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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2010 8 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Dave Plummer.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs David Plummer, Bob Reynolds;
Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Judy Harbeck, John Jeszenszky, Betsy Martin, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; Treasurer Brenda Hebert; Secretary Carol Coyle. Representatives from Collingwood on the Potomac, The Fairfax, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Newington Forest, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford on the Potomac IV, United Voice at Kings Crossing, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills. Two consultants from Lorton HealthPlex. Boy

Scout working on Community Service badge. Mr. Frazier from ExtraordinaryCommunities.com. Gerry Fill from Mount Vernon Gazette.

MINUTES – Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Gerry is just back from a trip to China where our BOS arranged some give and take with that city.

Police review board is under consideration.

State has requested two (2) seats on the Metro Board (now held by elected officials) in order to continue allocating funds for Metro. 80% of Virginia's allocation comes from Northern Virginia.

Chucky Cheese application has been approved.

Lorton HealthPlex goes before the Planning Commission in July.

Re: letters to the editor of the Gazette, Gerry wants it understood that he considers MVCCA and South County Associations the most accurate 'voices of the people,' and he will continue to value our input.

Celebrated Trees of Fairfax County will be up and running in the Fall. Anyone may nominate a tree for preservation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – See minutes. Next meeting September 1.

Consumer Affairs – See minutes.

Education – See minutes. School Board member Dan Storck is forming a group to discuss how to move forward now that we know what cuts are made in the school budget. Next meeting September 1.

Environment and Recreation – See minutes for discussion on air quality monitoring. Next meeting July 7.

Health and Human Services – See minutes. Next meeting July 6; topic: what is available for youth in the district.

Chair discussed reasons why the Lorton HealthPlex is necessary.

Planning and Zoning – See minutes.

Cell tower at Sandburg Middle School has been deferred by Planning Commission. There is an article in The Washington Post, June 23, on cell phone towers.

Public Safety – See minutes. Next meeting July 1.

Transportation – See minutes. Next meeting July 6 with Col. Moffitt re: BRAC.

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Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – See minutes. Listening tours continue.

Affordable and Workforce Housing – See minutes. Next meetings June 24 and July 22; no meeting in August.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Co-chair Reynolds reported that, in response to comments from the membership, MVCCA Board voted to limit reports by Committee chairs to three minutes each so meetings do not seem endless. This may also allow for guest speakers from time to time.

RESOLUTIONS

P&Z-2010-04 REZONING RZ 2009-MV-023 – INOVA LORTON HEALTHPLEX

“Representative government at work.” – Reynolds

Approved 14-0-3.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

APR Task Force member Katherine Ward reports that APRs are moving forward. There is still some discussion as to who will pay for transportation studies if needed. Gerry indicated he may have alternatives to 527 fees.

Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan reported that hearings on APR that span MV and Lee Districts have already been held; special thanks to Betsy Martin and Dave Plummer for their work on storm water issues. He also reported that South County Federation, at their meeting the previous evening, approved the plan for Lorton HealthPlex.

Sheldon Hoenig is hospitalized as a result of pneumonia and a fall; he will go from there to rehab.

Larry Zaragoza (Wessinton) reports that the emergency access to the library/conference center at Mount Vernon will be grass rather than gravel.

Katherine Ward (Wellington) asked about the status of money (raised via golf outings) for building and improving sidewalks. Gerry reports that funds fall far short of what is needed.

PUBLIC TIME

Brendan Frazier of Extraordinary Communities presented his idea for compiling information on what local communities do to help their neighborhoods; it will be an on-line resource guide for communities on “how to do stuff.” Interested neighborhoods should contact him at www.extraordinarycommunities.com.

Martha Washington Library is scheduled to re-open July 10.

Westgrove community has open space that is being used as an off-leash dog park. Owners are cited; the judge throws out the cases. If dogs are off leash, owners are probably not cleaning up after them, which could affect the river and Dyke Marsh. Gerry will contact the Park Authority to see if there are plans for use of that space. Collingwood Park has similar problem with soccer players.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

No Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held this month. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the Walt Whitman Middle School Principal's conference room at 7:30 pm.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

No meeting. Next meeting will be a webinar meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. If you're not on the Consumer Affairs e-mail distribution list, please send to Queenie.

EDUCATION

Next meeting (tentative) September 1, 2010. Time and place TBD.

