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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2004, 8:00 pm

Walt Whitman Middle School Jack Knowles Lecture Hall

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Approval of Secretary's Minutes

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Co-Chairmen's Report on Board Actions

PUBLISHED ITEMS and RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Member Association Representatives' Time

MV Supervisor's Time

Other Elected Reps and Public Time

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MINUTES

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING-JANUARY 28, 2004

ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED: Belle Haven Terrace, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Montebello, Mount Vernon, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington Forest, Riverside Gardens, River Towers Condos, Riverwood, Stratford on the Potomac, Stratford on the Potomac, Section IV, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, William H. Randall.

PRESIDING: Errol Bergsagel

MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING: Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved

SUPERVISOR'S TIME: In exception to normal procedure, the Mount Vernon District Supervisor made his remarks, emphasizing efforts to reconcile points of friction and disagreements between the Lorton/South County Federation and the MVCCA and progress toward resolving the question of the continuing function of the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Budget and Finance** announced the a conference on taxes to be convened in late February, see committee schedule for March, and features of current taxing within the State and County with emphasis on the property tax. Having been approved by earlier waiver of the rules in the meeting, **Queenie Cox**, new COAF Chair reported for the Committee, saying the Committee would henceforth meet in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center (MVGC).

Education minutes were reported as contained in the "RECORD;" Committee will meet with **Budget and Finance** on Feb 24th but at its regular meeting also. **Environment and Recreation** discussed water quality and announced a "Watershed Steward" presentation in March. **Health and Human Services** discussed Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and announced Human Services Council Rep Molly Lynch, of Lorton, as February speaker. Other committee reports: **Planning and Zoning**, **Public Safety**, and **Transportation**, contained points as Sheriff supervision of the Mount Vernon Police Station jail and a traffic court for the Mount Vernon District and the Kings Crossing transportation plan. **Pat Rea**, appointee to the **Fairfax County Federation of Citizens**

VIRGINIA TAX COMMISSIONER, MR. KEN THORSON WILL BE PRESENT AT THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING AND WILL ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON CURRENT TAX CONSIDERATIONS.

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Association (FCFCA) reported on the need for participation by Mount Vernon District citizen associations and the FCFCA Citizen of the Year activities.

CO-CHAIRS TIME: It was announced that at times when the Walt Whitman Middle School is closed, MVCCA meetings will be held in the Mount Vernon Governmental Center (MVGC).

RESOLUTIONS: P&Z Committee resolution on RZ-2003-MV-036, to oppose the rezoning, was approved.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on February 2, 2004, at 8 PM in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Attending were: Mr. Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; representatives of 22 MVCCA member organizations (Bellehaven, Berkshire, Fair Haven, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Marlan Forest, Milway Meadows, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Riverwood, Southwood, Stratford on the Potomac Homeowners, Stratford on the Potomac Section IV, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Wellington, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park); and 3 interested citizens.

Earl Flanagan provided an overhead slide briefing on possible future rail transit alignments in the Richmond Highway corridor as called for in the Comprehensive Plan for Fairfax County. The Capital Beltway Corridor Rail Feasibility Study of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation recommends that the Northern Virginia Transportation Plan should incorporate feasibility studies for all rail projects in the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan. For the Mount Vernon Planning District, this study should incorporate a rail extension to Hybla Valley and with possible later extension to Fort Belvoir. The following routings for Heavy Rail, Light Rail and Monorail are envisioned:

- a. The Heavy Rail alignment would run underground from the Huntington Station to Penn Daw and hence to a Transit Center at Beacon Hill; above ground at Lockheed to a Rail Station at Hybla Valley; then to Buckman and along Route #1 to the South County Government Center; then to Pole Road and underground at Old Mill to the Army Museum.
- b. The Light Rail alignment would follow Richmond Highway; for some stretches it might be raised above ground level.
- c. The Monorail alignment could start at King Street meeting both the Yellow and Blue Metro lines; it would stay in the Route #1 corridor to Huntington and to Hybla Valley and Buckman; from there the routing would be as described for Heavy Rail.

At Fort Belvoir security concerns need to be considered. It should be noted that the National Trust has objected to any visual obstructions above ground in the vicinity of the Woodlawn Mansion. Therefore a turn at Richmond Highway and Old Mill Road (West) will not be permitted; traffic will have to be routed around the IMA Building to reach Old Mill Road.

