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**MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS
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PRESENT: Co-chairs Al Bornmann, David Plummer; committee chairs Louise Cleveland, Queenie Cox, Judy Harbeck, Betsy Martin, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; Treasurer Brenda Hebert; Secretary Carol Coyle.
Representatives from: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Huntington Club, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, River Towers, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills.

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report accepted.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Capt. Randy Joyce, new Commander of the Mount Vernon Police Station, introduced himself and his deputy, Lt. Mike Wall. Capt. Joyce gave an overview of his 23 year career with the Police Department; he has worked his way through all of the different phases of the County's department. Mount Vernon is the smallest and one of the most diverse districts in the County. Chief concerns in the Mount Vernon District include pedestrian and bicycle safety. Crime is down; the increase in robberies of late is typical of summer when kids are out of school. Capt. Joyce noted the need for more Neighborhood Watch participants and reminded us that August 2 is National Night Out.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's application for expansion was approved by the BOS with conditions requested by Gum Springs community. First phase won't increase traffic; subsequent phases will have to be evaluated. The community will be involved. There

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Announcements

Next MVCCA General Council meeting will start at 7:45PM. The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation and Bruce Leonard, Managing Principal, StreetSense, will be giving an encore presentation of the Retail Summit, held earlier this year. Retail trends, business opportunities and current development along the Rt.1 corridor will be discussed. See you there!

The 6-session fall **CERT training** will begin on Monday, October 3, 2011 in the Mount Vernon Center at 7:00pm. The training sessions are free. More details in the Public Safety section of this Record.

The MVCCA Co-Chairs are looking for volunteers to serve on the **Nominating Committee** to develop the slate for the 2012 MVCCA Officers. If interested, please contact one of the Co-Chairs.

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will not be a traffic light at Hollin Road, and there are plans to prevent public and employees from using it for entering/leaving the hospital. Route One Rail Study seems to be concentrating on buses; Transportation chair says we need to impress on Supervisor Bulova that this is supposed to be a rail study. Plans for Dulles Metro extension have been approved; the above ground system is not optimum, but it will work. BOS passed a rule that will make it possible to prevent long-term parking of commercial vehicles in commercial areas. Report of the Visioning Task Force is available online and at the Governmental Center; next step is implementation. Neal McBride (Newington Forest) reports that items which were to be donated to the Cold War Museum will be donated to the Cold War exhibit at the new Army Museum.

There will be changes in voting places for some neighborhoods, but these will not take affect until the November elections. Information from the electoral board will be mailed.

Queenie Cox (New Gum Springs) expressed thanks to Supervisor Hyland and Planning Commissioner Flanagan for their support of neighborhood concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET AND FINANCE – No meeting in July. Committee will meet August 3, location tbd.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No meeting in July. Chair distributed a proposed resolution on sewer “ownership.”

EDUCATION – No meeting in July. There may be a meeting in August to discuss County pensions and other issues. Chair encouraged neighborhood presidents to appoint people to all committees.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION – See minutes. One resolution. Next meeting September 7.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – See minutes. Committee will meet September 6 jointly with Affordable Housing; topic will be housing priorities. Representatives from County prevention of homelessness, Good Shepherd Housing, and Rising Hope Housing will attend. Chair reports studies show that 80% of seniors want to stay in multi-generational neighborhoods (their own homes) rather than retirement communities.

PLANNING & ZONING – See minutes. Two resolutions. Next meeting September 6.

PUBLIC SAFETY – See minutes. ‘Citizen’ review of Police Department is now conducted by the Fairfax County Auditor who is already on the County payroll; no additional funding is needed for this. There will be a new Public Safety Building built by 2015 which

Treasurer's Report				
January 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011				
Balance Available	<u>\$ 10,195.93</u>			
January 1, 2011				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	Monthly	YTD		
<u>Receipts</u>				
Dues-Current Members	84.00	\$3,888.00	\$4,000.00	\$(112.00)
Dues—New Members	-	-	200.00	(200.00)
Gala Income	-	4,365.00	6,000.00	(1,635.00)
MM Interest Income	0.31	1.56	-	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 84.31</u>	<u>\$ 8,254.56</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,947.00)</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>				
Administrative Exp	25.00	\$250.75	\$300.00	\$49.25
Gala Expenses	-	4,097.27	6,000.00	1,902.73
Gala Expenses-Spring 2012	-	300.00	-	-
Insurance	-	660.00	700.00	40.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	-	341.18	650.00	308.82
Public Safety—Mailings	-	-	100.00	100.00
Record Production	140.00	1030.00	1,550.00	520.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards	-	520.50	600.00	79.50
Web Site	-	-	300.00	300.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 165.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,199.70</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,300.30</u>
Balance Available	<u>\$ 11,250.79</u>			
August 31, 2011				
Wachovia Checking	\$ 6,247.41			
Wachovia Money Market bal	5,003.38			
Total Money Available	<u>\$ 11,250.79</u>			

will be located behind the Fairfax County Government Center. Next session of CERT training begins October 3 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

TRANSPORTATION – See minutes.

LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING – Listening tours continue. Southwood invited the team back. Stratford Landing says the presentation is a good lesson in what we are. Teams are now moving out of member communities to local organizations.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – No meeting in July.

LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING – See report in Record. Aiming for a December vote.

RESOLUTIONS

E&R-2011-002 LETTER ENCOURAGING LITTER CONTROL
Approved 18-0-0.

P&Z 2011-008 NOT TO OPPOSE INOVA EXPANSION, PHASE ONE Ratification of letter approved at Board meeting and sent to the Board of Supervisors. Approved 17-1-0.
[Queenie Cox (New Gum Springs) would like to clarify that Gum Springs did not oppose the resolution based on the development conditions approved by the BOS on July 26th, which were supported by Gum Springs.]

P&Z-2011-009 DQ SITE (RZ 2010-MV-011) Approved 17-0-1.

CO-CHAIRS

We need volunteers for the Nominating Committee. David Coon, new representative from Huntington, introduced himself. Forum tomorrow night at Governmental Center with three running for the Democratic nomination for State Delegate.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Walt Whitman Middle School

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Al Bornmann (MVCCA Co-chair), Hollin Hall Village, Stratford on the Potomac, Sect. 4, Belle View, Mount Vernon, Williamsburg Manor.

The meeting was held in two parts. The first portion was a discussion of county's plan to end homelessness and possible attendance at an upcoming meeting of the County Redevelopment and Housing Authority in which financing issues will be discussed.

The second part of the meeting was a joint meeting with the Education Committee to hear an invited speaker on school bond issues. However, since the speaker failed to attend we discussed several school related issues including how to obtain additional funding to get students out of trailers, the county funding plan being clearly inadequate to meet the school construction requirements.

The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be held October 5, 2011 at 7:30 at the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Our guest speaker will be James Patteson of DPWES to discuss county development financial issues.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs met on September 6th at Walt Whitman Middle School to discuss the sewer resolution. The resolution was edited based on comments received. E&R plan to review the resolution during its October meeting. After much discussion, it was determined that the resolution should be sent to P&Z and budget. Since the resolution affects other committees who have not yet had an opportunity to review and comment, no further action was taken.

Next meeting will be October 4th.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8pm, September 7, 2011, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Williamsburg Manor North, Villamay, Mt. Zephyr, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Wellington, Mt. Vernon Manor, Sulgrave Manor, and Riverside Estates. Co-chair Al Bornmann also attended as did the MVCCA Budget & Finance Committee and Chair David Voorhees.

The Committees had expected a presentation on the next school bond referendum but the presenter was unable to attend. It was noted that Mount Vernon area projects included in the bond referendum are renovation of Sandburg Middle School (about \$44M) and planning for future renovation of Woodlawn Elementary (\$1.2M). It is likely that other schools will receive some benefit from funds included for technology updates and major maintenance such as blacktop resurfacing. The total sought is \$253M, which includes a bond issuance cost of \$1.5M and has been reduced by about \$29M in savings from lower construction costs.

As the Committees briefly discussed, construction and renovation needs based on facility age, condition and expected enrollments are projected five years ahead in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which is reviewed yearly. While the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has the last few years increased the amount of authorized bond sales to about \$150M per year, nearly double that amount

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would be needed to keep pace with CIP projections, maintain a 25 year useful life schedule for major renovations, and meet new construction needs for increasing populations and demographic shifts.

This difficulty in maintaining an appropriate renovation/construction schedule without adversely affecting bond ratings and debt loads is a major reason the Education Committee (and others) has suggested a meals tax referendum to provide additional school capital construction funds. Added to the current authorized yearly bond sales, dedicated meal tax proceeds would come close to meeting CIP needs at present and might eventually permit reduction in bonding and debt service. The concept might also be more palatable to the electorate since it would have a dedicated “concrete” purpose of improving school buildings and every district has schools in need of renovation and/or new construction requirements. The experience of surrounding areas shows little or no effect on restaurant business and moreover many residents are already paying a meals tax—to another jurisdiction.

In considering subjects and issues for the year, the Committee noted that follow up will be needed on the issue of reinstatement of high school honors classes. While FCPS has proposed providing on-line honors classes in two subjects, and possibly permitting principal discretion on “live” classes, this is at best a partial step. Moreover, the curriculum would essentially be the AP syllabus, just presented on a slower basis over a full year.

Similarly, while there has been some motion toward improved disciplinary/expulsion processes, it is a subject where some fixes are easy but other require careful study of impacts on affected students, safety and wellbeing of the entire student body and administrative needs and responsibilities alike.

“Priority Schools”, now that there is a year of experience to evaluate, will continue to be a priority interest of the Committee.

