



## FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

### Very important presentation seeking formal input from MVCCA

**Nov. 30 at 8:00 p.m., Mt Vernon Government Center  
Presentation from Fairfax County Planning staff  
Topic: New Fairfax Forward Process.**

Fairfax Forward replaced the Area Plan Review as the method to change the Comprehensive Plan Language. MVCCA has complained formally that the new process did not have ample citizen input. The BOS and Planning Commission (PC) heard us. The staff will tell us about the changes to Fairfax Forward to incorporate citizen input.

### At the end of the meeting we will develop our formal response.

Therefore, you and the members of your community who sit on MVCCA committees should attend to provide comments. The PC needs our comments before their Dec 7 PC meeting.

The Nominating Committee has been reconstituted to find a new co-chair. The nominating committee members are: Ellen Young (Chair); Judy Harbeck; Karen Olmstead; Mark Viani; and Pete Sitnik.

## GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING UPDATES

**December:** Meeting rescheduled for December 14th

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## MVCCA GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at South County Center, Rm 221**

**PRESIDING:** Co-Chair Katherine Ward

**ATTENDING:** Co-Chair Diane Donley, Secretary Abby Wells, Committee Chairs: Cathy Ledec (E&R), Pete Sitnik (Federation), Mark Viani (P&Z), and Representative Ellen Young (SFDC), Ms. Eleanor Quigley.

**Voting Representatives (16) from:** 1- Belle View Condominiums, 2- Civic Association of Hollin Hills, 3-Collingwood Springs Civic Association, 4-Collingwood-On-The-Potomac, 5-Hollin Hall Village Civic Association, 6-Huntington Community Association, 7-Mason Hill, 8-Montibello, 9-Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association, 10-Riverside Estates, 11-Stratford Landing, 12-Stratford on the Potomac (Section IV), 13-Wellington Civic Association, 14-Wellington Heights, 15-Williamsburg Manor North, 16-Woodlawn Manor

**Elected and Appointed Officials and Staff:** Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck, Mr. Tae Choi, Community Development and Land Use Aid to Supervisor Storck.

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# Council Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

**THE AGENDA** as published in the October 2016 Record was approved.

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES** of September General Council meeting held on 09/28/16 were approved as published in the October Record with the exception of a spelling error "Diane Donnelley" to Diane Donley.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** was approved as published in the October Record.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Charles Smith, Branch Chief of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Stormwater Planning Division, Watershed Projects Implementation Branch - gave a presentation on Stormwater Systems and Projects of the Mt Vernon District. He discussed aspects of the aging infrastructure of Wastewater and Stormwater systems and the lifecycle costs of maintaining, rehabilitating and adapting to Federal, State and Local regulations. Detailed maps of Mt Vernon Watersheds, Impaired Waters and Stormwater Projects were provided. Side by side comparisons of storm pipe conditions before and after pipe-relining to demonstrate typical improvements to storm pipe effectiveness from damage or corrosion, restoring structural stability and extending service life by at least 50 years. Mr. Smith discussed the necessity of permit compliance, vital community outreach, and the availability of private contractor training. The presentation was concluded with a list of Mt Vernon District Projects, including ongoing construction of the Huntington Levee, the West Potomac HS Stormwater Pond employing a pilot project for floating trash removal. Also highlighted were completed projects like the Paul Spring Branch Stream Restoration and the Mason Neck West Park Basin Retrofit. Mr. Smith can be reached at [Charles.Smith@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:Charles.Smith@FairfaxCounty.gov).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**B&F:** Met on October 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt Vernon Government Center. Please see the Committee Report as published in October Record. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at Mt Vernon Government Center. Please note a joint meeting will be held with the Education Committee on December 7, 2016, regarding FCPS Budget for 2017 – 2018.

**ED:** Met on October 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the library of Whitman Middle School. Please see the Committee Report as published in the October Record. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at Walt Whitman Middle School.

**E&R:** Met on October 5 at 7:15 p.m. at the Mt Vernon Government Center. Please see the Committee Report as published in the October Record. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at Mt Vernon Government Center.

**P&Z:** Met on October 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt Vernon Government Center. Please see the Committee Report as published in the October Record. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7 at South County Center.

