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FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. NO GENERAL COUNCIL meeting in February. PLEASE ATTEND THE COUNTY BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 25, hosted by MVCCA and Supervisor Storck. A link will be forwarded to you. Please make sure you send it out to your community members.
2. The county has purchased, with grant money, the property at 8800 Richmond Highway (that's near Woodlawn). They will turn it into a park. They will also restore the stream that runs along side of it.
3. Take the survey sent separately about what murals you want to see along Richmond Highway.
4. Please read the *Record* for this month. Page 9 contains changes to our bylaws that you will vote on in March.

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MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

January 2025 Meeting Virtual Meeting/ZOOM

PRESIDING: Co-Chair Katherine Ward

ATTENDING

- Co-Chair Scott Taylor
- Co-Chair Judy Harbeck
- Treasurer - William Kane
- Secretary – Tamara Srader

Committees

- Environment and Recreation - Larry Zaragoza
- Planning and Zoning - Bindu Mathur
- Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation - Ellen Young
- Storm Water Management Special Committee - Leo Milanowski
- Public Safety – John Lincoski
- Budget and Finance – James Perkins
- Transportation – Jason Zaragoza
- Terry Mulligan – MVCCA Record Editor

Communities Attending

- Belle View Condo
- Holland Court Property
- Gum Springs Homeowners

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Mt. Zephyr
Montebello
Mt Vernon Civic
Riverwood HOA
Potomac Valley - River Bend CA
Huntington
Hollin Hills
Villamay
Mt Vernon Manor
Civic Assoc of Hollin Hills
Wellington
Tauxemont
Dan Storck – Fairfax County Supervisor
Peyton Smith – Fairfax County Staff
30 Attendees

7:03 Meeting Called to Order

Minutes Approved from December—Approved as published as written in the record

Treasurer Report— Motion to approve report as published in the Record (12k in our accounts in Burke and Herbert Bank) - approved as published.

Membership—33 members with no change (goal was 41 from last year)

New MVCCA Budget Chair— Budget briefing on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. More information will be communicated once the link is published.

Ratifying what we sent forward for Living Shoreline— Resolution passed.

E&R—Had a joint meeting with Planning and Zoning; had Scott Cameron, representative from Northern Virginia Salt and Water Conservation District, and he spoke about a variety of issues that they are engaged in. They support us on a lot of environmental things issues and provide grants for a variety of projects as well. He discussed budget constraints that limit what they can do in a several areas. Discussed a resolution to provide comments on industry-wide paper, and the committee adopted but did not get it published in the record. This will be presented at the next meeting. The team also had legislative recommendations as the session in Richmond is short (a couple of months). Put recommendations together, and the committee adopted them and are asking to pass retroactively to give the lawmakers the greatest chance to see them before bills are considered. If they know that we care about an issue they are more likely to support the issue as well.

Per our bylaws, we are ratifying the decision that was approved as a board. This was published in the record.

Focused on a variety of different environmental issues -

Requires General Council Ratification January 2025—
MVCCA Legislative Recommendations for 2025

Ratified what has already been sent forward - unanimously approved

P&Z—Nothing else to report as joint meeting held with **E&R**

Education - Report was provided by Judy; the school budget is being published, and the main document will be carried through as far as school funding goes. The school budget is more than half of the county budget. School boundaries are also being discussed as they try to review how to redraw boundaries. Largest bus fleet in the country—larger than Greyhound. We have been buying a few new buses every year, and some are being purchased as electric. A grant was received this year, and they were able to purchase more buses this year.

Transportation— Met last week and announced that over the holiday break, the [new Superintendent of GW Parkway was identified as Jennifer Madello](#). The committee will be inviting her to a meeting in the future. Worked on priorities for 2025, which include things such as the BRT and expected completion date of 2033. Unclear which aspects of the design are finalized and which parts are still up for discussion. The committee would like at some point to get someone from the project to attend a meeting so a better understanding can occur on the status of the project. Crucial year for the I495 South side express lane study. Seems like they would like to make a final decision on that this summer. Other items that people mentioned were tied into the Fairfax County Active Transportation plan to make sure that the recommendations to enhance the pedestrian and bike trails get implemented. Issues are with funding.

Public Safety— Did not meet, but are meeting in February with a guest from the Mount Vernon District police department to talk about crime statistics.