New subjects will include the new teacher and principal evaluation systems under development at both Commonwealth and County levels. Improved evaluation procedures are necessary to help identify most effective teachers and practices as well as provide feedback for improvement for all teachers and remove those who are not performing at appropriate levels. While some of the evaluation would be based on student standardized testing, the challenge is to measure improvement over time and to identify the many other characteristics which make up the art of instruction. Further, while the process should include frequent observation or evaluation, it should not prove another onerous record-keeping burden on administration.

Updates on progress in the special education arena, and the new language arts programs may also be subjects for the Committee.

Next meeting: 8pm, October 5, 2011, Whitman MS library

The committee met 7 September 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Dave Plummer (MVCCA co-chair), Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, River Towers, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor, and Woodley Hills.

Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture. Maureen Moodie, Farm Director, reported to the committee about the Arcadia Center, set up about a year ago at Woodlawn Plantation by partners Arcadia Food Inc. and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The goal is to remedy lack of local food access for restaurants and the population, esp. for people living in “food deserts” without grocery stores. The Center broke ground in March, and now has 3 ½ acres in cultivation. Over 1400 pounds were produced the first growing season and sold in southwest DC farmers’ market and restaurants, and donated to Lorton food banks. The farm is completely sustainable, with no spraying and nothing put on the fields except compost, in order to prove it can be done and train young farmers how to do it, and preserve farmland. The Center has begun a mobile farmers’ market to serve underserved areas in DC east of the Anacostia. It runs the Farm-to-School Network, which provides local produce to school cafeterias in DC and conducts field trips for students. The center hopes to expand the program, and is reaching out to Fairfax County schools. Still a dream is to establish a local “food hub,” in which local small farmers would pool their farm products to be able to sell to larger customers. Transporting the farm produce is a big challenge. The Center is looking for aggregation space (warehouse) on Route 1. The Center was originally funded by Neighborhood Restaurant Group, Whole Foods, and the Kickstarter campaign, but hopes to be off grant funding in three years. The Center conducts a joint fundraiser with Woodlawn each year, called “The Vices that Made Virginia!”—a night of oysters, cigars, bourbon and bluegrass on the farm and fields of Woodlawn. This year’s event is Nov. 5th, 2011. Check arcadiafood.org for tickets and information.

Citizens’ Action Plan for Litter Prevention. A draft of this paper, developed by E&R members and distributed in advance of the meeting, was discussed. The paper takes the position that current policies and laws do not adequately address the program, and asks Fairfax County to take five actions for which we believe it has authority under current law:

1. Re-introduce a recycling program in Fairfax County Public Schools and use it to support education in environmental stewardship.
2. Revise the recycling ordinance to require all businesses to recycle cans and bottles.
3. Adopt a litter control ordinance.
4. Conduct anti-litter public information campaigns and increase enforcement of anti-littering laws.
5. The Board of Supervisors should request the Virginia Litter Control and Recycling Advisory Fund Board to promulgate

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regulations requiring that litter receptacles be placed in public places, as provided by existing state law.

The paper also recommends that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors add the following to the county's legislative agenda and that state legislators introduce these bills and work for their enactment:

6. Ask the state legislature to ban Styrofoam and require biodegradable packaging for take-out food.
7. Ask the state legislature to implement a beverage container deposit law.
8. Reintroduce the bill in the state legislature imposing a fee on single-use plastic bags; if that fails, ask the state legislature to pass enabling legislation allowing Fairfax County to impose a fee on single-use plastic bags.
9. Request that the state legislature enact an extended producer responsibility law under which producers of certain products would be responsible for the life of the product, including its disposal.
10. Request the Virginia Litter Control and Recycling Advisory Fund Board and the state legislature to increase the litter tax and use the proceeds to fund litter prevention, cleanups and outreach.
11. Reintroduce the bill to increase fines for littering cigarette butts to \$100 per butt. Seek contributions to the Litter Control and Recycling Fund from the tobacco product manufacturers' trade association or companies.

Some committee members suggested that recommendations 6-11 were unlikely to succeed in the current anti-regulatory climate, while others felt strongly that they should be included, although immediate success in achieving them is unlikely. Committee members seemed to agree that the second set of recommendations should be included, but the first five should be prioritized as things that are more likely to be achieved by Fairfax County now, presumably without additional authority from the state legislature. One member advocated seeking to get candidates to support these recommendations during this election cycle. This argues for completing the paper and getting it voted on by the MVCCA as far in advance of the November 8 election as we can. Another member argued that the rationale for the recommendations should be broadened to include economic benefits, since the recommended actions would divert material from the waste stream and recover materials needed for recycling, and would reduce Fairfax County's dependence on the Lorton incinerator. Composting of food waste is desirable, and is wanted by restaurants; Howard County is doing this, and Fairfax County has fallen behind.