**PS:** Met on October 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt Vernon Government Center. Please see the Committee Report as published in the October Record. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 3 at South County Center, Room 217.

**TRAN:** Met on October 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt Vernon Government Center. Please see the Committee Report as published in the October Record. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 7 at South County Center.

**SFDC REPORT:** As published in the October Record. SFDC will host a meeting "Planning and Zoning 101: A Citizen's Guide to Land Use" on Wednesday, November 9 at South County Center from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. The design of our neighborhoods, the contours of our streets, and shape of our communities are driven by our planning and zoning. Guests will include Fairfax County Senior Planners Barbara Berlin, Director, Zoning Evaluation Division, and Marianne Gardner, Director, Planning Division, as well as land-use attorney Andrew Painter of Walsh, Colucci, Lubley and Walsh P.C.

**FAIRFAX FEDERATION REPORT:** As published in the October Record. The next Federation Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, 27 October 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Community Center Classroom #2 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA. Topic: The Federation's Legislative Package for January 2017 Legislative Session and a Resolution in favor of Fairfax County's Meals Tax Referendum.

## **CO-CHAIR REPORT:**

1. John Thillman has resigned from his position as MVCCA Co-Chair for health reasons. The Nominating Committee will be reconstituted to review and vet nominations to fill the position. The process should conclude by February at which time the new Co-Chair will be announced. Interested parties should contact the Co-Chairs as soon as possible.

2. Congratulations to Cathy Ledec who was appointed Tree Commissioner by Supervisor Storck to replace outgoing Tree Commissioner Eleanor Quigley, who has moved out of the district.

3. Kindly be reminded to use @MVCCA.org email addresses to communicate with Board.

4. A 45 minute block of time will be set aside in an upcoming General Council Meeting for County Staff to present information on Fairfax Forward.

5. The next General Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, **November 30** at Mt Vernon Government Center (note: a week later than normally scheduled due to Thanksgiving).

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## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**MVCCA Resolution-J04** (Environment and Recreation / Planning & Zoning)

**SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION 2016-MV-10 REGARDING MUSSOLINE FAMILY PROPOSAL TO RECONSTRUCT THEIR HOME ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN, IN THE NEW ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY**

**MVCCA Resolution-J05** (Environment and Recreation / Planning & Zoning / Transportation)

**SUPPORT FOR PLAN AMENDMENT 2016-IV-MV1 WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES CONCERNING SEVERAL POINTS OF PUBLIC PARK ACCESS, COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACES AND WORKFORCE HOUSING: NORTH HILL**

**MVCCA Resolution TRAN 2016-3**

**INTERSECTION RT. #1/JEFF TODD WAY/ MT. VERNON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

**MVCCA Resolution TRAN 2016-4**

**POLE ROAD RESOLUTION**

**MVCCA Resolution P&Z 2016-06**

**OPPOSITION TO THE LIMITED RESIDENTIAL LODGING ACT AND SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS THERETO**

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:**

**Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2016-01 (BOARD)  
EMBARK PUBIC OUTREACH**

All resolutions passed unanimously 16 – 0.

## **MEMBER ASSOCIATION TIME:**

The President of the Huntington Civic Association announced that the Levee project in the Huntington area is moving forward.

The President of the Williamsburg Manor North neighborhood shared his community's concerns over the re-zoning and development of Justice Snowden / Bock Farm and addressed misinformation being disseminated in the community. The issues are primarily due to density concerns and the covenant between landowner and the Williamsburg Manor North Community. He stated that the WMN community association, at their request, had been granted private meetings with the landowner and developer of Justice Snowden / Bock Farm. He stated that on June 21, 2016 the WMN Community Association held a meeting where members voted against re-zoning and re-development of Justice Snowden / Bock Farm, but stated that no community reps attended the June 22, 2016 MVCCA General Council meeting to announce this vote or provide any further information and/or opinions on behalf of their community. As a result, the MVCCA General Council voted to accept the resolution to support the re-zoning and development of Justice Snowden / Bock Farm on June 22, 2016.

The MVCCA Chair of the Planning and Zoning reiterated to the General Council that there have been numerous presentations on this development at committee meetings. He also stated that the MVCCA does not get involved in internal community matters, in particular with issues related to covenants.