SFDC—Receiving a lot of positive community feedback about the Faces of One, and thanks to Erika Christ for the lovely articles in [Mount Vernon on the MoVe](#). Going to have a ribbon cutting ceremony at Nepenthe Gallery and Frame Shop.

[SFDC Aims to Beautify BRT Construction Fencing with Art and Beauty Come Together at Mount Vernon Plaza](#)

Local new shop in Hollin Hall will be opening—The Cut Murals are still in process and working with the County.

Fairfax Federation—Next meeting is with Mateo Dunne to talk about budget and boundary issues. Also on the agenda is the affordable housing crisis. Signature event is the banquet for citizen of the year, and they are still going ahead with the event on May 17th. Nomination forms are up until February 28th. Membership is small (under 10

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approximately) for the Federation, and they hope to get more people involved. Recommendation is that if meetings were on Zoom it would make the meetings more accessible and easier to attend.

Stormwater—Did not meet in January, and they are planning on meeting after the budget is released. Stormwater will be represented at the February town hall with Supervisor Storck.

Steering Committee—Were supposed to have a meeting on Tuesday that was canceled; no meeting was rescheduled for it and are on hold. Per Peyton, the consultants were not ready, and they are getting a few more things together. I did some historical research—history from 2009. A resolution has passed, and we will pursue those issues when the committee comes back online.

Co-chair: The Nominating committee needs three volunteers from the membership to volunteer; if you are interested let Larry or Leo know. Announcement that Jason is stepping down from the Chair of the Transportation Committee. No one has shown an interest in taking this position. So based on history, we will combine the public safety and transportation committees. Starting in February - John Lincoski, the current public safety chair, will be the chair of the combined committees, and Daniel Petrenko, who is new to all of this, will help John however he can.

Discussion: A question was asked if this would impact our bylaws. No. Can you have two committee co-chairs? No.

Action: Affirmed that the two committees would be combined.

Supervisor Stork: January newsletter has been sent out to everyone.

Email went out today about Jerry Highland's passing.

<https://mvonthemove.com/remembers-former-mount-vernon-district-supervisor-gerry-hyland/>

38th annual town meeting will be happening on Super Bowl Saturday at 10:00 am and expect to be done no later than 12:30. (MVCCA has a table, so please stop by and say hi.)

Mt Vernon High School—in process, with groundbreaking in October 2024; NOVA classes will be held there; theater, place for weddings, classrooms.

Infill development—details are in report “the Advisor” newsletter. Any questions, please talk to Peyton.

I-95 Southside Express Lanes—Community meetings will happen in March to talk about alternatives; sometime this summer, VDOT will be making recommendations. We need to be advocates for ourselves in the process.

Casino is getting a lot of attention right now, and Supervisor

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Storck will not be supportive of the deal if the financial impact is Fairfax County gets 30% and Virginia gets 70%.

Solar Energy legislation—supports solar energy and looks for ways we can encourage this.

Data Center legislation—not sure about what they are looking at, but thinks that the country's data center legislation is good, and he does support what we have at this point by the state.

Invasive plant legislation—has advocated for this.

Living Shore Lines—Needs to have a balanced policy that grandfathers those living shorelines that have had things built in the past.

We had a water main project that was on the Wessynton side and had some issues with additional trees that had to be cut from what was initially expected, and that was not handled well. Supervisor Storck got involved and now is asking about how they can plant trees to replace those that were taken down.

Alexandria Crossing is still moving forward.

IMP building – Supervisor Storck said he's considering various options for this property and is not yet ready to allow just residential there. Question about IMP building and looking for the long-term plan for this place and what should go into that property; MVCCA will be fully involved with Supervisor Storck once we start with the process.

Member asked about shredding events in the Spring and Fall—willing to do these events, but they are expensive, and there is no real funding for this.

Question about \$300 million budget shortfall. Answer: The county is looking for options to solve the shortfall.

Question about parking after 5:00 p.m. around Huntington Metro because there continues to be a problem and no enforcement. Answer: Peyton will look into this and seek police response.

Trash cans not being emptied on Huntington Avenue around the Metro Stop and 7-11.

1147 Westmoreland Property—Discussion about property issues and community asking to look at the facts. Storck answered that he support property rights. Peyton is working with the community and staff about this issue.