Rail Traffic needs to be justified by ridership, cost and speed. Heavy Rail could cost \$900 million for the entire stretch (this compares well with the 4 Billion cost from Tyson to Dulles); Monorail would be the least expensive. On the basis of speed, cars average 35 MPH, busses 12 MPH, Light Rail 15-20 MPH and Heavy Rail as well as Monorail 40 MPH. A draft resolution with recommended alignments was not acted on to allow further committee input.

The Committee was apprised that the Engineer Study for the Fort Belvoir By-pass recommended Option C which was the extension of Old Mill Road through Fort Belvoir to Telegraph on previously named Mulligan Road. Fort Belvoir needs to comment on this recommendation.

The Public Meeting on January 29 on the Mount Vernon Parking Study invited additional comments on the compromise solution which provides for an additional 150 parking spaces to be constructed by the Park Authority in the West Parking Lot, which should accommodate all overflow vehicles currently parked on the Traffic Circle on peak visiting days; if additional parking spaces are still needed those spaces, (140 spaces) would be placed behind the wall at a separate entrance about midway between the Circle and the end of the wall along Route 235. Two observations noted at the Public Meeting require follow up: (1) Better signage is needed for southbound traffic on the George Washington Memorial Highway as the various lanes enter the Traffic Circle. (2) Police need authority to cite drivers who permit their busses to idle while parked.

A final meeting has been scheduled for the Kings Crossing Study Group on February 5. It is designed to reconcile the two remaining options: (1) the first is a traffic circle with through traffic on Richmond Highway and South-North Kings Highway passing underneath; (2) the second envisions a far less expensive parallel routing, at grade, of Richmond Highway and South-North Kings Highway with no interchange at Kings Crossing but connections one long block before and one long block after that location.

The Committee approved its Goals for 2004; the Goals were identical with 2003 Goals except for two minor additions.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on Monday, March 1, 2004 in the Walt Whitman Middle School Media Center. Agenda: (1) Guest Speaker: Mr. Andy Szakos, FCDOT, speaks on South County Bus Plan. (2) Compile list of Maintenance Projects for 2005 (3) Other agenda items to be announced.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Committee met Feb. 3, with 8 associations represented: Collingwood on Potomac, Mt. Vernon Civic, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Stratford on Potomac-Sec.4, Sulgrave Manor, and Wessington. MVCCA Co-chair Mack Rhoades, liaison to the committee, was present.

FY2005 County Planning for Health and Human Services

Fairfax County has evolved a process for public participation in annual planning that is open, and responsive, in ways that citizens of many localities can only envy. But it takes great time and effort to participate throughout the year in citizen advisory bodies and, at this time of year, to understand even one segment ("Health and Welfare") of the county budget, much less the crucial balance of revenues/expenses, or complicated interaction of state funding, for example, to community-based services in education or mental health, or for persons with disabilities. In Feb/March, this Committee seeks to understand allocation in 12% of expenses in the Proposed Budget, discover what impact proposed changes in funding will have starting July 1 upon essential services (esp. in Mount Vernon/Region I), and bring our recommendations to the MVCCA General Council (for consideration March 24).

Helping us focus on human service needs and resources in Mount Vernon/Region I were guest speakers *Molly Lynch*, who (with Marion Barnwell) represents Mount Vernon on the countywide citizen advisory Human Services Council (HSC), and *Kenneth Disselkoen*, (county Region I) Regional Manager for Human Services. Among materials Lynch provided were a statement from the Chairman of the HSC, analyzing the current predicament, and a long list of "Potential Reductions" in services that may result. This list has been reviewed by HSC, ranked from "difficult" to "unacceptable," and is now circulating for public analysis of potential impact. (Committee members who were unable to attend will need to obtain copies, to do a "markup" of their questions before the March 2 meeting.) In March, we will see decisions reflected in the Proposed Budget, evaluate direct impact on our services, and report to the Council. On March 29-31, public hearings before the Board of Supervisors provide a way for MVCCA to plead for particular priorities, services, and funding strategies.