The President of the Hollin Hall Village Civic Association then requested a General Council vote to rescind the resolution on Justice Snowden / Bock Farm. Following a brief discussion, a vote was taken to rescind the resolution. The vote was 10 – 6 in favor of rescinding the resolution.

**PUBLIC TIME:** A resident of Williamsburg Manor North shared additional views on why the Justice Snowden / Bock Farm re-zoning and development should not go forward.

A resident of Briary Farms thanked the MVCCA Co-Chairs for rescinding the vote of support for the re-zoning of Justice Snowden / Bock Farm.

Closing remarks were made by Co-chairs to thank the guests for attending the MVCCA General Council meeting and strongly encouraged their participation both on committees and future General Council meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted 11/5/16 by Abby Wells, MVCCA Secretary

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## BUDGET AND FINANCE

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The MVCCA Budget & Finance committee met on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the South County Center.

Attending were representatives from Huntington Community Association, Midtown Alexandria Station Condominium, and Stratford Landing Citizens Association.

The MVCCA Budget & Finance committee reviewed resolution 2016-01. The resolution urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to write a letter to the WMATA Board against the proposed late-night Metrorail service budget cuts. The resolution was presented to the MVCCA board and is included in this month's Record.

The MVCCA Budget committee's next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 8 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center. This will be a jointly held meeting with the Education Committee. Kristen Michael, FCPS Budget Director, will discuss FCPS budget issues for FY2018.

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## EDUCATION

The Education Committee met on November 2, 2016. Minutes will be included in the December RECORD.

In December, the Education Committee will meet jointly with Budget & Finance at 8 p.m., December 7, 2016, in the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center across from Whitman MS. Kristen Michael, FCPS Budget Director, will discuss school budget issues for FY2018 and beyond. Obviously, the failure of the Meals Tax Referendum has greatly jeopardized needed increases in teacher salary (now below average in the region), as well as prospects to begin rollback of class size to FY2008 levels without continued escalation of property taxes.

Next meeting: December 7, 2016, 8 p.m., MV Government Center.

## ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION

The E&R committee met on November 2, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. E&R Committee members present included representatives from Belle View Condominium, Collingwood-on-the-Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington Community, Riverside Estates, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Wellington Civic Association, Woodlawn Manor. We were also joined by Mount Vernon District Tree Commissioner, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, Mount Vernon District representative to the Fairfax County Regional Housing Authority (RHA). We were also joined by representatives from Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, PC, Christopher Consultants, Weincek & Associates, LLP, Fairfax County Staff including Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ), Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Community Development, Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA), 14 guests and E&R Chair.

Our first agenda item is the Rezoning Application for the North Hill site. The meeting began with a presentation by Lynn Strobel of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley and Walsh, PC representing the developer. Artist renderings of the multi-family units were shown. The discussion about the North Hill site has been ongoing via public meetings over 30+ years since Fairfax County acquired the property in 1981. Most recently a public meeting was hosted by Supervisor Storck in April 2016 and a presentation on the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment was had at E&R in October 2016. See here: [http://www.mvcca.org/record/record\\_2016-10.pdf](http://www.mvcca.org/record/record_2016-10.pdf) for details. The development proposed in conceptual form tonight balances identified needs in FC for affordable housing, including 60 units of independent living for seniors, 185 market rate town homes (some of which will provide some entry level first time home buyer opportunities) and a 10.5 acre public park. This is intended to be a high quality, multi-family, multi-generational development. Ms. Strobel talked about the current zoning on this site that includes C8 along

Route 1 side of the property, R2 – residential, and RMHP (Residential Mobile Home Park). The site will be rezoned to PDH 20 (up to 20 dwelling units per acre). Along Richmond Highway side of the property 43 feet more will be taken to meet the needs of proposed Bus Rapid Transit lanes in this area.

