



The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, Inc.

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Supervisor Dan Storck
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Dear Supervisor, Storck,

Oct 3, 2023

The MVCCA has discussed the following issues in committee and at our General Council Membership meeting:

Landscaping and Screening

County Boards and Commissions requirements to post notices, minutes, and materials.

Our resolutions, which were passed unanimously are attached.

We appreciate your office's support to ensure that our concerns are dealt with.

Regards,

Katherine Ward

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Attached:

1. Resolution on Landscaping and Screening at the Belview Fire station and Homeless Shelter
2. Resolution County Boards and Commissions notices, minutes, and materials

CC: Rachel Flynn Deputy County Executive

Attachment 1

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) E&R 2023-02
TREE PLANTINGS SURROUNDING THE PROPOSED FIRE STATION/AFFORDABLE
HOUSING/SHELTER/SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COMPLEX

WHEREAS the proposed Fire Station/Affordable Housing/Shelter Complex will be in a residential area;

WHEREAS the development of this project will likely result in the loss of most if not all trees currently on the property;

WHEREAS the MVCCA recognizes that development and infill is causing significant loss of tree canopy and threatens our ability to meet the tree canopy goals for the future;

WHEREAS the county's existing landscaping and screening requirements are minimal and the proposed revisions to these requirements are under development; and

WHEREAS community members have expressed a desire to plant trees around this complex for screening.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MVCCA asks that the Board of Supervisors direct that trees that will be tall evergreen trees and effectively screen the facility, especially for those sides with adjoining residential housing.

Approved by the MVCCA General Council Sept 27, 2023

Attachment 2

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) E&R 2023-03
MEETING NOTICE AND AVAILABILITY OF MEETING INFORMATION

WHEREAS the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations routinely engage in reviewing and commenting on county programs that affect the lives of the Mount Vernon residents;

WHEREAS § 2.2-3707 G states that "At least one copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and, unless exempt, all materials furnished to members of a public body for a meeting shall be made available for public inspection at the same time such documents are furnished to the members of the public body."

WHEREAS the Wetlands Board publishes notices of meeting in the *Washington Times* and provides notice to permit applicants by mail, notice of the Wetland Board's meeting on the Wetland Board website often significantly lags notice in the *Washington Times* and the information on the Wetlands Board does not include or provide links to meeting materials, which are typically posted in the county's PLUS system (i.e., <https://plus.fairfaxcounty.gov/CitizenAccess/Cap/MyRecordsCap.aspx>) and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission website; (i.e., <https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/habitat/>);

WHEREAS while the county has established a website for all meetings (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/calendar/ShowCalendar.aspx?C=1&keyword=Wetlands+Board&searchframe=monthly>), when searching for meetings for a group, (e.g., the Wetlands Board, EQAC or the Tree Commission) no past or future meetings are posted;

WHEREAS in contrast to the meetings of the Board and Planning Commission, whose recorded meeting links are readily available with links on the county website, the YouTube links to the recorded meetings of the wetlands board are not posted on the county wetland board website;

WHEREAS the difficulty in knowing where to go to access meeting materials, makes it hard for members of the public to follow or even comment during comment periods of meetings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA asks that the Board of Supervisors reaffirm and direct county staff to post all meeting notices on the County's website as soon as the public body receives that notice, as required by law;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA asks the Board of Supervisors to direct county staff to at least provide relevant links to information that the Wetlands Board discusses in meetings.

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