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## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

1. MVCCA needs a new Budget and Finance chair. Become one of our board members by stepping up to this position.
2. Membership renewals are due July 1, 2026.
3. Welcome Anita Kerr as our new MVCCA Treasurer.

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## MVCCA General Council Meeting Minutes

**May 27, 2026 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

- Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation—Ellen Young
- Storm Water Management Special Committee/ Revisioning Rep—Leo Milanowski
- Planning and Zoning—Bindu Mathur
- Environment and Recreation—Larry Zaragoza
- Education Committee—Teresa Taylor
- MVCCA Record Editor—Terry Mulligan
- Webmaster—Jason Zaragoza

### Communities Attending

- Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association
- Gum Springs Homeowners Organization
- Holland Court Property Owners Association
- Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association
- Mount Zephyr Citizens Association
- Riverwood Homeowners Association
- Huntington Community Association
- Mount Vernon Civic Association
- Spring Bank Community Association
- Wessynton Homes Association

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Mount Vernon Manor Civic Association  
Villamay Community Association  
Collingwood Springs Civic Association

**Fairfax County Staff**

Fairfax County Mt Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck

**Community Members**

Fatimah Dandashi

23 Total participants

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes from the April meeting approved as published in *The Record*.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Bill presented the April Treasurer’s Report showing minimal income and two expenditures totaling \$102, with the bank balance ending at \$11,334. The Treasurer’s report was approved as published in *The Record*.

**2026–2027 Budget**—approved as published in *The Record*.

**Membership:** total 34 member organizations. The group received a reminder about upcoming membership renewal applications due July 1 for the new business year.

**Committee Reports**

**Education:** Met and discussed school boundary changes, calendar matters from the April school board meeting, and updates on the superintendent’s family vision committee. The Education Committee scheduled their next meeting for June 4 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**SFDC:** Ellen reported on new grant initiatives, including plans for a large gateway sculpture near South Richmond Highway, though funding of \$100,000 remains pending and discussions with VDOT are ongoing.

**Environment and Recreation and Planning and Zoning:**

The committees discussed the Mount Vernon Country Club project, with Catherine Taylor from Walsh Colucci presenting informational updates during a joint ENR and PNZ meeting. The group also addressed traffic safety concerns around the GW Parkway, particularly regarding stoplights at Belle View Blvd. and Belle Haven Road, with two recent accidents prompting increased involvement from Congressman Don Beyer’s office.

**Stormwater:** The stormwater committee did not meet.

**2026–2027 MVCCA Board Elections**

The **Nominating Committee** presented the nominees, including Queenie Cox for Co-chair, Anita Kerr for Treasurer, and Tamara Srader for Secretary. The nominees were elected by acclamation with no opposition or additional nominations from the floor. The Nominating Committee thanked departing members Judy and Bill for

their service and acknowledged Teresa’s help with the election process.

**Supervisor’s Time**

Supervisor Storck congratulated Queenie, Anita, and Tamara on stepping up to their positions and discussed several community updates. He announced the second annual Summer Palooza event scheduled for June 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sherwood Hall Lane and Parkers Lane. Regarding Gristmill Park, the original development group decided not to proceed, so the county will issue an RFI to reopen the project, with approximately \$2 million in infrastructure commitments already secured. Storck also reported that the elevator at Sherwood Hall Library is now working after repairs, and the Moon Inn/Days Inn project has been submitted for county review. The Penn Daw Fire Station project has been approved and will take about 4 years to complete, while the Daryl Court property cleanup remains in legal proceedings with a court hearing scheduled for October.

Katherine raised concerns about the lack of tree replanting at a development site. Supervisor Storck confirmed that some trees were planted but acknowledged that the area still doesn’t meet standards. Ellen expressed strong opposition to the Capital Bike Share program being implemented in their area, citing parking shortages and resident dissatisfaction, though Storck explained the decision was made to support the regional system. Scott raised concerns about a Penn Daw Fire Station Emergency and Supportive Housing project, asking the Supervisor to review nuanced health and safety concerns with constituents, particularly regarding the Eleanor Kennedy shelter remaining open.