Mount Vernon Hospital—improved Emergency care now, Task Force recommendation to come

[MVCCA's position is stated in the Resolution, "Public Support for Saving Mount Vernon Hospital," July 2003 MVCCA Record, on the web site: www.MVCCA.org. Also in *The Record* are key developments in monthly H/HS Reports: July 2003—Jan. 2004] Cutting the ribbon for upgraded Emergency Department (ED) facilities, on Feb. 10, provided a welcome opportunity to celebrate citizen participation, with Inova Health System, in needed improvement of a key service. For years, many (in this committee and elsewhere) have called attention to ED issues and have found Hospital staff and Administrator Susan Herbert responsive. From every side came ideas concerning better intake, triage, monitoring and treatment procedures as well as facilities. Fundraising was jump-started by community volunteers of the Auxiliary (400 strong) and conducted effectively by Inova. A local artist contributed the lively mural that now welcomes patients of all ages. ED improvement, through such cooperation, is genuine. The event suggests that public support can play a large role in sustaining a community facility that anchors medical care.

The citizen advisory Southeast Health Planning Task Force continues to meet intensively during February, with the goal of reporting to Inova Trustees and the public concerning a long-term plan for service delivery. MVCCA's position, urging Inova to take all actions needed now to sustain and enhance the Hospital, is well represented among members. There is also support for the idea that sound long-term planning, based on analysis of needs among our growing and diverse population, must secure at the present site a key role in anchoring delivery of essential services.

H/HS Committee meets March 2, 7:30 p.m., at IMVH, for Part 2 of our focus on Fairfax County's Planning for Health and Human Services in FY2005. Guest speakers Kenneth Disselkoen and Molly Lynch return, as we discuss impact of the Fairfax County Proposed Budget upon specific services in Mount Vernon/Region I.

March 3, Route 1 Task Force for Human Services convenes at 7 p.m. at South County Center, with Deputy County Executive Verdia Heywood, to examine the impact of the proposed budget. This open public forum always welcomes interested citizens, as well as representatives from area service organizations, for a discussion that should prove lively and informative. Convener Anne Andrews, 703 780-1773.

EDUCATION

The MVCCA Education Committee met on February 4, 2004, at 8 pm at an alternate site at Whitman Middle School.

Since the committee's regular February meeting will be in joint session with the Budget and Finance Committee on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, this meeting was considered an optional informal meeting and no attendance was taken.

The purpose of the meeting was to take an informal look at various school budget and finance issues to prepare for the February 24 presentation by Andy Hawkins, FCPS Director of Budget Services.

The committee preliminarily expressed general satisfaction with the Superintendent's budget, noting that programs which benefit our local schools are at least retained although not expanded, and supported a raise in teacher compensation as a matter of fairness and as necessary to at least maintain Fairfax's competitive situation vis-à-vis other local jurisdictions, which have also proposed compensation increases. However, the committee also noted that budgetary constraints and competing programs may make full funding of the budget difficult.

The committee also expressed frustration with the continued failure of the federal government to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act, and with Virginia's failure to fully and fairly fund the SOQ and to adopt a modern tax structure which would permit more local authority and return a higher percentage of Fairfax-generated revenue to the County, and thereby reduce pressure on property

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taxes as the major source of all local funding.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at 7:30 pm in the library at Whitman MS.

March Meeting: Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at 8 pm in the library at Whitman MS.

Purpose: Develop a position on the School Board Budget, due 2/12/04

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall, Huntington Station HOA, Mount Vernon, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Waynewood, Wellington, and Williamsburg Manor North. We joined by Co-chair Al Bornmann.

The chair provided copies of the Annual Police Department Report for 2003. He then lead short discussions of two items: First, the community's response to last month's request for information as to how they felt about a proposal to ban the use of cell phones in moving vehicles except in cases of an emergency; and Second, the beginning of an investigation of a proposal that Fairfax County establish a requirement that sidewalks be cleared of snow in a timely manner by residents.

Except for one community, all indicated that they were in favor of establishing the ban on the use of cell phones except in case of emergencies. The representatives cited instances of accidents and near misses with drivers who are distracted by their attention to cell phone use. This in not to be confused with the inattention that results from changing radio dials and eating. While those can be dangerous, they usually take significantly less time and distraction. There was also a review of localities/states that have either banned their use or are considering such regulations. The chair will begin preparation of a draft resolution to request that such a ban be added to the Fairfax County Legislative Items for the General Assembly next year.