Education funding discussion about the fact that the State only gives us a portion of what we need. It was suggested that Judy and Supervisor Storck use the recommendations MVCCA offered a number of years ago on how to use a different formula that is equitable to all State school systems.

Meeting Adjourned 8:36pm

Respectfully submitted by Tamara Srader

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Public Safety

The committee was convened on February 4, 2025, at 7 p.m. by Chair Lincoski. Katherine Ward, Co-Chair, was also in attendance.

Committee members attending included Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association, Gum Springs Homeowners Association, Huntington Community Association, Potomac Valley River Bend Civic Association, and Riverwood Homeowners Association.

The committee was joined by two FCPD officers who presented an update on regional crime statistics. Officers Brian Mullins and Jon Kaminsky discussed crime statistics and prevention strategies. They emphasized significant decreases in officer-involved shootings, homicides, pedestrian deaths, and fatal overdoses in the county, noting that Fairfax County is one of the safest large jurisdictions in the country.

Officer Mullins highlighted a 17-percent increase in larcenies, particularly from motor vehicles. He emphasized the importance of community involvement in crime prevention, particularly in securing vehicles and not leaving valuables in cars. He also mentioned the implementation of a real-time crime center, which has helped in tracking and apprehending criminals. The officers encouraged citizens to report any suspicious activities and to use social media platforms to stay informed about local crime trends.

Committee members pressed for additional information on the increased larceny rates, questioning whether the reports were clustered in specific areas and inquired about the police response. The officers emphasized the role of data analysis in identifying hotspots and noted that data analysis helps shape the agenda of FCPD leadership's weekly meetings, as well as the department's targeted response. They also noted that a portion of the rise is attributable to increased reporting from the community and businesses.

The officers also discussed the Connect Fairfax County camera registry program which aims to increase neighborhood involvement and improve crime-solving capabilities. Chair Lincoski will seek out additional information on the program for an upcoming meeting.

The officers also highlighted the decrease in the post-pandemic surge of drug-related crimes and overdose deaths due to the opioid overdose and naloxone education training program and increased awareness.

The committee then opened the floor to discuss the recent mid-air collision near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. Committee members suggested that the issue of overcrowding and congestion should be pursued and that

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a flight-tracking database would show significant crowding in the flight paths. The committee will continue to focus on this issue.

Moving forward, the Public Safety Committee will merge with the Transportation Committee under the leadership of Chair Lincoski because many issues common to both committees present themselves.

Budget and Education Committees

MVCCA Joint Education Budget Committee Meeting February 5, 2025

Five members were present.

Our guest speaker was Leigh Burden, Chief Financial Officer from FCPS. She gave a presentation similar to the one presented to the School Board. She also referenced the Budget Book, which includes the detailed information she shared with us.

The biggest take away is the 7% salary increase, which most likely will put FCPS at the top of the salary scale amongst local jurisdictions. Currently, FCPS is ranked 5th of 8 for starting salaries and 7th of 8 for mid and max salaries. This makes it difficult to attract and retain teachers. We discussed the difference between a salary raise and receiving a step.

We also discussed the uncertainty of funding from the federal level and the possibility that those funds could get pushed to the states.

If there is a budget shortfall, the Superintendent and her leadership team will make recommendations to adjust the budget to the allotted funds, and the School Board will make the final decision.

We await the release of the County budget on February 18th and the School Board Budget meeting the same day.

Next month will be another joint meeting with the Budget Committee, and we will finalize our Budget Resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Environment & Recreation

MVCCA 2025 E&R and P&Z Joint Meeting (01/02/2025)

E&R Chair, Larry Zaragoza; P&Z Chair, Bindu Mathur; and Stormwater Committee Chair, Leo Milanowski convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 5 via Zoom.

Member communities represented included: Bell Haven Terrace Civic Association, Bell View Condominium

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Unit Owners Association, Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Mount Vernon Manor, Potomac Valley River Bend Civic Association, Tauxemount Community Association, Inc., and Wellington Civic Association.

Discussion of 1147 Westmoreland: Stormwater Committee Chair, Leo Milanowski, described how the Stormwater Committee was formed in response to stormwater issues in the Mount Vernon District. The property in question is adjacent to one of the areas that provided the incentive for creating the Stormwater Committee. The problems in this area have been exacerbated by drainage into the area, inadequate stormwater management facilities, and the loss of trees to infill. Given that no one present had the revised waiver materials from the county, we concluded that we would need to wait to see updated materials to formulate recommendations.