Supervisor Storck discussed his regular public information meetings and community office hours, emphasizing his commitment to addressing community concerns about an upcoming emergency housing facility. He explained that while affordable housing units were removed from the project, it will still include 25 male and 25 female beds, 20 individual supportive housing units, and 10 family supportive housing units, with no sex offenders allowed. Storck addressed community safety concerns, noting that the facility will be designed to keep residents inside and that public safety management will follow appropriate legal standards.

Storck explained that the Gristmill project proposal was rejected due to infrastructure challenges and cost concerns, with estimated investments ranging from \$5 to \$7 million needed for the barn renovation and facilities. He detailed that while the county could provide \$2 million for infrastructure, the Park Authority had no funding available and required private sector investment. He expressed confidence that with proper funding, the project could succeed and become a key community asset, though the current proposal from the White Brothers cannot move forward as presented.

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Supervisor Storck explained that property acquisitions at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Arlington Boulevard are being made for BRT widening, with utility relocations beginning near Jeff Todd Way and staging areas planned along the highway. He noted that while VDOT and utility companies handle most of the work, he would investigate whether the county conducts inspections of Washington Gas line replacements. He also provided an update on the Alexandria Crossing project, explaining that it involves a large multifamily development, townhomes, and park improvements with a 2030 completion date.

**Resolutions for the May Meeting**

**E&R Resolution:** Resolution on the Proposed Ordinance Amendment (MVCCA, E&R 2026-02)

**Outcome:** Resolution passed.

**P&Z Resolution:** Resolution Regarding the Fairfax County Accessory Living Unit (ALU) Policy Proposal

**Outcome:** Resolution passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Tamara Srader

Spring Bank Community Association, Villamay Community Association, Waynewood Citizens' Association, Wellington Civic Association, Wellington Heights Civic Association, Williamsburg Manor North Community Association, and others.

**Evaluation of Walkability in the Route 1 BRT Corridor**

Poul Hertel of the Riverwood HOA presented an analysis of pedestrian access surrounding the nine planned BRT stations. His assessment concluded that the Route 1 corridor, as currently configured, does not meet the criteria for a fully transit oriented environment.

Hertel noted that planners typically use a half-mile radius to define a station's walk shed. Many areas along Route 1 fall short of this standard due to fragmented street networks, missing sidewalks, and indirect pedestrian paths. In several locations, the effective walk shed is closer to a quarter mile, limiting the number of residents who can safely and conveniently access transit on foot.

Committee members agreed that walkability must be addressed proactively and expressed interest in inviting Fairfax County Department of Transportation staff to provide additional information on sidewalk priorities and implementation schedules. Members also referenced the county's existing prioritized list of sidewalk needs and emphasized the importance of understanding how those projects align with the BRT timeline.

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**Public Safety/Transportation**

**MVCCA Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Highlights**

**June 8, 2026**

The MVCCA Public Safety & Transportation Committee met on June 8, 2026. The meeting focused on the evolving transportation landscape along the Richmond Highway corridor, with particular attention to walkability within the future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station areas and two resolutions addressing local safety concerns. The discussion underscored the importance of coordinated planning as redevelopment accelerates in the Mount Vernon area.

Chair Lincoski convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also attending were Katherine Ward and Scott Taylor, MVCCA Co-Chairs, as well as committee members from the following MVCCA associations: Belle View Condominium Owners Association, Grist Mill Woods Civic Association, Gum Springs Homeowners Organization, Holland Court Property Owners Association, Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Huntington Community Association, Mason Hill Citizen's Association, Riverwood Homeowners Association, Stratford Landing Citizens Association,

**School Zone Safety on Parker's Lane**

The committee reviewed a draft resolution concerning the placement of the school zone blinking light serving Whitman Middle School. The current signal is located south of Hinson Farm Road and Linfield Drive, which prevents drivers turning north from those streets from seeing the required 25 mph school zone warning. Members agreed that relocating the signal to a position visible to all approaching drivers is necessary to improve compliance and enhance student safety.

