



Mount Vernon  
Council  
of Citizens'  
Associations

# Record

Volume XLV, No. 2, February 2013

## MVCCA COUNCIL MEETING

January 23, 2013 8:00 p.m.  
South County Governmental Center

**PRESIDING:** Co-chair Gretchen Walzl.

**ATTENDING:** Co-chairs, Gretchen Walzl, Chris Low;  
Committee Chairs Louise Cleveland, Judy Harbeck, Betsy Martin,  
Dean Sherick, Catherine Voorhees, David Voorhees; FCFCA and  
SFDC Rep Karen Pohorylo; SLRSP chair Katherine Ward.  
Treasurer Trish Gowland; Secretary Carol Coyle.  
Representatives from: Belle View Condos, Collingwood, Engleside,  
Fair Haven, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Huntington Club, Montebello,  
Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr,  
Newington Forest, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, River Towers,  
Riverside Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing,  
Stratford on the Potomac IV, Tauxemont, United Voice at Kings  
Crossing, Wellington, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North.

Meeting began with a presentation by E&R Chair Betsy Martin of photos of the extensive litter in the County, the amounts of litter collected in a series of clean-up efforts in Little Hunting Creek, and, finally, a suggested course of action to remedy this unsightly and unhealthy problem.

## SUPERVISOR'S TIME

Supervisor responded to the E&R report:  
What is the source of litter in Little Hunting Creek? A great deal of it originates in close proximity to fast food stores (7-11-type).

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## MVCCA BOARD

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SAVE THE DATE

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations  
**GALA**

April 27, 2013 6 – 9 p.m.  
Fort Belvoir Golf Club

Nominations are being accepted for  
**Citizen of the Year** and  
**Organization of the Year**

Nomination forms are available at [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org)

Direct questions to [carolcoyle@cox.net](mailto:carolcoyle@cox.net)  
or at 703-780-7955

### MVCCA DUES

Dues are due now. Go to [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org) for the membership form.

New applications will be accepted at the February 27, 2013 MVCCA General Council meeting held at 8 p.m. in the South County Center, Room 221, 8350 Richmond Highway.

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Shopping carts are also a real problem.

County recycles about 50%; State requires 25%. Agreement it should be better.

Chris and Martha Granger, owners of "Little Hollin Hall," want to subdivide their property 'by-right.' Original house is historic.

Queenie Cox requested re-striping of Sherwood Hall Lane to provide dedicated left-turn lanes at Andrus, Fordson, and the entrances to Mount Woodley, Bethlehem Baptist, and the King family driveways to improve traffic safety, reduce delays due to congestion; Gerry reports that VDOT is working on this.

The County has issued a Request for Competing PPEA Proposals for North Hill redevelopment.

**MINUTES** – Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Accepted.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance** – See The Record. February meeting will be joint with Education to discuss the School budget.

**Consumer Affairs** – See The Record. Committee is working on the suggestion to expand the Mount Vernon Farmers' Market.

**Education** – See The Record.

**Environment and Recreation** – See The Record. One resolution.

**Health and Human Services**– See The Record. Next meeting is the last of six dealing with major goals of human services and will focus on economic self-sufficiency. New Lorton HealthPlex will open with full 24/7 emergency services and ancillary support (lab, xray) on March 4. Open House on Saturday, March 2, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

**Public Safety** – See The Record. Next meeting will deal with emergency preparedness in the schools; Thurs, Feb. 7.

**Transportation** – See The Record. Joint meeting with P&Z. 2 resolutions.

Supervisor reports that traffic study and 527 for the Huntington Club renovations and hotel proposed for the Route One/Huntington SW corner are almost finished; "circle" around the area affected needs to be enlarged and the Penn Daw area also needs traffic impact studied.

Three sites are under consideration for the Bus Transfer station, but Supervisor is not allowed to tell us what they are.

**Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning** – Meeting tomorrow night at the MV Governmental Center.

**SFDC** – Looking for a new Director; David Versel leaves the end of the month.

## RESOLUTIONS

**E&R-2012-07 RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.** Approved 20-0.

**P&Z/TR-2013-01J COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT FOR HUNTINGTON CLUB** Approved 23-0.

**TR/P&Z-2013-02J SUNOCO SPECIAL EXEMPTION FOR A QUICK MART/GAS STATION** Resolution is to deny approval. Approved 18-6.

## OTHER OFFICIALS

Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan reports that "Fairfax Forward" will replace the APR review of the Comprehensive Plan. Whole areas will be considered instead of "cherry picking" specific developments. And lingering nominations will be void. 527 will go forward. Staff will present suggestions for our reaction. This is to be implemented before this session of the Board ends in July. Gerry will appoint a task force. Information is available on the County website.

Next month's meeting will feature a report from Del. Scott Surovell fresh from this year's legislative session.

## MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS' TIME

February 20 at 7 p.m. at Tauxemont Community Building will have a presentation by the County Urban Forester on spraying for fall canker worms. Gerry will follow up on this.

Suggestion that we put email addresses instead of phone numbers on our website.

— Carol Coyle, Secretary

# Committee Reports

## Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.

### Treasurer's Report

January 1-January 31, 2013

Balance Available January 1, 2013	\$9,948.65			
	Actual	Actual	Approved	
	Monthly	YTD	Budget	Variance
<b>Receipts</b>				
Dues-Current Members	\$2,256.00	\$2,256.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,244.00
Dues-New members	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gala Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MM Interest Income	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$2.50	\$2.29
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$2,256.21	\$2,256.21	\$7,502.50	\$5,246.29
<b>Disbursements</b>				
Administrative Exp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Gala Expenses	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,050.00
Insurance	\$773.00	\$773.00	\$700.00	\$73.00
Outreach/Town Hall Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$302.50	\$302.50
Record Production	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,750.00
Student of the Year Stipends/Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Web Site	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		\$1,173.00	\$7,502.50	\$6,329.50
<b>Balance Available January 31, 2013</b>	\$11,031.86			
<b>Wells Fargo Checking</b>	\$6,025.13			
<b>Wells Fargo Money Market</b>	\$5,006.73			
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	\$11,031.86			

## Committee Reports

### BUDGET AND FINANCE

Minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:30 pm  
Washington Mill Elementary School

Present: David Voorhees (Committee Chair), Gretchen Walzl (MVCCA Co-Chair), Hollin Hall Village, Huntington, Mount Vernon Civic, Southwood.

The February meeting was a joint meeting with the Education Committee and we heard about the FCPS Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY2014 ("Superintendent's FY2014 Budget"), delivered by Michelle New, FCPS Assistant Budget Director. The prepared presentation, as well as many other budget documents and links can be viewed at <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/budgetdocuments.shtml>.

The proposed school budget requests a \$2.5 billion operating budget which is a \$62.7 million or 2.6% increase from FY2013. The budget estimates that there will be an increase in enrollment of 2,857 students.