Resolution Providing a Review of the JLARC Report on Data Centers: A draft resolution providing comment on the draft report. Committee members suggested that the resolution be split into two resolutions, one for energy and one for water. The topic will be revisited at our next E&R meeting.

Chair Zaragoza highlighted the Plan Forward materials that are out for review. These materials provide some insight to possible changes to the Environmental Element of the Policy Plan, but it is difficult to understand how the Policy Plan will be adjusted based on these papers alone. The process has been ongoing for years, but the opportunity to review the plan language will be limited to perhaps 2 months.

Dorothy raised a concern for tree clearing in the nesting season and agreed to put together a proposed resolution for consideration.

Glenda Booth raised a concern for the removal of trees along the GW Parkway and requested to hear from the Park Superintendent. This request was subsequently raised to the MVCCA Board, and because there are multiple questions for the NPS Park Superintendent, the MVCCA plans to invite her to a General Council meeting in the future.

Kevin offered a motion to adjourn. Anita seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Transportation

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**MVCCA Transportation Committee Minutes
February 10, 2025**

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) Transportation Committee met on February 10, 2025 in a virtual gathering hosted on Zoom. Participating in the meeting from the MVCCA were Jason Zaragoza,

Transportation Committee Chair & attendance-taker for tonight's meeting; John Lincoski, MVCCA Public Safety Chair; John Bioty, MVCCA note-taker for tonight's meeting; MVCCA Co-Chair, Katherine Ward; MVCCA Planning & Zoning Chair, Bindu Mathur; and Environment & Recreation Chair, Larry Zaragoza.

Transportation Committee representatives from the following MVCCA Associations were in attendance: Belle Haven Citizens Association; Belle View Condominium Unit Owners' Association; Huntington Community Association; Montebello Condominium Unit Owners' Association; Mount Vee Manor Home Owners Association; Mount Vernon Civic Association; New Alexandria Citizens Association; Potomac Valley-River Bend Civic Association; Riverwood Homeowners' Association; Stratford Landing Citizens Association, Villamay Community Association; Waynewood Citizens' Association; Wellington Civic Association; and Wellington Heights Civic Association.

Total attendance for the meeting was 20.

Chairman Zaragoza noted that meeting announcements had been sent out with the "read-ahead." These are included below for the record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chairman Zaragoza announced that those of you who were present at the MVCCA General Council meeting on January 22, 2025 should be aware that the Transportation and Public Safety Committees will be combined under the leadership of current Public Safety Chair, John Lincoski. Many of the issues facing Transportation are related to Public Safety as well, so this move makes sense, mission-wise.
2. Tonight's Transportation Meeting will be the last stand-alone meeting. All future meetings will be combined Public Safety/Transportation events unless otherwise directed by the MVCCA.
3. Tonight's meeting will kick off with John Lincoski introducing himself to Committee Members.

INTRODUCTION

Chairman Zaragoza strongly endorsed Chairman Lincoski as the new Public Safety/Transportation Chairman and allowed him time to address the Committee. Chairman Lincoski thanked Chairman Zaragoza for his 2 years as Transportation Chair and stated that, being a longtime local resident, he was aware of many of the transportation issues that the Committee faced; he looked forward to chairing the combined Committees.

AGENDA ITEMS (There were two pop-up Agenda Items)

1. Midair crash at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on January 29, 2025.
2. Proposed driveway at 1147 Westmoreland Road.

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(1) Midair Crash at National Airport (DCA): On January 29, 2025 at 8:48 p.m., an American Eagle Regional Jet (Flight 5342) from Wichita, Kansas, with 60 passengers and 4 crew, and an Army H-60 Blackhawk helicopter from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, with 3 crew, collided midair at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. The American Eagle Canada Air Regional Jet (CRJ) 700 was making an approach to Runway 33 when the Blackhawk, on a training mission, collided with it. Both aircraft broke up on impact and fell into the Potomac River. Water temperature was 35 degrees F. There were no survivors.