The co-chairs have asked the Public Safety Committee to investigate the possibility of having Fairfax County establish a requirement to clear sidewalks after a snowfall. The chair has asked Supervisor Hyland's office to provide information about past efforts to do this.

The chair then began an informational brief on two subjects: First, a review of the Adult Detention Center's (ADC) programs and recreation for inmates, and Second, an overview of his trip to San Francisco to see the Delancey Street Foundation.

The ADC has a very active Programs Section that offers a variety of programs for inmates that help pass their time behind bars in a constructive way. One of the most popular is the Law Library. Legal material is available on CD-ROM and in hard copy. The Adult Education program offers learning labs (via computer programs) that give inmates a chance to improve their reading, writing, and/or math skills. The Fairfax County Public Schools Alternative School Program

is open to general education students between the ages of 19-22 who would like to get their High School Diploma. This program is primarily for students with special needs. Each year the Fairfax County Public Schools offers four sessions of a Custodial Certification Program.

The Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources (OAR) organization uses the services of community volunteers to teach on site classes, such as Computer Skills, Life Skills, Support Groups, and Anger Management. Some of these classes are offered in Spanish. Impact of Crime is an especially enlightening program that examines the relationships among the victim, the criminal, and the community. Victims talk with inmates about how crime has changed their lives.

The Good News Jail & Prison Ministry invites inmates of all faiths to benefit from spiritual counseling. More than 150 volunteers from local churches visit the ADC to mentor one-on-one, lead group worship, lead Bible studies, and counsel. From the Recreation Program, there is a wide variety of table games and selected sports activities, such as basketball. Some gym equipment is available, including treadmills, but not included is strength building equipment such as barbells or other weights. There is television, but with only preselected channels. A Leisure Library is available for reading for fun.

There is also a Health Education Program where the Fairfax County Health Department discusses various health topics. Alcohol and Drug Services are also available.

In 2002, the ADC had about 250 volunteers providing these services. They contributed 10,991 hours of service, conducting 4,553 classes. Total inmate class attendance was 39,262. Total inmate recreation attendance was 25,505.

The chair gave a short brief on the Delancey Street Foundation which is located in San Francisco. It was founded in 1971 to provide a structured educational and living environment in which men and women, most of whom are ex-felons, and substance abusers, can learn the skills they need to rebuild their lives. The residents of Delancey Street live and work together, pooling all their income earned through a variety of business schools. Using the principle of 'each one, teach one,' the residents take responsibility for each other's welfare and hold each other accountable for achieving the highest possible standards in everything they do. There is no professional staff since the residents teach each other. A core principle is that people learn best by doing, and so everyone is active, learning job skills, acquiring an education, and practicing new ways of living.

Delancey Street is located in a building on the Embacadero just south of the Bay Bridge. The construction of the building was contracted and paid for by the residents. It can house about 500 people. Currently, they maintain a level of about 400 people. To get in, a person must apply and the judge or parole officer agree. Each person is interviewed by a resident for suitability. They do not accept persons convicted of crimes of violence, sexual molestation, or those with mental problems. Applicants must agree to remain for two years and

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have no contact with their families for at least one year. Delancey Street has successfully graduated over 14,000 people from America's underclass into society as successful taxpaying citizens leading decent legitimate and productive lives.

The Milton Eisenhower Foundation wants to sponsor replications of Delancey Street, one possibly in Fairfax County. In January, a group from Fairfax County, including Supervisors Hyland and Hudgins, Judge McDonough, and others, traveled to San Francisco to spend two days at Delancey Street. In a month or so the group plans to meet to determine what next steps are appropriate.

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met at Feb. 4, 7:30 PM, Room E-114 in Mt Vernon High School. Attending: Belle haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mt. Vernon Civic, Mt. Vernon on the Potomac, Mt. Zephyr, Potomac Valley/ River Bend, Riverside Gardens, Springbank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Waynewood, Williamsburg Manor and two representatives from the Lorton Arts Foundation, Inc..

Two resolutions were considered and voted upon.