Treasurer's Report January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010

	Actual Receipts/ Disb.	Budget	Difference
Beginning balance Jan. 1, 2010	\$ 11,219.16		
Receipts			
Dues—Current Members	3,804.00	4,000.00	(196.00)
Dues—New Members	84.00	200.00	(116.00)
Gala Income	2,785.00	4,100.00	(1,315.00)
MM Interest Income	0.45		
Drawn from reserves	-	-	-
Total Receipts	\$ 6,673.45	\$ 8,300.00	\$ (1,627.00)
Disbursements			
Record Production	775.00	2,200.00	(1,425.00)
Administrative	229.90	500.00	(270.10)
Gala Expenses	4,059.71	3,200.00	859.71
Web Site	-	600.00	(600.00)
New Member Marketing	-	200.00	(200.00)
Insurance	660.00	700.00	(40.00)
Strategic Planning Meetings	-	-	-
Student of the Year Stipends	951.75	900.00	51.75
Membership Meeting Exp	100.00	-	100.00
Training	45.00		45.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 6,821.36	\$ 8,300.00	\$ (1,523.64)
Ending Balance June 30, 2010	\$ 11,071.25		
Wachovia Checking acct bal	\$ 6,070.80		
Wachovia Money Market bal	5,000.45		*Money Market acct. opened 4/26/10.
Total Money Available at 6/30/2010:	\$ 11,071.25		

Committee Reports

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met on 7 July 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 217 of the South County Building. Present were Betsy Martin (chair), Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Potomac Valley—Riverbend, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, and Wellington Heights.

Proposed Policy Plan Amendment concerning Environmental Quality Corridors (EQCs): Paul Phelps (Hollin Hills) briefed the committee on a proposed plan amendment to clarify policy guidance about disturbances in EQCs. (EQCs include 100-year floodplains, wetlands, riparian buffers, steep slopes in stream valleys, and significant upland habitats.) Current policy is to protect and restore EQCs in order to protect quality and connectedness of wild-life habitat, reduce pollution and noise, and for aesthetics. The proposed amendment recognizes three categories of disturbance: disturbances that are unavoidable or otherwise supported by Comprehensive Plan policy; disturbances associated with storm-water management; and other disturbances. The amendment would allow disturbances of the first type only where there are no viable alternatives, and would support restoration of disturbed areas through stabilization and restoration of streams, wetlands, and floodplains, replanting with native species, and removal of non-native invasive species. The policy amendment would support stormwater management facilities in EQCs if they benefit the stream more, support watershed management goals more, and/or are less environmentally disruptive than such facilities outside an EQC would be. All other disturbances would be supported only in extraordinary circumstances, and only when mitigation or compensation results in a clear, substantial net environmental benefit.

Phelps concluded that the proposed amendment is an improvement on the current policy, and the committee should support it. His recommendation that the committee take no action was accepted.

Topics for Future Meetings: Members were invited to suggest topics for E&R to take up, and offered the following suggestions:

North Hill Project
Celebrated Trees of Fairfax (kick-off will be in the fall by the Tree Commission)
Stream Restoration
TMDL, what is Virginia and Fairfax County doing
US 1, developing it in an environmentally sensitive, smart growth manner
Natural landscaping on county properties
Health of the Potomac River
Preparing for climate change
Little Hunting Creek Watershed Plan, status of implementation
FCPark authority, invasives removal program
2011 General Assembly, what's ahead?
Snakehead fish in the Potomac and its tributaries

Research at the Accotink Bay Refuge (Ft Belvoir)
How to get people out of cars and onto public transit
Natural landscaping at Mt Vernon Hospital, their sustainability program, green building?
Involving E&R in P&Z's review of land use applications (Each one has an enviro implication. Probaby should talk to P&Z and a co-chair about this)
US 1 development, coordinating with Prince Wm County
Ft Belvoir, BRAC and enviro implications
Tour waste to energy plant
Lorton landfill, status, need
Recycling, can we expand it?
Light pollution and power consumption
Reduce chemical usage on lawns—what can we do to educate and persuade fellow citizens?
Noise reduction

Members also discussed various current, pending and old cases, including the violation of the RPA on the Kinder property (Candlewood Drive), the NPS plan to widen East and West Boulevards (Anita Kerr will attend the hearing and report to E&R in September), reported irregularities in constructing and connecting storm drains in Hollin Halls construction, including connecting sump pumps to sanitary sewer lines, leading to sewage backups into basement, Dominion's tree-trimming in Stratford Landing, Wellington's aim to restore the eroding shoreline of its community property on the Potomac River (the chair will forward contact information for appropriate county staff; the community should also consult Glenda Booth, Wetlands Board chair), and littering and absence of recycling in parks, including Collingwood and Mount Vernon Rec Center (the chair will contact Harry Glasgow).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the E&R committee is Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m. (Room to be announced.) The topic will be TREES. Stacey Evers (Fairfax Master Naturalist and Mason District Tree Commissioner) will report on the new program, Celebrated Trees of Fairfax County. Jessie Strothers (Urban Forester for the Mount Vernon District) will talk about tree pruning and planting and avoiding conflicts with power lines. She'll also offer guidance and update on licensing/certification of treeworkers, the subject of an MVCCA resolution last year.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On July 6, when a special meeting of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force was convened to present plans for major expansion of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (IMVH), the scheduled July meeting of the MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee (HHS) was canceled (as announced via e-mail to members and on the public HHS web page).