Before finalizing the resolution, the committee will review proffer documents associated with the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital redevelopment to determine whether previous commitments related to traffic signaling apply to this location.

**Traffic and Pedestrian Safety on Holland Road**

A second proposed resolution addressed long standing traffic and pedestrian safety concerns on Holland Road, particularly near the hospital, library, and farmers market. Residents have reported difficulty making left turns due to high traffic volumes and have raised concerns about the lack of safe pedestrian crossings in an area with frequent foot traffic.

Committee members discussed several potential improvements, including the introduction of right in/right out restrictions to reduce conflict points, installation of a

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median refuge island for pedestrians, and the addition of flashing pedestrian beacons to increase driver awareness. Members agreed that these issues warrant timely action and should not be deferred until long term redevelopment occurs. This resolution will be presented to the committee for consideration in the July meeting.

Members also expressed interest in future briefings from Animal Control and the Fairfax County Police Department’s SWAT team.

## Environment & Recreation

### MVCCA Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting Notes

June 3, 2026

E&R Chair, Larry Zaragoza (Wessynton)

**Member communities represented included:** Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association, Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association, Huntington Community Association, Spring Bank Community Association, and Potomac Valley River Bend Civic Association.

#### Discussion of Resolution on Planting in the Huntington Levee Drainage Basin

A draft resolution was presented to the committee. A number of edits were incorporated. Ellen motioned approval of the resolution, which was seconded by Kevin. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee also reviewed the discussion on the Mount Vernon Country Club from last month. The committee also came up with the following questions for the Park Service:

1. What plans are there for replacing trees that are being removed along the GW Parkway?
2. Does the Park Service has an invasives policy?
3. How does the Park Service manage the programs, including invasives?

Larry noted that the committee is invited to the Public Safety and Transportation meeting if they get the Park Service there (they have been invited).

Kevin and others raised concerns about excessive mulching and improper tree care at West Potomac High School. He will check with the Principal to find out why the trees are not being properly cared for because poor care of trees could be a more widespread issue than just West Potomac High School. He will follow up and report back at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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## Planning & Zoning

### MVCCA Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026

#### Committee Attendees

- P&Z Committee Chair
- MVCCA Co Chair 1
- MVCCA Co Chair 3
- Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association
- Spring Bank Community Association
- Riverwood Homeowners Association
- Gum Springs Homeowners Organization
- Huntington Community Association
- Civic Association of Hollin Hills
- Tauxemont Community Association, Inc.

#### Guest Speaker

Walter Clarke—Planning Commissioner for the Mount Vernon District

#### Proceedings

The meeting was called to order by the P&Z Committee Chair. The guest speaker, Commissioner Clarke, joined to tell us about his work for the Mount Vernon District.

#### Meeting Notes

Commissioner Clarke’s primary goal is to provide the Board of Supervisors with recommendations on land use policies and plans that result in orderly, balanced, and equitable growth. While balanced and equitable growth seem strong, achieving “orderly” growth remains a persistent challenge.

The Commissioner emphasized that he works to advocate for Mount Vernon’s development while supporting the community’s interests. He highly values the thorough work that goes into MVCCA’s formal resolutions.

He attends a standing meeting each month with Supervisor Dan Storck and his staff to review all outstanding applications. Commissioner Clarke also meets regularly with staff to review projects in the pre-application phase.

Commissioner Clarke oversees the Site-Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process, the Lorton Visioning Plan, and serves as Chair of both the Transportation and Housing Committees for the Planning Commission.

He mentioned that an application is coming forward on land located within a designated flood plain in the Belle View area. The local community has been fighting to ensure no development on this small parcel of land. Commissioner Clarke will follow up with additional details.

We discussed the Embark project demolition that is beginning to occur. Committee members noted concerns on accessing the nine planned transit stations. Residents currently cannot use the bus system effectively without

driving a car to a parking location, highlighting a need for buses, parking, or clear walking paths.