Committee member questions began with whether the Park Authority committed to delivering the park with the completion of this project? The FCPA rep stated that there are no funds at this time to do this however FCPA is committed to working with the RHA to identify funds to make this happen. Not yet complete is the costing for this aspect of the project which will include removal of invasives. There is already a finalized Master Plan for the North Hill Park and it can be found here: [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/downloads/north\\_hill\\_mp.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/downloads/north_hill_mp.pdf) Committee member noted that this property is owned by Fairfax county and as such should be an example for other developers to follow. The E&R Chair then shared concerns regarding town home developments like the one proposed based on actual experience in her community, we must learn from this. Transportation concerns were expressed regarding the ninety degree turns within the townhome development. Moving trucks and trash trucks will not be able to make these turns. The County/Developer responded stating that this is a “standard town home development for Fairfax County” and meets the requirements of the fire marshal. Further the developer said that moving trucks will off load their contents on Dart Drive and walk it in or load up a smaller truck that enters the community. Trash bins and recycle bins will be moved out of the community and these will be picked up by a trash company along Dart Drive. Discussion at a recent BOS meeting about the width of the garages in these types of developments in Fairfax County. FC P&Z is following up on any special requirements related to this. That town home project was approved by the BOS with garage width (not including additional space via a notch in the garage for trash and recycle bins) at 19 feet with alleyways at 20 feet wide though Supervisor Gross indicated that this is very “tight.” Additional concerns were expressed by the Chair (based on actual experience in a Mt. Vernon District town home development) about trash pick up at the multi-family buildings. It was recommended that buffers for noise and for containing blowing trash be installed around this area. The noise from trash trucks emptying metal trash bins 3 times a week is very loud and disruptive and while short-lived (30 minutes x 3 mornings a week) should be mitigated with a noise barrier to minimize the impact. A member wanted to know where the large trees on the property are with respect to the developed space? None of the presenters had this information. Will there be active recreation facilities on the site? There will be a tot lot at the inside edge of the urban plaza. There are limited opportunities to add elements on top of the underground storm water vaults which are located under the urban plaza and under the green space next to this area on the conceptual plan. This also significantly limits tree planting for shade. A member noted that the tot lot is too close to the fast-moving traffic on Richmond Highway and should be moved back further into the site for children’s safety. It was also asked how

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long will it take for the property to look like the artist renderings? 16 months. Are these building colors what will be delivered? We don't want fluorescent colors like The Parker which uses bright yellow. What if market conditions tank, will this prevent the multi-family buildings from being built? Is there a possibility that the townhomes will be built, the real estate market declines and this results in not enough revenue to support the construction of the multi-family? The Developer replied that they have a loan out on the project and the land for the townhomes will be sold in one transaction to a townhome developer. This market risk is transferred entirely to the townhome developer at that point.

In the August 29, 2016 statement of justification on the rezoning included as a link from this month's agenda here: <http://www.mvcca.org/committees/environment-recreation-committee/> there are many waivers being requested. These will reduce and provide little green space, open space and planting areas within the townhome development. The green space is not just for recreation, it is also for storm water management. A waiver is being requested for an underground vault for storm water management. Storm water will be moved off the surface of the site into this proposed underground vault. The developer claimed the soil is poor for storm water absorption. Discussion about undergrounding utilities came up. The Developer noted that piping would be placed for undergrounding but that it is then up to the utility companies to arrive on the site to put their lines underground. This becomes a coordination challenge. All of the utilities have to come do this work to underground their cabling within the narrow window of time to complete it. The chair noted that the North Hill site is a green space less than 0.25 miles from Huntley Meadows Park a known birding and wildlife hotspot. This site was added to the DC Christmas Bird count in 2015 in order to obtain improved data for wildlife on the site. Just shy of 300 individual birds representing 23 species were identified in the mid-December 2015 count. During migration and breeding season this is likely to be much higher. The Chair provided a copy of the American Bird Conservancy's Bird Friendly Building design criteria (also available here: [http://abcbirds.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Bird-friendly\\_Building\\_Guide\\_WEB.pdf](http://abcbirds.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Bird-friendly_Building_Guide_WEB.pdf)) which focuses actions that can be taken to reducing bird collisions with buildings. These design criteria should be followed by this project. The artist's rendering of the buildings on the North Hill site include mirrored windows, an important hazard that should be removed from the project design.

