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MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

September 28, 2011 7:45 p.m.

Walt Whitman School, Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

PRESIDING: Co-chair Bob Reynolds.

ATTENDING: Co-chairs Al Bornmann, David Plummer, Bob Reynolds; Committee Chairs Queenie Cox, David Dale, Kahan Dhillon, Judy Harbeck, John Jeszenszky, Betsy Martin, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA Rep Karen Pohorylo; SFDC Rep Karen Pohorylo; Secretary Carol Coyle.

Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan; Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

Representatives from Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood on the Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Engleside, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Mason Hill, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Terrace, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley-

Riverbend, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, IV, Villamay, Waynewood, Wellington, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodlawn Manor, Woodley Hills, Woodley Hills Estates.

Prior to the meeting, Bruce Leonard from Street Sense and SFDC provided an overview of possibilities for the redevelopment of the Route One corridor through the Mount Vernon District. Bottom line is that this area will not have a major shopping center, the likes of Tysons or Springfield, but rather will focus more on local needs.

MINUTES – Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Accepted.

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Announcements

The Nominating Committee for the 2012 MVCCA Board was approved by acclamation at the September meeting.

- Gretchen Walzl, chair
- Katherine Ward
- Sally Kiefer
- Ellen Young
- Karen Pohorylo

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance – Joint with Education. See The Record.

Consumer Affairs – See The Record. Proposed sewer resolution has been sent to Budget, Environment, and Planning committees for comment.

Education – Joint with B&F. See The Record. October meeting will have a discussion of teacher training. November will be the state of Cluster Four.

Environment and Recreation – See The Record. Committee is developing a resolution to create a Citizen Action Plan for Litter Prevention. Betsy would like volunteers to work with the 12 Certified Weed Warriors every Saturday in October. Katherine Ward (Wellington) asked if the Litter Prevention initiative will include placing recycle containers in County parks. (These have to be tended by County Park employees, not the County trash collection.) Betsy cited legislation creating a State Litter Control Board which has never been activated.

Health and Human Services & Affordable and Workforce Housing – (John Jeszenszky reporting for both committees) See The Record.

Next AWH meeting tomorrow; copies of County Regional Summary of Affordable Housing will be available to attendees. Next meeting will be held October 27.

Supervisor Hyland added that today was the groundbreaking for the Lorton Healthplex, which will feed into Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. IMVH is operating in the black. Next HHS meeting October 4: VA Health Reform Initiatives. November meeting will be held October 27.

Planning and Zoning – See The Record. One resolution.

Public Safety – See The Record. CERT still needs people to register, so start has been pushed back to October 10. See The Record or www.mvcca.org for registration info. Next meeting October 4 with Police Captain. November meeting will be October 27, joint with HHS to discuss Emergency Operations Plan with speakers from Office of Emergency Management and Health Services.

Transportation – See The Record. VDOT wants to enforce its requirement that new developments include turn lanes. Supervisor Hyland prevailed on them to waive the requirement for the development on the former Dairy Queen site because it is small.

Treasurer's Report				
January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011				
Balance Available	<u>\$ 10,195.93</u>			
January 1, 2011				
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Variance
	Monthly	YTD		
Receipts				
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	0.30	1.86	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 84.30</u>	<u>\$ 8,254.86</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,947.00)</u>
Disbursements				
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	120.00	1,150.00	1,550.00	400.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards	-	520.50	600.00	79.50
Web Site	-	-	300.00	300.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 145.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,319.70</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,180.30</u>
Balance Available	<u>\$ 11,131.09</u>			
September 30, 2011				
Wachovia Checking	\$ 6,127.41			
Wachovia Money Market bal	5,003.68			
Total Money Available	<u>\$ 11,131.09</u>			

Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning – Listening tour continues. Committee has visited 25 neighborhoods (356 people) so far. Report is being prepared and will be circulated to the committees in October. Kahan gave a brief synopsis of the results so far: most concerns are Route One, Mixed uses, Transportation, and Senior Services.

Southeast Fairfax Development Corp – Sponsoring a retail summit at the Hampton (north end) on October 13.

CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Nominating Committee for 2012 Board. Co-chair appointed Gretchen Walzl, chair, and Katherine Ward. Volunteers from the floor were Sally Kiefer (River Towers), Ellen Young (Bellevue Condos) and Karen Pohorylo (Engleside).

Approved by acclamation.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Discussion included adding the word 'technologically' to modify 'infeasible' in Resolve B. Amendment approved 26-0.
Resolution approved 25-1.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME

(Gerry reports that one of the other Supervisors, knowing that he is a Red Sox fan, said the team should be moved to the Philippines where they would be known as the Manila Folders.)

There will probably be a bond referendum for flood control. Memorial Ventures has received approval for development of the old Dairy Queen property. Medicine Clean-Up, October 4 and 10. Supervisor will meet on Monday with parties interested in the Fort Hunt Park issue.

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

Wessynton association presented a Resolution encouraging the National Park Service to delay the hearings on changes to Fort Hunt Park for a month to allow time for public input. Gerry requested that the finalized copy be sent to him. Approved 26-0.

OTHER ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

PUBLIC TIME

Don Hinman from FCFCA invited civic associations to join the Federation. He discussed some of the initiatives of the Federation: Engineering Standards Review Committee; legislative for the State; Virginia Legislative Action Committee on Homeowner Associations and Condos; Association Services Committee (HOA of 4).

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Walt Whitman Middle School

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Al Bornmann (MVCCA Co-chair), Hollin Hall Village, Stratford on the Potomac, Sect. 4, Riverside Gardens, Mount Vernon, Southwood, Tauxemont, Waynewood.

The meeting included representatives Amy Brown and Michelle Brickner from the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Land Development Services (LDS). The committee was informed that the budget issues that have plagued most county agencies over the last few years due to the economic downturn has not had a major impact on Land Development Services. This is primarily due to less need for personnel due to decreased building in the county.

One issue that was discussed was building permits. The department has initiated an online process for obtaining some building permits which could help reduce the trips for homeowners in the Mount Vernon area to travel across the county to get a permit. The committee was also informed that permits are required when replacing gas appliances such as a water heater.

The committee also discussed the proposed resolution concerning the burden of repairing sewer lines under public right of ways. This issue will be revisited at the next meeting.

The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be held November 2, 2011 at 7:30 at the principal's conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs did not meet because after scheduling an alternate meeting date, the substitute presiding chair had an unscheduled event that overlapped with the meeting time.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room at Walt Whitman MS.

