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## MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

September 26, 2012 8:00 p.m.  
SOUTH COUNTY CENTER

**PRESIDING:** Co-chair Bob Reynolds.

**ATTENDING:** Co-chairs Al Bornmann, Jim Davis, Bob Reynolds; Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, David Dale, Judy Harbeck, Betsy Martin, Dallas Shawkey, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA and SFDC Rep Karen Pohorylo; Secretary Carol Coyle. Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland. Press from Mount Vernon Gazette and Patch.

Representatives from: Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View Condominiums, Collingwood on the Potomac, Engleside, Hollin Hall, Mason Hill, Montebello, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove.

**MINUTES** – Will be printed in the October Record.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Accepted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** Note that Committee Chairs have been asked to include, in addition to their brief overview of their minutes, a tracking report on resolutions that have been approved and forwarded.

**Budget and Finance** – See The Record. Next meeting October 10.

**Consumer Affairs** – See The Record.

**Education** – See The Record. Meetings will be at Washington Mill ES at least through February. Resolutions forwarded have not been acted on.

Judy will be a member of FCFCA's committee on the "Digital Divide." Schools are increasingly using online for tests, text books, etc. How do the schools deal with kids who do not have access to a computer?

**Environment and Recreation** – See The Record. Next meeting October 3 will deal with storm water regulations. Request has been forwarded to add the Litter Prevention resolution to the

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2013 MVCCA Officers (Co-Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer). If you're interested in serving or in nominating someone, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members: Katherine Ward (Chair), Queenie Cox, Bill DeMaso, Patrick Rea and Karen Pohorylo

The Board has re-established the Special Committee on Long Range Strategic Planning. Katherine Ward will chair this special Committee, used to inform the MVCCA of Comprehensive Plan issues and represent the MVCCA in development positions. The Co-Chairs would like to thank Katherine for her continued service to MVCCA.

Dues will be due in January.

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County Environment Committee agenda; hasn't happened, largely due to storm water issues.  
Tree Commission also has trouble getting issues on the County Environment agenda.

**Health and Human Services & Affordable and Workforce Housing** – See The Record. Louise described the late Col. John Byers' extraordinary knowledge and commitment of time to human services facilities and services, the Planning Commission, and the Human Services Council. He is greatly missed.

The Committee's directory of local HHS opportunities for voluntary service and advocacy in our area will be posted on the MVCCA web site. BOS action Sept. 11 to transfer \$9 million more to CSB programs covers FY 12 deficits and mitigates projected FY 13 deficits, so that Gartlan Center Emergency Services and New Horizons Treatment Center will not be closed. Funding problems remain, but the FY 14 planning process promises greater public budget transparency, earlier, on difficult choices ahead re: sustaining service capacity.

**Planning and Zoning** – See The Record. Two resolutions.

**Public Safety** – See The Record.  
CERT Training begins Monday Oct 1. It meets from 7 – 10 p.m. each Monday at the MV Governmental Center for seven weeks. County has a Medical Needs Registry. There are approximately 13,000 people in the County who should be registered; there are only about 500 signed up. Registry information is kept confidential by the Office of Emergency Management unless there is a need to access it to save lives. Ideally, each community should have a list of residents who will need assistance in the event of a disaster or an extended power outage; Neighbor looking out for neighbor. CERT trained neighbors in each community should try to collect information on residents who will have a need for assistance in an emergency

Discussion of power outages during the recent storms, lack of emergency power, the fact that some long term care facilities did not have power for as long as five days after the derecho storm. Some facilities did not have adequate required emergency plans. Should nursing homes be required to have generators? Are they already required to do so?  
Eleven PS originated resolutions have disappeared into the ether.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>				
<b>January 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012</b>				
<b>Balance Available</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,571.53</u></b>			
<b>January 1, 2012</b>				
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>YTD</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>				
Dues-Current Members		\$ 3,432.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (568.00)
Dues—New Members		-	200.00	(200.00)
Gala Income		3,937.00	6,000.00	(2,063.00)
MM Interest Income	\$ 0.21	1.88		
Refund from web registry	105.00			
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 105.21</b>	<b>\$ 7,475.88</b>	<b>\$ 10,200.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,831.00)</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Administrative Exp		\$ 87.09	\$ 300.00	\$ 212.91
Gala Expenses		3,817.30	5,700.00	1,882.70
Gala Expenses-Deposit for 2013			300.00	300.00
Insurance		670.00	700.00	30.00
Outreach/Town Hall Mtg	\$ 44.80	276.93	1,000.00	723.07
Public Safety—Mailings			100.00	100.00
Record Production		1,030.00	1,550.00	520.00
Student of Year Stipends/Awards		900.00	600.00	(300.00)
Web Site		168.98	300.00	131.02
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 44.80</b>	<b>\$ 6,950.30</b>	<b>\$ 10,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,599.70</b>
<b>Balance Available</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,162.41</u></b>			
<b>September 30, 2012</b>				
Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 6,156.31			
Wells Fargo Money Market bal	5,006.10			
<b>Total Money Available</b>	<b>\$ 11,162.41</b>			

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## Transportation – See The Record.

October 11 at 7 p.m., meeting at Mount Vernon Governmental Center on County-wide transportation funding.

Resolution tracking – Widening at Woodlawn will be the bypass; stables will be relocated, and the new entrance will be off Mount Vernon Memorial Highway.

County should be more insistent on proffers – turn lanes for large developments, for instance.

Gridlock at Beacon Mall just gets worse.

## Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation –

There are changes in the compliance requirements for HOAs and Condos.

October 1 – SFDC vision for Revitalization of Route One.

David Ben, SFDC Marketing and Communications Director made a brief presentation including announcement that SFDC will be moving their offices to the MetroCall building. He then showed a 5 minute video (first of several) promoting Route One renovation.

There was some discussion of a suggestion that development approvals should be expedited, perhaps by changing the zoning regs to revitalization districts rather than one parcel at a time.

## CO-CHAIR' REPORT

Nominating Committee. Volunteers are Bill DeMaso, Karen Pohol-ryo, and Queenie Cox; co-chairs appointed Gretchen Walz and Katherine Ward, chair. Slate of nominees will be presented at October meeting, and elections will be held in November.

It was noted that the wrong location for Council meetings was listed in The Record. However there were several ListServe messages with the correct one. We will be here for this year while Whitman is under renovation.

Co-chairs received a CD from Fort Belvoir re: the relocation of Intelligence and Security Command Hq. They have concluded that addition of these people will have “no significant impact” on traffic to the area.

Gala will be held April 27 at the Golf Club at Fort Belvoir. Noted that this is also Earth Day and Arbor Day.

## RESOLUTIONS

**P&Z-2012-08: RESOLUTION ON THE RETURN OF SUNOCO TO 5928 RICHMOND HIGHWAY** Committee had voted to not oppose. Discussion indicated that there are several questions regarding this project. Vote was tabled 10-0.