The timing of upcoming public hearings for the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors was then reviewed. The competitive application for tax credits in the spring of 2017 is driving the deadlines for this re-zoning application. The Comprehensive Plan Amendment has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on October 27, 2016. This can be seen here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/comprehensiveplan/amendments/pa2016-iv-mv1.pdf> The Public Hearing for the Plan Amendment is at the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 6, 2016. The re-zoning Public Hearing at the Planning Commission is scheduled

for January 18, 2017 with the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing scheduled for February 14, 2017. A revised re-zoning application is scheduled for submission to Fairfax County on November 16, 2016. The County/Developer will return to E&R for further discussions at our December meeting.

Our next presentation was a status report provided by the E&R Chair related to the Dominion Virginia Power project on Huntley Meadows Park property that will also impact residents of the Mount Vernon District. Thanks was expressed to E&R and to the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations for its resolution that supported a request to change the project design of this Dominion project. Dominion agreed to changes (was finalized by the State Corporation Commission on September 14, 2016) in certain aspects of the project design that addressed our most significant concerns. The result is a win for our environment, a win for birds, a win for the protection of historic view sheds, and a Win for the protection of historic, cultural and archaeological resources. Here is what was agreed. Dominion agreed to lower the poles from 125 feet to 100 feet. This virtually eliminates the adverse impact on the historic view shed. This also significantly reduces (though does not entirely eliminate) the potential for bird collisions with the top grounding wire. Dominion also agreed that the concrete washouts will use leak proof matting under the concrete washout pit to prevent all concrete residue from leaching into the soil or surface of subsurface water. The concrete washout areas will be on FCPA property. Dominion will also prepare revised detailed alignment sheets that will show the power pole base locations with respect to the location of wetlands, rare plants and noted historical, cultural and archaeological resources. No-go zones will be marked on the ground so contractors know to avoid these areas. Dominion has also has agreed to prepare (or have prepared) a detailed analysis of historic resources, which would include detailed mapping, document research and historic plat analysis, in particular the noted historical, cultural and archaeological resources in a specifically defined area of the easement. This detailed analysis will be completed before any rebuild work for the 100-foot structure option located in this noted area within the easement at HMP is undertaken by Dominion. The purpose of this is so that Dominion when placing mats on the ground for equipment and worker transport that these mats are not damaging these important historic and archaeological resources. We thank Dominion Virginia Power for agreeing to these improvements to this Rebuild Project.

Thanks to the Mount Vernon Council's E&R Committee and to the General Council for supporting the effort to ask Dominion to redesign their project. Thanks also to those who provided written comments to the Virginia State Corporation Commission on this project. The MVCCA's Resolution, and your public comments made a positive impact on this project. More information will be available at the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park web site [www.fohmp.org](http://www.fohmp.org) Committee members encouraged more news articles be shared on this important effort.

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Next we heard from E&R Committee member Glenda Booth who provided us with an update on the Virginia Department of Environment Quality's proposed enforcement action related to the January 2016 mineral oil spill that damaged natural resources and wildlife (some wildlife deaths occurred). The proposed action is here: <http://deq.state.va.us/Portals/0/DEQ/Enforcement/PublicNotices/VA%20Electric.pdf?ver=2016-10-28-075111-363> There is a public comment period that will close on November 30, 2016. Committee members are asked to share this information with their communities. A review of the proposed action has not yet been completed by Glenda but once this is completed information will be shared with the committee.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA Community Room 3.

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### PLANNING & ZONING

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*Meeting minutes not available.*

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### PUBLIC SAFETY

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The Public Safety Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations met on November 3 in the South County Government Center Room #217 with the following communities represented: Collingwood on Potomac, Southwood, Sulgrave Manor, and Westgrove. There was no quorum as of 7:50 p.m., and so no business was conducted.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Government Center.

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### TRANSPORTATION

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The MVCCA Transportation Committee met at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of November 7, 2016 in Room 221 of the South County Government Center on Richmond Highway. This location was chosen because election preparations had prevented our usual access to the Community Rooms at the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane. The meeting was chaired by Frank Cohn. Transportation Commissioner Michael Shor and Katherine Ward, MVCCA Co-Chair Liaison participated in the meeting. Representatives of the following citizens' associations were in attendance: Belle View, Huntington, Manors at Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley / River Bend, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North and Woodley Hills. One interested citizen also attended.