Language for environmental concerns for the MVCCA budget resolution. The committee worked over the budget language resolution, stressing to retain the full amount of money requested by the Storm Water Division. The committee reiterates last year's MVCCA approved resolution to fully fund in a timely manner the Storm Water Division's Watershed Master Planning Program. This resolution will be submitted for approval in the MVCCA Budget resolution, Feb. 25.

The rezoning for the Workhouse site (Lorton Arts Foundation proposal). The committee considered this publicly owned land as an opportunity to "showcase" new and innovative practices of Storm Water Management. Comparative cost and efficiency of the new state allowed practices vs. conventional means, led the committee to recommend requirement of these new practices. As many as possible of these practices should be "showcased" and implemented at this site.

Next meeting: March 3, Mt Vernon High School, Room E-114 (entrance #1), 7:30 PM.

Krystal Kearns from the Potomac River Greenways Coalition will be presenting.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on February 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. In attendance were representatives from Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon Civic Association, Mt Zephyr Citizens Association, Huntington, Southwood, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Waynewood and Wessynton Homes. Additionally, Al Bornmann, Co-Chair also attended.

Being that the state of Virginia is projected to run into serious cash flow problems, the committee reviewed various sources of information on the tax reform bills currently being proposed to the Virginia Legislature with the intention of building a resolution to present to the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations.

The Governor's proposed tax reform bill served as our focal point as this bill has been given the most attention in the press. Generally, we find many features of the bill to be beneficial. Among other things, the bill provides taxing authority on cigarettes to counties, reduces taxes on lower incomes, provides for a higher 6.25% marginal tax bracket on incomes over \$100,000, and decreases sales taxes on groceries. Additionally, the Governor's plan proposes to completely remove the remaining car tax now at 30% of a car's value under \$20,000.

While it is pointed out that the removal of taxes on cars is generally a benefit to Northern Virginians, it was pointed out that having the car tax allowed revenue raised by the car tax to stay in Northern Virginia. Further, the point was made that revenue from the removal of the tax was to be replaced by revenue from Richmond, which has not happened to the full extent as promised. This has caused Fairfax County to increase real estate tax taxes to supplement the loss of car tax revenue. So, a certain amount of skepticism was expressed about the replacement of any future revenue lost by removal of the remaining car tax.

The Governor's office calculates that only 8% of Virginians will be subject to the proposed maximum 6.25% tax bracket. The Governor's office calculates that only 10.4% of the residents of Fairfax County will be subject to the new higher marginal tax bracket. However, Fairfax County indicates that some 41.5% of the households have incomes over \$100,000. The difference in numbers may be in how one arrives at the calculation of AGI upon which the tax would be levied.

Vincent Callahan (R. Fairfax) has been generous with his time in providing information to the committee. He points out that Northern Virginia does well and poorly in some aspects of revenue sharing. In summary, he points out that Northern Virginia provides 40% of the revenue for the state while the Governor's plan would increase that amount to 50%.

Regardless of whether this is correct or not, the committee has produced a resolution that we believe represents the constituency of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. We believe the tax code needs to be modernized and that it needs to be progressive in nature. However, we do not believe that this should be

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accomplished at any disproportionate expense to the residents of Fairfax County.

The Budget and Finance Committee will meet in joint session with the Education Committee on Tuesday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Room (Library) at Walt Whitman Middle School. We will also meet on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. Gerry Hyland will be our guest at this meeting. This meeting will be followed on Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the same room with County Supervisor Tony Griffin as our guest. All three of these meetings are excellent and all members of MVCCA are encouraged to attend.

PLANNING & ZONING

The meeting was attended by sixteen civic associations: Belle Haven Terrace; Engleside; Hollin Hills; Huntington; Marlin Forest/Marland Heights; Mount Vernon Civic; Mount Zephyr; Newington, Newington Forest; Riverside Gardens; Stratford Landing; Wessington; Riverside Estates; Wellington; Williamsburg Manor; Williamsburg Manor North.

The Committee listened to an update on the Laurel Hills Master Plan from the Fairfax County Planning Staff. It also heard a revised proposal from Milestone Communications for Sprint to place a flagpole design of a cell tower on the Carl Sandburg Middle School property. The communities that are adjacent to the school requested that they be given the opportunity to review the proposal before the P&Z Committee voted. The Committee also tabled a proposal for RZ 2003-MV-062, Eastwood Properties, Inc. – Nalls Road Property to learn whether VDOT had truly rejected a public road for these five houses because of the necessary curve in the road and tabled RZ-2003-MV-034, National Capital Land Development Company, to wait to learn the views of the South County Federation.

