extension. Belle View is preparing comments

Katherine

Wellington is also preparing comments

Planning & Zoning

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Planning and Zoning Committee MVCCA Minutes
December 5, 2022

Attendees:

Montebello Condominiums

Riverside Gardens Citizens Association

Stratford Landing CA

New Gum Springs CA

MV Planning Commissioner

New Gum Springs CA

Potomac Valley River Bend

Holland Court Property Owners Association

Wellington CA

Collingwood Springs CA

CA of Hollin Hills

Mount Zephyr Citizens Association

Hollin Hall Village CA

Tauxemont CA

Huntington CA

Montebello Condominiums

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Belle Haven Terrace Civic Association
Belle View Condominium

Guests:
Fairfax County Zoning Administration Division:
Sara Morgan, Senior Planner and Carmen Bishop, Deputy
Zoning Administrator

The meeting regarding a proposed Zoning Ordinance
Amendment started at 7:05 p.m.

It was a comprehensive review of the landscaping and
screening provisions of the zoning ordinance and changes to
parking lot landscaping, transitional screening and barrier
requirements. Review is currently underway with an
interagency work group and will continue with the assistance of
a consultant, over the next few months.

The presentation can be accessed at: http://www.mvcca.org/docs/L&S_ZOA_12-05-22.pdf.

After the presentation Ms. Morgan asked for public input and
comments on possible changes to the Ordinance. She asked:

- Should we look at a lower number than 20 spaces as
the threshold for parking lot landscaping? and or
increase the percentage of parking lot landscaping?
- Require a landscape island every [#] of parking
spaces?
- Consider shade tree requirements for travel aisles?
- Modify the width and planting requirements of
transitional screening?
- Examine the need for barriers?
- Consider the implication of solar canopies?
- Other suggestions?

DISCUSSION:

Committee member asked what drove this presentation? Was
any of it driven by development at Bellevue where trees were
removed that were 100 years old and took away 75% of shade
in the area. The trees were completely decimated. Lack of
shade in this changing climate is very dangerous.

Ms. Morgan and Ms. Bishop stated that their review was not
driven by this, but that those issues do need to be addressed
with the Land Development Services.

Committee member asked would there be direction given on
the types of trees to be used in parking lots? Suggestions such
as Crepe Myrtle trees make sense because you don't want
seed bearing, fruiting, pods that attract birds and make it
unsanitary.

Ms. Morgan stated that they would definitely be looking at
Native vs. Invasive plantings as a priority and would be guided
by the experts. Also the use of Resource Protection Area
(RPA) is addressed in the Amendment.

Ms. Bishop said it was important to look at intense vs. less
intense use but that Tree Preservation is a different chapter of
Zoning to consider and not in this Amendment.

Committee member suggested that lowering the number of
parking spaces to anything less than 20 would be helpful.

Committee member said the same situation has been seen at
7800 Richmond Highway as that of Belleview. They came and
cleared out the trees. She was interested in when the
Amendment will go into effect and would the tree issue be on a
building permit. Would there be penalties for such acts?

Ms. Bishop: For these situations where trees are being cut
down, there needs to be an approved grading plan. The
starting point is a grading plan.
Site and entitlements penalties would need to be implemented.
Issues would need to be fixed and trees would need to be
replaced.

Committee member commented that the Military has been
doing Solar Canopy and they are very useful. They have also
been doing portions of lots as pervious surfaces.
Realizing that pervious surfaces are not part of this amendment
but suggest they need to be studied because maintenance is
an issue.

Ms. Morgan: We have not addressed pervious but also not
required in Amendment.

Committee member asked if there any provisions for
redevelopment (for example the Belle View Shopping Center)?

Ms. Morgan; Could not address that at the moment and asked
for an eMail to be sent to: Sara.Morgan@fairfaxcounty.gov

Scott Taylor:
Does the public have any voice in the County's approval of
Waivers?

Committee member asked what about maintenance of trees?
Stipulate condition and replace if they die. Trees planted that
20 years ago are now 1/2 dead.

Ms. Morgan said with this issue to call Department of Code
Compliance.

Committee member asked What about Waivers?