Mr. Thomas W. Burke, P.E., AICP, Senior Transportation Planner IV, Fairfax County Department of Transportation, gave us a wide-ranging presentation on the status of the Embark Richmond Highway planning activity. His presentation covered four aspects of this planning activity. He first addressed the overall focus of Embark's influencing the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan to provide for concentrated development nodes capable of justifying mass transit within the Richmond Highway Corridor. This included Embark's working conclusion that Bus Rapid Transit was the preferred alternative for moving the numbers of people we can expect to support along the corridor. BRT would be construct in phases: first from Huntington to Hybla Valley, next to Fort Belvoir, and only later on down to Woodbridge. Moving from planning to actually putting the system into place is anticipated to be around the end of 2017. BRT from Huntington to Fort Belvoir would involve busses on dedicated lanes stopping at nine stations. (For more information on BRT, see <https://www.nbrti.org>). The second part of Mr. Burke's presentation addressed the analytical approaches employed to understand and improve the level of service along the Richmond Highway. He described transportation modeling based on a 2015 Calibrated Model to help understand projecting demand, operations of the present and future facilities, and simulations that could render visible interactions among various possible decisions and actions. He pointed out that pedestrian and bicyclist access, dedicated lanes for BRT versus mixed lanes for BRT and local bus lines, and speed limit determinations all impacted traffic flow through the corridor and level of service. Mr. Burke's third series of thoughts focused on traffic speeds, speed limits, which jurisdictions set speed limits, and why VDOT should be expected to do a detailed speed study once Richmond Highway is widened. He also discussed the probability that VDOT will do an "access management plan" when Richmond Highway improvements are further along. Then Mr. Burke briefly described some of the dimensions of the street grids and land use considerations currently being discussed in the context of Comprehensive Plan changes. Following his prepared remarks, Mr. Burke fielded a number of our questions. These questions seemed to cluster around safety; particularly of mixing motor vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic; recognition of the multiple roles played by Richmond Highway, national highway and local thoroughfare; and the impact on existing local communities along Richmond Highway.

We updated the issue of the evening rush hour congestion at the intersection of the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Jeff Todd Way and the Richmond Highway. Evidently the traffic light timing has been adjusted and Fort Belvoir's Pence Gate has reopened easing the congestion somewhat. However, frustrated drivers are still cutting through the Exxon Station at that corner to head north on Richmond Highway. In addition, it was noted that traffic from the Quality Inn and Suites heading south toward the Exxon Station constituting a dangerous source of conflict. We will continue to study this intersection and consider a resolution offered by one of our committee members.

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Peter Kuck reported back on his inspection of the sidewalk situation in between the Mount Vernon High School and Richmond Highway. There are no cross walks for the young people walking from their homes along Richmond Highway to the High School. What sidewalk segments exist are on discontinuous sections scattered on opposite sides of the street. It was recalled that there had been a fatality some twelve years or so ago. Chairman Cohn said he would contact the chair of the Education Committee who will secure information from the High School Principal.

Co-Chair Liaison Katherine Ward advised all present that there will be an important meeting of the MVCCA General Council at 8:00 p.m. on November 30 at the Mount Vernon Government Center to which all are invited. The Fairfax County Planning Staff will present the latest version of the "Fairfax Forward" planning effort.

All committee members and interested citizens are encouraged to attend Embark Richmond Highway Advisory Group and Community Meetings to manifest Mount Vernon community interest in the future of Richmond Highway. The next Advisory Group meeting will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 14 in Room 221A of the South County Government Center on Richmond Highway. The next and 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Meeting on the Embark Richmond Highway activity is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. November 29 in the Walt Whitman Middle School Auditorium.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be in Community Room 3 in the Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5.

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### SFDC

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The annual Mary Thonen Awards will be presented at the SFDC Open House on Thursday, December 1, from 4-7 pm. These awards are given to businesses and residences along Richmond Highway for beautification excellence. All are welcome!! This year's event will be held at the Towne Place Suites, 8632 Woodlawn Court, in conjunction with the Suites Grand Opening. Come check out the new hotel, have a bite and see who has won.