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EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8pm, October 5, 2011, in the library of Whitman Middle School. Associations represented included: Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Villamay, Riverside Estates, Woodley Hills and Stratford Landing. Co-chair Al Bornmann also attended as did some community members.

The speakers for the evening were Dr. Terri L. Breeden, FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Professional Learning and Accountability (PLA), and Dr. Phyllis Pajardo, FCPS Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources (HR), who provided an overview of professional learning opportunities and requirements for teachers and school leaders, the role of PLA in the Priority Schools Initiative (PSI), and the new teacher and principal evaluation programs in development on parallel tracks by FCPS and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).

Breeden began by noting that 92.9% of FCPS' 22,000 employees are school-based and that the vast majority of those are teachers whose licenses must be renewed every 5 years with continuing education credits a renewal component. Thus a primary function of PLA is assuring that all teachers are and remain licensed and that appropriate continuing education, both for licensing and for professional development generally. Her department provides numerous opportunities for classroom teachers listed in the Academy catalog (see <http://www.fcpc.edu/plt/fall2011/AcademyFall2011.pdf>) as well as for teacher/leaders and principals similarly found through the FCPS website. [NOTE: FCPS rolled out a new website on October 15, 2011, and some links may have changed slightly]

One challenge this year for both PLA and HR was the need to hire 2000 new teachers (compared to the usual 900) due to a wave of "baby boomer" teacher retirements. The "Great Beginnings" program is tailored to initiate new hires into the FCPS system as well as new professionals into teaching careers.

In response to questions, Breeden noted that she receives feedback on existing programs and information on programs needed from a variety of sources including (in addition to other FCPS departments) the Superintendent's Advisory Councils and data from surveys of staff. They are also tracking student performance data and are working on improving tracking of participation by individual teachers and by school, cluster and division in order to assure that training is getting to the right audience.

National benchmarks and trends are also reviewed and FCPS was recently named by The American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC) as one of five best practices partners with regard to positive effects of instructional coaching on student performance.

Breeden's department also acts as an internal auditor for all FCPS programs and executive summaries can be found online at http://www.fcps.edu/accountability/off_prog_eval/prog_eval.htm.

The bulk of the meeting and discussion concerned the new evaluation procedures for both teachers and principals, which will involve both PLA but particularly Dr. Pajardo's HR department which is actively involved in development, implementation and data collection.

VDOE in April, 2011, approved, effective July 2012, new guidelines for (1) performance standards and evaluation criteria for teachers and (2) professional practice standards for teachers. These were presented to the School Board on September 12, 2011. See <http://www.boarddocs.com/vsba/fairfax/Board.nsf/Public>

The VDOE evaluation documents form a blueprint which can be adopted or adapted in a consistent manner. It was developed with the input of work groups comprising principals, teachers, school board members and unions, with the impetus coming in large measure from requirements set forth by the United States Department of Education for states seeking waivers of some provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act—notably those requiring 100% passing scores on 2013.

The area of most concern was the recommendation that, although there are 7 performance standards, 40% of the teacher's overall evaluation should be based on student academic progress. In any event 20% MUST be so based.

The Committee concerns were primarily threefold: (1) student progress should be based on a growth model, not strictly an empirical score on SOLs, which would ideally measure an individual student's progress from the start to the completion of the school year; (2) SOLs or other standardized tests should not be the sole measure of progress, and (3) the process should involve multiple classroom observations or assessments but should not be overly intrusive, overly onerous for evaluators (such as the principal), nor significantly increase testing of students.

Pajardo and Breeden explained that FCPS is aware of these concerns as it develops its own program, particularly that it disadvantages neither teachers in diverse schools with struggling students, nor those who teach very high performing students or subjects with no easily measured "progress" such as music or art, or with no SOL test available. They noted that FCPS will not likely follow the 40% recommendation but some lower percentage which may include other types of progress assessments in addition to SOLS. Pajardo commented that, having been a principal at a number of different FCPS schools, and the Assistant Superintendent for Cluster 2, before accepting the HR position, she is acutely aware of the concerns.

The VDOE "blueprint" does reference a growth model of sorts, which seems to be based on comparing a student's prior year SOL performance to the current ie if a student scored 70% on last year's math SOL a score of 70% on the current year SOL would be expected and standard progress. The Committee had many issues

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with this concept. Apart from the facts that the prior year score involved a different teacher, different curriculum and possibly a different school or jurisdiction, this seems to assume it is desirable for a student to stay at a particular level. There is also some suggestion that comparison might be made to students across the state to determine progress ie that "standard achievement" could mean achievement at the state average but it is unclear whether NCLB categories would be referenced or just all students.

FCPS and VDOE will pilot the teacher evaluation in Spring 2012, before implementing for the 2012 school year. VDOE will review statewide pilots and possibly make changes.

FCPS and VDOE are also developing new principal evaluations, with FCPS somewhat in the lead. Although in early stages, the FCPS principal evaluation will include school achievement as a specific element and will have an improved parent and staff survey.

The Committee will continue to follow this important process.

Next meeting: 8pm, November 2, 2011, Whitman MS library
"State of the Cluster" with Dr. Scott Brabrand,
Asst. Super. For Cluster 4

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The committee met 5 October, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Zephyr, River Towers, Riverside Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wessington, Westgrove, and Williamsburg Manor.

National Park Service (NPS) Site Development Plan for Fort Hunt Park. A resolution was introduced asking the NPS to develop one or more additional alternative development plans for Fort Hunt Park that would retain current recreational facilities (picnic pavilions), enhance facilities and programs for interpretation of Fort Hunt's long and rich history, and accomplish other goals. After amendment, the committee voted to pass the resolution, with 12 in favor and none opposed.

Citizens' Action Plan for Litter Prevention. A resolution was introduced that would ask Fairfax County to take six actions to prevent litter and increase recycling, and to add five items to its legislative agenda that would ask the state legislature pass laws addressing Virginia's litter problem, or that would allow Fairfax County to do so.

After debate and amendment, the committee passed the resolution, with 12 in favor and 1 opposed.

The chair promised to seek clarification on whether it was reasonable or desirable for cigarette (or tobacco products) manufacturers, or their trade association, to be asked to contribute to Virginia's Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board.

Sewer Resolution Proposed by Consumer Affairs Committee.

