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## NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 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 – March 24, 2004*

**ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED:** BelleHaven Terrace, Briary Farms, Collingwood/Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Hybla Valley Farms, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Riverside Gardens, Riverwood, River Towers, Sherwood Estates, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, William H. Randall, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North.

**PRESIDING:** Al Bornmann

**SECRETARY'S MINUTES:** Approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Approved.

**SUPERVISOR'S TIME:** Gerry acknowledged Peter Brintzer's contributions to Mount Vernon and the County over the years. The State sends 680 million to the County. That is the equivalent of 47 cents in the car tax rate. Old Mill Road is the alternative to Woodlawn Road. Funding for this is an issue. Real Estate assets in a trust will still qualify for a tax exemption. There are 3000 new residential units in the three hundred fifty to four hundred thousand dollar price ranges on Route 1. Small businesses feel crowded out.

**KRIS AMUNDSUN'S TIME:** Kris said we have a property right to Woodlawn Road. Kris noted that stiffer penalties were being enacted for DUI's.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Queenie urged Associations to send representatives to COAF. Judy Harbeck said Mount Vernon High School needs more funding in order to achieve accreditation. The School has a large contingent of poor, minority and non-English speaking students. Jim Davis spoke in favor of low impact development for the Lorton Arts Center. Storm water management is an issue there too. Dallas said the police are doing spot checks for DUI on Route 1 and other streets.

**RESOLUTIONS:** P & Z's "Roubin Associates" passed 30-0-0. E & R's "SE-2003-MV-042" was approved 30-0-0. B & F's "FY 2005 Budget" was approved 23-5-3. H & H's "FY 2005" passed 30-0-1 and EDUC's "Ed Resolution" was approved 27-2-2.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on April 5, 2004, at 8 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Mount Vernon Government Center; meeting was shifted due to the Spring Break at the Walt Whitman Intermediate School. Attending were: Mr. Errol Bergsagel, Co-Chair, MVCCA; Mr. Earl Flanagan, Mount Vernon District Transportation Commissioner; three guest speakers (see below); representatives of 30 MVCCA member and pending member organizations (Belle Haven, Belle Haven Terrace, Berkshire, Collingwood Springs, Fair Haven, Gum Springs, Hollin Hall, Hollin Hills, Hybla Valley Farms, Marlan Forest Heights, Milway Meadows, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Potomac Valley-Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Riverwood, Southwood, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Westgrove, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park); and 3 interested citizens.

The meeting was opened by a brief guest speaker appearance of Mrs. Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, US Park Authority. Mrs. Calhoun was seeking public guidance for her proposal to prohibit left turns from Bellevue Boulevard onto the northbound lanes of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. She provided a handout of her proposal supported by diagrams and traffic flow/accident statistics which indicated that the intersection was accident prone. Traffic destined northward would be routed to Belle Haven Road where the existing median would provide better protection for vehicle turns. This matter will be discussed by the Committee at its May meeting. On other subjects, Mrs. Calhoun advised that a contract had been let to fix the deteriorated pavement on the north lanes of the Parkway north of Belle Haven Road. Also, work is in progress to replace the defective reflectors along the median and sides of the Parkway. She will advise the Park Police of our complaint about an excess of trucks traveling illegally on the Parkway.

Two guest speakers provided background for a proposed Resolution pertaining to development of the Kings Crossing intersection: Mr. Kenneth P. Disselkoe, Regional Manager, Department of Systems Management for Human Services, County of Fairfax and Ms. Greer Johnson Gillis, Lead Traffic Engineer, Consulting Firm of Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade & Douglas. The work of a representative Study Group which developed and examined three major concepts and six additional variations (see Resolution for brief descriptions of Concepts A, B and C). While the Level of Service (LOS) was limited at level 'C' in Concept A, the LOS for Concept C was at level 'D', projected for traffic in the year 2020; Level 'D' is still considered a passing grade for Fairfax County Roads. The unanimous endorsement of Option C by the Study Group, as an acceptable compromise, was primarily based on the considerable lower construction costs, the lesser disruption of neighborhoods and businesses when undergoing this construction and the determined resistance of many members of the Study Group against a grade separated configuration. In order to make Option C more palatable

to those who opted for a traffic circle, a refinement was developed under the auspices of Mr. Earl Flanagan, which provided a small circular pattern in between the two highways (Richmond Highway and North/South Kings Highway) as a means of providing a distinctive landmark for the location, but only for use by pedestrian and not by vehicular traffic, and with future potential for use by mass transit. It was noted that it was possible to construct an Option A concept in the future, if the Option C concept were to fail. The Committee much appreciated the detailed briefing by the two guest speakers. The Resolution (printed elsewhere in the Record) was subsequently adopted by a vote of 14 For : 9 Against : 4 Abstentions.