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Ms. Bishop said to Ask the Director of Land Development Services for an exemption and the Special Board of Zoning Appeals

Ms. Morgan on Next Steps:

The team working on Amendment will be working with a consultant doing Jurisdictional Research to see where the plan stands for future needs such a climate change considerations, it is also looking at best practices – essentially a comprehensive look,

Next steps: Board and Land Use Committee will review in the New Year and give feedback. A White Paper will be issued which will be sent to P&Z Committee upon request. Does not foresee coming back to P&Z Committee for update.

Further questions on the progress of this Amendment should be sent to Sara Morgan at Sara.Morgan@fairfaxcounty.gov

- 1) Land Development Services administers and Public Facilities Manual rules prior to Section 5108. Landscaping and Screening <https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/fairfaxcounty-va/doc-viewer.aspx?secid=254>
- 2) Landscaping and Screening – Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning-ordinance/landscaping-screening>

Public Safety

Public Safety met jointly with Transportation in December. See meeting minutes under Transportation Committee below.

JOINT Public Safety Transportation

MVCCA Transportation Committee Minutes Was held jointly with MVCCA Public Safety

December 05, 2022

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) Transportation Committee met jointly with MVCCA Safety at 7:00 P.M. on December 5, 2022 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. Participating in the meeting were Noah Simon, State Representative Don Beyer's Chief of Staff; Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP), National Park Service (NPS); Mark Maloy, Acting Chief of Staff, GWMP, NPS; Houda Ali, PMP, District Assistant Director, Transportation & Land Use for Fairfax and Arlington

Counties. Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT); Thomas W. Burke, Senior Transportation Planner IV, Fairfax County, Department of Transportation (FCDOT); Vanessa Holt, PE, PTOE-Engineer IV-FCDOT; Erika Christ, On the Move News; Pete Sitnik, MVCCA Transportation Committee Chair & Attendance-Taker for tonight's meeting; Jason Zaragoza, MVCCA Public Safety Committee Chair; John Bioty, MVCCA Transportation Committee Note-Taker for tonight's meeting; Bindu Mathur, MVCCA Planning & Zoning Chair; Bill Kane, MVCCA Treasurer; and Lynn Pascoe, MVCCA Co-Chair.

Transportation Committee representatives from the following MVCCA Associations were in attendance: Belle View Condominium Unit Owners' Association; Holland Court Property Owners' Association; Huntington Community Association; Mount Vernon Civic Association; Mount Vernon Manor Citizen's Association; New Alexandria Citizens Association; Riverwood Homeowners Association; Stratford Landing Citizens' Association; Sulgrave Manor Civic Association; Wellington Civic Association; and Westgrove Citizens Association.

Public Safety Committee representatives from the following MVCCA Associations were in attendance: Collingwood on the Potomac; Huntington Community Association; Mason Hill Citizen's Association; Mount Vernon Civic Association; and Potomac Valley-River Bend Civic Association.

Total attendance for the joint meeting, including several other interested individuals, was 28.

Peter Sitnik, MVCCA Transportation Committee Chairman, opened the meeting by thanking all those who were in attendance. He stated that after seven (7) years as the Transportation Committee Chairman, he found it necessary to move on. He announced that anyone interested in assuming the position of Transportation Chairman should contact one of the MVCCA Co-Chairs.

Chairman Sitnik also introduced Public Safety Chair, Jason Zaragoza who welcomed his Committee membership.

Chairman Sitnik noted that since announcements had been previously sent with read-ahead material, he would not repeat them again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (listed for record purposes only):

1. **NPS recap of the Nov 30 Meeting: Bell Haven & Belle View intersections.** NPS has reviewed the combined concerns and recommendations of the New Alexandria Citizens' Association (NACA) as well as MVCCA's Transportation Committee to quickly make short term safety improvements to the Belle Haven & Belle View intersections. The Nov 30 NPS virtual meeting was

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moderated by Noah Simon, State Representative Don Beyer's Chief of Staff and was supported by Charles Cuvelier, Superintendent, NPS, GWMP. This is our second chance to hear NPS' information. A vote may be taken tonight to write a letter or draft a resolution in support (or not) of NPS' recommendations.

2. On Dec 6 NPS will host an on-line meeting regarding a proposed plan and environmental assessment to improve the Southern Section of the GWMP and the Mount Vernon Trail. The project would improve long term safety concerns and address maintenance needs along the Parkway and the Trail. A vote may be taken tonight to ask the MVCCA Board to write a letter or draft a resolution in support (or not) of NPS' initiative.