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At our upcoming Sept. 7 HHS Committee meeting, Inova Health System (IHS) Vice President and IMVH CEO Barbara Doyle will present the basic plan to the HHS Committee, with discussion of the anticipated enhancement to the Hospital's services. The meeting will be open to all (see Public Meetings, below).

Hospital Expansion Announced

The announcement of IHS to invest \$43.6 million in a major expansion of the Hospital was front page news in both the *Mount Vernon Voice* (July 23, 2010) and the *Mount Vernon Gazette* (June 24), complete with architect's rendering of an exterior view and details of major enhancements. Inova's commitment to the future of the Hospital, in conjunction with the plan for the Inova Lorton Healthplex, is at last in full view for the community.

MVCCA, and its HHS committee, have participated in the community effort to plan for area healthcare through the Southeast Health Planning Task Force that formed in early 2003, in response to what was then understood to be a crisis over (1) IHS reluctance to invest in upgrading the infrastructure of a tax-payer-built facility with declining operating revenues and (2) IHS preference to move the operating license to a new location. The community task force--which included physicians at the hospital and Inova planners as well as concerned citizens (including Joe Gartlan) and elected representatives--met to study the multiple causes behind the reported decline in the hospital's finances and to recommend a path that would meet the needs of the growing southeastern area of the county. The Task Force report (March 2004) made a 4-point recommendation that envisioned major investment in an expanded, renovated, and enhanced community hospital at the Parkers Lane site, offering centers of excellence that would draw patients from the southeast service area and beyond. The recommendation also called for full 24/7 Emergency Services (licensed under IMVH) to be provided in an "Inova Lorton Healthplex," to better serve the fast-growing population there.

At its July 6 special meeting, members of the community SEHP Task Force viewed the announced plan as a vindication of their insistence on public dialogue—among IHS planners, the physicians and Hospital administration, and citizens who understood community needs—in grasping the potential for excellence in hospital healthcare services in our community. In response to questions about public review of plans and timelines for completion, Barbara Doyle emphasized Inova's intent is to complete Lorton Healthplex (phase 1) by the end of 2012 and to complete the planned expansion of IMVH by the end of 2013.

Gartlan Center Dedicated

As you will know from excellent coverage in both the *Mount Vernon Voice* (July 7, pages 1, 3 and 6 for photos and story) and *Mount Vernon Gazette* (July 8-14, page 18), the local center for mental health—founded in the same period as the nearby Mount Vernon Hospital—has undergone significant expansion and renovation and was rededicated at the June 30 ribbon cutting celebration as the

Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health. Among speakers who gave moving tributes to the Gartlans, Supervisor Hyland described "an unstoppable team," who together helped transform and modernize Virginia's mental health system, and Community Services Board Vice Chair Glenn Kamber pointed to the rededicated Center as part of the continuum of efforts to fulfill the promise Virginia made under Senator Joe Gartlan's leadership to make health services available to those in need in the communities in which they live. Fredona Gartlan served as first president of the board for the Mount Vernon Center, as member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, and as chair of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards.

Members of HHS Committee will follow the progress of the Gartlan Center, in its transition to an even larger role in delivery of CSB services to those in our southeastern area of the county. A core management team for the model Center (first among three county-wide) will guide coordination and integration of the CSB's three branches of services: mental health, intellectual disability, and substance abuse. The goal is to bring better integrated services closer to persons and families in need, in our community.

PUBLIC MEETINGS RE HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, September 7, 7:30 PM MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee meets in Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's Engh Room (2nd floor, Yellow entrance), with Inova Health Systems VP and IMVH CEO Barbara Doyle, for a detailed update on Hospital operations and on the recently announced \$43.6 million plan for Hospital expansion and renovation, as well as progress toward the future Lorton Healthplex. Chair Louise Cleveland, 703 780-9151.