The FY2014 advertised county budget will be available online on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. The county budget process schedule is as follows:

Release of the County Executive's FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan (including Multi-Year Budget: FY 2014 and FY 2015) - 10:40 a.m.	February 26, 2013
Ask Fairfax Online Chat with County Executive - 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	February 28, 2013
Board of Supervisors' Meeting: Advertisement for FY 2014 Tax Rate and FY 2013 Third Quarter - 10:30 a.m.	March 5, 2013
Budget Committee Meeting - Govt. Center (CR 9/10) - 1:00 p.m.	March 12, 2013
Budget Committee Meeting - Govt. Center (CR 9/10) - 2:00 p.m.	March 18, 2013
<b>Effective Tax Rate Hearing (FY 2014 Budget) - Board Auditorium-Govt. Center - 3:00 p.m.*</b>	<b>April 9, 2013</b>
<b>Public Hearing on FY 2014 Budget - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 6:00 p.m. *</b>	<b>April 9, 2013</b>
<b>Public Hearing on FY 2014 Budget - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3:00 p.m. *</b>	<b>April 10, 2013</b>
<b>Public Hearing on FY 2014 Budget - Board Auditorium - Govt. Center - 3:00 p.m. *</b>	<b>April 11, 2013</b>
Budget Committee Meeting - pre-Mark-Up on FY 2014 Budget - Govt. Center (CR 9/10) - 2:00 p.m.	April 19, 2013
FY 2014 Board Budget Mark-up and Approval of FY 2013 Third Quarter - 10:00 a.m.	April 23, 2013
Formal Adoption of the FY 2014 Budget Plan - 10:30 a.m.	April 30, 2013
Beginning of FY 2014	July 1, 2013

**\* Opportunities for public comment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee will be March 6, 2013 at 7:30 pm at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Consumer Affairs held its teleconference meeting on Tuesday, February 5th at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the Mount Vernon Farmers Market to include preparation for a resolution and preliminary results of the survey.

During the discussion concerning the farmers market, it was learned there was a decision to approve a 3-week trial run that would extend the season from the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to the week before Christmas.

Consumer Affairs Committee was working on the project that included identifying viable options for a winter market to include extending the season by a month on each end, if feasible; having member associations participate and provide comments/suggestions; and researching data for a resolution. See *June 2012 Record*, *September 2012 Record* and *December 2012 Record*.

Consumer Affairs established timeline was to a) review and analyze the results of the survey; b) draft a resolution during its March 5th meeting and c) present the resolution to the general council for final action on the resolution during its membership meeting on March 27th.

However, a decision prior to March 1st would be without benefit of the community outreach survey. It is important to note that because the survey responses exceeded Consumer Affairs survey plan responses, Consumer Affairs was pre-approved to spend approximately \$200 for the outreach survey. Based on above, it would not be prudent for the MVCCA to expend the projected \$200 for the additional outreach survey initiated by the Consumer Affairs committee since its results would not be timely considered before a decision is made to extend the Farmers market season. This is unfortunate, since there were more than 250 responses as of February 9th. The survey closes on February 20th.

The initial task assigned Consumer Affairs was to determine the feasibility of having a year-round market. Consumer Affairs then pursued viable options to include extending the hours of the farmers market based on discussions with all 12-vendors. Although COAF was supporting an extension of the farmers market for one month on each end as stated in the *Record*, information about the planned 3-week trial run and affected the survey. Although the survey was seeking community comments to either extend the hours and/or season along with other useful comments, approval of a 3-week trial run supercedes any information gleaned from the survey.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center. We will meet face-to-face because National Consumer Protection Week is March 3rd to March 9th. Fairfax County's theme is Your Information Destination. COAF will have available during its March 5th meeting a variety of free information for consumers to pick up such as:

- Billed for Merchandise You Never Received? Here's What To Do
- Car Title Loans: What to do
- Credit, ATM and Debit Cards: What To Do If They're Lost or Stolen
- Funerals: A Consumer Guide
- Taking Charge: What To Do If Your Identity Is Stolen
- Your Access to Free Credit Reports
- Sending Money to Family and Friends Overseas
- Numbers to Know & Places to Go Bookmark
- Identity Protection: Get in the Habit Bookmark
- Safeguarding Your Child's Future (Child Identity Theft)
- And more...some information brochures are available in Spanish.

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## EDUCATION

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The Education Committee met in joint session with the Budget&Finance Committee at 7:30pm, on February 6, 2013, in the cafeteria at Washington Mill Elementary School. Associations represented were (includes both committees): CAHH, Collingwood Springs, Wellington Estates, Mount Vernon Civic Association, Wellington, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Waynewood, New Alexandria and Southwood. Co-chair Gretchen Walzyl and Budget Chair David Voorhees also attended.

The Committees met to hear a presentation on the FCPS Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY2014 ("Superintendent's FY2014 Budget"), delivered by Michelle New, FCPS Assistant Budget Director. The prepared presentation, as well as many other budget documents and links can be viewed at <http://www.fcps.edu/fs/budget/budgetdocuments.shtml>. [Minor modifications made by the School Board subsequent to the presentation can be viewed at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2014.shtml>, and will be presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors ("BOS") as the School Board Approved FY2014 Budget].

In general terms, the Superintendent's FY2014 Budget proposes an overall operating budget of \$2.5Billion, an increase of 2.6% (\$62.7Million) over FY2013 Approved. Full funding would require an increase in school transfer from Fairfax County of 5.5% (\$92.4Million).

Director New reported that the Superintendent's FY2014 Budget once again expects an enrollment gain of 3-4000 students, contributing to an increase of nearly 15,000 students since FY2009. As has been true the last several budget cycles, this increase in overall enrollment and even higher increases in the percentages of students needing English for Speakers of Other Languages ("ESOL") or qualifying for Free or Reduced Meals ("FRM"), are primary drivers of increasing school budget needs.

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Per pupil spending would rise about \$115 to \$13,680, remaining in the midrange of local jurisdictions and well below Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and Montgomery County, MD.

Staff compensation costs remain the largest portion of the budget at 88% of the total. Staff positions are 93% school-based; Leadership Team and central management account for only .7% of positions, by far the lowest percentage among local jurisdictions. Remaining positions include maintenance, bus drivers, tech support, human resources, and similar support functions.

A Market Scale Adjustment ("MSA") of 1% is proposed for all staff, but no step increase for teachers. Shifting of retirement costs from employer to employee under the Virginia Retirement System and the Fairfax County retirement system (FERC) continues and effectively reduces teacher pay. Further, FCPS teacher salaries remain lower than most other local jurisdictions, particularly for more experienced teachers where the discrepancies approach \$15,000.

Committee members expressed appreciation for this year's longer budget presentation, which provided additional information on how the budget was created and is managed from an accountability and audit standpoint, as well as more clearly describing challenges, needs and costs. Members also suggested that it would be helpful to include actual dollar costs or numbers in addition to percentage changes so that citizens, and the BOS could better understand the magnitude both of increasing costs and demographic changes. New also discussed the on-going State Efficiency Review, which may identify some savings through best practices in central support and administrative areas.

Members also discussed the increase particularly in ESOL students, where (based on past discussions) the cost of services is about \$5000 additional per student. It was noted that some of the increase in Fairfax is likely due to Prince William County's recent initiatives with respect to undocumented/illegal immigrants causing many to relocate to Fairfax and other locations. Prince William has seen a recent reduction in ESOL enrollment, saving millions in its school budget.