Mr. Earl Flanagan provided a short briefing on future plans for the Buckman Road/Richmond Highway/Mount Vernon Highway intersection. A potential development near the intersection in Lee District will force the closure of Buckman Road, with traffic routed along Jannalee towards Richmond Highway. The prior concept of a grade separated intersection proposed by the MVCCA has been voted down by the Board of Supervisors. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has advised that this new development plan can be approved; re-zoning action is pending.

The Committee was advised that the Mount Vernon Supervisor is in the process of appointing a Task Force to consider the contentious question of curtailing, or continuing to permit, existing cut-through traffic on Francis, Shellhorne, Fordson and Boswell used to avoid the long wait on Sherwood Hall Lane to reach Richmond Highway for northbound traffic. A sub-committee formed by the Transportation Committee was unable to reach any consensus. The Committee was informally polled to express their general support for either favoring commuters or favoring local residents; the results indicated a substantial support for commuters. The Committee was advised that after the Task Force submits its recommendation a more detailed discussion of findings will be programmed on our agenda.

The Committee was briefly updated on: (1) The Bus Plan: Committee comments were submitted as group comments before the imposed deadline. (2) The Fort Belvoir Connector: Fort Belvoir is proceeding with its plan to extend Old Mill Road along the Mulligan Road corridor to Telegraph Road. (3) Maintenance Requests: All requests submitted by member civic associations were consolidated and forwarded to VDOT.

(4) Pedestrian Workshop: Committee members were encouraged to attend this workshop scheduled for 0830 AM, May 4, 2004 in the South County Government Center. Time precluded any discussion on aircraft noise abatement and the Route #1 Location Study; these subjects will be placed on the agenda of the May meeting.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee is scheduled for 8 PM, May 3, 2004, in the Media Center of the Walt Whitman Middle School. Agenda as stated above and as otherwise announced at a later date.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

H/HS Committee met April 6 with 8 associations represented: Collingwood on Potomac, Belle Haven Terrace, Mount Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac-Sec.4, Sulgrave Manor, Wessynton, and Williamsburg Manor. MVCCA Co-chair Mack Rhoades, liaison to the committee, was present.

### **MVCCA Approves "Health and Human Services Planning for FY2005"**

Unanimous support for this Resolution, (as published in the March *MVCCA Record*, 30 votes yea, 1 abstention), in combination with broad support for the March "Resolution on the Fairfax County FY2005 Budget," has enabled MVCCA to deliver a strong message to the Board of Supervisors: MVCCA urges the Supervisors to approve the Advertised Plan without "adjustments" (such as mil rate reduction) that would damage our network of essential services. H/HS Chair Louise Cleveland testified at the budget hearings before the Board of Supervisors on March 30, combining MVCCA's position with that of the Advisory Board for the Mount Vernon Community Mental Health Center (at the request of their president, Kristin Rosenthal, who was unable to appear on account of an injury): both nonpartisan organizations have expressed strong opposition to the entire "Summary of Options" for cutting expenditures for services. The MVCCA Resolution, with transmittal letter to BOS Chair Connolly, was distributed to the members of the Board and was entered into the record by Supervisor Hyland.

### **Q and A on the Future of Mount Vernon Hospital**

*[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](http://www.MVCCA.org). Also in The Record are key developments in monthly H/HS Reports: July 2003—March, 2004]*

The H/HS Committee had received "The Report of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force to the Community and the Trustees of the Inova Health System" in March, but postponed discussion until April. Louise Cleveland, who participated in the 18-member Task Force that met for more than a year, responded to questions about the Report's 4-part Recommendation and described considerations debated by the Task Force.

The Recommendation outlines a strategy for delivering health care in all parts of southeastern Fairfax County, with an enhanced Mount Vernon Hospital (at Parker's Lane) as the in-patient hospital anchoring a triad of strategically located facilities. The existing Franconia-Springfield Healthplex and a proposed Lorton Healthplex would complete the 3 focal points for service delivery, each with a 24/7 Emergency Department and diagnostic and outpatient services. But the Inova Health System (IHS) Trustees bear the responsibility to adopt, develop, and implement a long-term plan, to commit sufficient capital, to defer decisions elsewhere in the system that could prevent development of successful services here, and "necessary to accomplish the first three...seek broad public support."