Updates

- There is still time to sign up for Weed Warrior training, to be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10.
- The National Park Service has completed an Environmental Assessment of four alternative site development plans for Fort Hunt Park. There's a public meeting Sept. 21st, and public comments are due Oct. 6. E&R members should plan to attend the meeting--the NPS preferred alternative would

involve major changes to the park, including construction of a visitors' center to provide interpretation of its history, and removal of picnic areas B, C, D, and E. Find the assessment at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=33621>. Glenda Booth has an article in the September 7 *Mount Vernon Voice* about the park and its history.

- A member requested that E&R consider the deer problem at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00. The next meeting is October 5 at 7, room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Topics include invasive exotic plants along the George Washington Memorial Parkway, siting of communications facilities, and finalizing E&R's *Citizens' Action Plan for Litter Prevention*.

JOINT MEETING HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES & SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

On Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing (SCAWH) and the Committee for Health and Human Services (HHS) met with four invited guest resources for an update on "Housing First" and progress under the Fairfax County Housing Blueprint.

The following MVCCA members were represented: Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mason Hill, Mount Zephyr (2), Riverside Estates (2), Stratford on Potomac-Sec. 4, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates, Wellington (2). MVCCA Co-chair Al Bornmann was present, as were SCAWH Chair John Jeszenszky and HHS Chair Louise Cleveland.

Guest resources were *Dean Klein*, Director, Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH); *Elizabeth Lardner*, Mount Vernon District representative and incoming Chairman, Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RHA); *Pam Mitchell*, Executive Director, New Hope Housing, Inc.; and *Shannon Steene*, Executive Director, Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, Inc.

Blueprint goals and "Housing First"

Citizens of the Route One Corridor area and MVCCA have long advocated for redevelopment that would include more homes affordable for those who work here (especially those providing services) and also for coordinated services for individuals and families, in our communities and school pyramids, "at risk" of homelessness and with special needs for supportive services. The causes of homelessness are now increasingly well documented, and the process of making a countywide inventory of those with special needs is ongoing, in the CSB, Dept. of Family Services, Coordinated Service Planning and other agencies.

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The Housing Blueprint continues to evolve from an agreement among public and private agencies (endorsed by the Board of Supervisors in early 2007) on goals and strategies: (1) to prevent and end homelessness in ten years (by 2018), (2) to provide affordable options to Special Needs populations, (3) to streamline and reduce the waiting lists by half in ten years, and (4) to increase workforce housing through creative partnerships and public policy. But step-by-step implementation (with annual targets) requires annual adjustments, and this is certainly the case in FY 2012. The process of adjustment begins with the Sept. 23 meeting of the county Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (see Public Meetings, below).

The non-profits are working hard on the first and third goals, using all available resources in an effort to move individuals and families as quickly as possible from emergency homeless shelters as well as current housing waiting lists into stable housing—the Housing First strategy—while providing the supportive services that promote recovery from the circumstances that caused them to become homeless. Although the Blueprint sets a target of adding 2650 units by FY2018, the target for FY2012 is 247 new units (106 for individuals, 141 families). At the same time, projects are underway that respond to goal #2, such as rehabilitation of the Lincolnia facility that serves seniors, a special needs population. Goal #4 is addressed largely through policy incentives to private developers, especially near business centers and jobs, granting density bonuses for housing affordable to a range of workforce incomes.

Since our last joint meeting of HHS and SCAWH (reported in the April 2010 MVCCA Record) on implementation of the Housing Blueprint, Federal housing funds are already reduced by 20%, with more cuts from this baseline anticipated. The State has not contributed to housing for many years, though there is some advocacy for restoration of a Virginia Housing Trust Fund. Fairfax County's annual contribution to its One Penny Fund for housing was halved in the FY 2011 budget and eliminated for FY 2012 (when the Board of Supervisors voted to reduce the residential property tax rate from \$1.09 to \$1.07). This saving for individual households has prompted Supervisor Hudgins to call for private sector contributions to a special fund of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to which citizens may contribute. The BOS will reallocate "carryover" from FY 2011 in September, but these funds are expected to go to other considerations, and County agencies are already being instructed to budget for substantial percentage reductions for FY 2013. A Housing Blueprint for FY 2013 is now in preparation. The panel felt it was unlikely that there will be County funds from The One Penny Fund available for affordable housing in FY2012 or FY 2013.

Bridging Affordability

The RHA/HCD has announced that \$3.8 million in funds from its rents on current RHA-owned property will be dedicated to the Bridging Affordability Program, for rent subsidies, through a 3-year contract with Northern Virginia Family Service Collaborative (9 nonprofits, including 3 based in our area).

The County and non-profits will be challenged to administer these program funds, since no funding for administration or for expanding supportive services was included. Good Shepherd and New Hope report they are already "maxed out" in their ability to provide services to additional families. Nevertheless, Good Shepherd Housing was the first organization to place a family, moving from the Mondloch shelter into in a permanent home, with a lease, making use of these funds. Public and private agencies are cooperating in building a Housing Locator Network to link people with landlords who will lease to tenants receiving subsidy, especially when they are sponsored by an agency providing supportive services.