Wednesday, September 15, 7-9:30 PM, "NEXUS—On Successful Strategies" meets at South County Center, Haywood Suite (#221), 8350 Richmond Hwy. This 5th Round Table on "Building Together—Better Mental Health Services for Children and Youth" is sponsored by the Advisory Board of the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health and facilitated by Virginia Senator Toddy Puller. Coordinator, for info: laingebai-ley@earthlink.net

Monday, September 27, 7 PM, Route One Task Force for Human Services meets at South County Center. *Please consult www.mvcca.org, Health and Human Services Committee page, for committee information updates as well as links to resource directories for Fairfax County health and human services and for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.*

PLANNING & ZONING

Minutes of the July 12, 2010 Planning & Zoning Committee meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 and was attended by representatives from the following member associations: Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington,

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Montebello, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley – River Bend Estates, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North. There were also many people from communities surrounding the two proposed cell tower installations. There were three land use cases, one resolution was passed, and affirmative vote to join on the Transportation Committee resolution on the proposed research library & conference facility at the Mount Vernon Estate.

Before hearing the land use cases, the Committee was advised of a potential problem in the development process that has recently occurred. The Huntington Community worked with the developer on the Conceptual Development Plan (CDP), but the building permit did not match the CDP. There is not a full understanding yet of what failed, but it seems that the different County agencies were not communicating adequately. Also, the Committee reviewed the Transportation Committee resolution TRANS-2010-2 and voted to make it a joint resolution.

The first land use case was a proposal for a cell tower at Saint James Episcopal Church at 5614 Old Mill Road (2232-V10-18 & SE 2009-MV-06). The application currently calls for a 100 foot “monopine” type tower with up to three carriers to be built in a patch of trees on the property. As has become common with cell tower applications, the applicant states that there are no other suitable locations, that users demand coverage, that the increase in mobile devices is straining existing capacity, that there are no health problems. and the property owner will benefit from the income. Just as common, the immediately adjacent neighbors are opposed because of a fear of property value decline, the unsightliness of the tower, health hazards, the belief that other sites are possible, and the unsuitability of cell towers in a residential area. The applicant has yet to meet with the local community and will be doing so during July and August. No vote was taken.

Next, the Committee had a return presentation by Milestone Communications on their application for a cell phone tower at Sandburg Middle School. The proposal is now to replace an existing 80 foot light stanchion with a 115 foot “low profile flush mounted” antenna. The Sandburg school principal was not present but previously spoke in favor of the proposal. If built, the school would receive a one-time payment of about \$30,000 plus about \$1,800 per year after that. The same arguments expressed above, for and against, were heard. The applicant presented the newest version as a compromise as it is shorter than before, the antennas are much less noticeable since they’re flush mounted, and it would not add another visual element to the landscape since it replaces an existing stanchion. The committee voted to support the cell tower application in spite of opposition from the two adjacent community associations.

Last, the Committee heard a short presentation by Sunoco. The property at 5928 Richmond Highway had been a Sunoco station for

many years but was condemned for the Wilson Bridge project. Now that VDOT is finished, VDOT is offering to sell the somewhat smaller property back to Sunoco. The presentation was to determine whether or not the community would support a filling station with mini-mart at that location again. No vote was taken; Sunoco was there for comments only.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hills, Manors at Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, and Wellington. We were joined by Co-chair Al Bormann.

The chair opened the meeting by providing a brief review of the reductions to the Police Department, particularly with regard to the Mount Vernon District, that are included in the approved Budget for Fairfax County for FY 2011. Several items not funded in the Advertised Budget were funded by the Board of Supervisors in the approved budget. These include the School Resource Officers (SRO) in middle schools, the Sheriff Deputies for the dayshift at the Mount Vernon jail, the emergency services at the Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health, and the Marine Patrol Program. The Administrative Assistant II positions from each police station were lost resulting in only the Administrative Assistant III position being retained. This will be the only administrative position in each station. The result is that police officers will be doing more administrative work. The reduction of two Police Citizen Aide (PCA) positions from each police station was changed to the loss of only one PCA position at each station. Police Stations will only have five PCA positions. This will result in the loss of the ability of the police stations to keep individual PCAs at the front desk concurrent with their police shift. It is planned that four PCAs will be assigned to twelve hour shifts. The fifth will be assigned to fill in/substitute each week to keep the hours about equal for all five each week. Even so, it will be necessary to take a police officer off patrol or other duties to fill in at the front desk. The reduction of overtime hours will adversely impact the safety net in the Mount Vernon District as officers will undoubtedly be diverted from their regular duties at the station to fill in for personnel/administrative needs within the station and for transporting requirements. Subsequent to the approval of the Budget, the county executive applied an additional 1% budget reduction to the Police Department. This equates to about 1.5 million dollars. It is expected that this will be applied mainly to the overtime budget. At the time of the committee meeting, the police stations had not received their individual budgets for FY 2011.