For more information about these awards, or to register to attend (it's free!), go to [www.sfdc.org](http://www.sfdc.org).

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### FAIRFAX FEDERATION

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The Federation conducted its annual survey of over 800 community associations to find out what Legislative items were most important to the Fairfax County Citizens. The survey was conducted on Survey Monkey and closed in late October. These issues were discussed and voted on by the Federation Membership at its 27 October meeting for inclusion in the final Federation Legislative Package. This membership-approved package dated

28 October was sent to each of the 25 members of the Fairfax delegation to the Virginia General Assembly and to each of the ten members of the Board of Supervisors. A Short Term Rental resolution supporting local control was also adopted at the meeting. Details of both the Legislative Package and resolution are posted on the Federations Website ([www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org)).

### Final 2017 Legislative Package

#### Legislative Issue with Short Description

Renewable Power: Enable solar companies to compete fairly and lower the cost of electricity for all

Stormwater Controls: Grant local jurisdictions authority to require developers to demonstrate that new projects will neither increase the stormwater runoff volume nor decrease water quality.

County-City Revenue Equalization: Grant counties equivalent revenue-generating authority as cities.

ESOL and FRM per student funding: Provide state funding on a per student basis to support the additional needs of students enrolled in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and FRM (free & reduced meals) programs.

School Opening Date: Permit local school boards to set the opening date of the school year.

Modify the Dillon Rule: Allow counties to adopt home-rule government structures and policies they determine would be the most effective in performing local functions.

In-Fill and Redevelopment: Repeal and replace § 15.2-2303.4. Standardize developer requirements across localities that would adequately fund infrastructure development in support of increased density while protecting developers from abusive proffer requirements.

Hands Free Driving: Make illegal the use of a telephone while driving unless employing "hands free" technology.

Law Enforcement VFOIA: Revoke governments' authority to exempt from FOIA release under the currently allowed nine categories of exception (1) reports of incidents involving police shootings and (2) other law enforcement records.

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# Committee Resolutions

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## FORMAL COMMENTS LETTER: FAIRFAX FORWARD PROCESS CHANGES

MVCCA members, after hearing the presentation from County staff and due to time constraints before the PC Dec 7 meeting, will create at this meeting the formal response to the presentation by County staff.

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## BUDGET AND FINANCE

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### Proposed MVCCA Budget & Finance Resolution 2016-02 MVCCA B&F RESOLUTION 2016-02

#### MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS (MVCCA) RESOLUTION URGING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE WMATA BOARD AGAINST THE PROPOSED LATE-NIGHT METRORAIL SERVICE BUDGET CUTS

(1) **WHEREAS:** Residents of the Mount Vernon District account for 1000s of daily weekday WMATA Metrorail trips. Mount Vernon citizens use the Huntington Metro and the Franconia/Springfield Metro stations daily.

(2) **WHEREAS:** The citizens of the Mount Vernon District have a concern with WMATA General Manager Wiedefeld's proposed Metrorail service hour cuts in the WMATA FY2018 Budget.

(3) **WHEREAS: These proposed cuts will effect how citizens commute to and from jobs.** Many people who work late-night shifts rely on the affordable transportation option that Metrorail provides. This service reduction will make it much more difficult for working people to get to and from their jobs. The change will greatly affect service industry workers who use late-night weekend trains.

(4) **WHEREAS: The proposed cuts will effect citizens public safety.** Bars and restaurants are open in the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia until 2AM and many of our residents rely on Metrorail to travel safely and responsibly home on weekends from a night out with family and/or friends. By cutting this option, WMATA is either encouraging citizens to drive or pay for a higher amount for a cab/ride service. Unfortunately, a reduction in hours may lead some to make less responsible choices.

(5) **WHEREAS: The Mount Vernon District is being redeveloped around the Huntington Metro station which is something that Metro has strongly encouraged.** Metro has encouraged transit-oriented developments (TOD) so that Metrorail could not just be a "commuter system" but a "lifestyle system." The Fairfax County Planning & Zoning Department and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have even designated land

around the Huntington Metro to be within the Huntington Transit Area (TSA). The Huntington TSA is envisioned to include transit-focused housing and employment to take advantage of its location surrounding the Huntington Metro station. To achieve the desired Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), the Plan allows heights up to 200 feet and FAR up to 3.0. By changing service hours, you cannot expect people to fill the mixed use developments around Metro if it is no more convenient than living in other, less costly communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations requests the Mount Vernon District Supervisor and the full Fairfax County Board of Supervisors write a letter to the WMATA Board expressing their disagreement and concerns with the proposed late-night Metrorail service reductions.