DISCUSSION: A Mount Vernon Civic Association member voiced his concern regarding aircraft safety and noise abatement at DCA. He referenced a recent VIANAIR contract that discussed proposed Airport Advisory Committee Actions to the FAA to reduce noise and reroute traffic. He believed that a report was due to the FAA, with proposed recommendations. He wanted to know where the project stood and specifically, its impact on Fairfax County. He further commented that in a recent Mount Vernon Town Hall, Congressman Beyer was quick to recommend curbing helicopter traffic around DCA. The member believed that additional safety recommendations were documented in the VIANAIR Study and desired to know the MVCCA Point of Contact (POC) to gain further information.

Several Committee Members responded that airport noise is a growing concern among residents in the areas surrounding DCA. In May 2023, the City of Alexandria, in coordination with Fairfax County and Prince George's County, entered a 2-year Airport Noise Study with airport noise consultant, VIANAIR Consulting. The study focused on communities south of DCA. The project included discussions with the VIANAIR Steering Committee and Design Team, community engagement meetings, and outreach. Another member suggested that the final VIANAIR Report may have already been submitted to the FAA and that it included DCA departure information only. The MVCCA POC for the Study was noted to be Mike Rioux, and contact information for Mr. Rioux was provided.

(2) Proposed Driveway at 1147 Westmoreland Road: Chairman Zaragoza noted that the county is seeking comments from the MVCCA regarding waivers relating to a possible subdivision of 1147 Westmoreland Road.

DISCUSSION: A homeowner on Greenway Road indicated that her community is extremely concerned about the potential subdivision of 1147 Westmoreland Road, which could result in a driveway being built on the side of the property abutting Greenway Road. The site in question is currently heavily wooded. She mentioned, that if constructed, it would create both traffic and security issues for her community. Additionally, she believed there would be water intrusion problems. She said that Greenway Road residents have already stated their objection to this and would also like the support of the MVCCA. Several slides were shown depicting the area of concern.

Committee members asked questions regarding property ownership. The site is zoned as a Fairfax County Public Use Easement because it was intended to be a road, but it was asserted that the road was not fully completed, leaving a portion of the site undeveloped. The Greenway Road resident says the status of the site remains unclear, and that they have reason to believe the land was ceded to Wellington by the County in 1947. Additionally, in order to build a driveway and connect it to Greenway Road, the county would have to clear a large number of trees.

To help settle the matter, MVCCA Co-Chair Katherine Ward suggested that the issue be discussed and resolved at an MVCCA Board Meeting scheduled for February 11, 2025. At that time, P&Z, Transportation, Public Safety, Environment & Recreation, and Storm Water Management Committee representatives will be on hand to discuss the matter and resolve the way forward. To that end, a motion was introduced to vote on the Co-Chair's initiative, and a vote was taken. The vote resulted in eighteen (18) for and one abstention. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER TIME

Several members raised issues that affected both Transportation and Safety. The first of these was raised by a member who stated that pedestrian crossings on local area state roads as well as the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP) have faded to a point that they are barely discernible. Consideration should be given to repainting these faded crosswalks. This comment was supported by the membership as one to be raised at higher levels.

Another member commented on several new administration initiatives regarding funding. He believed that government loans and grants were not to be given to projects requiring continued funding. Also, they were not to be awarded to counties that reported below-average national childbirth averages. Members felt that funding policy initiatives by the current administration were in a state of flux. It would be some time before the dust settled on these funding policy initiatives and regulations. If this is the case, many members believed this to be unfortunate in light of required GWMP improvements needed on the southern portion of the Parkway.

Transportation Representative, Steve Larson, from Alexandria, discussed efforts to control speed on the GWMP, including installing speed cameras. He mentioned that he was involved in meetings and dialog with Virginia State Senator Scott Surovell with respect to the GWMP. Mr. Larson reported that Senator Surovell enacted proposed legislation to allow Virginia State Police as well as Fairfax County Police to patrol the Parkway. Several members believed that Fairfax County Police were not supportive of the idea because of personnel shortages. Mr. Larson indicated that Senator Surovell had received positive feedback from Fairfax County Police that they were on board. Another member noted that current fines

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for Parkway violations go into the U.S. Treasury's General Purpose Fund. The Parkway, after all, is federal property. Again Mr. Larson indicated that part of the proposed legislation is a clause that would allow funds to plow back to the National Park Service (NPS) for Parkway maintenance and repair. Both Chairman Zaragoza and Chairman Lincoski stated that this was a good thing. Speed cameras and additional patrolling by State and County Police were very much supported by both the Transportation and Safety Committees.