Mondloch House Renovation

The Committees were briefed by Pam Michell of New Hope Housing on the renovation of Mondloch House, creating 20 affordable efficiency units which will be operated by New Hope Housing. The current shelter is scheduled to close on November 1, with shelter residents relocated into single family units in the Colchester apartment complex. Renovation of Mondloch House is expected to be completed by 2013. Bob Trimble asked why it was decided not to have a higher density of efficiency units at this location, given the large shortfall of affordable units in the County. Ms. Michell responded that it would have taken much longer to develop such a plan. Given current restrictions, the choice was made based on how quickly these units could be made available.

For Further Information

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>

This County website page links to a Community Snapshot (prepared for The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness), the "2011 Point in Time Count Report," and other information.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/housingblueprint.htm>

This RHA page on the "Housing Blueprint -- FY2011 and Beyond" provides links to brief description of four Concepts: Housing Those with the Greatest Need, Bridging Affordability, Strategic Housing Programs, and Private Partnerships to Expand Workforce Housing.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/>

In the Final Report of the Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force (a 179-page PDF), the report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development (pages 78-99) deserves careful consideration from MVCCA committees concerned with redevelopment of the Route One Corridor.

Public Hearings on Zoning Amendments

A Planning Commission hearing scheduled in September has been deferred to November, to consider proposed amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance regarding independent living facilities for low income residents and a modification to the definitions of "dwelling unit" and "independent living facility."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS RE HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES

Wed. Sept. 14 7 PM Route One Task Force for Human Services meets at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., on healthcare issues--CSB initiatives and CSB/Health Dept. cooperation in addressing "safety net" issues. Convener Anne Andrews, 703-780-1773.

Tues. Sept. 20 7 PM Southeast Health Planning Task Force meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, Rm 2&3, for quarterly updates on Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and September groundbreaking for the Healthplex at Lorton.

Fri. Sept. 23 9:30 AM – 12 FC Affordable Housing Advisory Committee meets at Fairfax County Government Center, Conf. Rooms 9&10.

Thu. Sept. 29 7:30 PM SCAWH Regular Meeting at the Mount Vernon Government Center Conference Room. Discussion on special housing needs for seniors.

Tues, Oct. 4 7:30 PM MVCCA HHS Committee meets at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital-Engl Room (2nd floor, Yellow entrance). Participation in the Sept. 14 R1TF meeting will be helpful preparation for our focus on Access to Healthcare, with guest speakers from FC Community Health Care Network and Family Services.

Thurs. Oct. 27 7:30 PM MVCCA Joint Committee Meeting of HHS and Public Safety meets at Mount Vernon Governmental Center (Rm 2&3), with guest speakers from County Office of Emergency Planning and Health Dept.

PLANNING & ZONING

Minutes of the September 6, 2011 Planning & Zoning Committee meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm and was attended by representatives from the following associations: Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Huntington Club, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Potomac Valley Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Villamay, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, and Woodlawn Manor. There were two information only presentations, and an APR retrospective from County planning staff. Also, there was consideration and passage of a resolution concerning distributed antennas systems in residential areas.

The first information case was about the Belvoir Corporate Campus on Loisdale Road just over the border in Lee District. Approximately 15 acres out of 24 would be developed with two 5-story office buildings of 100,000 square feet each. The project will reach LEED Silver level. All parking is in surface parking surrounding the buildings. No vote was taken pending the final proffers statement.

Next, the Committee had a brief presentation by Meghan Van Dam, Senior Planner from the Dept. of Planning and Zoning, Planning Division on the recently concluded APR process. County staff is undertaking a retrospective review to improve the next APR cycle and increase citizen participation. For more information or to

provide feedback to the retrospective team, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/retrospective.htm.

Meghan Van Dam then provided a quick update on the Penn Daw redevelopment plans. The Council and some property owners both submitted APR nominations for several commercial properties. Supervisor McKay created a study group to bring together the land owners, community members, and County staff to plan for possible development. The current plan calls for multifamily residential, some townhomes, and ground floor retail. Additionally, there is the possibility of realigning Kings Highway. Upcoming study group meetings will focus on the economic feasibility and transportation issues.

Lastly, the Committee considered and approved a resolution from the cell phone tower subcommittee. The resolution states that in residential areas of the Mount Vernon District cell towers should only be permitted when a distributed antenna system (DAS) is shown to be not feasible.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm. The next meeting is Monday, October 3, 2011, at 7:30pm in the Jack Knowles Lecture Hall of Whitman Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, and Waynewood.

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). The fall CERT training will begin on Monday, October 3 in Community Rooms #2 and #3 in the Mount Vernon Center at 7:00pm.

There will be five sessions on the following Mondays for a total of six sessions. The training is free of charge. The instructors are provided by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Applicants must be at least 18 and residents of Fairfax County. Applicants should send their name, address, telephone number by email to Dana Powers at: Dana.Powers@fairfaxcounty.gov. Please add the chair of the Public Safety Committee as a cc: dallas.shawkey@verizon.net so that we may track how many we have. The class size is limited to 24 people.