**P&Z-2012-09: RESOLUTION ON THE MRP REDEVELOPMENT OF 2550 HUNTINGTON AVENUE** Approved 13-0.

## SUPERVISOR'S TIME

County has a new Executive and a new Deputy Police Chief. County Fire Chief is scheduled to retire soon.

County Executive has ordered a 5% cut in expenses County-wide. This will severely impact schools where we now have ~181,000 students.

Supervisor would have preferred ‘widening In place’ of Route One at Woodlawn. Stables’ lease expires in 2016 and will not be renewed.

Due to the late hour, Supervisor said he will present his Visioning report at the next meeting.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

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### BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 10, 2012  
Walt Whitman Middle School

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Al Bornmann (MVCCA Co-chair), Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Stratford Landing, Mount Vernon, Tauxemont, Williamsburg Manor

The speaker at the meeting was State Senator Adam Ebbin who informed us on a range of topics including transportation issues, the Virginia retirement system, Route 1 improvements and the Affordable Care Act.

The committee was informed that the state gas tax is currently 17.5 cents per gallon. Each penny of the tax is worth about \$47 million dollars in revenue. An effort has been made to change this tax to a percentage of the fuel price which would add funds to the transportation budget. On transportation, the General Assembly passed a bill to sell naming rights of rest areas to Geico and another bill to add a \$50 fee to registration of electric cars of which there are currently about 900 in the state. The state has agreed to put up \$500,000 to help fund a transportation study on Route 1, but it is contingent on \$2 million in funding from the federal government.

A vote on Virginia's participation in the Affordable Care Act may be taken in the next meeting of the General Assembly in January 2013. If Virginia participates in the Affordable Care Act, the state would receive 100 percent reimbursement from the State for the first three years and 90 percent thereafter. Information on the Affordable Care Act in Virginia can be found at [www.TheCommonwealthInstitute.org](http://www.TheCommonwealthInstitute.org).

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The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will be held November 7, 2012 at 7:30 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Consumer Affairs did not meet during October because the chair was on travel.

There will not be a meeting on November 6th because it will be VOTE day and folks will want to be home (or somewhere) watching the preliminary voting reports to include by precinct and state. So, Consumer Affairs will not compete with VOTE day. Our next meeting will be December 4th.

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### EDUCATION

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The MVCCA Education Committee met at 8 pm on October 3, 2012, in the library of Washington Mill Elementary School. Associations represented were: Collingwood Springs, Williamsburg Manor North, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Collingwood Springs, Mount Vernon Manor, Riverside Estates, Wellington and Sulgrave Manor. Co-chair Al Bornmann also attended as did several community members.

The meeting was the annual "State of the Cluster" discussion and an opportunity to meet the new Cluster 4 Assistant Superintendent (CAS) Deborah Tyler.

Although new to the position, Tyler is well known to many in our community and served as Cluster Director under CAS Scott Brabrand. She began her 30-year career in FCPS as a teacher at Bucknell Elementary and later served as principal at two elementaries in other areas of the County. Thus, it is anticipated that she will bring both continuity and a clear understanding of FCPS culture and resources to the Cluster 4 position.

Tyler emphasized that she takes a "hands on" approach and will visit often classrooms and sit in on teacher planning and discussion groups in order to assure that plans are being successfully implemented in the classroom and reevaluated for effectiveness with appropriate use of data and on-going assessments. She feels Professional Learning Communities (PLC) are key in that, properly implemented, they allow teachers to exchange successful strategies, seek help if needed and quickly address issues whether school-wide, level-wide or teacher or student specific. Team approaches are also encouraged since they allow teachers to streamline focus and better use their own strengths and expertise.

In keeping with the need to be constantly evaluating and refining approaches to assure the kids are "getting it", Tyler noted the School Improvement Plan (SIP) process is changing to a quarterly

rather than yearly plan. This will allow for quicker and clearer evaluation of progress, redirection if necessary, more specific goal setting and a more vibrant document. In 2012-13, priorities will include more explicit expectations for collaborative teams and a K-12 focus on literacy and math instruction.

Student scores on the most recent SOLs were generally positive with pyramid and cluster aggregates at least approaching FCPS division wide numbers and sometimes tying or exceeding, particularly in reading. Another positive note is that our area schools continue to narrow achievement gaps at a faster rate than FCPS as a whole although significant gaps remain. Given that achievement gap progress of our schools is included in and inflates the FCPS overall numbers it is hoped that we will continue to see further narrowing of the "gap" between FCPS overall and Cluster 4 in average or aggregate scores.

Less positive were math scores, which fell across FCPS and the Commonwealth. The drop is partially explained by the new state tests, which require more critical thinking in addition to computation skills, and the parameters were not available to school districts in advance. All tests were taken on computers and some questions required tool manipulation, such as pulling down a ruler to take a measurement, which may have confused some students.

However, as Tyler noted, it is clear that more needs to be done, particularly in elementary schools to assure that students are acquiring the number sense and mindset to enable them to grasp sophisticated concepts and applications. One ongoing problem is that many elementary teachers self-describe themselves as not good at math if not actually math phobic. As more sophisticated concepts and problem solving requirements trickle down to the early grades, the problem is exacerbated since kids are quick to pick up on a teacher's lack of enthusiasm or confidence. Collaborative team teaching helps assure that, at least, teachers are teaching from comfort zones and strengths.

Some Committee members opined that not enough is being done to challenge high math achievers which impacts students' progress through higher math and potentially in admission consideration for schools such as Thomas Jefferson (TJHS). Tyler noted that admission criteria for TJHS are in a constant state of revision and that questions have been raised about the preparation of middle-schoolers across FCPS. She also stated that all Cluster 4 elementaries have advanced math curricula in place and that enrichment of students who already meet standard criteria is also one of the Cluster priorities.

In closing, the Chair briefly discussed that she is serving on FCPS' "Access4All" Committee looking at ways to address the digital divide between haves and have-nots which threatens to be another impediment to the achievement of economically disadvantaged and middle class students. As class books and instructional material are increasingly provided primarily on line, students from families

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without high speed internet connections and appropriate computer hardware are clearly at a disadvantage. Moreover, families with multiple children could need a home wireless network and multiple devices. It is also true that disadvantaged students are less likely to have a parent with sufficient expertise to assist, or to access school information on their child's progress. FCPS is piloting several programs with vendor supplied netbooks and internet access but it remains to be seen if these can be expanded or "Access4All" accomplished without providing internet access and hardware to all students. It is however an unstoppable avalanche we need to try to manage, or be buried.

In lieu of a November meeting, members are urged to attend Dan Storck's Education Town Hall meeting where the panel will include Storck, Superintendent Dr. Dale and CAS Tyler.

Next meeting: Town Hall discussion, 7-9pm, November 7, 2012, Whitman MS Lecture Hall.