3. NPS & MVCCAA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The long anticipated formal agreement establishing a partnership between the NPS and the MVCCA was signed by all parties on November 18, 2022. The main thrust of the MOU is to promote safety on the GWMP (*the MOU is posted [here](#) on the MVCCA website under the News section*).

4. Update on GWMP Routine Maintenance: During the South Parkway Safety Study, several routine maintenance activities were identified for NPS to address.

5. Please welcome Mark Yonchak the new Transportation Committee Representative from the Mount Vernon Civic Association, replacing John Reiser who recently moved.

6. Aircraft Noise Update: The MOU on Aircraft Noise Mitigation Study between Prince George's County, Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria is currently in its final stages and may be signed shortly.

7. At our upcoming Jan 9, 2023 meeting, we anticipate hearing from VDOT and FCDOT on the **results of the Richmond Hwy (Rt-1) Widening/Turn Lane Analysis/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study.** We hope to learn of the resulting footprint of the roadway, both in the widening area and the BRT corridor.

that Congressman Beyer was extremely interested in safety on the GWMP and took public complaints to heart. He mentioned that the Congressman was instrumental in bringing about the GWMP Safety Study which occurred in 2021. He noted that many of the changes implemented as a result of the Safety Study were positive but issues continue at Belle View Boulevard and Belle Haven Road Intersections. He acknowledged receiving NACA's June 28th letter pointing out serious issues and requesting immediate changes to the Belle Haven Rd. Intersection. He mentioned that he and GWMP Superintendent Charles Cuvelier talk weekly and recently more and more about the aforementioned intersections. He recapped the previous November 30th NPS Public Meeting where 108 interested citizens tuned-in, noting that four options were presented at that meeting as possible solutions. He mentioned that a meeting earlier in the year was held to obtain public intersection concerns at Belle Haven Rd. and Belle View Blvd. however the November 30th meeting was intended to discuss what NPS was going to do to fix the problem. Chief of Staff Simon then turned the meeting over to GWMP Superintendent Charles Cuvelier who showed his Option 3 Slide which addressed NPS' proposed fix to Belle Haven Road Intersection. Option 3 fix includes a single North-bound lane through the Intersection (i.e. a lane reduction from the current two lanes) as well as acceleration/deceleration lanes and restriping.

Discussion: Chairman Sitnik led the discussion by mentioning that during NPS' November 30th Virtual Public Meeting, several suggestions, including a hybrid option, were discussed by local residents. He asked whether those were presented to NPS engineering for study. Superintendent Cuvelier stated that they were documented. He added that NPS is reluctant to design something that won't work. Chairman Sitnik again surfaced the idea of a road diet in the vicinity of both Belle Haven and Belle View intersections. This idea appealed to the Committee members, however, Superintendent Cuvelier did not respond to that comment. Another member asked about accident documentation after the Road Diet was incorporated and whether traffic modeling would have to be done before Option 3 could be incorporated. Superintendent Cuvelier stated that NPS would use due diligence before beginning work to modify the intersection – namely, traffic volume and congestion modeling before implementing Option 3.

At the conclusion of the discussion period, Chairman Sitnik gave Superintendent Cuvelier an opportunity to plug their GWMP/Mount Vernon Trail upcoming virtual public meeting. Superintendent Cuvelier stated that on December 6th at 7 PM, NPS would be seeking public comment on a proposed plan and environmental assessment to improve the southern portion of the GWMP and the Mount Vernon Trail. The project, he mentioned, is intended to improve safety and address

PRESENTATIONS:

GWMP Intersection Changes at Belle Haven Road and Belle View Boulevard: Chairman Sitnik introduced Noah Simon, Chief of Staff for State Congressional Representative Don Beyer. He was supported by NPS Superintendent GWMP, Charles Cuvelier, NPS. Chief of Staff Simon began by saying

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maintenance needs along the Parkway and the Trail. He welcomed all to dial in to the virtual meeting and added that NPS would take written comments through Jan. 4, 2023.

Chairman Sitnik thanked Superintendent Cuvelier and Chief of Staff Noah Simon for their time and effort in addressing GWMP intersection issues. Chairman Sitnik also noted that the long-awaited formal agreement (MOU) establishing a partnership between the NPS and the MVCCA was signed by all parties on November 18, 2022. The main trust of the MOU is to promote safety on the GWMP.