Waynewood Cell Phone Tower Resolution. The meeting opened with a discussion of a draft resolution offered by the Waynewood rep. Waynewood community has very poor cell phone service as no applications for cell towers in their area have been approved. As a result, some 911 calls are responded to by the nearest cell tower which may be in Prince George's County in Maryland. This results in some confusion and delay. The chair said the resolution belongs in the Planning and Zoning Committee as it handles all cell tower service. However, it was agreed that the Public Safety Committee supports the issue of getting better cell phone service in the District as that is a public safety need.

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Mount Vernon District Visioning Task Force Overview and Public Safety Issues. The chair provided copies of the public safety issues for review. The committee will further discuss these issues and the progress the County makes on them.

Public Safety Headquarters Building, B-1 Site, Conceptual Building and Site Plans. The chair briefly reprised a presentation Deputy County Executive Robert Stalzer on the plans for the building of a new Public Safety Headquarters Building. This will house the Police Department and the Fire and Rescue Department headquarters activities as well as a Data Repository site. The site is behind the Fairfax County Governmental Building near the Pennino and Herry Buildings. The current site of the Police and some Fire and Rescue Departments administrations are in the Massey Building located by the Fairfax Courthouse in Fairfax City. The Massey Building has outlived its usefulness. A plan is being developed to build the new building by 2015. Currently, the planners need \$5M for design. It will be requested that the funds come from the FY 2011 carryover. The building will be designed to accommodate envisioned space/services needs through 2030. It will have approximately 272 thousand square ft. of space and be surrounded by open space. The building will be built to meet medium security needs. It is planned to demolish the Massey Bldg. in December 2015. The Massey site will probably later be used for any needed courthouse expansion.

Review Process for the Police Department. The chair briefly gave the presentation on the newly approved police review process approved by the Board of Supervisors. The County Executive recommended to the BOS the option of the Internal Auditor having the review authority. In this case, it will be the Fairfax County Internal Auditor, Christopher Pietsch. A major reason for this recommendation is that he works for and is supervised by the County Executive, not the Chief of Police. Mr. Pietsch currently manages and investigates complaints reported on both the fraud and ethics telephone line. He investigates alleged inappropriate behavior and business practices and is routinely utilized by management to improve organizational performance. As a consequence, his is often assisting or is assisted by the Police Department and is familiar with police procedure and investigatory practices. This is a prudent approach that would enhance public trust without compromising or adding significant burdens of time and expense to a thorough investigation and review of significant incidences involving police officer. It does not complicate or interfere with the rights of police officers (the Procedural Guarantee Act), and the head of the police union has been briefed and is supportive of the option.

He noted that there is no strong evidence that a citizen review board provides additional value to a review process, however, this remains an option, if over the long term there is dissatisfaction with the effectiveness of the proposed auditor model.

Mr. Pietsch said he believed that he could perform these duties for the County Executive.

Readynova.com (or readynova.org). The chair recommended the committee members and their communities review this web site as it provides help in setting up plans for both homes and businesses in the event of significant local catastrophes.

Student Tool for Emergency Planning (STEP). FCPS has developed the STEP for use by students in understanding planning for home emergencies. It is being tested in two elementary schools this fall.

October Meetings.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will begin at 7:30 pm on Thursday, October 6 in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center. Our speaker will be Capt. Randy Joyce, Commander, Mount Vernon Police Station.

Our meeting for November will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 7:30pm to have a joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee to receive presentations from the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Health Department on the recently enacted county emergency plan. The meeting will be held in Community Rms. #2 and #3 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, September 12, 2011 in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Catherine Voorhees chaired the meeting. Attending for the Transportation Committee were representatives of 13 member citizen associations (Belle Haven Terrace, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Tauxemont, Villamay, Waynewood, Wessynton, Woodley Hills).

The July minutes of the Transportation Committee as printed in The Record were approved.

Guest Speaker – Greg Budnik, GJB Engineering Inc. – The unintended consequences of a Lee District rezoning case.

Greg represents Mt. Vernon business owners who learned late in the game that proposed rezoning adjacent their property could close 3 of 4 access points to their business due to road improvements that are required by VDOT and/or FCDOT. Greg was part of MVCCA Planning and Zoning committee in the past and realized that the Transportation Committee may be able to help with issue of written notice to adjacent property owners, even when the adjacent property owners are across the street because road improvements affect their economic future.

The problem: Due to Lee District BRAC-related rezonings, the area of Newington Road, Fairfax County Parkway toward I-95, and

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Loisdale Road will undergo changes. The development proffers/revisions may/will cause access problems for existing businesses in the Mount Vernon District.

Evidently, VDOT and/or FCDOT want a solid median installed on Loisdale Road with no cuts. One side of Loisdale Road is in the Lee District and the other side is in the Mount Vernon District. The changes to road, if installed, could put Mr. Kevin Page whose family owns the Parkway Express gas station out of business. But, it appears that Fairfax County rezoning laws do not ensure that adjacent parties receive notice or an opportunity to be heard.