Meeting Adjourned

Without additional discussion, a motion to adjourn was requested and immediately seconded. Chairman Zaragoza and Chairman Lincoski thanked members for their participation. The MVCCA Transportation Committee meeting concluded at 7:53 p.m.



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The official ribbon cutting for The Faces of One (the sculptures installed along Richmond Highway) will be held on Thursday, March 13, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The location will be Neperthe Gallery in the Hollin Hall shopping center.

Follow this link to the SFCD Monthly News and Updates:
[More Art, Demolitions, and Fresh World Market coming to the Corridor!](#)

Planning & Zoning

Monthly Meeting 02/03/2025

Committee Attendees

- P&Z Committee Chair
- MVCCA Co Chair 1 and Co Chair 3
- Public Safety Chair
- Belle View Condominium
- CA of Hollin Hills
- Huntington CA
- Riverwood HOA
- New Gum Springs HOA
- Gum Springs Homeowners Organization

Other Attendees

- Mount Vernon on the Move Editor
- Concerned Citizen

Proceedings

The meeting was called to order by P&Z Committee Chair. The meeting was a review of ongoing projects in the MVCCA area. The following items were discussed.

Alexandria Crossing

A speaker regarding this project is scheduled to talk at the Planning and Zoning March meeting.

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BRT

There was a community meeting held on January 15. Completion is scheduled for 2033. The goal of the BRT is to increase transit ridership.

Brilliant Kidz

Brilliant Kidz is childcare center near the new Penn Daw fire station. The special exception was approved in January, and they are currently filing a site plan so that they can move forward with construction.

Collingwood Chase

Currently under construction. There have been no issues raised by the neighboring communities.

Penn Daw Fire Station

The project design team is working on a revised design. This design will be incorporating the additional family supportive housing unit. Expected groundbreaking was to be mid-2026.

Plan Forward

Plan Forward is the multi-project to update the policies on how land is developed. The project focuses on the policy plan, which is a part of the comprehensive plan that is the county's vision for land use. The last major update was in 1990. In-person and virtual meetings will be held from February 5 to February 13. The next in-person meeting will be on February 5, and the next virtual meeting on February 10. However, there will be more opportunities for community input as progress continues.

Grist Mill Barn Project

We will be having a presentation in March regarding this project. This proposal was formally accepted by Fairfax County and is entering a 60-day open period.

IMP Building

As Supervisor Storck says each month at the MVCCA council meeting, he is still waiting to study the historic overlay requirements. We are not sure how long the developers will wait for this study. Storck's office has noted that they have received some preliminary information and are in the process of summarizing it for a better path forward.

Steering Committee Master Planning Project

This project is to study the library, police station, fire station, fuel station, and government offices. The study is also going to explore senior housing and childcare options. This project's goals are to balance transportation and residential, commercial, and industrial growth and to ensure appropriate pedestrian and bike friendly locations with interconnected paths. Leo Milanowski from MVCCA is our representative to this special committee.

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SSPA

P&Z had a speaker last year on this nomination process, which is now open until February 13, 2025. Board of Supervisors will accept nominations in March 2025. The screening phase with community meetings are scheduled in March and April 2025. Planning Commission workshops will be held in May and June 2025.

1147 Westmoreland

A meeting will be held this week to discuss the issue of neighbors opposing a subdivision waiver.

Co-Chair 1 noted that the 8800 Richmond Highway purchase by the county is almost complete and that it is slated to be a park.

Upcoming Events

Reminded the committee of the Town Hall meeting on February 8 and that there will be a budget meeting on February 25 instead of the general council meeting on February 26.

Next Meeting

The next P&Z Meeting will be on March 3 at 7:00 p.m via Zoom.

Fairfax Federation

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The Fairfax Federation had its general membership meeting on January 23, 2025. The membership heard from two guest speakers: Matteo Dunne and members of the Fairfax County Site Specific Plan Amendment Process (SSPA) Review Team.

Matteo Dunne, Mount Vernon’s Representative to the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Board gave a

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presentation on the School Boundary Review Process in which he emphasized the review of island schools like Walt Whitman MS and areas where students have to travel disproportionately due to the existing boundary. He referred members to visit the FCPS [Comprehensive School Boundary Review](#) web page for further details and progress. Additionally, he detailed that a new comprehensive study of Capital Improvements was being done after more than 20 years and pointed out that this is a much-needed process, citing as an example that there are still students in mobile/trailer classrooms which were deemed temporary but have been in use more than the planned obsolescence of those temporary classrooms.