The chair advised the committee that a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) session has been arranged to begin on

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Monday, September 13 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. It will continue each Monday through November 1. The syllabus and sign-up procedures will be provided later this month. They will also be posted on the MVCCA website. The course is open to all Fairfax County residents who are at least 18 years old. Each community should have several (preferably six) CERT certified residents to assist in the event of a major catastrophe.

A brief update was provided concerning the Jail Diversion Program. This committee has been supporting and following this program since it began in November 2003. Beginning in FY 2010, the BOS could not fund that program. The Community Services Board (CSB) applied to the U.S. Department of Justice for Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for support. The CSB and Police put together some funds to keep the program going initially in July 2009. The grant was eventually approved and will support the program until June 30, 2011. It is expected that the County will not have funds to support the program for FY 2012. The CSB intends to apply for Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant to fund the program beginning in July 2011.

The chair revisited the letter sent to Supervisor Hyland by Nicholas Beltrante which recommends the establishment of a Civilian Police Review Board for Fairfax County. The chair provided copies of additional letters by Mr. Beltrante and articles by Michael Pope printed in the Mount Vernon Gazette. In addition, the chair provided copies of four emails from COL Rohrer, the Chief of Police, to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) concerning this recommendation. The chair brought the item back to the Committee to see if there was any change in support for this proposal. During the discussion, the Wellington representative, Deputy Chief Hassan Aden of the Alexandria Police, briefly described the arrangement whereby the Alexandria Police meet with the Alexandria Human Right Commission quarterly to review cases and annually. After some discussion, the Committee again decided unanimously to not take a position at this time. The chair will arrange for some additional information and possibly speakers for our meetings in the fall.

The next Public Safety meeting will begin at 7:30pm Thursday, September 3 in Community Rm. #3 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center. (There will be no scheduled meeting in August.)

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 in the Library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. The meeting was chaired by Catherine M. Voorhees. Attending were Colonel Mark Moffatt, Frank Cohn, Mt. Vernon Transportation Commissioner, Bob Reynolds, MVCCA co-chair, and representatives of 16 member citizen associations (Belle Haven Terrace, Crosspointe, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mt. Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon Terrace, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV, Tauxemont, Waynewood,

Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park, Woodley Hills).

The June 2010 minutes of the Transportation Committee, as written in the Record with an amendment, were approved. The amendment clarified that the amount of cars leaving Tulley Gate was 85 cars per light cycle from 3pm-5pm.

Guest Speaker-Col. Mark Moffatt, Deputy Garrison Commander for Transformation and BRAC at Fort Belvoir

The Garrison Commander change of command occurred on July 7, 2010 at Fort Belvoir. The new Commander is Col. John J. Strycula. Col. Mark Moffatt remains to oversee the BRAC implementation. Currently, there are approximately 29,000 personnel/employees at Fort Belvoir (Main Post and Rivanna Station), and there are approximately 7000 residents, mostly on South Post. The vast majority of Fort Belvoir residents work in Washington D.C., the Pentagon, or areas outside the post. There are currently about 100 agencies that staff from 5 to 1500 personnel on Fort Belvoir.

The number of personnel will increase to 49,560 with the implementation of BRAC at all of the Fort Belvoir locations (Main Post, Belvoir North Area or Engineering Proving Ground, Mark Center, Rivanna Station). The breakdown in increased personnel is 6,400 at the Mark Center, 8,500 at the Engineering Proving Grounds, 1,000 at Rivanna Station and 3,500 at the main post bringing the total personnel coming to the area straddling US Route 1 to approximately 32,000. The army is assuming that 8,500 personnel going to Belvoir North Area or the Engineering Proving Ground are not going to travel on US Route 1.

About one-third of the Walter Reed Hospital staff is coming to Fort Belvoir, while the remaining two-thirds is headed to the Bethesda Naval Hospital. In addition to staff working at the post, the number of residents is going up. Currently, military family average 2.8 children/family and with BRAC the estimated military family average will be 3.4 children/family. Thus, the projected need at Fort Belvoir is more housing and larger homes.

Currently approximately 35,000 vehicle trips occur daily, which includes in and out thru 7 gates. With the envisioning of twice the amount of vehicle trips per day, two-lane Belvoir, Pohick and Gunston roads are being widened to four travel lanes. Controlled access is available 24 hours only at Tulley Gate. Authorized vehicles will have barcodes on vehicle that opens gates for automatic entry.

How does Fort Belvoir plan to reduce the number of employees driving onto the post? Public transportation needs to be more user friendly. While a REX bus comes on base, one section of Fort Belvoir will not have bus service with today's bus schedules. Further, personnel/visitors who decide to take VRE to Lorton or the Metro to Franconia-Springfield will find no bus service to Fort

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Belvoir at the Lorton VRE or a 45 minute bus that leaves the Franconia-Springfield Metro and makes 14 stops before reaching Pence Gate (hospital entrance). A 45-minute bus trip after a 45-metro experience is not going to induce personnel to take mass-transit. A shuttle to the Lorton VRE was tried with private funding and was successful during its 3 month trial (250 users/day). But, there was no public funding to continue an express shuttle.