Greg Fogel of Huntington presented to the committee a resolution, developed by the Consumer Affairs Committee that asks the County to modify its law to make the County, rather than individual homeowners, responsible for any portion of their sewer connection that goes under a public right of way. The current law makes homeowners responsible for the cost of making repairs to a roadway that must be excavated to repair the connecting sewer pipe. Other jurisdictions do not make homeowners responsible, according to Mr. Fogel (some committee members would like to see analysis of this, including how those jurisdictions handle this situation). He has experienced sewage backups into his home caused (apparently) by a crushed pipe that is under the street, and that cannot be repaired without digging up the street at exorbitant cost. Committee members were very sympathetic to his plight and the inequity of homeowners being responsible for a situation they likely have no way of knowing about before it occurs. A visitor from Spring Bank experienced a similar situation, in which the county eventually repaired his connecting pipe using a sort of stent to insert inside the leaking pipe. Another noted that we live in an area with a high water table, which can erode soils below a pipe, which can then be crushed by pressure from above (e.g., a road). Committee members wondered how commonly this occurs, and how many homes are potentially vulnerable to the situation because their sewer connection is under the street. Some committee members would like to see analysis of what it would potentially cost the County if it were on the hook for such repairs, and how other jurisdictions handle it (e.g., by an increase in water assessment, or in property taxes). Members wondered how often raw sewage was leaking from pipes under the street, causing environmental problems. Members discussed an insurance program, available through Dominion Power, to insure against such risks.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed with 13 in favor and none opposed: "The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations Environment and Recreation Committee is in support of investigating options, finding a solution and correcting the inequities caused by municipal code 65-6-5."

Updates

Upcoming events at Dyke Marsh include Dyke Marsh on TV on the *This American Land* series, at 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 on WETA (channel 26), and other events (see www.fodm.org).

- The chair announced that the Mount Vernon Weed Warriors had made good progress on the bamboo patch at the turnout at Pipeline Bay (.5 mile north of Morningside). We will return this Saturday morning at 9. The MVWW have adopted two other sites as well, at the entrance to Dyke Marsh/Belle Haven Marina, and near the parking area where Waynewood Blvd.

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enters the parkway. Workdays are scheduled every Sat. morning in October. Volunteers are needed, and the chair will send out a schedule.

- Belle View Elementary School would like help planting its newest outdoor classroom Oct. 18, 19, and 20. Contact Carolyn.bush@fcps.edu.
- Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout: bring unused/expired drugs and medications to the Mount Vernon district police station for disposal anytime from Oct. 10-14 (Monday through Friday).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45. The next meeting is November 2 at 7. Topics to be decided.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

On October 4, 2011, the Health and Human Services (HHS) Committee met to focus on Access to Health Care in Fairfax County (FC), inviting three outstanding resources: **Chris Stevens**, Program Director, Community Health Care Network (CHCN), FC Health Dept.; **Cheryl Jones**, Coordinator, Health Access Assistance Team, FC Dept. of Family Services; and **Brenda Gardiner**, Policy and Information Manager, Strategic Initiatives, FC Dept. of Administration for Human Services.

The following MVCCA members were represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollindale, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, and Wellington. HHS Chair Louise Cleveland moderated the discussion.

Fairfax County—with long-standing support from its Supervisors and citizens—has initiated and sustained strategic, cost-effective responses to the disparities in access to quality health care that can impact every household, every school, every community. HHS Committee invited a trio of County professionals with long experience in identifying and serving those with greatest need and least ability to access care, asking them for a status report on health care access here and now and for a preview, amidst fiscal and policy uncertainty, of how “reform” at federal and state levels may impact the County’s strategic initiatives aimed toward “Healthy People 2020.”

To assess the availability of health care resources for those living in our area (i.e., FC Human Services Region 1, including Mount Vernon/Lee districts and the Route One Corridor), we need to keep in mind the complex and changing circumstances—national, state, and county—in which people must seek health care now and will do so in the foreseeable future, with or without Health Care Reform (HCR).

Nationally, the cost of health care has been identified as the principal cause of more than 60% of household bankruptcies, the cost of health insurance is growing faster than family income and also

rising as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product, and 46 million people are without health insurance (including 1 in 5 adults and 1 in 10 children). Note that the “insured” population includes those eligible for public insurance, e.g. receiving Medicare (at age 65+ or by full disability) and Medicaid (limited to the poor who also meet complex eligibility requirements set by federal and state policies). If additional federal programs did not emphasize poor children—through insurance subsidies to states and in some cases localities such as FC (programs labeled “S-CHIP” nationally or, in Virginia, “FAMIS”)—the figures for children without insurance would be much higher.

Virginia is now the state 7th highest in per capita income and 47th in per-capita Medicaid expenditure (i.e. state dollars allocated to receive federal matching funds), with 10% of its population below the income federally defined as poverty level (FPL) and 1 million persons without any medical insurance (150,900 children). Rising needs, as well as costs, create state budgetary pressures. Virginia’s Medicaid program is more restrictive than most—in service options covered, rates of reimbursement to providers, and percentage of FPL permitted for enrollment.

In Fairfax County, the proportion of those with insurance is above the national average—as may be expected from our relatively high median household income—yet scrutiny of U.S. Census Bureau data by researchers at George Mason University has revealed that more than 110,000 county residents have no health insurance coverage and that among those in poverty 1 in 3 persons have none (2009 American Community Survey). For the relationship between healthcare costs and bankruptcy, for those with or without insurance, see this report on CNN Health (June 2009):

http://articles.cnn.com/2009-06-05/health/bankruptcy.medical.bills_1_medical-bills-bankruptcies-health-insurance?_s=PM:HEALTH

HEALTH CARE ACCESS, HERE AND NOW

Fairfax County is responding to a large and growing need for healthcare access—in this diverse county—through several strategic Initiatives approved by the Board of Supervisors as well as through efforts to coordinate services and partner with private resources. *Cheryl Jones* provided an overview of the County’s *Health Care Access Assistance Team (HAAT)*, which meets those in need of services at the “front door,” helping them understand what public or private programs they are eligible for (or not), and guiding them through the daunting process of establishing eligibility with the programs best fitting their situation, at the outset (enabling people to receive care promptly, and the public or private health care services to receive reimbursement). She walked the committee through three principal insurance programs for adults and three for children, explaining funding, eligibility, and services provided (or not) in each:

- **For adults**, *Medicaid* provides full coverage for those with income up to 80% FPL and limited coverages for Medicare recipients up to 135% FPL who fit specified conditions: aged, blind, permanently disabled, newly arrived refugees. (Pregnant

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women up to 133% FPL and up to 200% FPL through the *FAMIS MOMS* program are also covered.) *Kaiser Bridge* provides full coverage at a very low monthly fee affordable for county residents with income up to 300% FPL who have very limited assets and no insurance offered through an employer. (However, the enrollment wait list is currently 4 to 5 months.)