Another topic discussed at some length was the continued effort to attract the "best and the brightest" teachers to FCPS, particularly in math, science and technology areas ("STEM"). Adequacy of salary scales, whether at the entry level or higher, was discussed as was the possibility of offering different salary packages to applicants in STEM or other underrepresented or challenging areas, and addressing roadblocks to second-career or career changers by providing greater flexibility in hiring. Special programs like Teach For America were also mentioned as having potential to provide high quality instruction although much additional information and research would be needed in all non-traditional teacher preparation areas to assure that aspirants both know their subject and are able to effectively communicate it in the public school setting.

Finally, the Education Committee approved (4-1) the resolution entitled "Meaningful Citizen Input to Fairfax County's FY2014 Budget Process". This resolution, printed elsewhere in this RECORD, continues the Council's previous effort to retain citizens' full access to all tools—budget reductions, service changes, and revenue increases-- in evaluating the balance of needs and taxes and expressing their views to the BOS in budget hearings and processes.

Next meeting: TENTATIVE March 6, 2013, 8pm, Washington Mill ES (members will get e-mail confirmation)

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### ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

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The committee met 6 February 2012, at 7 p.m. in room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were Betsy Martin (chair), Chris Low (MVCCA co-chair), Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Westgrove, and Williamsburg Manor.

#### **Request for a Special Exception for uses in the floodplain.**

Inda Stagg, Senior Land Use Planner (Walsh, Colucci Lubeley Emrich and Walsh) and several staff members briefed the committee about Mr. Seyed Falsafi's request for approval of a Special Exception to permit filling in the floodplain.

Ms. Booth and Ms. Martin disclosed (on advice of the county's attorney) that they are members of the Wetlands Board that reviewed the applicant's application for a wetlands permit for this project. The Board granted a permit with conditions and a mitigation fee.

Mr. Falsafi installed a pier and replaced a concrete bulkhead with a rip-rap revetment on his Potomac River property in Wellington, without obtaining the necessary permits. (The failure to get necessary permits was due only in part to erroneous advice from a former county employee.) In the process, 550 cubic yards of fill were placed in the floodplain. The special exception request is to approve this fill after-the-fact. It will come before the Planning Commission on May 22. In addition to the special exception, a Water Quality Impact Assessment replanting plan and a rough grading plan must be approved before Mr. Falsafi will be allowed to receive county permits for any further work on his property.

In response to questions, the committee learned that the work was done in 2009, and the contractor was Potomac Pile Driver. The fill was obtained from on-site grading, and was placed behind the rip-rap revetment. The Wetlands Board required Mr. Falsafi to pay a mitigation fee of about \$34,000 to mitigate for loss of 1,209 square feet of tidal wetlands due to the revetment installation. Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences advised the Wetlands Board that removing the large stones that form the revetment would cause more damage to the resource than leaving them in place. Debris

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that have accumulated along the shoreline area will be removed, but not until a permit is issued, since machinery will be needed. Committee members asked how the project will affect adjacent properties, and several noted that shoreline hardening increases wave action and erosive force on neighboring and downstream shorelines.

A member questioned whether the pier conformed to the certificate issued by the Corps of Engineers, and Ms. Stagg confirmed that the pier is too long, and a portion must be removed. They have a permit from the Corps to remove the excess, but still need other permits.

A member would like to see MVCCA censure the contractor who did the work, and Ms. Stagg said they had passed information about the contractor along to the county and the state.

A member asked if he is building a second house on the property, but staff said no, although he does plan to remove/remodel the existing house.

### Updates.

- Eleanor Quigley (Wellington Heights) reported that a by-right development plan for 11 lots on the Little Hollin Hall property (6 acres on Sherwood Hall Lane) was submitted Jan. 2. The county typically has 45-60 days to review. This property was owned by George Mason's father, and the house (which will be saved in the planned development) was originally built in 1721 and extensively remodeled over the years. The property is on Fairfax County's inventory of historic sites, and there is the potential for historic and prehistoric archaeological resources there. Very few such undisturbed sites remain in Fairfax County. An archaeological assessment can be requested, but not required. It's not known how long such an archaeological study would take. A previous development plan was rejected, based on concerns by the fire department.
- Allan Ruof (Huntington) reported on progress on the Huntington levee, to be paid for by the \$30 million bond that passed last fall. The county has put up a website, and expects to finalize the contract for the work in the summer. The design work will take 3-5 years, and construction will take 2 years. The starting point for the design is the 60% plan developed by the Corps of Engineers.
- Glenda Booth (Tauxemont) reported that fall cankerworms may be concentrated in the eastern part of the county, including the Mount Vernon area. The county has set up 300 monitoring sites, and if the populations become high enough to threaten the trees, they will spray in spring. The problem is that the spray will kill all caterpillars, including beneficial butterflies and moths. Tauxemont Community Association is hosting a briefing by Fairfax County Urban Forester Joan Allen on Feb. 20, 7-8:30 pm to discuss the fall cankerworm and control options. If you are interested in attending, contact Glenda at [gbooth123@aol.com](mailto:gbooth123@aol.com).
- Randy Torgerson (Westgrove) reported that his association is pleased with the reception of the dog park in Westgrove Park. It is being well used. It will be necessary to reseed some grass in

spring. Randy also called attention to last year's presentation by a County Forestry official who noted the damage that an over population of deer cause in forest regeneration. He noted two recent articles in the Washington Post that focus on different control measures. The December 16, 2012 article was titled "To get along with deer, we need to shoot a few of them" The February 3, 2013 article was titled "Don't kill the deer in Rock Creek Park".

**Next meeting** is March 6, 7 p.m., room 3, Mount Vernon Government Center. Topic: TBA.

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## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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The HHS Committee met Tuesday, February 5, in South County Center Room 221 A/B to consider how citizens may participate—individually and through the MVCCA—in the public review of the *Fairfax County FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan* that will be proposed to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on Feb. 26. Our focus in Feb. and March is on identifying challenges ahead—including unprecedented fiscal challenges—in planning for a County Human Services system capable of effective strategic response to emerging crises and able to provide, directly or through contracting, services essential to personal and community well-being.

Our goal—in meetings of an ad hoc work group on Saturday March 2 and the full committee on Tuesday March 5—is to develop well-informed recommendations in the form of a Resolution, "FY 2014 Health and Human Services Planning," for MVCCA General Council consideration on Wednesday, March 27.

Participating were 9 persons, including those representing 8 MVCCA member civic associations—Collingwood-on-Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, New Alexandria, Montebello, Stratford on the Potomac IV, Stratford Landing, and Wellington. Louise Cleveland chaired the discussion, with MVCCA Co-chair Chris Low acting as liaison. A detailed agenda, with links to on-line resources (listed below), circulated in advance; additional resources were available at the meeting in print-outs.

### ONGOING HHS CONCERNS

Brief updates referred to release of key public information on several issues, with discussion limited to relevance re the March/April public review of County planning and funding for health and human services.