Currently, traffic lights inside the base are under Army control. But, the traffic lights on US Route 1 are controlled by Fairfax County Department of Transportation in conjunction with VDOT. For whatever reason, there is no variation on the US Route 1 traffic lights. That is, the light cycle at 7am is the same at 2pm and 2am. Minor adjustments and trial and error is needed; and the post is working with Chairman Bulova on this issue but no agreement/resolution yet.

How to reduce people coming to Ft Belvoir who do not need to come every day???

Telework or telecommuting where staff works from their homes is popular with personnel, but unpopular with managers who want to see people. Currently, a small group teleworks 1 day every two weeks (and they prefer Fridays or Mondays). A survey that was conducted indicated that about 150 of 800 might make telecommuting work. In a small group where one's job does not require one to work on post, 37 of 40 were OK with it.

Fort Belvoir also allows alternate work schedules (e.g. 4 10-hr days, or 4+5, 9-hour days) which should reduce the number of people coming to work one day a week or one day every two weeks. Management would like telework days to occur on Tuesday, Wednesdays or Thursdays since the alternate work schedule reduces traffic on Mondays and Fridays.

Generally, the Fort Belvoir work hours are from 8am to 4:30pm due to manager desires. However, this results in all of the workforce descending on US 1 and the gates within an hour window. Other military installations in the DC area spread the time that one can start working. For example, the Pentagon requires all personnel to be working for 6 hours each day (i.e, 10am to 4pm are the core hours) so that some come early (and leave early), while others arrive later and work later. Fort Belvoir is contemplating various "solutions".

Parking is plentiful and free at Fort Belvoir, but is not always close to where people work. An internal shuttle is a possibility, but civilians in the past would not use shuttle, while non-commissioned officers did use the shuttles. Since personnel that park away from their work place need transportation to get to lunch, coffee shops, etc., the possible use of bicycles, Segways, golf carts, trails, electric cars were discussed at the transportation committee meeting.

Question: What about transit stations at security gate with shuttles onto base?

Answer: Transit stations were discussed; but security requirements

are a problem. It would be hard to place public transits in a secured area.

The Gunston Road vehicle bridge over US Route 1 connecting both sides of Fort Belvoir is being redone with a span that will accommodate 6 travel lanes on US 1. Having a Metro running south of the bridge is not favorable as the cost of a station at the US 1/Fairfax County Parkway would be astronomical. Thus, the current thought is to have a Metro station at the Hospital.

Question: On gate closures during the day, which jam up US1, traffic?

Answer: There are no plans to change the current gates, with the exception of the Lieber Gate replacement (access to North Post with tie in to Gunston Road - on hold pending funding). The gate near Woodlawn Plantation is particularly sensitive politically and it will not open again.

The replacement for Lieber Gate will have vehicles turn onto the parade ground and then make a 90 degree turn to the gate. This allows sufficient marshalling area and adequate vehicle inspection station. Construction is planned to start in 2011.

Fort Belvoir Community Hospital at Pence Gate: 5 buildings, 4 of which are clinics. In the old hospital there were 40 beds, the new hospital will have 120 beds. There are two parking garages on either side of the complex totaling 3500 parking spaces. About 1800 parking spaces are being reserved for patients, but it was questioned if 3500 parking spaces would be enough considering staff (2000 from Walter Reed) and medical personnel, as well as visitors.

Transportation overview for the Belvoir North area: With Virginia money, the Fairfax County Parkway is being built from Rolling Road to Fullerton and should be completed by November 2011. However, the Hoes Road extension to the Franconia-Springfield Parkway is due to be open in Spring 2012. Federal stimulus money is funding vehicle access from Franconia-Springfield Parkway and HOV access from Boudinot Drive.

Updates on Road Projects in our Area

Fairfax County Parkway - S and W border of Fort Belvoir is under construction. Two lanes in each direction from Rolling Road to Fullerton are scheduled to open in November 2010.

BRAC/US Route 1 - Colonel Mark Moffatt supplied us with the latest information on US 1 funding. Before the July 4th break, the House passed a Supplemental Appropriations bill containing the Moran/Van Hollen language putting the funding in a Defense Department account that can be accessed by Fairfax and USDOT. The Senate is expected to pass this bill the week of the 12th following the July 4th recess and then send the same to the President.