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### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

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The committee met 3 October 2012, at 7 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Jim Davis (MVCCA co-chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Engleside, Huntington, Potomac Valley—Riverbend, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Westgrove, and Williamsburg Manor.

**New stormwater regulation.** Bruce McGranahan (of Site Code Research and Development) briefed the committee on "Fairfax County's New Stormwater Regulation – What's Different and How Do We Get There from Here?" The goals of Fairfax County's new stormwater ordinance are to protect streams, create a framework for implementing and enforcing the Virginia Stormwater Management Act, and develop procedures and requirements for Virginia Stormwater Management Permit (VSMP) administration as the county assumes responsibility for this from the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

The new ordinance's approach to the control of stormwater is to mimic the natural processes of infiltration, evapotranspiration, and reuse. The Runoff Reduction Method aims to reduce quantity, as well as improve quality, of stormwater runoff. The focus is on managing the first 1" of rainfall, which will achieve significant improvements, because 90% of rainfall events are 1" or less. Quality improvements still focus on removal of phosphorous, the benchmark pollutant.

Numerous distributed Best Management Practice (BMP) facilities will be more efficient than the ponds that have been used in the

past. There will be a Virginia BMP Clearinghouse for approved BMPs, which are being selected by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, using a protocol for independent third party certification for proposed methods. The new regulation will encourage but not force harvesting and reuse of stormwater (for, e.g., cooling water, toilet flushing). Redevelopment will require stormwater reductions of 10% for land disturbances less than an acre, and 20% for larger disturbances. Under the new regulations water quality requirements cannot be waived, as happens now. The new regulations do not address existing flooding problems. Fairfax County has no jurisdiction over VDOT water quality; linear projects—roads, utility rights-of-way—have different standards.

The new regulations give more authority for right of access e.g., to inspect facilities, and make provision for much larger fines and for criminal penalties.

Significant issues are still being addressed, such as whether to exempt single family infill development from the regulation. Maintenance agreements for all of the numerous private BMP facilities must be tightened up and must run with the land. County staff and industry will need training on the new ordinance, new BMPs, inspection and maintenance requirements, etc.

Currently, the county is holding stakeholder meetings to receive input on outstanding issues. Between 12/13/12 and 6/13/13, the county must adopt a local program (or by 6/13/14 with approval from the VA Soil and Water Conservation Board). The county must submit its draft ordinance and revised Public Facilities Manual and funding and staffing plan to the state in 2/13, and in 7/13 there will be a public Planning Commission hearing. By 7/1/14, the new regulation must become effective for all counties.

Websites to follow county and state progress are: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwaterordinance.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwaterordinance.htm) and [www.dcr.virginia.gov/lrswlqac01.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/lrswlqac01.shtml)

**Sale of invasive exotic plants at farmers' markets.** Exotic invasive plants are overwhelming and destroying parkland in Fairfax County, and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) attempts to control their spread through the efforts of volunteers working on the Invasive Area Management program. Yet, some of the same exotic invasive plants that are destroying parkland are being sold in FCPA-sponsored farmers' markets. A resolution requesting that the Fairfax County Park Authority Board ensure that vendors at FCPA-sponsored farmers' markets do not sell exotic invasive live plants was introduced and seconded. After debate and amendment, the resolution was passed with 9 in favor and 4 opposed.

#### Future topics

Committee members suggested the following topics for future meetings.

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- Future of Woodlawn Stables (several members noted that this issue is moot, as Woodlawn Estate has not renewed the stable's lease and is seeking more profitable uses for the land).
  - Update on implementation of watershed plans in the Mount Vernon district.
  - County official/South Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) to talk about more environmentally sensitive design along Route 1.
  - Cell phone towers in parks: this issue is being considered by the cell phone subcommittee, and the Planning Commission has drafted a proposed policy that would facilitate placing cell phone towers on parkland. The proposed policy appears not to take into account the MVCCA resolution on this subject.
  - Threats to the Accotink Creek watershed from construction at Fort Belvoir.
  - The state is considering lifting the moratorium on uranium mining; this would affect southern Virginia but also Fairfax County, since uranium was historically mined along Accotink Creek.
- Westgrove Park master plan, when a draft is issued by FCPA.

### Updates

- The fence has been installed for the interim use dog park at Westgrove Park.
- Find out about the Army's plans for short range projects and its update of the real property master plan at Fort Belvoir. The Public Scoping Meeting is 5 to 9 p.m., 10/11/12, at South County Government Center.

**Next meeting** is November 7, 7 p.m., room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. We will discuss the Planning Commission's proposed new policy language for telecommunications facilities.

**Correction:** Minutes for the September 11 meeting incorrectly omitted Belle View Condominium and Hollin Hall Village, whose representatives were in attendance.

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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The HHS Committee met Oct. 2 in the Engh Conference Room at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital for our second effort, in a six-month series, to explore a critical aspect/goal of well-being for residents of Fairfax County, identifying some emerging challenges and potential human services resources for response in Fiscal Year 2013 (which began July 1, 2012). All six goals/concerns are stated below, with dates of our meetings: please see Next Meeting.

We focus on connecting concerns with community resources for effective response, countywide and in our southeastern area designated as Human Services Region I. Along the way, we ask: Which

concerns will benefit from greater public awareness, or from MVCCA Resolutions in support of particular actions or programs, or from other community participation in solutions?

Participating in this month's focus on **Healthy People** were 12 persons, including those representing 7 MVCCA member civic associations—Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynwood, and Wellington—and George Souza, President of the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary. Our invited guest resources/presenters were, from Fairfax County Health Department, Community Health Care Network (CHCN) Director *Christina Stevens* and, from Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB), Mental Health Manager for the Gartlan Center *Robert MacMurdo* and Director of Partnerships and Resource Development *Laura Yager*. Louise Cleveland chaired the meeting, with MVCCA Co-chair Jim Davis present as liaison.

### ONGOING CONCERNS

One summary of the critical role of "the Fairfax County human services system" is that it "supports communities and empowers residents to be healthy, safe, stable and connected," leading us to report—at each meeting—on cross-cutting actions.

**Affordable and Workforce Housing:** *John Jeszenszky* reported four recent developments.

- **FY 2013 Housing Blueprint funds** of \$4.4 million are now available via the county's [Affordable Housing Partnership Program](#) (AHPP). The Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced it will accept AHPP applications from nonprofit and for-profit affordable housing developers *through December 31, 2012*, to further goals of the [FY 2013 Housing Blueprint](#). This funding is intended to be used for purchase of approximately 200 units of multifamily housing in Fairfax County that will serve the county's homeless population, persons on the county's affordable housing waiting lists, and the county's low and moderate-income workforce. It is anticipated that the available funding would be used in combination with other sources.
- Under the **Bridging Affordability Program**, an integral component of the FY 2012 and FY 2013 [Housing Blueprint](#), the nine nonprofits selected to manage this program have issued 155 certificates for use as rental subsidies since last September. Of this number 102 families have moved into leased units. The main restriction has been the lack of available housing units.
- **Ending Homelessness:** A review of data collected over the last four years in the *Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to End Homelessness 10 Year Plan* shows a decline in the number of people who become homeless. Read about how this program has worked in the September issue of the newsletter *Partner Update*: (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/partnerupdate/>)

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- **North Hill:** Review of an unsolicited proposal for a Public Private Partnership development of 204 affordable residential units has been completed by County Staff, and a request for proposals for such a plan is to be issued “soon.”