Chairman Sitnik then discussed the idea of whether the Committees should draft a proposed resolution, or a letter, asking NPS to consider Nov 30th hybrid options to correct Belle Haven Rd. intersection deficiencies. Joan Darrah, from New Alexandria Citizens' Association (NACA), reported that her Association had already written a letter asking the same thing. As a result of Joan's comment, a Committee motion was introduced to endorse NACA's latest letter dated December 2nd, advocating much-needed safety improvements to the Belle Haven Road intersection and consider improvements to Belle View Blvd, as well. It was also agreed that a hybrid design should be considered that included north-bound road diets that provided a safe haven for vehicles at points of conflict. This motion was quickly seconded and a combined Committee vote was taken. The motion passed with no negative votes and only one abstention. It was also recommended that the proposed endorsement letter be presented to the Board at the next meeting (Thursday Dec 8th, 2022).

NPS Proposed Plan and Environmental Assessment to Improve the Southern Portion of the GWMP and the Mount Vernon Trail:

Chairman Sitnik introduced a motion for the MVCCA to endorse NPS' planned effort to improve the Southern Portion of the GWMP and Mount Vernon Trail. This, he claimed, could be an important step leading to the implementation of much needed long-term safety improvements and could address maintenance needs along the GWMP and the Mount Vernon Trail. This endorsement could feature the implementation of a new road diet which reduces lanes through pavement striping in order to improve vehicular safety. In some areas, recommended crosswalks and intersection changes could be implemented. With respect to the Mount Vernon Trail, potential safety enhancements could include widening and intersection improvements. With reference to NPS' current intersection plan (Option 3), for Belle Haven Rd., the letter could emphasize a better design and suggest improvements to Belle View Boulevard as well.

Discussion: Committee members agreed that this was an excellent idea and another way to promote overall safety in the

Mount Vernon Area. A motion was raised to draft a letter from the MVCCA Board thanking NPS for its initiative and endorsing the overall effort. This motion was quickly seconded and a Committee vote taken. The motion passed with no negative votes and only one abstention. Again, since timing was considered an issue, it was suggested that the letter should be presented to the Board at the Dec. 8th meeting.

Resolution in Support of George Washington Memorial Parkway 10 Foot Easement

Chairman Sitnik introduced Jan Smith from Wellington Civic Association who addressed the Committees on a proposed resolution regarding three (3) vacant properties alongside the right side of the Parkway at Northdown Rd. (in the vicinity of the Stone Bridge). For background information, Jan mentioned that these houses have been vacant for some time and that the owners originally desired that this property be donated to the National Park Service in order to maintain the 10 foot easement along the Parkway. This, she said, would ensure pedestrian and bicycle safety along the Mount Vernon Trail and GWMP. The land, however, has since come under the ownership of the National Park Foundation who intends to sell the properties. Jan is concerned that when these properties are sold for profit by the Foundation, the 10 foot easement and related safety easements would disappear. One property, 7703 Northdown Rd. has already been listed by Redfin for sale. Jan mentioned that Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-Chair was instrumental in drafting a first cut on a proposed Resolution. The Resolution, with editorial changes, would have MVCCA stipulate that, regardless of sale, owners must recognize, and abide by, the 10 foot easement along the GWMP to ensure safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Discussion: Upon hearing Jan Smith's discussion, a Safety Committee member raised a motioned to support the proposed resolution with editorial changes. This motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The vote to support the Resolution was unanimous with no negative votes.

New Items:

Chairman Sitnik asked Committee members to think about submitting applicable items for next years' Monthly MVCCA Transportation meetings. These, he stated, could be topics like Hot Lanes on 495 or other transportation topics which may or may not involve Board action.

Meeting Adjourned:

Without new business, Chairman Sitnik asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was presented and quickly seconded. Both Chairman Sitnik and Chairman Zaragoza thanked all presenters and joint Committee members for sharing their

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thoughts, interest and concerns to MVCCA related items. The joint MVCCA Transportation and Public Safety meeting concluded at 8:35 PM.