**END: PROPOSED RESOLUTION B&F-2016-02**

### *Correction*

The following Transportation Resolutions were renumbered as follows after appearing in the October Record:

#### **Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2016-05 (Transportation) POLE ROAD RESOLUTION**

#### **Proposed MVCCA Resolution 2016-06(Transportation) RESOLUTION: INTERSECTION RT. #1/JEFF TODD WAY/ MT. VERNON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**



# Treasurer's Report

**Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, Inc.**  
 Treasurer's Report, Current Month and Fiscal Year to Date Compared to Annual Budget  
 Periods Ending October 31, 2016

(Amounts are rounded to nearest dollar)

	<u>October</u>	<u>Total July 1 to October 31</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Budget Variance To spend or Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b><u>Cash Receipts (including deposits in-transit):</u></b>				
Dues - Current Members	\$ 338	\$ 2,634	\$ 3,300	
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 Fiscal Year <sup>3</sup>	-	318	-	
Money Market Interest	1	3	10	
Total Cash Receipts	337	2,955	3,310	(355)
<b><u>Cash Disbursements (including outstanding checks):</u></b>				
Administrative	-	95	300	205
Insurance premium	-	-	835	835
Outreach/Town Hall Meets	-	-	500	500
"Record" Production	160	390	1,390	1,000
Web Site	-	-	900	900
Total Cash Disbursements	160	485	3,925	3,440
<b><u>Net Budget-Receipts in Excess(less than) Disbursements</u></b>	177	2,470	(615)	\$ 3,085
<b><u>Other sources/changes in cash</u></b>				
Total Cash at Beginning of Period	13,538	11,561	11,561	<small>Note 2</small>
Dues - Collected in 2015-16 for 2016-17 Fiscal Year	-	(318)	(318)	<small>Note 3</small>
<b>Total Cash at End of Period</b>	<b>\$ 13,713</b>	<b>\$ 13,713</b>	<b>\$ 10,628</b>	

**End of Period Cash Balances by Account (adjusted for outstanding items):**

Burke & Herbert - Checking	\$ 3,685
Burke & Herbert - Money Market	10,028
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$ 13,713</b>

Respectfully  
Submitted,  
Stephen Markman  
Treasurer  
November 10, 2016

**Notes:**

- 1 This financial statement uses the cash basis of accounting except as noted on the face of the statement.
- 2 The "Annual Budget" and "Total Year-to-Date" columns reflect actual Beginning of Period cash as of July 1, 2016.
- 3 Note dues collected in 2015-16 fiscal year for 2016-17 fiscal year are included in "Cash Receipts" above; therefore, must be deducted from "Cash at Beginning of Period".

## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday, November 30, 8:00 p.m.**  
**Mount Vernon Government Center**  
**Parkers Lane, Alexandria**

### AGENDA

**Call to Order**

- Guest Speaker: Fairfax County Planning & Zoning Staff, Topic: Changes to Fairfax Forward Process
- Approval of Agenda
- 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 Time
- Mount Vernon Supervisor Time
- Other Elected Officials and Public Time

**Adjournment**

## COMMITTEE CALENDAR

**MVCCA Council—Nov. 30, 8:00 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm**  
**MVCCA Board—Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., MVGC Comm. Rm 3**

Comm	Date	Time	Place	Chair
<sup>1</sup> BUDG	12/7	8:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Bell
<sup>1</sup> EDU	12/7	8:00	MVGC Comm Rm	Harbeck
E&R	12/7	7:15	MVGC Comm Rm	Ledec
PL/Z	12/5	7:30	MVGC	Viani
PS	12/1	7:30	MVGC Comm Rm	McDonald
TRAN	12/5	7:30	MVGC, Rm. 3	Cohn

<sup>1</sup> Joint Budget & Finance / Education meeting

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