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month—October:** Mattie Palmore reports that the Office for Women and the Commission for Women are striving to create a wrap-around service model for survivors, to help families re-establish solid footing. An October 1 “Housing Dialogue” called attention to the connection with homelessness (and need for a “Housing First” approach).

**CSB FY 2013 Budget Management Plan:** *Louise Cleveland* reported that the Board of Supervisors’ Sept. 11 vote on Carryover funds and revisions to the FY 2013 County Budget Plan provided substantial additional funding to the CSB, averting closure of Gartlan Center emergency services and New Horizons Treatment Center and other severe reductions in services. However, the CSB will operate with 10% of its staffed positions as unfilled vacancies. For FY 2014 and 2015, the CSB along with other human service agencies is instructed to plan/propose 5% reductions in spending. The CSB is providing clear explanations of budget decisions and service impacts via its web page [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb) and links. In general, we may anticipate that planning choices in human services will be more transparent, earlier in the development of the County FY 2014 Budget Plan, than in the past.

**Emergency Preparedness and Response:** Please see Dallas Shawkey’s Public Safety Committee Report, September *MVCCA Record*, pages 7-9, on the County Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Long Term Care Facilities, following the June 29 derecho storm, which has shed light on matters that need attention from County, residential facilities, and utility companies. Meanwhile, the County’s voluntary Medical Needs Registry has just 500 persons on it, though the estimated number—based on the demography of the County—should be roughly 13,000. Friends and neighbors should encourage those eligible to register, for their best safety. Privacy is protected. Information and application forms are found on the County web site. HHS Committee hopes to have an update on these matters by Dec. 4.

### **MVCCA Web Pages (in-progress)**

The MVCCA Affordable and Workforce Housing page maintains legacy documents of the work of the Special Committee (2005-2011) and will provide links to current information on housing, as well as refer readers to current meetings and reports of the HHS Committee. The updated HHS Page provides information on meetings, range of concerns, and guiding principles, as well as links to some informational web sites and reports (in .pdf). Under Finding Information, *HHS Resources in Southeastern Fairfax County*—a brief guide to finding information, volunteer opportunities, and policy advocacy groups (described the *Record*, Sept. 2012) is now posted. Summaries of MVCCA HHS Reports for each year—2012

back to 2007—help locate, on line in the *Record*, such items as the Oct. 2011 Report on Health Care Access in Fairfax County that provides a primer for this month’s focus.

### **FOCUS: HEALTHY PEOPLE**

Fairfax County Human Services Council’s Roundtable Discussion Presentations, available (in pdf) on the ([hscouncil](http://hscouncil)) web Page, provide background information gathered in the past year that can be read by anyone interested in participating in our discussions of these focus concerns. Prior to the meeting, “Healthy People” (36 slides) was circulated to members. It describes human services as “working collaboratively to strengthen policies and practices that will:

- create social and physical environments that promote health equity and improve health of all groups
- promote quality of life, healthy development, and healthy behaviors across all life stages
- improve quality and access to primary, behavioral, oral health, and pharmacy services
- enable residents to attain high-quality, longer lives, free of preventable disease, disability, injury, and premature death.”

Of course, policies and practices that promote “health” as well as “health care” are cross-cutting and “collaborative” to a mind-numbing degree. We deferred discussion of the “health” roles of human services agencies such as Family Services and Neighborhood and Community Services—e.g building resilience and planning for long-term care services—to upcoming meetings (focused Oct. 30 on children and Dec. 4 on older adults/those with disabilities). We held other important connections to community health (in public safety, public schools, environment and recreation, and private medical practice) in our periphery vision. This allowed us to focus—with our excellent October team of guest resources—on some strategic choices, in the Health Dept. and the CSB, that address intensifying health care needs.

Recent information added fresh perspective to our focus on the shared goal of “Healthy People.” Three forums held in our area, in September, presented “health equity” research, “health care reform” policy choices (at federal, state, and county levels of government), and “access” to County health care services under the revised County FY 2013 Budget Plan. Handouts in our meeting pointed to some specific policy concerns:

- Excerpts, from reports distributed in September public meetings—on “Health” and “Human Services” from the DRAFT *FC 2013 Legislative Program* and on potential service impacts from the FC Health Care Reform Task Force;
- A flyer and web page directory of resources for Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax—identifying five strategic health planning issues, teams, and selected resources for the county-wide strategic planning process known as MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships);
- “Overview” from the “Application for a Medically Underserved Population Designation for Fairfax County” that maps and

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interprets data for the south county population, in specified Lee/Mount Vernon Census tracts, now federally designated as a “Medically Underserved Population (MUP).”

**ACCESS:** Our guest resources from the Health Dept. and CSB brought impressive depth of experience to our discussion of access to needed services—for health care as well as prevention and wellness—in Fairfax County. Both agencies are deeply engaged in providing care (directly and through contracted partners) for some of Fairfax County’s most vulnerable and medically needy persons—individuals and those in families. They do so in the midst of population growth patterns, geographic/transit barriers, and social and economic diversity that can impact health equity.

**The CSB** is moving toward a medical model for treatment of persons with severe and complex needs. Rather than limiting persons to diagnostic labels (for mental health, substance use disorders, and intellectual disability or developmental delay), CSB hopes to integrate the range of services (from physical health care to stable housing) that an individual may need for recovery. Annually, more than 20,000 individuals countywide receive CSB services, roughly a quarter of whom are served in our area at the Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road, and in programs at South County Center. In practice, for Bob MacMurdo, managing adult outpatient mental health services at the Gartlan Center, most are severely ill and have multiple needs upon entry. Despite staff vacancies that cannot be filled, even under revised FY13 funding, wait time to start outpatient services remains about one month (longer for those seeking intellectual disability services) and a limited “gateway” exists to primary health care, delivered at Gartlan (a half-day/month). MacMurdo works to get persons into medication management services, and a CSB housing specialist seeks—with great difficulty—appropriate housing for those with special needs. With recent FY13 funding, Gartlan’s emergency services and New Horizons’ residential program treating co-existing disorders remain open, though not staffed for full capacity use. In all CSB services, the open question of state choices on Medicaid expansion looms large: service capacity and design will depend on income from services that can be reimbursed.