- **For children, Medicaid (FAMIS Plus)** accepts children up to 133% FPL and *FAMIS* accepts those in families with up to 200% FPL. *Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP)*, which offers 2000 slots with Kaiser, accepts those up to 250% FPL and with limited assets who are not eligible for *FAMIS*. Services are for primary care, with dental and specialty care as needed. The County funds staff to provide assistance with eligibility/enrollment, with the MCCP Foundation funding the direct healthcare services for specialty care and dental care not covered through Kaiser. Children may also be enrolled with a network of contracted pediatricians for primary care when the Kaiser slots are full.

Are there significant numbers of people, especially adults, with no “medical home” for primary care who are NOT eligible for any of these forms of insurance? Yes. *Chris Stevens* explained the program open to adults who are county residents at or below 200% FPL but who are not eligible for enrollment in current forms of public or private insurance: the *Community Health Care Network (CHCN)*. This cost-effective program, funded primarily by the County (while leveraging grants, contributions of professional specialty services, and some affordable fees for services), operates three branches positioned east, west, and center in the County and has 27,000 persons enrolled annually. Roughly 56,000 provider visits were delivered in the last fiscal year. The well-designed and equipped clinic in the South County Center, at 8350 Richmond Highway, provides primary medical care, integrating behavioral health care and assisting referrals for specialty care. The CHCN has expanded to meet the rising need, but it is not surprising that there is now a wait list, countywide, of 881 households. (The Network continues to admit and serve as many as 150 persons weekly from the wait list, as well as from priority populations, such as people who are homeless, who do not have to go on the wait list.) Through this program, the health and well-being of more than 500 families with children in local schools is enhanced, and medically unnecessary use of hospital emergency rooms is prevented, with benefits to our entire area.

The County’s HAAT and CHCN play major roles in local efforts to connect people in need with services needed. A shortage in primary care physicians remains a concern, as do gaps in affordable specialty care—for example, dental, vision and hearing, as well as diagnostic and surgical specialties. NOVA Specialty Access, a regional coalition of health services, announced that on October 1 it would accept requests for referrals and was seeking more physicians for uninsured patients at up to 200% FPL.

...AND WITH HEALTH CARE REFORM?

Local leaders seldom have the luxury of waiting for national and state policy decisions before they must identify and respond to emerging needs for local services—whether in public safety, education, or healthcare. In recent years, HHS Committee has attempted to stay informed about development and implementation of FC Initiatives adopted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) that aim to sustain the well-being of the county and that are impacting planning, coordination, and delivery of cost-effective health and human services. In addition to the Housing Blueprint, connected to the Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, these include:

- Healthy People 2020/ MAPP
- Beeman Commission Implementation
- Systems of Care for Families and Children
- Technology Initiatives (begun with Federal stimulus funding)

The Health Department is coordinating a two-year countywide assessment of health and wellness resources, needs and disparities, and forces of change. The Community Services Board is engaged in a “transformation” of the public mental health system recommended by the Beeman Commission. The County’s services for “at-risk children and youth,” funded primarily under Virginia’s Comprehensive Services Act, are coordinating efforts under a multi-agency managing board. Last but not least, efforts to transform the County’s technological capacity for handling information and communication have begun—holding the promise of better informed quality and cost-control in services as well as public participation in strategic solutions. The HHS Committee is encouraged to learn, from *Brenda Gardiner*, that County strategic planning, as it evolves in the next two fiscal years, will be informed by strategic recommendations from task forces examining Health Care Reform, at both State and County levels.

The Virginia Health Reform Initiative Advisory Council: Efforts of the state attorney general to seek federal court rulings to overturn aspects of the federal health reform law—the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010—receive national press coverage. Meanwhile, few are aware that the governor has appointed a capable Advisory Council that has identified Virginia trends and issues that will require strategic solutions, regardless of whether the federal ACA is fully implemented or not. The Virginia Secretary for Health and Human Services provides a Resources web page with links to valuable informational documents:

<http://www.hhr.virginia.gov/Initiatives/HealthReform/Resources.cfm>

Look for links to

- *The Kaiser Summary* of the federal health reform law (updated to reflect subsequent legislative changes), the most succinct explanation of key points you are likely to find;
- *The Virginia Health Reform Initiative Advisory Council DRAFT Report*, containing important findings and recommending that some reform and cost-containment measures begin now, without waiting for court challenges or mandatory dates for implementation of the federal law. (Focus is in six areas, including Medicaid reform and the need to grow capacity among many types of providers.)

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The Fairfax Health Care Reform Task Force: This leadership group of County professionals is tasked with tracking national trends that the federal ACA is intended to address, recommendations emerging from the Virginia Advisory Council, and upcoming state choices in matters such as Medicaid coverage and rate structures, creation of health care exchanges, regulatory changes affecting insurance companies, and more. This effort is supported by a contract with researchers at George Mason University. The FC Task Force must estimate operational impacts on County service trends and ongoing Initiatives. In early 2012, the Task Force will begin reporting recommendations for strategies and policies related to future structuring of the County's safety net services. A "Health Care Reform Overview" prepared for MVCCA in early October will be linked on the HHS Committee web page: <http://www.mvcca.org/>.

RESOURCES, TO COME

In this era of limited financial resources, the County is seeking to expand access to programs in prevention and preparedness that can take root through neighborhood and community volunteer resources. Look for a variety of evidence-based programs, with curricula developed and tested nationally, suited to delivery to small groups in available public meeting rooms, and led by trained professionals or by local volunteers who can become qualified in a "train-the-trainers" workshop. Examples:

- *Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP)* forums for reviewing 2012 Medicare choices with an expert are free, and scheduled countywide, but you must register. Open season for Medicare enrollment and plan changes is Oct. 15-Dec. 7, 2011. If you missed forums at Sherwood Hall Library (Oct. 4) or Lorton Senior Center (Oct. 13), register for one at Groveton Senior Center in the South County Center (Nov. 16) or schedule an appointment for personal counseling: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/va-insurance-counseling.htm>. A Medicare Plan Finder for health, prescription drug, and Medigap plans is online at <https://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/>.
- *Managing Chronic Illness* enables participants (and caregivers) to gain knowledge, set do-able personal goals and build confidence for self-management weekly, practicing strategies proven to enhance wellness. Trainers are available, under a Virginia Dept. on Aging grant, to lead this program developed and tested by Stanford University, once a group of 10-16 is interested in participating. A group has just started in Reston. Will Mount Vernon be far behind? Contact Colleen.Turner@fairfaxcounty.gov, 703-324-5489.
- *Mental Health First Aid, USA* is a nationally tested 12-hour certification course to help communities better understand mental illness and respond to psychiatric emergencies (Please Google for more information.) MHFA is expected to become a community resource like CPR and Red Cross First Aid certification. Watch for a one-day Fairfax County version, *First Response for Mental Health*, to be scheduled soon in our area at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3801 Buckman Road. It will cover basics, with opportunities for follow-up training. There's no lack of local interest. Registration for an SOS (*Signs of Suicide*) Prevention Program train-the-trainer half-day event, sponsored by Fairfax Partnership

for Youth/CSB and scheduled for Oct. 27 in space at another local church, was filled almost immediately upon announcement in September.