- **RCP for North Hill:** John Jeszenszky reported that the County has issued the anticipated *Request for Competing Proposals for North Hill Property Redevelopment*, with proposals due Thursday, May 30, 2013. After this date, consideration of all proposals competing under the Public Private Education and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (PPEA) may take place, in a process separate from the continuing development of the RHA's by-right plan (67 manufactured homes and community park). Jeszenszky provided a one-page extract of overview and objectives, to aid others in

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reading the full RCP, available on line, issued by the County Procurement office, Dept. of Purchasing and Supply Management: see link under "PPEA Opportunities," <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpsm/solic2.htm#ppea>

- **DRAFT Housing Blueprint for FY 2014** (see Resources, below): This Jan. 29 Draft, as approved by the citizen Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and the FC Redevelopment and Housing Authority, is in circulation to interested citizens and stakeholders. The final version will be presented to the BOS Housing Committee (Feb. 19), become available on line, and be examined at the March 2 and 5 HHS meetings. Meanwhile, John Jezzensky notes encouraging signs of progress toward the ten-year goal "To End Homelessness" (2650 units). FY 2014 is Year 5 of the Ten-Year Plan. Units made available through FY 2012 and anticipated by the end of FY 2013 total 960, with another 266 anticipated for FY 2014 and funded through existing resources. If the trend toward an increased annual commitment of resources (as in the last two years) is sustained, we may reach the remaining need for 1,670 units (63% of the target). For other Blueprint goals (Special Needs, Affordable Housing for Low-Income Working Families, and Workforce Housing) a number of concepts and cross-cutting Initiatives are under discussion, listed for FY14 and beyond.
- **CSB Transformation Completion** report (see Resources, below): Louise Cleveland reminded HHS members to read this document—the focus of public hearings in mid-March. The CSB Executive Director explains strategic choices that citizens and the BOS must understand, decide, and invest in, during FY 2014 and 2015, to complete and sustain the transformation and integration of critical services for mental health, substance addiction, and intellectual disability.
- **Medicaid Expansion in Virginia:** The *Fairfax County 2013 Legislative Program* (see Resources, below) has chosen several human services issues as Priorities, none more critical than the Commonwealth decision over whether to expand Medicaid eligibility to include persons up to 133% of Federal Poverty Level—estimated to be an additional 430 thousand Virginians and 30 thousand individuals in Fairfax County. Additionally, "increasing less expensive preventive care and reducing more expensive emergency care could improve overall health of residents ... while slowing the growth in insurance premiums and reducing the 'hidden tax' currently borne by all Virginians." A decision—either way—will require adaptive planning in public health services, beginning in FY 2014. A White Paper based on State and County data prepared for the BOS lists benefits to state and County economy and healthcare. Available on the MVCCA HHS Committee web page, under the heading "**MVCCA HHS Info (pdf)**," it may be helpful to persons who want to understand and advocate on this issue.

### FY14 FISCAL CHALLENGES

On March 5, the BOS will decide upon the maximum ("Advertised") tax rate for residential property that they can legally adopt, later, in order to fund a balanced FY 2014 *Budget Plan* on April 30. The fiscal year begins July 1, 2013.

The HHS Committee discussed the Education Committee's draft resolution in support of a substantial increase of eight cents in the (maximum) Advertised Rate, in order to make possible "Meaningful Citizen Input to Fairfax County's FY 2014 Budget Process." Everyone agreed that for FY 2013 the maximum rate had been set too low, even before the public testimony on the budget plan could begin, inflicting damage to human services that should have been avoided. Human services planning cannot survive another year of such reductions. Support was unanimous for at least six cents increase this year in the Advertised Rate, with the majority voting (6-1) for the proposed eight cents.

Discussion also advocated for additional sources of revenue such as a meals tax and for reminding tax payers and Supervisors that services that sustain quality of life are also key to sustaining property values.

The County Executive is projecting that, at current tax rates, County revenue will be insufficient to maintain current service levels, even without making incremental annual investments in strategic Initiatives that are needed to close gaps and disparities in critical areas. Moreover, this year the public and private network of human services faces evidence of intensive demand for services together with great uncertainty concerning federal and state funding. Virginia may continue to devolve responsibility for delivering vital services to local government—without granting either state funding or more local authority to tax. This spring, both the scale and the specific areas of fiscal risk will be especially difficult to estimate before the April 30 adoption of the County's balanced revenue/expenditure Plan.

### RESOURCES FOR HHS PLANNING

Essential to evaluating the County's planning and budgeting for human services in FY14 and FY15 are public documents developed to contribute to the FY 2014-FY2015 Budget Community Engagement Process, recently published or becoming available in February, via links below:

Dept. of Management and Budget: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb)

- County Exec's slide presentations: forecast, challenges in FY 2014 – FY 2015
- *FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan* in full, plus Citizen's Guide summary, slide presentation summary, etc. available following Feb. 23 presentation

Human Services Council: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil)

- Human Services Trends and Drivers Impacting Services – by Department (1)
- Human Services Trends and Drivers Impacting Services – by Result Areas (2)
- Updates to Roundtable Dialogues 2012 on the Six Cross-Cutting Results Areas

Fx-Falls Church Community Services Board:

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- Exec. Director's *Transformation Completion Report Status and*

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*Future Plans*, reporting on the transformation initiated by the Beeman Commission recommendations and on plans contingent on funding (CSB Public Hearings on March 7, 13, 20)

DRAFT Housing Blueprint FY 2014 (revised 01-29-13), in 2 parts: to be available mid-February, via the newsletter

[www.e-ffordable.org](http://www.e-ffordable.org):

- Housing Blueprint—At a Glance – FY 2014
  - Housing Blueprint FY 2014 – Behind the Numbers
- Fairfax County Board of Supervisors: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board)
- *Fairfax County 2013 Legislative Program and Supplement, 2013 Human Services Issues Paper*, with Medicaid issues explained on pages 5-6.

### FOCUS ON 'RESULT AREAS'

The February meeting concluded our series focusing on **six cross-cutting goals, or Result Areas**, that Deputy County Executive for Human Services Pat Harrison has characterized as “conditions of well-being or results that the human services system seeks for those we serve.” Five previous meetings drew upon presentations prepared in late 2012 for Roundtable Discussions of the citizen advisory Human Services Council (HSC), to inform their recommendations to the BOS re FY 2013. (UPDATES, for FY 2014, are now on line, as shown above.) Each month, our MVCCA Committee invited “guest resources” from multiple agencies and organizations, questioning them about emerging trends, challenges, and programs that are working or need redesign in FY 2014 and beyond. In each Result Area, “Housing First” is recognized as the key to effective delivery of services and a challenge that must be addressed. HHS Committee Reports in the *MVCCA Record* identify by Result Areas additional issues that deserve particular attention as we review the proposed FY 2014 Budget Plan: [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org)

- Affordable Housing, January 2013
- Positive Living for Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities, December 2012
- Successful Children and Youth, November 2012
- Healthy People, October 2012
- Connected Individuals, September 2012

### ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

This month we draw information from the new HSC presentation on “Economic Self-Sufficiency” and from fact sheets developed for the *Fairfax County 2013 Human Services Issues Paper* approved by the BOS in December as a Supplement to the County’s 2013 *Legislative Program*.

“Economic Self-Sufficiency,” as a human services goal or “Result Area,” is “the ability of individuals and families to maintain sufficient income to consistently meet their needs—including food, housing, utilities, health care, transportation, taxes, dependent care, and clothing—with no or minimal financial assistance or subsidies from private or public [agencies].”