**Community Health Care Network** provides a “medical home” for primary care at 3 clinic locations, including South County Center, for 27,000 County residents who are low-income, uninsured and ineligible for other programs such as Medicaid (see HHS Oct. 2011 Report for more). Since inception in the 1990s, CHCN has served this population, providing high quality care and also referrals to needed specialty care, very cost-effectively. Director Chris Stevens reports that the County provides about \$9 million, and private physicians who accept referrals contribute services valued at another \$4 million, but for specialist care such as cancer treatment, patients must travel to UVA doctors in Charlottesville. (Inova Health System does help with diagnostic radiology.) Director Chris Stevens is concerned that 1000 eligible households are now on a growing wait list for enrollment, stimulating a search for non-County funds to expand capacity. The Health Dept. is conducting a strategic planning

process, known as MAPP, that has earned federal grant dollars, enabled countywide data collection and assessment of health and healthcare status and resources, and now is recruiting Partners (among many stakeholders) for strategic issue teams. Recently, Fairfax County has earned eligibility to apply for benefits available to a Federally Qualified Health Center, based on carefully collected evidence that a Medically Underserved Population resides near the CHCN clinic at South County Center.

**Prevention services** were cut, again, in FY 2013, especially in the CSB’s revised budget: one third of staff that delivered programs is gone. Only programs to prevent substance abuse have (federal) funding attached. Remaining resources must go to targeted populations. Laura Yager listed available strategies. Prevention toolkits, based on the Youth Survey findings and other evidence of factors in the community that build resilience, were prepared during FY 2012; these are available on the web site for use by volunteer community groups such as PTSAs and sport associations. Teens may be able to dramatize these ideas for their peers. “WRAP” programs, key in sustaining progress toward recovery, will be developed in adult groups led by trained peers (a strategy used successfully elsewhere). Nevertheless, transitional support and in-home care for persons in recovery remain difficult to provide, even though they are key for preventing recidivism. The BOS, in its CSB funding motion, suggested consolidation of remaining prevention resources from various agencies. The Health Department has program resources aimed at reducing obesity, especially among children. Discussion of a possible “Office for Prevention Services” noted that this approach has worked well with limited housing funds, in the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. But HHS members emphasize that advocates—including those in MVCCA—will need “metrics” that show what works best and that take account of athletic and recreation programs as well as CSB’s.

**HEALTH CARE REFORM:** The election season has reduced most discussion of Health Care Reform to a “wedge issue” that arouses emotions on all sides and clouds consideration of how implementation will impact residents of Fairfax County, where a very large and growing number of residents do not have access to health insurance, even eligibility for Medicaid: now an estimated 145,000 individuals. Virginia’s governor has put state steps toward implementation on hold, despite the work of his own task force that pointed to great benefits—many dollars to many people statewide who are now unable to pay for insurance or for care. Virginia is now 43<sup>rd</sup> among the states in proportion of population enrolled in Medicaid and 47<sup>th</sup> in per capita spending. Legislators have routinely cut back Medicaid eligibility for services and/or limited conditions of reimbursement, in order to limit state spending (as needs for services grow) that is required to match federal dollars 50/50 percent. Many citizens do not realize that the federal law, if implemented, would allow Virginia a one-time opportunity to raise Medicaid eligibility to 133% of the federally defined poverty level and to fund the expanded enrollment with 100% federal dollars for two years, 95% for four more, and 90% in 2020 and thereafter. In Fairfax County, the combined effect of Health Care Exchanges and Medicaid



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expansion could reduce the number of those without access to insurance by half. The population with chronic needs for care management or long-term supports not covered by Medicaid would still be large, so the public role in "safety net" services would continue in new ways.

It is estimated that as much as \$1100/year in the cost of premiums for private health insurance is built in to reimburse providers for costs that uninsured patients are unable to pay.

Fairfax County struggles—in human services as well as other public services—with Virginia's policy trends that are shifting the fiscal burden of providing essential services to local government and community-based providers. (The DRAFT 2012 Legislative Program speaks to these issues under Priorities and Governance.)

Our guest resources—and committee members—see challenges ahead and a need to respond strategically with *all* available resources. We hope that everyone interested in considering community well-being thoughtfully, without reducing matters to simplistic and partisan "wedge" issues, will want to make time for these opportunities to participate in our discussions.

### HUMAN SERVICES MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

**Thursday, Nov. 1, 10 AM to noon**, at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Deputy County Executive for Human Services Pat Harrison hosts "Working Together to Make a Measurable Difference," the Region I meeting of a series convened in four areas of the county, inviting participation of leaders and stakeholders in the countywide human services system.

**Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 PM, South County Task Force for Human Services** invites all those interested in human service issues in the Route One Corridor to join Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland and Deputy County Executive Patricia Harrison for discussion on legislative issues, at the South County Center: Convener Anne Andrews, 703-780-1773, [anneandrews@verizon.net](mailto:anneandrews@verizon.net)

**Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7-9 PM, Southeast Health Planning Task Force** meets at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, zip 22309 for quarterly reports on operations and facilities development at both Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and Inova Healthplex at Lorton: President Ken Disselkoen, Recording Secretary Louise Cleveland, [L.cleveland@pobox.com](mailto:L.cleveland@pobox.com)

### NEXT MEETING--OCT. 30--"SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN AND YOUTH"

**Tuesday, October 30, 7:30 PM, MVCCA HHS Committee** meets in South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Haywood Conference suite. (Please note date and venue changes.) Our "November" meeting is early, in advance of Election Tuesday. Guest resources include the directors of the Office for Children and the Infants & Toddlers Connection and the Human Services Region I manager for Neighborhood and Community Services.

*HHS Committee is focusing each month on one of six cross-cutting goals that Deputy County Executive Pat Harrison has characterized as "conditions of well-being or results that the human services system seeks for those we serve": (2012) Sept. 4 "Connected Individuals," Oct. 2 "Healthy People," Oct. 30 (for November) "Successful Children and Youth," Dec. 4 "Positive Living for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities," (2013) Jan. 8 "Affordable Housing," and Feb. 5 Economic Self-Sufficiency. The Human Services Council's Roundtable Discussion Papers for public review of the FY 2013 Budget Plan are a starting point for current issues: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil). Our meetings incorporate ongoing questions outlined in the HHS Committee Report to the December 2011 MVCCA Record. Please direct additional suggestions, in advance of the meeting, to the chair. All meetings are open to all, always!*

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## PLANNING & ZONING

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Minutes of the October 1, 2012  
Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40pm and began as a joint Transportation and P&Z meeting. The joint meeting was led by SFDC who moderated a videoed discussion on the revitalization of Richmond Highway. After the joint meeting was over, P&Z Committee members proceeded with a P&Z Committee only meeting and was attended by representatives from the following associations: Huntington Club, Huntington Creek, Sulgrave Manor, Hollin Hills, Wellington, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Riverside Estates, Newington Forest, Huntington Community Association, Spring Bank and Engle Side.