- *Autism Spectrum Disorder—the Who, What, Where, How, Why, Why-Not and What's Next* is a Nexus Round Table Discussion, 7:30-9:30 PM, Monday, October 24, at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy—Room 221C, sponsored by the citizen Advisory Board for the Gartlan Center. Researchers, local educators and service providers, and concerned citizens collaborate in the effort to improve mental health of children and youth, seeking your public participation and questions. For information, opportunity to register (free) and offer your questions, contact Coordinator Lainge Bailey, laingebailey@earthlink.net, phone 703-660-2327.

NEXT HHS MEETING: THURSDAY, OCT. 27

Please mark your calendar for our "November" meeting, scheduled in late October:

Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:30 PM, an MVCCA Joint Meeting of Committees for Health & Human Services and Public Safety convenes at Mount Vernon Governmental Center (MVGC), with guest speakers from County Office of Emergency Planning and Health Dept.

Please consult www.mvcca.org for the MVCCA RECORD archive of monthly committee reports and the Health and Human Services Committee page (with links to HHS Report Summaries and to resource directories for Fairfax County health and human services and for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital).

PLANNING & ZONING

The October Planning & Zoning meeting was cancelled.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on the Potomac Sect. IV, Villamay, and Waynewood. We were joined by Co-chair Al Bornmann.

Mount Vernon Police Station. Our speaker was Capt. Randy Joyce, Fairfax County Police, who is the Commander, Mount Vernon Police Station. He opened by responding to a question about the incident a few days before wherein a brush cleanup crew working on Fort Hunt Road near Admiral Drive found what appeared to be a possible bomb a few yard off the roadway. The police were called. They closed the section of Fort Hunt Road and called the EOD squad. The FBI also responded. The Fire and Rescue personnel prepared to respond if needed. Eventually, the item was determined to not be a bomb. The FBI took it for further study.

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Capt. Joyce then began the presentation by responding to items that the chair had sent him in advance of the meeting. The current staffing for the station is 120 sworn officers and 9 civilians. This is composed of 2 commanders, 92 patrol officers, 10 criminal investigators, 9 neighborhood patrol unit (NPU) personnel, 1 community officer, 2 CET and 5 school resource officers. There is one vacant NPU position. He also noted that all the school crossing guard positions are filled this year.

The school resource officers for this year are as follows:

West Potomac HS	PFC Ernie Jones
Mount Vernon HS	MPO Fred Kessel
Walt Whitman Middle	MPO Robert Miller
Carl Sandberg Middle	PFC Ashley Wright
Bryant Alternative HS	MPO Harvey Lyles

There are no officers assigned to elementary schools. Those positions were cut in FY 2009.

Two years ago, the police stations' allowance for Police Communications Assistants (PCA) was reduced by one. The PCAs stand watch at the police station front desk where they coordinate support for the police and do some paperwork for them. The result of the reduction has been the loss of enough PCAs to provide a PCA for each squad watch. The advantage of having a PCA for each watch is that they become familiar with each other which helps to facilitate squad operations. Now there is a different PCA on each watch. In addition the PCA now stands 12 hour watches with little turnover time. There is no PCA to fill in when a PCA is on leave, sick or in training. Therefore a sworn officer must be brought off his/her regular duties to fill this position on the front desk during these times.

The sheriff deputies, who man the Mount Vernon Police Station Jail, have continued to perform that function. There have been no issues. In recent years the Sheriff's Department has offered up these positions to be cut to meet budget reductions. This has been opposed because it would require that when police detain persons, the police would have to transport them to the Adult Detention Center in Fairfax City which requires a minimum of three hours away from their duties in Mount Vernon.

Crime statistics for the station have remained good. It is acknowledged that the station has slightly higher total crime rates than the overall Fairfax County averages. This is largely due to the makeup and economic level of the population here. The average for all crimes for the eight stations in Fairfax County is 12.5% (100%/8 is 12.5%). Mount Vernon has about 15+%. It has handled the most cases, 10,407 YTD and has the highest incidence of serious crimes. So far robberies-79, burglaries- 137, sex offenses- 50, larceny 1,550 and 3rd most destructions. Vehicle robberies are the most annoying as in many cases items such as money, GPSs, and other valuables are left out in the car where they are visible.

Further, many occur in cars that have been left unlocked. A recent concern has been the number of installed GPSs that have been removed from dashboards. However, the station has been the most responsive in addressing these challenges with the result that it has been successful in keeping the statistics lower than they might otherwise be.

There have been two homicides in the district so far this year. Two homicide cases remain open from 2008 as well as one from 2007. Most homicides occur as a result of domestic disputes so that it is difficult to do things to reduce the number. But, overall the homicide rate in the district is very low.

As for gangs in this area, the problem has been limited by the aggressive action taken by this station. MPO Greg Bender, who was the gang officer at the station for many years, recently retired and was replaced by PFC Matt Hrubes. There is no big issue with the MS13 gang at present. The biggest problem is a local group known as 41 Zone. They do not have an affiliation with the CRIPS or Bloods.

We discussed the recent issue of flash mob attacks such as those that occurred in Montgomery County stores. There is little if any advance information on these attacks as they appear to be spontaneous rather than planned. There are currently no specific strategies for a response as there are no established precursors of identifiers for this behavior. The police do monitor various internet sites. The police response now will be the same as for any civil disturbance.

The results of the sobriety check points have been limited. There have been two so far this year. There were no DWIs detained at the Route 1/Fairhaven site and only two at the North Kings Hwy/Fort Drive site. There have been several DWI Directed Patrols in the district. One had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Irene. So far this year there have been 68 DWI arrests in the district.