The County has proactively worked with affected local business owners to help relocate them elsewhere along Richmond Highway or within Fairfax County. The committee noted significant frustration regarding the development timeline. Properties were acquired early, causing the area to look unkempt, while actual construction is not slated until approximately 2030. The current lack of property maintenance remains an issue. Commissioner Clarke has not been briefed recently on certain aspects of Embark, noting that Supervisor Storck’s office receives more frequent weekly updates.

A planned pedestrian path connecting off Douglas Road, Parkers Lane, Hinson Farm Road, and the hospital was originally intended to be integrated into area development. A house has since been built on a portion of the path, but the opposite side remains completely open and is wide enough to accommodate a pedestrian trail to Richmond Highway.

Commissioner Clarke received MVCCA’s ALU resolutions and intends to discuss the community’s feedback with county staff next week. Key MVCCA concerns highlighted include parking impacts, sidewalks, and stormwater management.

**Other items discussed at this committee meeting:**

Relationship with Land Development Services—Efforts are underway to improve the working relationship with LDS. The goal is to ensure that the Planning Commission provides and receives data so the review process goes smoothly.

Negotiations—Clarke noted that he negotiates with other commissioners whose ideas do not align with Mount Vernon’s specific needs. He meets with fellow commissioners and staff ahead of time, and some commissioners physically drive out to project locations to inspect the sites firsthand.

Timing—Clarke strives to ensure that there is enough time between Planning Commission meetings and Board of Supervisors meetings to make critical changes if needed. His goal is to resolve all outstanding community issues before the night of the formal public hearing.

The committee asked Commissioner Clarke how we can assist him. He specifically noted:

- Formal resolutions provide him with clear, formal backing when fighting for district priorities.
- Early outreach by making every effort to attend MVCCA committee meetings in person to talk out the issues.
- Individual emails and phone calls help advocate for our needs.

The next Planning and Zoning Meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on July 6, 2026.

## Education

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**MVCCA Education Committee Meeting Notes**

**June 6, 2026**

The MVCCA Education Committee met via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2026. Attendees included representatives from Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association, Collingwood Springs Citizens Association, Mt. Zephyr Civic Association, Spring Bank Community Association, the Education Committee Chair, and an MVCCA Co-Chair.

Agenda items discussed included the following:

**Old business and motions passed at the May 21, 2026 Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) School Board Meeting**

1. A Secondary Literacy Update was presented to the Board. The following data highlights were shared:
  - 12.8% fewer 12th graders performed below expectations on MAP Growth in Fall 2026 than in Fall 2025.
  - Overall, 26% of HS students demonstrating risk on MAP Growth in the Fall (scoring below the 50th percentile) achieved over 100% of expected yearly growth in one semester.
  - The inclusive 10th grade AP Seminar as English 10 had a 99% exam pass rate overall and 100% exam pass rate for students with disabilities last Spring.

The full presentation can be found at this link: <https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/Public>

2. The School Board approved a new consultant services contract for academic and educational goods and services with Better Lesson Learning LLC. The Board also authorized the superintendent, or the director of the Office of Procurement Services, to execute, deliver, and administer the contract on behalf of the School Board.

**New School Board business to be considered at the June 11, 2026 School Board meeting**

1. Approval of Policy 1344, Standard School Year Calendar

At the May 19, 2026 Governance Committee Meeting, the Committee recommended to send the proposed draft of Policy 1344, Standard School Year Calendar for consideration before the full Board. Policy 1344 can be found at this link: <https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/Public>

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2. School Board’s proposed motions related to instructional technology. These motions are currently scheduled to be considered by the Board at its June 11, 2026 Regular Meeting.