The third rezoning that has not been approved is Belvoir Corporate Park and Fairfax County staff would like a proffer that this applicant provide the transportation infrastructure. This means that Mt. Vernon District property owners who lose access to their business due to the proffers are not involved. This is wrong as government planning should be transparent when others could be economically affected by the rezoning proffers. Lee District Land Use Committee will meet on October 3, 2011 and then the Fairfax County Planning Commission will hear the case.

The Comprehensive Plan only specifies the number of lanes on Loisdale Road and does not require a solid median.

Objective: A resolution requesting a public information process or review when rezoning projects spill across two jurisdictions (Lee and Mt. Vernon property owners). VDOT does not want public review until a formal plan/application has been made and that makes sense. But, at the very least, public notice should be provided to adjacent home or business and the County must ensure that notice was given before taking action, or, this will happen again. The first Lee District rezoning that affects Mount Vernon residents was the Costco application and those folks found out at the 11th hour what was being required by VDOT. If one jurisdiction does not ensure that the other jurisdiction knows what is happening what is in place to avoid a developer plan being rushed through (with proffers) causing a fait accompli that destroys the economic future of an existing business or home in the other jurisdiction?

Old Business

Waynewood CA is concerned about the inability to get Virginia Emergency Centers when calling from cell phones. In the 90s the closest tower to our portion of Mount Vernon was in Maryland and cell phones tend to go to the strongest tower. There are citizen objections about big towers and some cell phone providers have placed towers in church steeples (e.g., St. Luke's on Fort Hunt Road). Waynewood has a pending resolution that asks for approval of cell towers from local residents.

The Villamay transportation representative has been working on this issue since Lamond Park was proposed as a cell tower site. However, the tower was to be 120 feet tall and would be on top of the Lamond Park hill so it would be seen for miles.

Current statistics: 70% of 911 calls are made by cell phones. This is a dramatic difference from 10 years ago, but as more folks have cell phones, it is easy to call 911 when an accident occurs.

About 1% or 2% get routed out of our area (e.g., Prince Georges; Maryland)

Technology is constantly changing; NG911 (next generation) is under test now, will use GPS to locate the phone calling in. This may narrow a call to a house or building, but does not indicate which floor of a multifloor building.

While everyone agrees that cell phone coverage needs to be improved, it is unclear if residents will agree to towers (unless hidden) or perhaps, the Distributed Antenna System. The Planning and Zoning Committee passed a resolution on cell phone towers, is this one enough?

Update on Mulligan Road

Evidently, a contractor has been chosen for construction, but has not been made public yet.

Paving part this fall with completion in late 2012.

There is enough funding for 4 lanes on Mulligan Road.

Questions - Wegmann's proffer for widening Telegraph Road from Leaf Road to just before Beulah Road: with the bad economy is Wegmann's still widening Telegraph Road?

Update on US Route 1

In early August, there was a Route 1 Task Force Meeting of Elected Officials, which was conducted by Amy Imnam of the Department of Public Rail and Transit, that addressed long term goal of elected officials and realistic rezoning to support rail on the US Route 1 corridor. The Chair was not able to attend due to a schedule so the positions of the MVCCA Transportation Committee approved by the Council were not heard.

Evidently, Chairwomen Bulova and Delegate Sickles missed the numerous resolutions that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations passed on this matter. They felt that the low density did not support rail on the corridor.

Delegate Surovell voiced his constituents' opinions via telephone and was backed up by Supervisor Hyland who attended the meeting in person. According to Amy Imnam, Dept. of Public Rail & Transit, in order to support rail, density of 12 houses per acre would be needed? What does the surrounding population want?

If US Route 1 was developed like Arlington County redeveloped Wilson and Clarendon Boulevards, the neighborhoods behind the two main streets were preserved. Thus, if high rise apartment/condominium and office buildings could be built on US Route 1, sufficient density to support rail would exist. Arlington County did not invite more residents before rail, but that seems to be Fairfax County's method along US Route 1. Why? US Route 1 could

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have an explosive economic future if transportation and transit were improved and revitalization occurred.

New Business

1. The condition of Fort Hunt Road is deplorable. The Hollin Hall Village Citizen Association Newsletter referred to Fort Hunt Road as "Rocky Road" and the description is apt. Will Fort Hunt Road ever be repaved? Or, are Virginia roads to suffer because there is no money in the coffers?