There followed a discussion about the pedestrian problem along Richmond Hwy. So far this year there has been two pedestrian fatalities. Pedestrian accidents are the result of a combination of factors. These include crossing between crosswalks, wearing dark clothing at night, taking chances in traffic, and some driver inattention. The police will continue conducting pedestrian awareness programs and ticketing pedestrians who disregard safety regulations.

Finally, we discussed the possible cuts to the Police Department to meet the probable budget funding shortfall for FY 2013. All county agencies have had to prepare 1%, 3% and 5% cut packages for the County Executive. The Police Dept. has already sustained a 15% cut over the last three fiscal years. A 1% cut to the department will equal about \$1.6 million. Of the 25 middle school SRO, 21 will be cut. If we go beyond 1%, we will lose all the SROs, the marine patrol, and some of the neighborhood patrol units.

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Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). The fall CERT training did begin on Monday, October 10 in Community Rooms #2 and #3 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center at 7:00pm. There will be eight sessions all together. The training is free of charge. The instructors are provided by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

November Meeting.

Our meeting for November will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 7:30pm as 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 Fairfax County Emergency Operations 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, October 3, 2011 in the library of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Catherine Voorhees chaired the meeting. The Mt. Vernon Transportation and Planning Commissioners attended, along with the Transportation Committee representatives from 18 member citizen associations (The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington (2), Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Vernon Terrace, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Villamay, Waynewood, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodley Hills).

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

Proposal for a new motel on US 1 at Woodlawn Court – Keith Martin, attorney representing Baywood Hotels, Inc.

At 8668 Richmond Highway, there is a vacant lot of land that is halfway between the Woodland and Engleside shopping centers on which a 4 story, 92 room, all suites hotel is planned. The hotel would be a Marriot Suites and would have access from Woodlawn Court, not Richmond Highway. The hotel will be providing the 88 feet right of way from the centerline to enable US Route 1 to expand to 6 travel lanes in the future. The owner wishes to avoid rejection surprises (traffic; environ, etc) before paying the \$50,000 filing fee for the rezoning of this property.

One problem: traffic access. There is no traffic light at Woodlawn Court and with heavy traffic, a vehicle in Northbound US 1 waiting to turn into Woodlawn Court could back-up traffic on the Northbound lanes. Plus, there are traffic lights at both neighboring shopping centers so a third traffic signal would be too close to the existing traffic lights.

The Comprehensive Plan requires interconnection between parcels (between the Woodlawn Shopping Center and the proposed hotel),

or, in the absence of a connector road, a service road along US Route 1. There is a service road in front of the Woodlawn Shopping Center that dead end at the vacant lot where the hotel is proposed. Thus, the Comprehensive Plan calls for completing service road, if no connector road is provided.

US Route 1 will go from the current 4 travel lanes to 6 travel lanes and the hotel plans accommodate that improvement by having the hotel entrance and parking on the side of the building (i.e., not facing US Route 1). It was the committee's understanding that the 88 feet right of way from the centerline will provide room for 3 travel lanes going south and a deceleration/acceleration lane on either side of Woodlawn Court. Discussion focused on access from US Route 1, if access problem is solved with VDOT and FCDOT (e.g. with a completed service or connector road and lights at Woodlawn and Engleside), so vehicles entering and leaving the hotel can have a traffic light to enter US Route 1, the transportation committee has no objection. We asked if Mr. Martin had contacted adjacent civic associations, such as Engleside CA to discuss this project and he indicated that he had not, as he could not find a contact.

Kevin Page, owner of the Parkway Express Service Station and Hunter Plaza and Greg Budnik, P.E., GJB Engineering, Inc. - Lee District rezoning case affects Mt. Vernon businesses.

Problem: if Loisdale Road is widened, VDOT and/or FCDOT wants a median barrier which would block left turns coming out of the gas station and other local businesses. Patrons would be forced to take a right along Loisdale away from the Fairfax County Parkway and then make a U-turn at Newington Road opposite entrance/exit to a proposed Embassy Suites hotel.

The result: these businesses would die.

What are needed are a temporary and a long-term fix.

Temporary: Instead of requiring two left turns lanes on Loisdale Road at the Fairfax County Parkway, make the 2nd left turn lane so vehicles can make either a right or a left onto the Fairfax County Parkway.

Long term: a Public Project, which designs Loisdale widening and access to Fairfax County Parkway and access to present and future local businesses. Comments were many and varied, approximately a half a million dollars in private funds have been collected. But, developers are not the ones to solve this problem.

The Mt. Vernon Planning Commission explained that the Fairfax County BOS and VDOT required a study for a long-range solution to the access to the Spring Garden Apartments as a result of the proposed Costco development. He suggested that VDOT and BOS set up a similar study for this Loisdale/Newington Rds and Fairfax County Parkway problem. He noted that the current traffic level at the Loisdale Road/Fairfax County Parkway intersection was rated E or F and that it will get worse (due to BRAC).

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The committee discussed a resolution, which would help local businesses in this area.

- a. object to median barrier
- b. recommend further study of the access problem
- c. consider middle lane of Loisdale Road be left or right turn (interim)

BRAC has scrambled all the long range plans of Fairfax County and sufficient study has not been done in the last 10 years with an eye toward the increased additional trips due to the new Fort Belvoir Hospital, the Army Museum and the thousands of additional workers added to Fort Belvoir as a result of BRAC.

The sense of the transportation committee was to draft such a resolution of support for the local businesses and the committee responded positively to the resolution.

Resolution from Wayewood Citizens' Association re: cell phone connectivity

This resolution focuses on the connectivity aspect of cell phones in our area. It is well known that some areas of the Mount Vernon district do not have reliable cell phone connectivity. Some 9-1-1 calls are misrouted to Maryland emergency operators, especially in neighborhoods close to the Potomac where cell phone signals bounce across the river and have the strongest signal. In other communities, citizens are able to move away from landline phones and the Federal Government recognizing the increased dependence on cell phones introduced the "Personalized Alerting Network" (PLAN) system for alerting all cell phone users of emergency conditions affecting their locations.

The resolution supports towers for better Mount Vernon area coverage and recognizes that the NIMBY sentiment frustrates expanding cell phone coverage as citizens close to the proposed towers are rejecting cell phone towers.

The Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner indicated that DAS (Distributed Antenna System) technology has superior coverage to towers. DAS are small units on top of telephone poles, which hopefully will be less objectionable to citizens close by. Basically, what Wayewood proposes in its "Therefore Resolved" clauses is already being done. In addition, it was noted that the cell towers at Fort Belvoir bounce signals off water (Potomac River; Dogue Creek) giving wider coverage to Mount Vernon Terrace, Mount Vernon Civic Associations.