A recap of the previous Councils meeting was provided regarding the 2 P&Z resolutions; P&Z-2012-08 Resolution on the Return of Sunoco to 5928 Richmond Highway was tabled by the Council in order to allow members to review the proposed Northern Gateway Comprehensive Plan Language and how it relates to the proposed gas station; and P&Z-2012-09 Resolution on the MRP Redevelopment of 2550 Huntington Ave was approved. No discussion followed on these two resolutions.

The only presentation for the evening was by Bainbridge Communities Acquisition III LLC, who presented earlier this year, regarding their rezoning application and development proposal in Accotink Village. They were seeking a resolution from MVCCA in support of their rezoning application RZ-2012-MV-007 before the Planning Commission Hearing on 1 November 2012. The developer is seeking a rezoning of 9 assembled parcels (tax map 109-1 ((1)) 5-9, 13-16) totaling 6.059 acres from the R-3, R-20, C-5, and C-8 Zoning District(s) to the PRM Zoning District. They plan to develop a mixed use project composed of 283 apartments and up to approximately 25,000 sqft of retail. The developer provided an overview of Accotink Village, their specific development plans, traffic flow, and design. Questions from the Committee focused on exterior design, routing of traffic, proposed retail, apartment amenities, storage

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capacity for residents, greenspace, and tie in with local public transportation options. The P&Z Committee voted unanimously to not oppose the rezoning application RZ-2012-MV-007, and is presented in Resolution P&Z-2012-10 Resolution on the Bainbridge Development in Accotink Village. Additionally, the Committee was made aware the South County Federation also passed a resolution not opposing the rezoning application.

The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee will be on November 5 at 7:30pm in a Community Room of the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2611 Parkers Lane.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Mount Vernon, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford on the Potomac Sect. IV, Villamay, and Waynewood.

Mount Vernon District Police Station. CAPT Joyce was unable to attend. LT Kathleen Sefchick, the Deputy Command filled in for him. The chair sent CAPT Joyce an email with items he might discuss with the committee. Copies were distributed to the members. I had asked for copies of the latest Fairfax County Police Department Annual Report. Last year we were provided with the Report for 2010 which helped the members understand the discussion better. LT Sefchick said the Report for 2011 had not been published yet. This limited the committee's ability to follow some to the issues.

The Police Station has authorized positions for 124 sworn officers. It has 121sworn officers assigned. The latest Criminal Justice Academy (CJA) class will graduate October 16. The Mount Vernon Station will be getting seven new officers. However, with expected transfers, this should leave the station with about 124 officers. The Department is experiencing the loss of approximately 2 officers per month (retirements, resignations). The vacancies in and loss of other positions has resulted in officers having to absorb additional duties. This has impacted patrol resources. The next CJA class will start in February 2013. With the growth in the county, there is a growing need for more sworn officers. The budget cuts over the last few years have resulted in a growing adverse impact on the Department. It is expected that there will be another 5% cut that must be absorbed for the FY 2014 Budget.

There have been not issues with the Sheriff's continued staffing of the Mount Vernon Station Jail. Of concern is whether the Sheriff's Department will offer up the staffing as part of their 5% budget cut for the next fiscal year.

Once an officer graduates from CJA and reports, he/she must complete a 42 day break in period. This can be extended but not shortened. The officer is placed in the field with an experienced officer. This training is tasked with ensuring the new officer is

trained in the practical application of the skills he/she was equipped with in the CJA. During this training, the new officer will be assigned to another experienced officer to limit his/her learning any bad habits.

The following is an overview of the crime statistics. In reviewing these, it should be noted that each police station has a different population size, makeup, and economic situation. Mount Vernon generally has more crime due to its unique population. The Police Dept. recognizes this and sends some of its best officers here. Further, there are occasional spikes in some types of crime which are caused by individuals, groups, etc., which have been quickly addressed but nevertheless raise the statistics for a short time. Some crimes, such as forcible rape for instance, are most often the result of domestic situations rather than attacks by strangers.

	<u>Fairfax County</u>	<u>Mount Vernon Police Station</u>
Overall	Down 5%	Down 2%
Robbery	Down 20%	Down 6%
Burglary	Up 4%	Up 5%
Assaults	Down 2%	Up 9%
Forcible Sex Offenses	Down 5 %	Up 7%

CAPT Joyce later gave this comparison of his to other police stations in Fairfax County:

- Assault - most reported
- Burglary - most reported but lower than other stations
- Homicide - only one case
- Larceny - tied with McLean but Mount Vernon has a net 7% decrease from last year
- Auto Theft - most reported but a 6% decrease from last year
- Robbery - most reported but a 5% decline from last year
- Sex Offenses (Force and Non-Forced) - second most reported but up 3% from last year

Over the last four years there have been 40 homicides but only 7 are active. Most homicides are the result of domestic actions, making them fairly easy to solve.

The last sobriety check point was conducted May 5. There were 1067 vehicles screened. One DWI arrest was made. Fourteen others were arrested for other issues such as outstanding warrants, lack of valid driver's license, etc. The next check point is scheduled for November 9.

The gang activity in the district remains at a very low level. There have been only a couple of minor assaults. The local patrol has been doing an excellent job of identifying cases to appropriate gangs and also identifying the individuals for other non-gang related violations when appropriate. The police have increased their interactions with communities to monitor the gang situation and let the gangs know they are being watched. The police pretty

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well have identified everyone involved in gangs and the members know it.

A concern last year was the possibility of flash mob actions in stores along Richmond Hwy. This has not materialized here. It seems to have been a passing fad. Our police were prepared. Other fads of concern, such as Occupy, did not materialize.

The police bicycle patrol continues to provide exceptional service for the district. It has continued to keep a high profile on bikes and in cars during inclement weather. It has just completed a bike school. The bike school is a 5 day/40 hour course that teaches officers how to safely operate a bicycle on the road way. It also teaches bike agility and officer safety while riding. The bike patrol also helps with service to the community. Communities, schools, churches, and other groups ask for their assistance with teaching bike safety, helmet fittings/safety, demonstrate safe riding techniques, and safety overall. The bicycle patrol accommodates them by holding a bike safety rodeo. During these rodeos they discuss these topics, set up cone courses, and demonstrate proper riding techniques. They conduct car seat inspections 3 times a year. They attend community board meetings and scout troop meetings to help educate the community on safety. Any road closure permits are first sent to them. They then provide and assistance that is requested to include officers or cones/yodocks for the event.

The bike patrol is able to assist on missing person cases by navigating the areas that are difficult to reach by foot or cruiser. It patrols neighborhoods that require or request extra attention. For example Creekside Apartments has asked for extra patrol at specific apartment buildings because of drug activity...the police were able to use their resources, bikes/plain clothes cars, to watch these areas.