Among many pressing questions of H/HS Committee members are: Why does the Report not specify services that must be added to Mount Vernon Hospital (especially obstetrics) to make it busier and more financially viable? Was the Task Force able to learn whether the parts of the "System" operate as a whole, and without penalizing MVH for its significant share of "medically indigent" patients? Why is so little information released to the public, even in the Report of the Task Force? And, will IHS Trustees consider the Report carefully and act on its Recommendation in a timely manner, to resolve the uncertainty that weighs on the community and on healthcare professionals? Members agreed emphatically with the Recommendation statement that, "To build greater community trust concerning its planning process, IHS must achieve a more open dialogue among all three vital participants: Inova planners and management, the medical professionals who deliver health care, and the community."

The Report, distributed at the March MVCCA General Council, is available at Supervisor Hyland's office. Members may address questions and comments to Louise Cleveland, at the April 24 General Council.

**April 29, South County Community Forum on regional planning of mental health care meets, 7 p.m.,** at South County Center, sponsored by the Route One Task Force for Human Services. Presenter is James Thur, Exec. Director of Community Services Board of Fairfax County/Falls Church. Convener, Anne Andrews, 703-780-1773. **May 4, H/HS Committee meets 7:30 p.m., at IMVH-Conference Room C.**

## EDUCATION

Due to the closure of Fairfax County Public Schools for Spring Break, the Education Committee did not meet on its usual day of April 7, 2004, but postponed its April meeting to Wednesday, April 14, after the publication deadline for the RECORD.

At the April 14 meeting, the Committee will have a presentation by Mount Vernon High School regarding its recent program review and plans to improve SOL, SAT and NCLB scores, particularly among struggling students, while maintaining standards of excellence for its many high scoring students as well as for midrange performers.

The Committee will also critique the recent budget process with a view to improving presentation and taxpayer education and discuss issues and goals for the next school year.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: I have communicated with the membership by e-mail with regard to several matters including the date change. If you did not receive an e-mail, do not have e-mail or would prefer a phone call, please contact me. [Judy Harbeck (703) 780-1883 or [sharbeck@aol.com](mailto:sharbeck@aol.com)]

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 8 pm in the library at Walt Whitman MS.**



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The Environment and Recreation Committee met 7:30PM, Wednesday, April 7, Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School. Attending were: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Mt Vernon on the Potomac, Mt Zephyr, Potomac Valley/ Riverbend, Riverside Estates, Springbank, Sulgrave Manor, Williamsburg Manor and Woodlawn Manor.

Recent resolutions and actions by the targeted parties were reviewed. SE 2004-MV-042/ Glassman, SE 001-MV-005/ Kinder, Low Impact Development Practices at the Lorton Arts Foundation site, possible Budget Cuts in Storm Water Division by the Board of Supervisors were also discussed.

A clear majority of the committee seems to feel that environmental concerns are considered secondary to any development plan proposed. Until Zoning Ordinance is changed and Storm Water facilities are built to reflect a net gain in water quality the specter of sanctions for water quality non-attainment will remain. Granting of Chesapeake Bay Ordinance Waivers most probably will need to be curtailed to meet Fairfax County Environmental Goals. Failing to meet the 2010 deadline for federal water quality requirements could prevent all citizens from receiving permits to build anything that changes the building footprints in Fairfax County.

The Committee discussed an infill issue in the Belle Haven Terrace area (tax map 093-1-25-02-0004). The representative said that several existing homes could be negatively affected from water drainage changes upon known marine clay deposits. Belle Haven Terrace has had trouble with this specific problem in the past. The homeowners are very concerned that damage will occur after the developer is no longer responsible for any aspect of proclaimed "improvements".

Another representative explained the adventure of trying to track down a name for currently, a non-named stream in the Mt Vernon District. There is interest in adopting this stream for clean up and monitoring, but no name has been traceable, nor is there a procedure to name a stream in Fairfax County, the representative said. Stay tuned!

Next Meeting: May 5, 7:30 PM Mt Vernon High School Room E-114.

## BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Budget & Finance Committee met on April 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Walt Whitman Middle School. In attendance were representatives from Hollin Hills, Southwood, Stradford Landing, Potomac Valley/Riverbend, Waynewood; Wellington Heights, Wessington Homes, and Williamsburg Manor. Additionally, Al Bornmann, Co-Chair also attended.

Recently, the Virginia Legislature passed a bill authorizing the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to increase the Hotel Occupancy

Tax to 4% from 2%. While the Governor has not yet been signed this bill, there currently is no known reason that the bill will not be signed. With this in mind, we have produced a resolution urging the BOS to implement this tax to its fullest extent.