The Committee voted not to oppose SE 2003-MV-042, VC 2003-MV-196, Brad Glassman, 6428 Potomac Ave.; RZ 2003-MV-051, Virginia Builders Group, Gambrill Road Property; and RZ 2003-MV-059, Tasos. The Environment and Recreation Committee requested review of the Glassman application so it will not be presented for consideration this month. The resolutions for the other two proposals are attached.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

"Consumer Affairs met on February 2nd. No member associations attended. In order to discuss consumer issues, we need member associations' support. We have developed an agenda for the year but need members to hear speakers and discuss issues. Please send a representative to the next meeting on March 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Government Center. Please note the new meeting location."

RZ 2003-MV-051, VIRGINIA BUILDERS

GROUP, GAMBRILL ROAD PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, this rezoning request is to permit a 1.21 acre property to be rezoned from the R-1 to the R-3 so as to permit the development of three (3) single family detached units for a net site density of 2.48 dwelling units per acre;

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan recommends residential uses at a density between 2-3 dwelling units per acre;

WHEREAS, the proposed development incorporates a 6-foot asphalt trail along Gambrill Road and single separate drive for all three houses to avoid three individual curb-cuts on Gambrill Road;

WHEREAS, the subdivision located to the north, Gambrill Estates is zoned R-5 Cluster where the average lot size in this subdivision is 0.23 acres and the subdivision to the west and south, Tara Heights, is zoned R-3 and the average lot size of the abutting lots is 0.25 acres and the average lot size of the proposed development is 0.28 acres and is thus compatible with the average lot sizes of the adjacent subdivisions;

WHEREAS, consideration be given to moving the two houses on the two large lots back slightly to balance the houses more appropriately on those lots;

WHEREAS, the developer will proffer that there will be no increase in water flow whatsoever on any adjacent property as a result of the proposed development;

WHEREAS, the developer will enlarge the tree save at the back of the development consistent with the need to maintain an appropriate area for stormwater retention;

WHEREAS, the developer will seek no waivers not already discussed in this resolution;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens= Associations does not oppose this request for a Rezoning.

RZ 2003-MV-051, VIRGINIA BUILDERS GROUP, GAMBRILL ROAD PROPERTY.

WHEREAS this 1.22 acre property is on Richmond Highway, between East Lee Ave. & Preston Ave. and currently consists of a small one-story structure fronting on Richmond Hwy., and a small (955 square foot) home along Lee Ave.;

WHEREAS, the property is currently zoned C-8 and R-3and seeks a PRM designation;

WHEREAS, the proposal places at the front of the property a three-story building with retail parking on the side and the rear and an entrance on Lee Street;

WHEREAS, the building would have first floor retail and a basement garage for the condominiums on the second and third floor;

WHEREAS, the severe slope of the property away from Richmond Highway will permit the underground parking and fill at the back of the

property will allow a retail customer to walk into the first floor retail from either the front, the side or most of the back of the property;

WHEREAS, there will be a covered sidewalk all the way around the building and sidewalk connections to the sidewalk along Richmond Highway;

WHEREAS, Tasos will seek a waiver of between three and four parking spaces at the back of the property to save a large tree at the back of the property;

WHEREAS, there will be a retaining wall at the back of the property to separate it from the adjacent residential housing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens= Associations does not oppose this request for a Rezoning.

REZONING FOR LORTON ARTS CENTER WORKHOUSE

Whereas, Lorton Arts Foundation has applied for a rezoning at the Workhouse site of the old Lorton Prison,

Whereas, the Mt Vernon Council of Citizens Associations Planning and Zoning Committee's approved resolution describes this rezoning to be "environmentally friendly", and

Whereas, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) has received a grant from Virginia Dept of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) at this adaptive re-use site, to develop a plan for incorporating low impact development (LID) practices at this site, and

Whereas, a collaborative relationship between Fairfax County, Northern Virginia Soil Water Conservation District, Lorton Arts Foundation has been established to pursue this initiative, and