A committee member requested that this resolution be referred back to Planning and Zoning's subcommittee on Cell Phone Towers because this is not a transportation infrastructure issue and the committee agreed.

Old Business

1. Fort Hunt Road Northbound has been repaved from Paul Springs Retirement Community to Quander Road. Delegate

Surovell and Supervisor Hyland requested VDOT to being repaving of Fort Hunt Road at Sherwood Hall Lane and then move to US Route 1 (instead of the other way as originally planned). The worst section of Fort Hunt Road has been repaved and hopefully, the entire section will be repaved by the end of October 2011.

2. A short discussion was offered about the posting of no bicycles on the George Washington Parkway. This will be discussed further at the November 2011 transportation committee meeting.

New Business

Neil McBride from Newington Forest CA: Historic Site off Lorton Rd

Fairfax County staff had been working on widening Lorton Road. Recently, a Lorton resident stumbled upon a "secret garden" hidden in the area of the former Superintendent's house located along Lorton Road on the old prison property at Lorton. In view of the proposed widening, citizens are trying to protect (preserve) a 100 foot square piece of this over seven-decades-old and magnificent inmate-built garden that has a stone-walled sunken flag-stone-like terrace with a large stone-pillared arbor-style pavilion, several trellises, a massive brick fireplace and a large brick-framed rectangular-shaped Victorian-Era-design pond with an arched stone bridge across it. However, the road-widening project threatens the key and most architecturally- and historically-significant piece and some Fairfax County staff, including those in the FCPA's historical area, was both nonresponsive and unsympathetic. This part of Lorton is part of a national and state registered historic conservation district and any road going through an historic district must get official clearance, a Section 106-process is involved. The Lorton Heritage Society and its proponents were urged by Committee members to seek the National Trust for Historic Preservation's help. The transportation committee supports preserving this unique garden.

Ft Hunt Park improvements or hurting the facility?

For some reason, the NPS thinks that adding interpretive centers that explain the history of the park is more important than the picnic pavilions. The comment period has been extended until November 6, 2011. NPS thinks one picnic pavilion is enough, when the multiple pavilions are over booked as citizens like the picnic pavilion aspect of Fort Hunt Park.

Adjourn

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

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR AFFORDABLE AND WORKFORCE HOUSING

The meeting took place at 7:30 pm, September 29th, at the Mount Vernon District Government Center. The community organizations represented at the meeting were: Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sec. IV Woodley Hills Civic Assn. and Woodley Hills Estates.

The chair reviewed the September 6 minutes of the joint meeting with the Health and Human Services Committee which were approved. Members were reminded of a number of key references, included in the minutes, that lead to housing documents available on line. Next the chair reported on a discussion with Barbara Sullivan, Director of Mount Vernon at Home, a non-profit formed two years ago to help residents of the Mount Vernon area to live safely in their homes as long as possible. It is a membership organization that now has about 180 members. The business office at the Sherwood Regional Library coordinates services in a radius of about 14 miles. Common areas of interest were explored including promotion of the use of universal design and accessible housing. The Committee offered its assistance and will maintain contact.

The Committee received materials from the Fairfax County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee September 23rd meeting. Fairfax County has selected the Northern Virginia Family Service Collaborative as the service provider for the new **Bridging Affordability Program** this past summer. The collaborative consists of nine non-profits that will have \$3.8 mil to provide long term rental subsidies, funds that were generated from rents on RHA owned properties. More details are available at: www.e-ffordable.org. The Bridging Affordability is an integral part of the county's Housing Blueprint and will provide the rental subsidies to homeless individuals and families and to households on the county's affordable housing waiting lists. Services will focus on populations of greatest need. Copies of the newly published **FY 2011 Housing Blueprint : Year End Report** were distributed showing the progress that has been made throughout the County in the plan to end homelessness and in providing affordable and workforce housing.

The Committee could not review the proposed amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance regarding independent living facilities for low income residents, as it planned because the text has been withdrawn for revision. It will discuss the amendment when a text becomes available.

Discussion also focused on three issues published in the Mount Vernon District Visioning Report, specifically Issues #5 Lack of housing for residents of all income levels; Issue #6 Proposal to appoint a Supervisor's Advisory Committee to look at alternative ways to interact between the development community and local citizenry on the mix and style of housing development and Issue #7 Need for more affordable and workforce housing to meet future

needs of an increasing workforce in the County. The Committee plans to discuss these issues at future meetings with the aim of soliciting the views of member associations.

The Committee is scheduled to meet next on **October 27**, 7:30 pm at the Woodley Hills Estates Community Center, 2975 Camellia Drive, Alexandria, 22306 .

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLANNING

Minutes not available.

Committee Resolutions

ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

E&R-2011-03: RESOLUTION ON THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS) SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FORT HUNT PARK

1) **WHEREAS**, the National Park Service (NPS) has issued a draft *Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan, George Washington Memorial Parkway: Environmental Assessment and Assessment of Effect (EA)* on options for restructuring Fort Hunt Park facilities and grounds to help preserve its history and enhance the historical interpretation of its features for the public, and has requested public comment on the draft EA before November 6, 2011;

2) **WHEREAS**, the draft EA offers four alternatives, including a “no action” alternative (A);

3) **WHEREAS**, the three alternatives (B, C, and D) to the “no action” alternative (A) would all eliminate multiple pavilions, a restroom, and recreation fields; and

4) **WHEREAS**, alternatives B, C, and D would all add a visitor’s center and chronological interpretive trail and would realign existing roads and bicycle trails, with the result that (to varying degrees) existing mature woods would be removed (especially under the NPS-preferred alternative C, but also under alternative D) and impervious surfaces would be added;

5) **WHEREAS**, the land disturbance required by alternatives B, C, and D will lead to the further spread of the already large number of exotic invasive plants and vines in Fort Hunt Park;

6) **WHEREAS**, while preserving the history and providing enhanced interpretation of the park are important and valuable objectives for this NPS park, the current recreational facilities of the park are highly valued by park visitors;

7) **WHEREAS**, thousands of visitors every year are attracted to Fort Hunt Park because of its spacious recreational facilities and wide roadways;

8) **WHEREAS**, Fort Hunt Park is one of only two parks with reservable picnic tables in the Mount Vernon area north of the Occoquan River, and is a popular destination for local residents;

9) **WHEREAS**, management of the large number of park visitors by the National Park Service can be accomplished by means other than removing all but one of the picnic pavilions and restrooms;