- **Motion #1:** This motion proposes that the School Board direct the Superintendent to require parental or guardian permission each school year for any instructional technology to go home with a student.
- **Motion #2:** This motion proposes that the School Board direct the Superintendent to prohibit digital devices for regular instruction for students from Pre-K to 1st grade. For students in grades 2 through completion of elementary school, devices shall be stored away from students when not intentionally in use for instruction during the school day. These restrictions shall not apply to students with Individualized Education Plans and 504 accommodations when such devices are required.
- **Motion #3:** This motion proposes that the School Board direct the Superintendent to develop and implement a digital literacy instruction plan, with sufficient professional development for staff directly instructing students. This plan will be publicly accessible. The Division Superintendent will provide annual updates to the School Board in accordance with the FCPS Strategic Plan Goal Reports and Executive Limitation 9.

The Education Committee will meet again via Zoom in late September 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

## SFDC

No report until the June General Council meeting.

## Budget & Finance

No updates this month. Chair position remains vacant.

## Stormwater

No updates this month.

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## Environment & Recreation

### MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA)

#### Resolution on the Proposed Ordinance Amendment (MVCCA, E&R 2026-03)

Whereas the Environment and Recreation Committee (E&R) of the MVCCA has long supported native plantings;

Whereas the Huntington flood control levee was constructed within the last decade to protect nearby residents;

Whereas the flood control system includes a large drainage holding basin that is planted with turfgrass; and

Whereas the Huntington Community Association supports the County’s request to plant a substantial part of the flood control basin with sedges and wildflowers;

Be it therefore resolved that the MVCCA endorses the request of the Huntington Community Association; and

Be it finally resolved that native plants be used.

***FYI—this material to be replaced with the signed transmittal to the county as an attachment:***

### HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION 2026-01

WHEREAS a flood control levee was constructed in Huntington during the last decade to protect residents from Cameron Run flooding; and

WHEREAS the flood control system includes a large drainage holding basin that is currently planted with turfgrasses; and

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Stormwater Facilities Branch has presented an option of planting and maintaining a meadow to replace the turfgrass; and

WHEREAS a meadow planted with a variety of plants, sedges, and wildflowers would be a better ecological alternative to turfgrass since their deeper roots are better at holding soil in place; and

WHEREAS a meadow is a better environmental solution than turfgrass since it provides food and habitat for a diverse species of pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS a meadow consisting of diverse plants works to defend against a potential collapse of a turfgrass monoculture due to weather or disease;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Huntington Community Association approves and supports the county’s efforts to replace the turfgrass in the basin of the flood control levee system with a planted meadow.

# ----- 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 May 31, 2026

	May	Total July 1 to May 31	2025-2026 Annual Budget	Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</b>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ -	\$ 3,550	\$ 3,595	
Money Market Interest	1	6	2	
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	1	3,556	3,597	\$ (41)
<b>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</b>				
Administrative	-	553	600	47
Insurance Premium	-	824	800	(24)
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	-	-
"Record" Production	90	870	1,400	530
Web Site	-	983	1,590	607
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	90	3,230	4,390	1,160
<b>Net Budget - Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements:</b>	(89)	325	(793)	\$ 1,118

**Other Sources/Changes in Cash:**

Cash at Beginning of Period	11,334	12,284	12,284
<b>Total Cash at End of Period</b>	\$ 11,245	\$ 11,245	\$ 11,491

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

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 5,073		
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	6,171		
<b>Total Cash</b>	\$ 11,245		

Respectfully Submitted,  
William J Kane, Treasurer  
June 1, 2026

**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, June 24, 2026, 7:00 p.m.  
(Virtual)**

**AGENDA**

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

### COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Council—June 24, 7:00 p.m., Virtual**  
**MVCCA Board—July 14, 7:00 p.m., Virtual**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
EDU	7/2	7:00	Virtual	Taylor
E&R	7/1	7:00	Virtual	L. Zaragoza
PL/Z	7/6	7:00	Virtual	Mathur
*PS/TRAN	7/13	7:00	Virtual	Lincoski
MSCS	7/2	7:00	Virtual	Milanowski

\*JOINT Public Safety/Transportation Meeting

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