Whereas, LID practices can be as or more effective than conventional storm water management (SWM) practices for storm water detention and water quality improvement, and

Whereas, LID practices can be no more costly than conventional storm water controls, and

Whereas, the use of LIDs could serve as a "showcase project" of correctly planned innovative storm water controls that demonstrate the benefits of LID techniques.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations requests that the Fairfax County Board of

Supervisors allow as many as possible LID storm water quantity and quality controls be specified on this site as a development condition for this rezoning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, MVCCA requests and recommends that Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) and other pertinent County agencies encourage and facilitate the use of LID practices at this site.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS FOR BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fairfax County Storm Water Planning Division is required to meet federal water and state municipal storm sewer water standards, and

WHEREAS, certain funding for vital projects needed to attain state and federal water requirements has not been appropriated, and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Budget FY 2005 for Project Z00022 (Watershed Master Planning) has had funding cut from a requested \$2.95M to \$1.6M, and

WHEREAS, funding necessary to administer a comprehensive storm water program in the Fairfax County Budget FY 2005 has not been appropriated, and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County Budget FY 2005 states Project Z00018 eliminates the entire proposed budget of \$200,000 for initiating implementation of the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Management Plan, and

WHEREAS, these non-fully funded projects directly affect the Mt Vernon District's ability to attain state required storm water standards by 2010 deadline.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations recommends and request reinstatement of these vital and necessary components of the storm water program in the FY 2005 Fairfax County Budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors provide necessary funding to fully implement Projects Z00018 and Z00022.

DUES 2004

The deadline for 2004 membership dues is March 1, 2004. After that date, Associations with unpaid dues will be ineligible to vote in committee or the General Council. The MVCCA dues notice and membership application/renewal form are now available for downloading at www.MVCCA.org. To access the forms, simply click on DOWNLOADABLE FORMS from the left side menu. If you do not have Internet access, or are having difficulty saving/opening the files, contact Mack at Mack.Rhoades@verizon.net. The forms will be mailed, emailed, or faxed to you.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2004 through February 15, 2004

	Budget 2004	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
Balance beginning period		\$3,669.17	
RECEIPTS			
Dues*	\$4,819	\$3,012	-\$1,807
Record Subscriptions	\$450	\$405	-\$45
Gala Income	\$3,972	\$0	-\$3,972
Knowles Plaque Donations ¹	N/A	\$615	\$615
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,241	\$4,032	-\$5,209
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$4,700	\$435	-\$4,265
Administrative	\$696	\$26	-\$670
Gala	\$2,750	\$0	-\$2,750
Web Site	\$540	\$135	-\$405
Knowles Plaque	\$0	\$1,148	\$1,148
Membership	\$75	\$0	-\$75
Postage	\$480	\$100	-\$380
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,241	\$1,844	-\$7,397
Balance Ending Period		\$4,648.86	

¹Includes balance forward of \$440.00

*Dues & Subscriptions paid for prior to 1/1/04 included in beginning balance

COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2004

MVCCA Board-WWMS-March 11 at 8:00 pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
3/2 T 7:30	HHS	MVH-BR	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
3/2 T 7:30	COAF	MVGC	Queenie Cox	703.360.2419
2/24 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS L	George Bauer	703.768.1774
3/2 T 7:30		WWMS CR		
3/3 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE-114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
2/24 W 7:30	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
3/3 W 8:00				
3/4 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
3/1 M 8:00	TRANS	WWMS MC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
3/1 M 7:30	PI/Z	WWMS LH	Diane Donley	703.780.2804

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Mount Vernon District 2004 Citizen of the Year Nomination

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations presents an annual Mount Vernon District Citizen of the Year award to a resident of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District whose volunteer efforts have made an outstanding contribution to our community. Volunteer activities include, but are not limited to, the areas of human services, education, the environment and recreation, public safety, public health, land use, the arts, and civic leadership.

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____

Description of nominee's volunteer activities and how they have contributed to the quality of life in Mount Vernon (you may attach additional pages and supporting materials).

Name of Nominating Organization or Individual: _____

Address of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Send nominations to
MVCCA c/o Dave Bolte, 836 Herbert Springs Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22308-1319
Address questions to Dave Bolte, (703) 765-0129

Nominations must be received by March 5, 2004.