In Fairfax County, 6.8%, or 73,794 people lived below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in 2011—the largest number of any single jurisdiction in Virginia. About a third are children. Statewide, it is estimated that an average household needs to earn two times (200%) the FPL in order to approach a self-sufficiency income. This figure does NOT take into account the very high cost of housing in Fairfax County: at minimum wage, a household would need 4 full-time jobs to afford a two-bedroom apartment at a monthly Fair Market Rent (FMR in 2011 was \$1506 and continues to rise). The cost of housing, whether owned or rented, leaves too many working families unable to pay for their remaining basic needs. It has become clear, in Fairfax County, that “basic needs” include the means to succeed in earning a living wage (much more than a minimum wage): e.g. access to education and training in a continuum—from English language and literacy, to training in other basic living skills and financial literacy, to continuing education and job training in a career path.

**FY 2014 Budget Plan “S-S” watch:** The County provides—in some cases by leveraging the resources of private community-based organizations (CBOs)—programs to prevent or end homelessness, affordable healthcare for many with no insurance, subsidies (sliding scale fees for low-income working families) for safe affordable childcare with early education, and Resource Centers for job training as well as seeking/finding jobs. Effective human services—programs that deserve/repay County investment—enable individuals and families to build toward self-sufficiency, in this economy. Most are now underfunded, developing wait lists. They are located in the budgets of eight agencies that make up the County Human Services system, as well as in competitive grant contracts awarded by the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) to private nonprofit CBOs. “Front door” services, such as the Neighborhood and Community Services department’s Coordinated Services Planning and CSB Access, help people find and navigate programs that match their particular needs, in a timely way. Early intervention—to prevent a downward spiral and open a path to recovery and self-sufficiency—benefits everyone in the community, including tax payers.

### PUBLIC MEETINGS: Feb/March/April

- **Tuesday, February 26**, the *Fairfax County FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan* is presented by County Executive Ed Long to the Board of Supervisors, Cox Channel 16, 10 AM (with publication to the County web site following).
- **Saturday, March 2, 10:30 AM—1 PM, Open House at the Inova Healthplex – Lorton** invites the community into the new facility at 9321 Sanger Street, Lorton 22079, before the start (Monday March 4) of 24/7 emergency services with ancillary support (diagnostic imagery, lab etc.), licensed under Inova Mount Vernon Hospital’s Emergency Dept.
- **Saturday, March 2, 2:30–5:30 PM, ad hoc work group of HHS Committee meets at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital BOARD ROOM (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Blue entrance)**, to review documents that assist us in understanding the proposed *FY14 Budget Plan* as it



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will impact human services, and to rough-draft a Resolution of recommendations for consideration of the HHS committee on March 5.

- **Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 PM, MVCCA HHS Committee meets at South County Center** Room 221 A/B, 8350 Richmond Highway, to consider and vote upon a draft Resolution—to be published in the *MVCCA RECORD*—for consideration of the MVCCA General Council at their March 27 meeting.
- **March 7, 13, and 20: FxFC Community Services Board holds hearings** on the Exec. Director's *Transformation Completion Report: Status and Future Plans*, see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb) for Report, registration for hearings, etc.
- **Thursday, March 21, 7 PM, South County Task Force for Human Services** meets at SCC Room 221, to consider the *Fairfax County FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan*.
- **Tuesday, April 2, 7:30-9:30 PM, MVCCA HHS Committee meets** at SCC.
- **April 9, 10, 11: Fx Co Board of Supervisors holds hearings** on the proposed *Budget Plan*: See County web site to register as an individual for 3-minute testimony. Hearings are on Cox cable Channel 16 (live). The BOS has scheduled Mark-up April 23 and Adoption April 30.

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### PLANNING & ZONING

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Minutes P&Z Committee Meeting  
February 4, 2013

Meeting came to order at 7:30pm at the Mt. Vernon Government Center in Room 3.

**Community Attendees:** Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Huntington Club, Wellington Civic Association, Hollin Hills Association, William Randall Civic Association, Wellington Heights, Riverside Estates, Potomac Valley River Bend, Pavillions at Huntington Metro, Springbank, Mount Zephyr, Montebello, Huntington Club, A Condominium Unit Owners' Association, Inc., additionally, Earl Flanagan, Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner.

**Presenters:** Inda Stagg, Senior Land Use Planner (Lubeley Emrich and Walsh), Rob Farabaugh, P.E., Rob Weinig (R.C. Fields), Mike Enready, and Michael Henretty.

This was an initial Presentation for a request for Special Exception approval in order to permit approximately 550 cubic yards of fill in the Property's floodplain, including the installation of a rip-rap revetment and topographic grading that has already occurred on the property, located at 835 Herbert Springs Road.

The presentation stated the following: The Corps of Engineers authorized a Regional Permit 17 Certificate of Compliance for the construction of a noncommercial pier on the Property. The Appli-

cant inquired to the Permits Chief of Fairfax County whether or not a building permit would be required for the construction of a pier. In an email from David Sharp, then FC Permits Chief, dated July 24, 2008, the Applicant was instructed that a permit was not required for the construction of the pier because the pier was located within the State of Maryland. The Applicant relied upon the statements of this county Official; however, this information was subsequently determined to be erroneous. It was determined that, due to a U.S. Supreme Court decision, involving a court case between the Commonwealth of Virginia v. State of Maryland, in which the court ruled that, notwithstanding the fact that Maryland owns the water in the Potomac to the low-water mark along Virginia's shoreline, Virginia has sovereign regulatory authority over the buildings, structures, and uses appurtenant to Virginia shoreline properties. In the end, it was determined that a building permit was necessary, but the structure was already built.

Fill associated with the revetment was necessary in order to repair a failed concrete bulkhead. The remainder of the fill was accessory to the construction, use and enjoyment of a pier that has been constructed into the Potomac River from the Property.

Prior to commencement of work, the Applicant obtained approval of applications from the Virginia Resources Commission and from the Wetlands Board. In addition, the Applicant has been in compliance with Regional Permit 17 from the Army Corps of Engineers for the remaining approval that must be obtained are from Fairfax County, including this special Exception from the BOS, the completing of a Water Quality Impact Assessment for DPWES and the approval of an RPA Encroachment by DPWES. Both DPWES applications and hopeful approvals would occur subsequent to the Special Exception decision.

The Geotechnical Report was issued and will be presented at the E&R committee on February 6, 2013. Ms. Stagg indicated that the 550 cubic yards do not displace land.

Mr. Flanagan indicated that the staff report on this item is not ready yet. The Planning Commission meeting has been delayed to May 22<sup>nd</sup> for this item.

Summation: Email by Fairfax County says yes first, then takes back. Army Corps of Engineers approved – joint permit with VMRC (Virginia Marine Resources Commission)– did not include Fairfax County. National Park Service has authority over dock. Some docks will be removed.

Katherine Ward asked that neighbor come to our (Wellington Civic Association) meeting at the Horticultural Society on February 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:30pm. Request is since this property is in our community and we have had these types of issues before and we would want them to explain the situation and their request for a SE to WCA members.

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Ms. Stagg has requested they come back in April for a final presentation and asks for a resolution at that time.