The Fairfax County SSPA Review Team presented the review process phases and took questions. As of February 13, when new SSPAs were due, we have entered the pre-screening phase. [Fairfax County 2025 SSPA Review Process](#)

On February 10, 2025, the Fairfax Federation Education Committee sent a letter to the Superintendent and the Board of FCPS regarding Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJ) admissions process in order to ensure that the school is selecting students who reflect its mission as a Governor’s School and continues to excel in the aftermath of its U.S. News Report national ranking dropping from #1 in the country to #14 and having a major loss in students who became National Merit Scholarship Finalists. [Letter to FCPS](#)

The next meeting of the Federation will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 27, 2025 at the Mason District Governmental Center (6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale), where the County budget (released February 18) and FCPS budget (released January 23) will be discussed.

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

To be voted on by the General Council

1) Remove the last sentence of Article VIII, Section 1, as shown below:

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. The elected Officers of the MVCCA shall consist of three Co-Chairs, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. At the time of election, an Officer must be a member in good standing of a member association in good standing, and a resident of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District. A Co-Chair shall not serve concurrently as the authorized representative, in any capacity, of his or her member association. ~~A Co-Chair shall not serve for more than two consecutive three-year terms, but shall be eligible to serve again after an intervening period of one year.~~

2) Add a sentence to Article XII, Section 2, as shown below:

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES. The current Standing Committees of the MVCCA are the Budget and Finance Committee, the Consumer Affairs Committee, the Education Committee, the Environment and Recreation Committee, the Health and Human Services Committee, the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Public Safety Committee, and the Transportation Committee. Co-Chairs serving as Liaison to a committee shall not have a vote. **The Board, in its discretion, may temporarily or permanently combine or suspend one or more standing committees, subject to ratification by the General Council.**

3) Delete the third sentence of Article XI, Section 4, and replace with a new sentence, as shown below:

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

SECTION 4. VOTING. A vote by a Standing Committee shall be valid only when at least five authorized representatives on the Committee are present and voting at the Committee meeting. Each authorized representative shall have one vote. ~~The Chair shall have no vote.~~ **The Committee Chair shall vote to break a committee vote tie.** The Chair of a Standing Committee may not serve on that Committee as his or her member association's Authorized Representative.

4) Delete the last sentence of Article XI, Section 4, and replace with a new sentence, as shown below:

ARTICLE XI. COMMITTEES

SECTION 4. VOTING (*continued*) ~~The Chair of a Standing Committee may not serve on that Committee as his or her member association's Authorized Representative.~~ **Except to break a tie, a Committee Chair shall not vote absent designation by the Chair's member association as its authorized representative to the committee, or as its alternate representative, as duly reported to the Secretary.**

----- Treasurer's Report -----

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc. Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget Periods Ending January 31, 2025

	January	Total July 1 to January 31	2024-2025 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 3,452	\$ 3,955	
Money Market Interest	1	1	2	
Total Cash Receipts	1	3,453	3,957	\$ (504)
Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):				
Administrative	-	555	540	(15)
Insurance Premium	707	707	707	-
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	-	-
"Record" Production	70	460	1,400	940
Web Site	-	354	800	446
Total Cash Disbursements	777	2,076	3,447	1,371
Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:	(776)	1,377	510	\$ 867

Other Sources/Changes in Cash:

Cash at Beginning of Period	12,049	11,545	11,545	
Total Cash at End of Period	\$ 11,273	\$ 11,273	\$ 12,055	

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 5,109			
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,163			
Total Cash	\$ 11,273			

Respectfully Submitted,
William J Kane, Treasurer
February 1, 2025

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, March 26, 2025
Virtual

AGENDA

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

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Council—February meeting canceled
MVCCA Board—March 11, 7:00 p.m., Virtual

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	3/3	7:00	Virtual	James Perkins
EDU	3/5	7:00	Virtual	Hosek
E&R	3/5	7:00	Virtual	L. Zaragoza
PL/Z	3//3	7:00	Virtual	Mathur
*PS/TRAN	3/10	7:00	Virtual	Lincoski
MSCS	TBD	7:00	Virtual	Milanowski

*JOINT Public Safety/Transportation Meeting

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