Mount Vernon Presidential Library - Since Fairfax County staff

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has made the determination that property owned by the Mount Vernon Ladies is "most akin to a public use", the Transportation Committee felt that a 2232 Review Process should be held so that their transportation concerns can be part of a enforceable document. Once the 2232 Review Process is conducted and it is determined that the planned conference center, library and retreat house deviate from the County's Comprehensive Plan for this location (the area is zoned for two houses per acre and the comprehensive plan states that the institutional use should not be expanded), a Special Exception hearing would occur. At that point, it would be appropriate to add the committee's transportation issues. First, our resolution requesting a 2232 Review Process should be voted on and if appropriate a Special Exception needs to be considered.

The following are the current transportation concerns, based on the committee's understanding of the Mt. Vernon Presidential Library Plans presented in April 2010:

1. Study all entrance opportunities along Route 235 South and verify that the proposed location has the least potential to disrupt normal traffic along that route.
 - a. Entrance should be sited that entrance to minimize conflict with bus turn-around traffic or traffic exiting the post office.
 - b. The gated and secure entrance should be located such that there is sufficient queuing distance so that vehicles seeking to enter shall not obstruct traffic on Route 235 South.
 - c. The Mt. Vernon Ladies should work with the Virginia Department of Transportation to develop solutions to allow for free flow of traffic during library construction, especially during am and pm peak hours, including
 - i. temporary elimination of some bus parking directly opposite the entrance to allow for north-bound traffic to flow freely past vehicles seeking to make a left turn into the Library;
2. Reconsider the location of a secondary entrance off Route 235 North (Mount Vernon Highway.)
 - a. If such an entrance is required for public safety, however, its use should be limited to Fairfax County Fire and Rescue vehicles, maintenance and operations staff of the Mount Vernon Estate, or other entities responding to an actual emergency event.
 - b. Access at this location should not be provided for purposes of normal use or visitation of the library, including deliveries, catering, exiting traffic or other use. The emergency access should not be used for any purpose during construction, including deliveries or worker access.
 - c. The entrance should be designed to minimize existing tree loss along Route 235 North and to employ pervious paving or other low impact design strategies;
3. Develop a written construction access plan outlining how, when and where construction deliveries, equipment staging, worker parking and similar activities will occur.
 - a. This plan should be made public and communicated widely with the local community. It should be subject to Fairfax County and Virginia Department of Transportation concurrence.

- b. The Ladies Association of Mount Vernon should provide advance notice when any construction activity may cause road closures or other impedances that may delay traffic;
4. Study pedestrian access to the Library site and provide any additional crosswalks, ramps or related improvements to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians between the main facilities at the Mount Vernon Estate and the Library;
5. Enter into a written memorandum of understanding with Fairfax County to ensure that the above points and any other non-transportation related issues are made requirements of the project and are not subject to change without prior public notice.

Mulligan Road - Colonel Mark Moffatt provided us with an update on this project. As discussed previously, at US Route 1 and Roy Rogers, the intersection will be straightened so that Route 235 ties into Mulligan Road, which goes to Telegraph Road. Instead of waiting for two lanes in each direction being built, the plan is to open Mulligan Road with one lane in each direction in June of 2011.

Adjourned

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be Monday, September 13, 2010 at 8pm in the Walt Whitman Middle School Library and Delegate Scott Surovell will be our guest speaker.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The June 24 meeting was held at 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. The community organizations representatives attending were: Mason Hill, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV and Woodley Hills Civic Assn. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. John Payne, FC Dept. Housing and Community Development Deputy Director for Real Estate.

Mr. Payne first recapped significant points about the Housing Blueprint. Based on funding priorities provided by the FC Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, the Board of Supervisors directed the staff to develop financing plans for the Lewinsville, North Hill and Lincolnia projects. The Board provided \$4.1 mil from the Wedgewood project revenue for the "Bridging Affordability" program in the FY 2011 budget. The Bridging Affordability program is aimed at two Housing Blueprint goals – end homelessness in 10 years; - reduce the County's waiting lists for affordable housing by half in 10 years. Most of the available funds will go to the non-profits who are to serve individuals and families on the County's waiting lists. First time home buyers were helped with subsidies in purchasing 53 foreclosed homes. The problem buying foreclosed properties has been contractors' ability to win bids as the County is limited in the amount of subsidy.

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An example mentioned of a project in development was "Residences at the Government Center". This project on 8 acres of County land will be developed as 100% affordable/workforce housing for incomes ranging up to 60% AMI. This four story structure of 272 units will be funded by a private developer who will manage and operate the facility for 99 years. Other projects that include affordable housing include the development at Tysons Corner and at Wiehle Ave., the later planned as a transportation hub at the end of the Metro extension. The Board of Supervisors approved a plan that will guide the transformation of Tysons Corner into a walkable, green community. The plan calls for 20% of new residential units in these two developments to be mixed income workforce or affordable housing.