**Old business:** Resolutions from January meeting passed in January 2013 General Council Meeting.

**Other business:**

Riverside Apartments – in limbo due to personnel.  
From David Dale: Across from Huntington Station , Jefferson Manor (on S. Kings Hwy), applying for Rezoning. Complies with Comprehensive Plan.  
From Eleanor Quigley: information on Tree Stewards Program.  
Gretchen Walzl - North Hills RFP – will get placed on webpage.  
Grande at Huntington will come back in March for their final presentation and request for resolution.

Meet Adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting of P&Z committee will be Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Vernon Government Center.

Sincerely submitted,  
Gretchen Walzl  
Co-chair MVCCA, Acting Chair P&Z Committee

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

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#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2013

The February 2013 meeting of the MVCCA Public Safety Committee occurred on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Mount Vernon Government Center. Associations being represented: Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Stratford on the Potomac-Section IV, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor/MVCCA, Villamay, and Waynewood with one additional guest from the Villamay neighborhood also in attendance.

Fairfax County Public Schools – Safety and Security

Emergency preparedness and planning in our schools had been a topic which the Committee had requested be addressed during a planning session for 2013 meetings in December, 2012. This occurred prior to the Sandy Hook School shooting which occurred later that month in Connecticut so additional focus on the concerns was generated. The guest speaker for this meeting was Mr. Fred Ellis, Director of the Safety and Security Section of Fairfax County Public Schools. Accompanying Mr. Ellis was Mr. Doug O'Neill, Safety Coordinator for the Section.

Mr. Ellis provided the Committee with an overview of Fairfax County Public Schools. FCPS is the largest school system in Virginia and eleventh in the country, with over 181,000 students, 34,000 employees, 200 facilities, 1600 school buses and a budget of approximately 2.5 billion dollars. The Safety and Security

Section focus is the safety, security and emergency management within FCPS. The Section has a variety of individuals who specialize in public safety, environmental safety, traffic safety, security training, emergency management, fire prevention, and theater safety. The Section is also responsible for providing security and patrol services for all schools and school-owned facilities.

The Safety and Security Section is staffed by 52 personnel which includes 28 uniformed members. There are also about 180 additional personnel assigned to various schools who work in conjunction with the 53 School Resource Officers supplied by the Fairfax County Police Department.

The Safety Section addresses unintentional harm issues through the examination of all aspects of a student's daily routine. Starting at the bus stops, travel routes of buses and other transportation issues, the environmental issues such as severe weather, chemical safety and hygiene as well as fire prevention concerns. A theater safety program addresses the safety of both the performers and audience regarding set construction, lighting, pyrotechnics, prop weaponry and is the only such program in the country. Playground facilities are inspected to ensure conformance with Consumer Product Safety standards and each site is certified to be in compliance. Other compliance requirements include: a Virginia Safety Audit, the National Electrical Code, Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, Americans with Disabilities Act and more. All schools are inspected annually to ensure compliance.

The Security Section addresses intentional harm issues such as vandalism, break-ins, visitor security, key management and protecting the assets of the schools. A variety of measures have been taken to safeguard the facilities and to provide coordinated responses in the case of an emergency. The Security Section has a uniformed patrol staff that are on duty 24/7 and respond to approximately 12,000 calls for service annually. Section personnel engage in monitoring the many different security systems in place at the various facilities, testing these systems regularly to ensure their operability, participating in exercises and scenarios to test existing programs and protocols.

Programs have been placed at "micro" and "macro" levels. At the "micro" level, which is at the specific school facility, various plans have been generated to provide guidance to staff to assist with the multitude of possible situations which may occur. A standard format is utilized so personnel who might move between facilities will be familiar with the major concepts. The plans are reviewed annually and drills are conducted regularly for fires, tornados, bus evacuations and lock-down scenarios. The "macro" level, staff of the Safety and Security Section take a look at the global perspective of Fairfax County Public Schools. Emergency Operation Plans are generated in conjunction with the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management and done at the division level. Issues such as mass feedings, sheltering, transportation and debris removal are activities which the school personnel could be partici-

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pating in for a natural or man-made disaster. Individuals from Public Schools are routinely included as part of the Emergency Operations Center to assist in providing a coordinated use of resources. The staff of Safety and Security also work closely with both the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and Police Departments.

Various terms are used to describe non-traditional conditions at the schools:

- **Secure the Building** – this condition occurs due to an outside threat such as possible criminal activity in the area of the facility. The students are brought in from any exterior activities and information is provided through the various internal communications systems to keep everyone advised.
- **Lock-down** – this condition occurs due to an internal threat. Notifications are made with the public address system. Classrooms are locked and teachers secure their students in the classroom. A variety of measures have been provided to personnel to assist in protecting the students.
- **Shelter-In-Place** – this condition is used should a situation such as a hazardous materials incident require personnel to remain indoors and would be used for short duration events.

The Fairfax County Public Schools “Keep In Touch” program (KIT) which is used to transmit emergency information to parents and employees of the system. In addition to the emergency information, FCPS central offices and schools use KIT Basic to communicate emergency, delayed opening and school closing information, attendance, and outreach messages which may include news and announcements from specific schools. There also is a confidential tip line (703-658-3636) which School administrators encourage students and community members to report school safety issues, such as dangerous rumors, drug use, theft, harassment, gang activities, existence of weapons, and vandalism. Tip Line users may identify themselves or remain anonymous, and calls will not be traced.

Mr. Ellis completed his presentation with discussion on recommendations currently being made regarding the arming of teachers as well as other legislative measures are being examined to better safeguard the students and staff. Various approaches to preventative action were discussed.

The Committee thanked both Mr. Ellis and Mr. O'Neill for taking the time to attend the meeting and greatly appreciated the information which had been shared.

### Old Business

A Spring 2013 session for the Community Emergency Response Team Basic training has been nearly finalized and the dates will be forwarded to the Committee. The 8-week course is expected to begin February 28<sup>th</sup> and there is the ability for the students to participate in a full exercise which will occur at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy on April 27 or 28.

### New Business

None brought before the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 pm.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MVCCA Public Safety Committee will be held at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Community Room #1 in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

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## TRANSPORTATION

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The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:30pm in a Mt. Vernon Government Center community room. Attending were the Mount Vernon Transportation and Planning Commissioners and representatives of 20 member citizen associations (Belle View, Collingwood Springs, The Fairfax, Fair Haven, Hollin Hall Village, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor (2), Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park and Woodley Hills).

The minutes of the December and January Transportation Committee meetings were approved as published in The Record.

The Grande at Huntington deferred its rezoning application hearing until late March. Thus, the joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee is delayed until next month.

**Alternative Analysis Study for US Route 1** – Delegate Scott Surovell has secured \$2 Million of funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation to fund the study that is necessary to determine the appropriate mode of long-term transit to be construction along the US Route 1 Corridor so that infrastructure improvements can be implemented with room for mass transit. However, agreement on the study objectives by State and County stakeholders is needed before the study will be conducted.

The Transportation Committee recognizing the importance of this study to improve US Route 1 between the Beltway and Armistead Blvd. in Lorton discussed a resolution to catalyze Fairfax County Board of Supervisor action to immediately work together with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to agree to study objectives and to conduct the necessary study.