Information was given on individual cases where the bike patrol was a significant factor in solving cases and reducing crime with its presence.

The issue of pedestrian safety, particularly on Richmond Hwy, remains a concern. Seven reportable cases this year were found. Most of them occur after noon into the night. The most frequent improper action is improper crossing point, failure of drivers to yield to pedestrians, failure to wear reflective clothing at night – and instead, wearing dark clothing which makes them almost invisible to drivers.

The School Resource Officers (SRO) for the year are as follows: Mount Vernon – PFC Ernie Jones, West Potomac – PFC Veve Wallace, Bryant – MPO Harvey Lyles, Sandburg – PFC Ashley Buckhaults, and Whitman – MPO Rob Miller. The issues at schools this year have been thefts, bullying, skipping school, rudeness, assaults, alcohol, and marijuana.

With the exception of one position, all the crossing guard positions are filled. That position is one that covers two crossings: Hybla Valley and at Hollin Meadows.

Finally, it is noted that on October 19, COL Rohrer, Chief of Police, will be moving up to take the new position of Deputy County Executive for Public Safety. In this position, the Police Dept., Fire and Rescue Dept., Office of Emergency Management and the MPSTOC will be under him.

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). The chair reported that the CERT Continuing Certification Class for persons who had previously completed the basic course was held on September 17 with 16 attending. The fall Basic CERT Training began on Monday evening, October 1 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center with 19 signed up. It will continue for seven more weeks on Monday evenings.

Next Meeting. Our next meeting will begin at 7:30 pm Thursday, November 1, 2012 in Community Rm. #3 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

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## TRANSPORTATION

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The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, October 1, 2012 in a community room of the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center initially jointly with Planning and Zoning. Attending were Jim Davis, (MVCCA co-chair) and the Mount Vernon Transportation and Planning Commissioners, representatives of 17 member citizen associations (Collingwood Springs, Engleside, The Fairfax, Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Huntington Club, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North and Woodley Hills), an interested member from Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV CA and an interested individual from the Realtor Party Action Center.

### **Guest Speaker: David Versel, Executive Director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC)**

David explained that the SFDC along with Fairfax County Channel 16 were creating a series of videos regarding Revitalizing Richmond Highway. The first video that was produced can be viewed by going to this link on the SFDC web site: [www.sfdc.org](http://www.sfdc.org) spoke to folks on the street about their views. The next video on Revitalizing Richmond Highway asks community representatives about what is needed or desired for Richmond Highway.

Accordingly, David led an interview of the Planning and Zoning and Transportation Committee present that was taped and recorded by Fairfax County Channel 16. The key questions, which David wanted to discuss, were:

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1. How can larger the community benefit from US Route 1 revitalization?
2. What objections are most often raised?
3. How can objections be overcome?
4. What public improvements are most needed to improve area?

David indicated that SFDC considers revitalization as upscaling Southeast Fairfax County considering increased population, traffic, housing development, commercial activity, and business activity.

Responses from committees:

The Mount Vernon Transportation Commission said that transportation needs to happen with revitalization. Without the proper transportation infrastructure, revitalization won't take place.

The Waywood representative stated that US Route 1 must be widened first or people cannot get to shops that are part of revitalization. The MVCCA has been requesting that US Route 1 be widened to 6 travel lanes (3 in each direction) for over 10 years.

The Mount Vernon Planning Commission indicated that the devil is in the details. The overall objections to widening US Route 1 have been that lots of existing businesses would be put out of business (Chair notes that the widening of US Route 1 to 8 lanes had this objection). The Planning Commissioner offered that some residents in area prefer density (residences and businesses) as it is, not a Tyson's Corners.

The Transportation chair explained that the US Route 1 corridor is a long narrow corridor with I-95 on one side and the Potomac River on the other. Tyson's Corners is the wrong template/comparison for revitalizing the US Route 1 corridor. However, in Arlington County between Rosslyn and Ballston, Wilson and Clarendon Boulevards were effectively revitalized with upscaled residences, shops and restaurants in about a 20 year span (1980s – 2000s) and this revitalization kept the residential footprint that existed for decades while increasing the commercial activity between the two boulevards.

The Chair further explained that our local government has revenue tools that they decided not to use. The Transportation Impact Fee has been authorized by the Virginia Assembly for over 20 years, but Mount Vernon residents have felt the pain of "by right" development that resulted in increased traffic congestion. Because the County did not adopt the Transportation Impact Fee, they cannot collect money from the developer to alleviate problems caused by the new development unless there is a rezoning. The Wal-Mart at Kings Crossing did not require a rezoning so Fairfax County could not get any money for much needed transportation infrastructure. This lack of transportation infrastructure did not stop Fairfax County from allowing more store pads to be built in the same area without any contribution to the much needed dual dedicated left turn lanes. Again, no rezoning means no proffers. Yet, our Supervisor says

proffers are better. However, the Transportation Impact Fee is a mandatory fee that results in money for transportation infrastructure when there is no rezoning (such as the so-called "by-right" development). Proffers are not mandatory and County staff can change proffers even when there is a rezoning and citizens fought for the proffers. Proffers do not provide the necessary transportation funds when there is no rezoning. And, SFDC wants to rezone the Richmond Highway corridor to a higher density meaning more development without the needed transportation infrastructure.

David Versel state that NOT changing the Richmond Highway corridor is not a viable option, rather the question is what kind of change is desired.

The Collingwood Springs representative commented on the new apartments, the Beacon at Groveton, have very nice amenities, but he wondered if the pricing of apartments still too high to attract newcomers as the night-life is not here yet.

David Versel explained that the apartments were priced less than those in Crystal City or Old Town and since the apartments are close to the metro, people may be attracted to the location. And, if this project succeeds, similar projects would come that would enhance the revitalization of the Richmond Corridor.

The Waywood representative commented on affordable housing because there is a need for it in the Mount Vernon area but it seems that landlords cannot make any money on these affordable units so it still needs to be done privately.

The Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner explained that "work force housing" is usually priced at 60% and up relative to an average in an area. The real estate owners gain via an increased density in that usually allotted for the region so that a loss on low-end units is made up via the increased amount of higher-priced units. New high-rises are utilizing this practice.

The Mount Vernon Transportation Commissioner added that upscale commercial units are needed, along with cheaper units (in apartment buildings).

The Southwood representative stated that in regard to needed public improvements, US Route 1 looks bad. It has too many of driveways or curb cuts, incomplete sidewalks, no curbs in some sections, and bad signs. What is needed: 6 travel lanes (3 in each direction between the Beltway and the Occoquan River), a transit system to Fort Belvoir, landscaping in front of businesses, and parking in back of buildings.

A Planning and Zoning member commented US Route 1 needs to be a Boulevard, not a Highway. Transportation members countered that US Route 1 is a Federal Highway from Maine to Florida.