If the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors passed the Transportation Impact Fee in 1990, all of the "by-right" redevelopment along Fort Hunt Road could have contributed to repaving Fort Hunt Road. Without a thought to transportation infrastructure, Fairfax County staff issued tens of new home permits along Fort Hunt Road beginning in the early 2000s. If one drives to work early in the morning, they will see heavy-duty dump trucks (3 axles, each with 4 wheels under the load portion) as they make their way to Hollin Hall Village to remove rubble from an existing house and to remove excavated dirt and to bring dirt back to a new home site. There are also cement trucks, paving heavy-duty trucks and large trailers to haul construction equipment. About 100 heavy-duty truck trips per new home or 2,400 trips for the Hollin Hall Village site. Could these heavy-duty trucks be breaking apart the asphalt on Fort Hunt Road? Why doesn't the county assess a fee for heavy-duty trucks driving in a residential neighborhood? Are the road repairs being fixed up to the correct standard? Why is Fort Hunt Road falling apart?

Fort Hunt Road needs repaving from Shenandoah Road to Quander Road. But, only the portion of Fort Hunt Road along the Belle View Country Club property is scheduled to be repaved. Why?

2. Southwood and Westgate are in a new voting district, with a new State Delegate, David Albo. The Chair will send him a list of our Transportation priorities and invite him to address the transportation committee.

3. No bicycles on the George Washington Parkways – signs have been posted.

4. Interesting conference coming to DC on Transit – October 16-19, 2011

See information at this link <http://www.railvolution.org>
There is actually a session on Route 1 (the part in Arlington/Alexandria) where they are planning for streetcars.

Adjourn

The next Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:30am in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

See report starting on page 5.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING

The MVCCA Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning continues to formulate its draft of the MVCCA Strategic Plan. The Committee's meeting this month was rescheduled to September 19th at 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center in Room 1. Please contact the Chair Kahan Dhillon by e-mail at ksdj@regentcompany.com or phone at 703-768-8437 should you have any questions or to schedule a Listening Tour stop if your Community has yet to have one.

SFDC

1) The SFDC and Bruce Leonard from Street Sense has offered to present the Retail Summit, held earlier this year by the SFDC, to the Mount Vernon Council and its' members. The presentation will cover business trends and opportunities on the Rt.1 corridor, as well as current development. This first time SFDC sponsored Retail Summit was very well received by the business community, and considered an informative tool for future development and redevelopment along the Rt.1 corridor. A tentative date for the Retail Summit presentation is Sept. 28, 2011, at the MVCCA general council meeting.

2) The SFDC is closing in on a potential new Executive Director, with a target date of Sept.30.

FAIRFAX FEDERATION

1) Next meeting is Thursday Sept.15 at 7:30 PM, Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale. An environmental program is planned with George Lamb, director of the NVSWCD. The main topic is how we can make conservation a mainstay in urban life.

2) This is a good time to remember that the strength of our community is as simple as how much we care. In that spirit, please take a moment to share with your community.

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PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z-2011-010: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEMS FOR CELL COVERAGE IN THE MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

- 1) **WHEREAS** many areas of Mount Vernon District are predominantly residentially zoned; and
 - 2) **WHEREAS** many areas of Mount Vernon District have historic character and structures; and
 - 3) **WHEREAS** telecommunications towers may impact environmentally sensitive areas in parkland by creating land disturbance and destroying wildlife habitat; and
 - 4) **WHEREAS** an alternative known as Distributed Antenna System (DAS) can be located on sites not suitable for towers because of DAS technology's flexible architecture and ability to house base station equipment as far as 10 miles from node locations; and
 - 5) **WHEREAS** DAS technology utilizes a combination of existing utility poles, short DAS poles, and disguised antennas to provide adequate cell phone coverage without unduly negatively impacting the historic nature, residential character, community aesthetics and quality of life, property values, and health concerns of surrounding neighborhoods; and
 - 6) **WHEREAS** the 4th Circuit District Court has required, pursuant to its recently handed down decision in New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility v. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, 1:2010cv00283, that telecommunications carriers evaluate Distributed Antenna Systems as an alternative technology;
- A) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS** supports and encourages the implementation of a suitably designed Distributed Antenna System or similar low-visual-impact wireless network by Fairfax County if implemented comprehensively throughout residentially zoned areas of the Mount Vernon District as a preferred solution to cell coverage needs identified by its residents, and as a way to avoid locating towers in parks, refuges and natural areas.
- B) BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission approve cell phone towers in residential zones only where a Distributed Antenna System is proven to be infeasible.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION P&Z-2011-010

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, September 28, 7:45 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

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New Business

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

Adjournment

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

MVCCA Board—Oct. 13, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH	9/29	7:30	MVGC/Conf.Rm.	Jeszenszky
BUDG	10/5	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	10/4	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	Cox
EDUC	10/5	8:00	WWMS	Harbeck
E&R	10/5	7:00	MVGC/Rm. 3	Martin
H/HS	10/4	7:30	IMVH/EngH Rm.	Cleveland
PL/Z	10/3	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF	10/6	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 3	Shawkey
LRSP	9/19	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 1	Dhillon
TRAN	10/3	7:30	WWMS/Library	C. Voorhees

Joint Meeting—H/HS & PSAF

10/27 7:30 MVGC/Rm 2&3 Cleveland/Shawkey

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