Most of meeting was spent arguing the details of the resolution and wordsmithing the draft. The following are selected comments:

How much detail concerning the type of transit mode (bus vs. rail) desired was debated. It was decided that the resolution would

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emphasize that all modes/types of mass transportation (light rail, metro, monorail) are thoroughly considered as the resolution is to complete the study so that a center-line is established on US Route 1 between Armistead Blvd. and the Beltway.

Focus should be on the potential of existing residence/business density in view of thru traffic & visitors to the Mount Vernon/Lee area along the US Route 1 corridor.  
Should the rail route & hwy be together or apart?

Doing the project in two phases (1st to Beacon Hill) as the first section of US Route 1 has a number of redevelopments that is increasing density.

Get study started without our guidance/detailed comments, then inject our preferences at the 1st public meeting after the study has been completed.

Emphasis on ridership/traffic – It was noted that our area has a well-used bus system (e.g. 11Y bus has 4 fully loaded trips to Washington DC).

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority in a past report indicated a map that suggested rail route to Fort Belvoir.

When our elected officials speak of “density”, they are referring to density on paper or future density. The current plans do not need existing density to increase, but to be increased in the Comprehensive Plan, for example.

The Wellington representative that had e-mail correspondence with Scott Surovell indicated that our Delegate states that funds are secured, State (VA) will do study; but study objectives still being worked out. The Wellington representative indicated that we should work with Lee District citizens and other communities bordering the US Route 1 corridor.

The Alternative Analysis study is required for Federal funding.

The Mt. Vernon Planning Commissioner stated that the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan had the yellow line extended to Hybla Valley.

The Mt. Vernon Transportation Commissioner indicated that in general, rail should be along radial roads from the Beltway; and then, buses could connect the radial rails to move people with mass transit into and out of the DC and from Northern to Southern Fairfax County.

[Chairman’s note: Since Scott Surovell had a meeting in Richmond with the appropriate State Stakeholders on February 13, 2013, the MVCCA Board approved the emergency resolution so that Delegate Surovell had citizen input.]

**North Gateway project** – MVCCA RFP Nomination for the North Gateway (along US Route 1 where the car dealerships are and the islands of land adjacent thereto) status was updated. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) conducted a transportation analysis (527 study) on behalf of the MVCCA. Katherine Ward and Pat Rea, who were the nominators on behalf of the MVCCA) will review the traffic study results, discuss with FCDOT and make revisions. The Transportation Committee will review the 527 study at next month meeting for review and suggestions. Final revisions will be made to the 527 study and then it will be sent to VDOT. VDOT would have 30 days to respond to this study so this nomination to the Comprehensive Plan (which was made over 3 years ago) could move to the Planning Commission.

### **Old Business –**

Regarding the MVCCA Resolution that Fairfax County adopt the transportation impact fee, Supervisor Hyland informed the Chair during the January 2013 Council meeting that staff provided an “answer”, but their response did not answer the 5 questions that the Transportation Committee asked of Supervisor Hyland so he sent it back and asked them to answer the questions.

The former County Executive opined in a February 1, 2012 letter to the Board of Supervisors that “by-right” projects are subject to Section 17-200+ of the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance requiring pedestrian facilities, vehicular traffic lanes and dedication and construction of widening for existing roads. Yet, the Transportation Committee asked, when and where had Fairfax County enforced this section of the zoning ordinance for redevelopments requiring a major or minor site plan?

How much money was collected from the enforced Section 17-200+ of the Zoning Ordinance and where was the money expended?

How many site plan reviews that do not require a rezoning have resulted in the Director requiring a pedestrian facility, vehicular traffic lanes and dedication and construction of widening for existing roads?

What has the Board of Supervisors decided after the County Wide Transportation Survey results indicate that 79% of respondents want developer contributions to increase?

If Fairfax County staff does not enforce Section 17-200+ of the Zoning Ordinance for “By-Right” projects, then, as the MVCCA has requested in a resolution, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors should adopt the Transportation Impact Fee that was authorized by the Virginia Assembly in 1989 (over 20 years ago!).

### **New Business -**

The Transportation Committee should have a guest speaker from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (MWATA).

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The Chair will work on that and Delegate David Albo for future meetings.

Monitor the status of Transportation projects (e.g. sidewalks on US Route 1) that were provided in a handout at Supervisor Hyland's Town Hall Meeting.

Adjourn

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on March 4, 2013 at 7:30pm in a community room at the Mt. Vernon Government Center (on Parkers Lane). The meeting should be joint with Planning and Zoning to discuss The Grande at Huntington.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON — STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANNING —

Minutes Special Committee for Strategic Planning  
Feb 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM The Committee held its organizing meeting on Feb 11, 2013. The attendees represented the Trans., P&Z, E&R, HHS and Edu. Committees, Waynewood Community and the Co-chairs.

We determined we would focus on comparing the findings of Supervisor Hyland's Visioning Task Force against the MVCCA approved resolutions to assess the synergies. We will also monitor the status of MVCCA's Comprehensive Plan Nominations. We reviewed and validated the current MVCCA Vision and Mission Statements and will seek a reaffirmation of them at the February General Council Meeting.

We also agreed that there was a value in reaching out to LDACO to join us as a way to collaborate on matters of importance to our area such as transportation along Richmond Highway and that we would work with the SFDC for the same reason.

Our next meeting date will be posted on our page of the MVCCA Website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM

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### EDUCATION

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#### EDUC-2013-01: MEANINGFUL CITIZEN INPUT TO FAIRFAX COUNTY'S FY2014 BUDGET PROCESS

- (1) **WHEREAS** Fairfax County's Fiscal Year 2014 Advertised Budget Plan ("FY2014 Advertised Budget") will be released by the County Executive on or about February 26, 2013; and
- (2) **WHEREAS** the FY2014 Advertised Budget will include a variety of expectations, presumptions and recommendations with respect to revenue sources including but not limited to residential and commercial real property taxes ("Revenue"), funding levels for County services ("Funding Levels"), and the proposed amount of support to be provided to Fairfax County Public Schools ("School Transfer"); and
- (3) **WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2013, the Board of Supervisors ("BOS") will advertise the maximum residential and commercial real property tax rate ("Maximum Rate") which the BOS may legally and actually adopt on April 30, 2013, for application in FY2014 ("Actual Rate"); and
- (4) **WHEREAS** Fairfax County relies heavily on real property tax revenue to support its budget so that the Maximum Rate and the Actual Rate are integral to evaluating and determining Funding Levels and the School Transfer; and
- (5) **WHEREAS** The County Executive, in his presentation to the BOS on November 27, 2012, preliminarily suggested that (1) County employee compensation increases, other expenses, replenishment of reserve funds and a School Transfer increase of 5% would (at revenue projected on the FY2013 tax rate) result in a FY2014 shortfall of about \$169Million ("County General Fund Shortfall"), and (2) that each penny of residential real property tax rate will generate about \$20.4Million in revenue in FY2014; and
- (6) **WHEREAS** on January 10, 2013, the Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools released a proposed budget ("FY2014 Proposed School Budget") which, if adopted by the School Board, would require for full funding an increase in School Transfer of 5.5% or \$92.4 Million which approximates the assumptions made by the County Executive in November 2012 ("School Shortfall"); and
- (7) **WHEREAS** the entire County General Fund Shortfall as projected by the County Executive could be addressed by an residential property tax rate increase of approximately 8 pennies to an Actual Rate of \$1.15 per \$100, avoiding further reductions in County services and preserving 5% increase in School Transfer after several years of flat budgets and funding reductions; and