When questioned why the County has not developed additional Residential Studio Units, Mr. Payne responded that the County staff is looking at legal problems including how many persons should be allowed in an RSO.

With the very limited funding available, specific funding plans will have to be developed for projects in the Capital Development Program including Lincolnia and North Hill.

The Committee will next invite a representative from the Department of Planning and Zoning. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON — LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING —

The MVCCA Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning (SCLRSP) didn't meet in the month of July due to the Listening Tour. Please contact the SCLRSP Chair Kahan Dhillon at ksdj@regentcompany.com or 703-768-8437 with any questions you may have.

Committee Resolutions

PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z-2010-005: RESOLUTION ON 2232-V10-08 – CELL TOWER AT SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. **WHEREAS** Milestone Communications has applied to build a cell phone tower at Sandburg Middle School, and
 2. **WHEREAS** The tower will hold up to three carriers, and
 3. **WHEREAS** Two of the carriers will be T-Mobile and Verizon, both of whom have little or no cell coverage in the surrounding area, and
 4. **WHEREAS** The tower will replace an existing 80 foot light stanchion with a 115 foot pole that has lights at 80 feet and low profile flush mounted antennas above the lights, and
 5. **WHEREAS** Milestone Communications will plant 10-12 foot tall evergreen trees along the edges of the school fields where residents would be able to see the cell tower, and
 6. **WHEREAS** The administration of Sandburg Middle School supports the cell tower installation, and,
 7. **WHEREAS** Sandburg Middle School will receive approximately \$30,000 when the tower is built and approximately \$2,000 per year afterwards,
- A) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations supports 2232-V10-06 for the replacement of a light stanchion with a low profile flush mounted cell tower at Sandburg Middle School, *as presented*.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION P&Z-2010-005

TRANSPORTATION

TRANS-2010-02: NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE STUDY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

1. **WHEREAS** The Mt. Vernon Ladies Association of the Union is preparing plans to construct a National Library for the Study of George Washington (the project), to serve as a repository of Washington's books and manuscripts, and as a site for scholarly activities, educational outreach, seminars and training, and
2. **WHEREAS** the proposed site for this planned 45,000 square foot facility is at the northwest corner of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Route 235 South) and Mount Vernon Highway (Route 235 North) and

3. **WHEREAS** the project will include library, office, residential and ancillary uses, including parking for approximately 60 cars, and
4. **WHEREAS** the current proposal calls for two access points, a main gated, card-access entry off Route 235 South and a gated "emergency" access point off Route 235 North, and
5. **WHEREAS** the project's size and uses are not contemplated in the County's Comprehensive Plan or zoned district for this location, and
6. **WHEREAS** the project is considered by Fairfax County to be a public by-right use, and public uses are subject to a 2232 Review Process, and
7. **WHEREAS** a Special Exception would be required if the project was not considered a public use and development conditions would accompany such a Special Exception, and
8. **WHEREAS** early morning commuter, visitor and bus traffic patterns have the potential to make access off Route 235 South difficult, and
9. **WHEREAS** limited site distance and the curving nature of Route 235 North could make access off it difficult without posing potential safety issues, or requiring significant alterations to the character or quality of this rural section road, and
10. **WHEREAS** construction activities, deliveries and related traffic during the development of the project have the potential to disrupt local, Mount Vernon visitor and commuter traffic.

A) NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests that the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County conduct a 2232 Review Process of the public use.

B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, should any contemplated building plan for the site deviate from the current zoning conditions described under the current R2 designation for that site, that an application for Special Exception be required and considered concurrently with the 2232 Review Process.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION TRANS-2010-02

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 28, 8 p.m.
Walt Whitman Middle School
Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

AGENDA

Call to Order

Approval of Secretary's Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
Co-Chair's Report on Board Actions

Published Items and Resolutions

New Business

Member Association Representatives' Time
MV Supervisor's Time
Other Elected Representatives and Public Time

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Sept. 9, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm*

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	9/23	7:30	MVGC	Jeszenszky
BUDG	9/8	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	9/7	7:30	Webinar	Cox
EDUC	9/1	TBD	TBD	Harbeck
E&R	9/8	7:00	SCGC	Martin
H/HS	9/7	7:30	IMVH/Engn Rm1	Cleveland
PL/Z	9/7	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF	9/3	7:30	MVGC/ComRm3	Shawkey
LRSP	TBD			Dhillon
TRAN	9/13	8:00	WWMS-Lib	C. Voorhees

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