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There was a discussion on comparing areas and their development. While David Versel indicated that comparisons from different parts of the county may not be applicable, the Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner explained how Tyson's Corner was built. In the 1960s, Tyson's owner bought a large chunk of undeveloped land when land was cheap. Today, the land along US Route 1 is expensive. Note: Tyson's did not have rapid transit or even buses when it was built.

David Versel commented that the only good (with respect to size and depth) commercial spot along US Route 1 is the Beacon Hill Shopping area, but owner there is making money on it as is and thus, has no incentive to upscale.

The Transportation Commissioner stated that the area has many visitors (e.g., to visit Fort Belvoir and Mount Vernon Estate) and they need good upscale restaurants. David Versel said that while the visitors stay in local motels, they often don't eat in area. Problem with attracting upscale restaurants is that there needs to be a strong lunch crowd, which does not currently exist on Richmond Highway.

The Planning and Zoning committee chair said that the emphasis should be on RE-developing of an older area (a la Del Ray, for example) and not cutting down trees to build new developments.

The Transportation chair noted that we are in a catch 22: Transportation is needed first for business attraction, but no money is available for transportation upgrade since business density does not justify it. Plus, if the land on Richmond Highway is so expensive, why does Richmond Highway attract Title Loan businesses, which is the opposite of upscale revitalization?

End of joint meeting: Planning and Zoning adjourns to their meeting room and the Transportation meeting continues in place.

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

B. Old Business: Revisiting the timing of traffic lights on US Route 1. Within the last two weeks, the chair and other at the General Council meeting noted that US Route 1 southbound was backing up around the Krispy Kreme as early as 5 pm making it difficult to patronize businesses and restaurants on the Richmond Highway corridor. There could be a problem with light timing in the North & South directions and it was suggested that we obtain a guest speaker from FCDOT or VDOT on this subject.

C. New Business: Countywide Dialogue on Transportation was held October 11, 2012 and asked for community feedback on ways to generate revenue to address unfunded transportation needs. The committee discussed two options that the General Council passed resolutions on and these revenue-generating ideas were not included in the county survey! 1. Transportation Impact Fee,

as discussed above, would mandate developers to contribute to transportation infrastructure when the new development causes transportation problems. 2. The adopted Comprehensive Plan includes a Funding Mechanism for transportation improvements along the Richmond Highway Corridor: a special tax district or other mechanism to assess fees on any new commercial and residential projects along the Richmond Highway Corridor. Number 1 is preferred because a development does not need to increase density to trigger the assessment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

The next meeting is Monday, November 5, 2012, at 7:30pm in the Montebello community room.

### ON AFFORDABLE & WORKFORCE HOUSING

The work of the Special Committee for Affordable and Workforce Housing, or SCAWH, (2005-2011) has returned to the standing Committee for Health and Human Services, where current housing issues are reported in monthly meetings and to the *MVCCA Record*.

On the MVCCA web site, the Affordable and Workforce Housing Page will continue to provide both legacy documents of the SCAWH and informational links for current issues in housing and community development.

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# Committee Resolutions

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## ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

### E&R-2012-06: RESOLUTION ON SALE OF INVASIVE PLANTS

- 1) **WHEREAS**, natural areas and forests in Fairfax County parkland and other public lands are being overwhelmed by exotic invasive plants, such as English ivy, Bradford pear, porcelainberry, oriental bittersweet, bamboo, and others;
- 2) **WHEREAS**, despite efforts of volunteers to remove them as part of the Invasive Management Area program, invasives are supplanting native plants, eliminating wildlife habitat, and destroying trees in our parkland;
- 3) **WHEREAS**, invasive plants (such as English ivy and buddleia) are being sold by vendors in farmers' markets sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA);
- 4) **WHEREAS**, widely accepted and used lists of plants that are invasive in our area have been compiled by experts and published by the National Fish and Wildlife Service (*Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas*, at [www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/toc.htm](http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/toc.htm)) and by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (*Invasive Alien Plant Species of Virginia*, at [www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/invspdflist.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/invspdflist.shtml));
- 5) **WHEREAS**, despite the availability of such lists, unsuspecting farmers' market customers can be misled into buying plants that are highly invasive and damaging to our environment, thus unknowingly contributing to the spread of invasive plants;
- 6) **WHEREAS**, garden centers and other retail outlets sell many exotic invasive plants;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations requests that the Fairfax County Park Authority adopt a policy and develop a procedure to ensure that all vendors in FCPA-sponsored farmers' markets are prohibited from selling live plants listed as invasive by the most up-to-date versions of either list noted above, and that vendors' agreement not to sell exotic invasive plants should be a condition of participating in the farmers' markets.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the MVCCA requests the Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly to introduce and support legislation to prohibit sale of exotic invasive plants and the Board of Supervisors to include this proposal in their legislative program.

**END: E&R-2012-06**

## PLANNING & ZONING

### P&Z-2012-10: RESOLUTION ON THE BAINBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT IN ACCOTINK VILLAGE

- 1) **WHEREAS** Bainbridge Communities Acquisition III, LLC has filed a rezoning application RZ 2012-MV-007 to rezone 6.059 acres in Accotink Village from R-3, R-20, C-5, C-8 Zoning to the PRM Zoning District to construct a mixed use development composed of residential apartments and retail, and
- 2) **WHEREAS** The proposed density of approximately 1.3-1.7 FAR is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan density, and
- 3) **WHEREAS** The residential portion will have a maximum of rental 283 units, including 14 ADUs, with dedicated parking, and
- 4) **WHEREAS** The developer will contribute to the school system per FCPS formula of \$550,000, and
- 5) **WHEREAS** The retail portion will be a minimum of 10,000 sqft with ability to build out to 25,000 sqft, and
- 6) **WHEREAS** the building will be constructed to LEED certified or equivalent County approved "green" standard, and
- 7) **WHEREAS** the frontage of the property will be on Richmond Highway, once the widening of Richmond Highway is completed.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations does not oppose rezoning application RZ 2012-MV-007 as presented.

**END: P&Z-2012-10**

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 24, 8:00 p.m.  
South County Center, Room 221  
8350 Richmond Highway

### 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. 8, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	11/7	7:30	MVGC	D. Voorhees
COAF	12/4	7:30	TBD	Cox
EDUC	11/7	7-9	WWMS/LecHall	Harbeck
E&R	11/7	7:00	MVGC/Rm. 3	Martin
HHS	10/30	7:30	SCC <sup>(1)</sup>	Cleveland
PL/Z	11/5	7:30	MVGC/CommRm	Matthews/Dale
PSAF	11/1	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 3	Shawkey
TRAN	11/5	7:30	Montebello <sup>(2)</sup>	C. Voorhees

<sup>(1)</sup> South County Center, 2nd floor Haywood Conference suite. Early bird tour at 7 PM

<sup>(2)</sup> Montebello community room

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