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- (8) **WHEREAS** the School Shortfall alone could be addressed by a residential real property tax increase of 4.5 pennies to \$1.12 per \$100 avoiding further reductions in school services and addressing significant enrollment increases experienced during several years of flat transfers;
- (9) **WHEREAS** the County Executive in his November 27, 2012 report also discussed that, while County economic indicators are improving, significant uncertainty exists due to continued fiscal issues at both federal and state levels and the potential impact of federal cuts on state and local revenue; and
- (10) **WHEREAS** the Actual Rate, Funding Levels, School Transfer and related matters in the FY2014 County Budget will be the subject of citizen comment and testimony at hearings currently scheduled for April 9-11, 2013 ("Public Hearings"); and
- (11) **WHEREAS** meaningful citizen input and testimony at the Public Hearings may be unnecessarily chilled and circumscribed by the arbitrary ceiling of the Maximum Rate, which will be set without any public hearing; and
- (12) **WHEREAS** meaningful citizen input on addressing the County General Fund Shortfall, on the proper balance between services and the Actual Rate, as well as on appropriate Funding Levels and School Transfer, requires that the Maximum Rate be advertised at a level which allows positive discussion and meaningful public participation and provides flexibility for the County to address fiscal issues and uncertainties as they appear while preserving essential services; and
- (A) **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, in order to (1) permit meaningful citizen input to the FY2014 County Budget, (2) improve and enhance public discourse on budgetary priorities and the appropriate balance between County services and tax burden, and (3) provide flexibility to address fiscal issues as they arise and preserve essential services, respectfully requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to advertise a maximum residential real property tax rate applicable to FY2014 of no less than \$1.15; and
- (B) **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations expresses no opinion at this time as to Actual Tax Rate, Funding levels or School Transfer appropriate for implementation in FY2014.

END: EDUC-2013-01

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## TRANSPORTATION

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### TRAN-2013-01 ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS TRANSIT STUDY

- 1) **WHEREAS:** The Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan recommends since 1991 that "Richmond Highway has been designated an "Enhanced Transportation Corridor." Subject to appropriate studies consider a rail extension to Hybla Valley with a possible later extension to Fort Belvoir."; and
- 2) **WHEREAS:** An Alternative Analysis Transportation Study to analyze all modes of mass transit including fixed guide-way for the Richmond Highway corridor is required before any final center line is established and infrastructure improvements can be made to attain mass transit along this roadway; and
- 3) **WHEREAS:** The citizens in the Southeast portion of the County have been waiting over 20 years for a transit study for Richmond Highway to be funded and completed; and
- 4) **WHEREAS:** The citizens living along this highway deserve a mass transit system to further the revitalization of our area; ease commuter rush hour and daily traffic congestion due to the largest Department of Defense employee area in Northern Virginia, the new Fort Belvoir hospital and tourism in the historic Mt. Vernon area (including the future Army Museum with an estimated 400,000 trips per year and continual growth of Fort Belvoir due to BRAC); and aid in the reduction of pollution; and
- 5) **WHEREAS:** Widening Richmond Highway, alone, does not solve the congestion problem nor does it reduce environmental pollution or prompt single occupancy vehicles to switch to slower Bus Rapid Transit; and
- 6) **WHEREAS:** The Transportation Committee, Business & Economic Development Committee, Environment Committee, and Land Use Committee of Supervisor Hyland's recent Mount Vernon Visioning Task Force each identified the extension of the Yellow Line from Huntington to Lorton as the number one measure that could be taken to improve congestion, redevelopment, business development, and affordable housing in the Richmond Highway/ US Route 1 Corridor;
- 7) **WHEREAS:** It is our understanding that Delegate Scott Surovell has secured \$2 million of funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to fund a study to determine the appropriate mode of long-term transit to be constructed in the US Route 1 Corridor; and
- 8) **WHEREAS:** VDOT/Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) have committed to set aside funding and to conduct this study; and

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### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON – STRATEGIC & LONG RANGE PLANNING –

*The statements below were approved by the MVCCA General Council in 2009. We are seeking a reaffirmation of these statements in 2013.*

#### *Vision Statement*

The vision of the Mount Vernon Council is to advance issues of concern to its membership so as to establish the Mount Vernon District as a desirable place in which to live, work and recreate.

#### *Mission Statement*

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations represents neighborhood citizen associations of the Mount Vernon (District) to promote the quality of life of residents living within the District. Quality of life is measured by performance of area schools, available recreational opportunities, adequate public safety, health and human services, efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, sound fiscal management, economic vitality, neighborhood integrity, and historic preservation.

Approved by the MVCCA General Council 2009

Reaffirmed by the General Council \_\_\_\_\_.

- 9) **WHEREAS:** The Study will not take place unless the Studies' objectives can be agreed to by the State and County Stakeholders; and
- 10) **WHEREAS:** In the past previous funds for US Route 1 transit studies have been reallocated for other county needs without citizen awareness; and
- 11) **WHEREAS:** the MVCCA encourages the study to specifically consider all modes of transit and to specifically identify exactly what population and business development densities are necessary to support each mode of transit instead of assuming that the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan is a static document and future potential densities are pre-determined; and
- 12) **WHEREAS:** Without the completion of an Alternative Analysis Transportation Study, a center line will not be established for Richmond Highway enabling infrastructure improvements and recommendations on the Comprehensive Plans for transit.
  - A) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS); the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), the VDOT, DRPT and other appropriate stakeholders work together to ensure that funds will be made available to begin the Alternative Analysis Study of Richmond Highway Corridor in 2013; and
  - B) **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** That all stakeholders including representatives of citizens and businesses along the US Route 1 Corridor involved in this analysis work together promptly to establish the Studies Objectives to ensure all modes/types of mass transport are thoroughly considered; and
  - C) **FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** That the BOS, VDOT, DRPT and FCDOT make Richmond Highway a priority for all required transportation studies to be funded and completed by 2015 so that the citizens and businesses in this area have the benefit of mass rail transit in order to enhance revitalization and their way of life.

**END: TRAN-2013-01**

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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, February 27th, 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—Mar. 14, 7:30 pm, MVGC Supvrs Conf Rm**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
BUDG	3/6	7:30	MVGC	D. Voorhees
COAF	3/5	7:30	MVGC	Cox
EDUC	3/6	8:00	WMES/Library	Harbeck
E&R	3/6	7:00	MVGC/Rm. 3	Martin
*HHS	3/5	7:30	SCC-Rm. 221 A/B	Cleveland
PL/Z	3/4	7:30	MVGC/CommRm	TBD
PSAF	3/7	7:30	MVGC/Rm. 1	Sherick
TRAN	3/4	7:30	MVGC	Voorhees
SLRP	TBD			Ward

\*Additional ad hoc HHS work group meets 2:30 pm, March 2, IMVH Board Room

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