10) **WHEREAS**, the historical interpretation of Fort Hunt Park can be enhanced without eliminating the current recreational facilities;

A) **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations (MVCCA) asks the National Park Service to develop one or more additional alternative designs for Fort Hunt Park that would:

- Create enhanced facilities and programs for interpreting the long and rich history of Fort Hunt Park, whether in the form of interpretive trails, signage, and/or a visitors’ center,
- Consider restoring the historical viewshed down the Potomac River and across to Fort Washington from one of the batteries in the park,
- Preserve the picnic pavilions and restroom facilities,
- Preserve mature woodlands by not placing new trails and facilities there, or replace any trees destroyed with native trees,
- Employ Low Impact Development practices (e.g., pervious concrete) in order to not increase, and preferably to reduce, the amount of impervious surface in the park,
- Conduct a complete biological survey of the park,
- Avoid impacts to any state or federally-listed endangered or threatened species,
- Include as part of the overall plan a natural resources management plan to eliminate the large number of exotic invasive plants currently in the park, to restore invaded areas with native plants, and to prevent the further spread of exotic invasives, especially on land disturbed by new construction or removal of old roadbed,
- Give priority to preservation and restoration of existing historic buildings (e.g., the NCO Quarters, the batteries) over the construction of new buildings, and use the old buildings as interpretive facilities, if such use is consistent with their preservation,
- Conduct archaeological fieldwork, and incorporate it into a new “living historical park” design, so that visitors can see and learn on a continuing basis what is being discovered about Fort Hunt’s history from 14,000 years ago to the present, and
- Work with the county to create a bus stop at the park to avoid an increase in traffic.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION E&R-2011-03

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E&R-2011-04: RESOLUTION ON CITIZENS' ACTION PLAN FOR LITTER PREVENTION

1) WHEREAS, we are offended by the amount of trash and litter along roadsides, in streams and parks, and in commercial and residential areas of the Mount Vernon district;

2) WHEREAS, litter is a blight that degrades our property values, our environment, and our quality of life, and that impedes the revitalization of the Route 1 corridor and nearby neighborhoods;

3) WHEREAS, existing laws are inadequate at the local, state and federal level, and the litter problem seems to be growing worse;

A) THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations urges Fairfax County to take the following six actions (as further explained and supported in *Citizens' Action Plan to Prevent Litter*) to increase recycling and reduce litter:

1. Fully implement 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, in addition to paper and cardboard,
3. Adopt a litter control ordinance,
4. Conduct anti-litter public information campaigns and increase enforcement of anti-littering laws,
5. Request that the Virginia Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board promulgate regulations requiring that litter receptacles be placed in public places, as provided by existing state law, and
6. Fairfax County should require recycling at county events, and should require users of outdoor park and school properties to remove all trash;

B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to add to the county's legislative agenda the following items, which we believe are necessary to effectively address the litter problem over the long term:

1. Ask state legislators to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that bans Styrofoam and requires biodegradable packaging for take-out food,
2. Ask state legislators to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that implements a beverage container deposit law,
3. Ask state legislators to pass and the Governor to sign a bill that imposes a fee on single-use plastic or paper shopping bags, or that authorizes localities to do so, and

4. Request the Virginia Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board and the state legislature to raise the annual litter tax (which has been \$25 since 1987) and use the proceeds to fund litter prevention, cleanups and outreach.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION E&R-2011-04

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TRANSPORTATION

TRANS-2011-02: OPPOSE SOLID MEDIAN ON LOISDALE ROAD AND RECOMMEND STUDY

- 1) **WHEREAS** Belvoir Corporate Park has filed a rezoning application in Lee District (RZ 2011-LE-008) and Fairfax County staff have indicated a need for construction of dual turn lanes on westbound Loisdale Road, which would include a solid median, which would impede ingress and egress to adjacent Mount Vernon Magisterial District businesses, such as the Parkway Express Service Station, Wendy's and the Hunter Plaza Retail Center; and
- 2) **WHEREAS** Supervisor McKay (Lee District) and Supervisor Hyland (Mt. Vernon District) wrote an August 26, 2011 letter to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) requesting that the existing full access median break on Loisdale Road that allows access to the local businesses be retained with any future provision of westbound dual left turn lanes on Loisdale Road (located at Tax Map 99-1 ((01))4, 5D) until such time as all access options are evaluated by VDOT; and
- 3) **WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors requested and VDOT agreed to such relief when a Costco rezoning application on Richmond Highway in the Lee District affected the ingress and egress of vehicles into Spring Garden Apartments in the Mount Vernon District thereby retaining the median break that allows school buses and other emergency vehicles into the Spring Garden Apartments while VDOT evaluates an equal or better ingress and egress for the apartments in a study paid for by Costco.

A) BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) opposes the construction of a median and offside road improvements at the Mount Vernon businesses' entrance on Loisdale Road by the developer of Belvoir Corporate Park due to the potentially irreparable damage caused by removal of a full service entrance to those businesses.

B) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCCA recommends that Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation study this stretch of Loisdale Road to address appropriately the traffic conditions on Loisdale Road, using developer funds acquired through the development process to date and those acquired in the future to design an improvement plan which both addresses the need for widening and additional lanes in this area, consistent with the request from Supervisors McKay and Hyland to VDOT dated August 26, 2011.

C) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MVCCA recommends, subject to VDOT and Fairfax County Department of Transportation review and approval, as an interim traffic control for Loisdale Road and the Fairfax County Parkway, that the middle lane of the westbound lanes on Loisdale Road be marked for cars turning either right or left onto the Fairfax County Parkway.

END: MVCCA RESOLUTION TRAN-2011-02

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 26, 8:00 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—Nov. 10, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
AWH*	10/27	7:30	see below	Jeszenszky
BUDG	11/2	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	D. Voorhees
COAF	11/1	7:30	WWMS/PrinConf	Cox
EDUC	11/2	8:00	WWMS	Harbeck
E&R	11/2	7:00	MVGC/Rm. 3	Martin
H/HS**	10/27	7:30	MVGC/Rms2&3	Cleveland
PL/Z	11/7	7:30	WWMS-LH	Dale
PSAF**	10/27	7:30	MVGC/Rms2&3	Shawkey
PSAF	12/1	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 3	Shawkey
LRSP	11/14	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 1	Dhillon
TRAN	11/7	7:30	WWMS/Library	C. Voorhees

*AWF will meet at the Woodley Hills Estates Community Center.

**PSAF & HHS Committees meet jointly on Thursday, October 27, in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

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