Future (2023) Scheduled Transportation Committee Meetings:

- Jan 9th,
- Feb 6th,
- Mar 6th,
- Apr 3rd,
- May 1st,
- Jun 5th,
- Jul 10th,
- Aug 28th (this will be our Sep Mtg),
- Sep (see above note),
- Oct 2nd,
- Nov 6th and,
- Dec 4th.

2. Until further notice, all meetings will be held remotely.

Special Committee on Stormwater Management

No report this month.

Fairfax Federation

No report this month.

SFDC

We are in the final round of comments on the design for the upcoming mural at Zips Dry Cleaners. Zero Empt6 Spaces is moving forward, to open artist showcase spaces in two commercial properties. We continue to work with property owners and county staff on commercial redevelopment opportunities, including the closed Hybla Valley Safeway.

Transportation/Planning & Zoning

Proposed MVCCA Resolution: Bike Path and Northdown Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308 Safety Condition Improvements (Transportation and Public Safety) TRAN/PS-2022-01

Whereas: A section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway bike path that runs through the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association's (MVCCA) member community, The Wellington Civic Association, opens onto Northdown Rd, requiring bikers, joggers, children walking to the school bus, and dog walkers to mingle with 2-way traffic along Northdown Rd. as they head south to reconnect with the actual bike path;

Whereas: Northdown Rd is narrow with no shoulders;

Whereas: The lack of a designated and identifiable bike path on Northdown Rd creates a very unsafe situation for multiple reasons - speed of the autos, failure of many drivers to stop at the Alexandria Bridge stop sign before turning onto the Northdown Rd, and numerous driveways from homes along the east side of Northdown Rd;

Whereas: The National Park Foundation intends to sell 3 buildable properties, once owned by Harry Lyons, on the west side of Northdown Rd (7722,7714,7704); The Lyons Trust wanted the property to be enjoyed by all;

Whereas: This sale will create more unsafe conditions due to more active driveways being created (the existing current homes have been vacant for over 8 years); and

Whereas: The National Park Service will be expanding/ widening the GW Memorial Bike Path in the near future to at least 10 feet to encourage more pedestrian, bikers etc. to use the path for recreation and commuting.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: To mitigate the safety concerns on Northdown Rd we are requesting the following:

1. That the bike path be extended onto the properties on the west side of the road and that that stipulation be placed into the real estate listing as a disclosure of sale. The path can be placed on the NPS easement that they have along Northdown Road's west side and these properties.
2. All proceeds from the sale of these properties must be used only for the betterment of the parkway and park property within the boundaries (Southdown Rd. to Collingwood Rd.) of the MVCCA's member the Wellington Civic Association to include Northdown Rd safety improvements.
3. That crosswalks be painted across the Northdown Road's entrance to the GW Parkway;
4. Clear indications as to the bike path's location needs to be established with paint or bollards.

END PROPOSED RESOLUTION: TRAN/PS-2022-01

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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, 2022

	November	Total July 1 to November 30	2022-2023 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 4,190	\$ 4,370	
Money Market Interest	0	0	2	
Total Cash Receipts	0	4,190	4,372	\$ (182)
<u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u>				
Administrative	-	383	385	2
Insurance Premium	-	-	687	687
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	250	250
"Record" Production	110	440	1,400	960
Web Site	27	614	2,425	1,811
Total Cash Disbursements	137	1,437	5,147	3,710
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(137)	2,753	(775)	\$ 3,528

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	10,903	8,012	8,012
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 10,766	\$ 10,766	\$ 7,237

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 4,604	
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,161	
Total Cash	\$ 10,766	

Respectfully Submitted,
William J Kane, Treasurer
December 4, 2022

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 14, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Minutes Approved
- Committee Reports
- Treasurer Report
- Co-chairs Report
- Resolutions
- Supervisor's Time
- Members Time
- Adjourn

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—December 14, 7:00 p.m., Virtual
MVCCA Board—December 13, 7:00 p.m. Virtual

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	TBD	7:00	Virtual	open
EDU	1/4	7:30	Virtual	Hosek
E&R	1/4	7:00	Virtual	Morgan
PL/Z	1/9	7:00	Virtual	Mathur
PS	1/3	7:00	Virtual	Zaragoza
TRAN	1/9	7:00	Virtual	Sitnik
MCS	TBD	7:00	Virtual	Milanowski

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