Continuing this theme, we Fairfax County has authorization to levy a meals tax to the extent that the sales tax and meals tax do not exceed 8.5% -- provided that the tax is approved by referendum. This item was brought to referendum in 1992 and failed by a wide margin. By way of explanation, if the sales tax is 4.5%, a 4% meals tax could be charged. With the current lack of tax options available to Fairfax County, we have produced a resolution to urge the BOS to provide a referendum to provide for a meals tax.

Following the discussions of resolutions, the committee discussed the charging of fees to use the parks for organized sport events. The general feeling is that these fees should not be charged and should be covered by the general fund. We expect to produce a resolution to this effect in time to impact the development of the Advertised Budget for FY 2006.

Then, in the area of forward planning, we produced a list of summer project initiatives to be researched so that we can recommend courses of action for MVCCA in the future:

**Tax Relief:** Bob Thomson (Waynewood) volunteered to complete a comprehensive study of tax relief programs in area jurisdictions and recommend considerations for solution to this problem.

**Senior Centers and School After Care (SAC):** Barbara Diehl (Williamsburg Manor Citizens Association) agreed to study the fees charged to seniors for use of the senior centers in Fairfax County and examine the funding history of the after school student care programs.

**School Budget for FY 2006:** This item was not reviewed in our meeting but a task force is being formed that will consist of at least three members from both the Education Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. The purpose of this committee will be to enhance our understanding of the school budget process. Rachel Carter (Mt. Vernon Civic Association, Inc.) and Jim Mengershauser (Potomac Valley / Riverbend) have agreed to represent the Budget and Finance Committee on this task force. Meetings of this task force will be in the early summer time frame in order to coincide with the school budget formation.

Unless the committee needs to meet to clarify one of our resolutions, or some other project, we will not meet again until September 1st. In the interim, committee members will attend meetings of other committees in order expand our understanding of the needs of our associations.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## PLANNING & ZONING

The meeting was attended by twenty-two civic associations: Bellhaven Terrace, Collinwood Springs, Engleside, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Marlin Forest/Marlan Heights, Mason Hill, Montebello Condominium Association, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Zephyr, Newington, Newington Forest, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Saratoga, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac, Sec. 4, Wellington Heights, Wellington, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor, Williamsburg Manor North.

The Committee voted on one resolution concerning Jerry Winchester's new house in New Alexandria to replace the one destroyed by Hurricane Isabel. It listened to three proposals including: 1) EZ Storage. The company stated that it had an option for a vacant parcel immediately adjacent to the presently empty Captain John's restaurant. The company builds a 4-story building with all of the storage units inside. 2) Potomac Custom Homes, 7900 and 7908 Rolling Road, 1.1356 and 1.7833 acres, respectively. Proposal for either 10 single family homes under conventional R-3 zoning or under the option of PDH District, creating an open space in the middle of the project; 3) T-Mobile, Mt. Vernon High School, Proposal for stealth monopole as either a flagpole or an extension to a lightpole. No zoning application yet filed with Fairfax County. P & Z Next Meeting – May 3, 2004, 7:30 PM, Walt Whitman Middle School

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Consumer Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center in Supervisor Hyland's conference room. We had a nice cozy group with representatives from Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon Manor and New Gum Springs attending.

The Committee discussed topics for meetings for the remainder of the calendar year. The following is our calendar through the end of the calendar year. All meetings will be held at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center at 7:30 p.m.

- **May: Identity Theft** - an identity theft video (25-mins) will be shown along with a presentation from a postal investigator. A discussion on what you should do if you think you're a victim of identity theft, how identity thieves can steal your name and your money and tips on mail fraud, credit card theft and check fraud.
- **June: Cable versus Satellite** - with cable "creep" rates occurring, the Committee plan to have a panel of speakers from two cable and two satellite companies to discuss their services and prices. The purpose for the panel is to offer consumers options for obtaining the best value for their dollar.
- **July & August: No meetings**
- **September: Long Distance Caregivers** - a video will be shown about challenges faced by long distance caregivers along with a comparison of health care facilities. Many of us who are separated by

distance are trying to take care of a loved one. This meeting will provide feasible solutions that may be of assistance to you.

• **October: Civic/Homeowner Association Organization Governing Documents** - do you know the difference between a civic and homeowner association?...a homeowner (or property) association and a condominium association?...if not, this is a meeting for you to attend. A guest speaker will be invited to address these issues and much more such as trash collection, absentee owners and renters, towing from private property, special events planning, directors and officers liability insurance and any other topic affecting you and your community.

• **November: Wills & Living Wills** - a speaker will be invited to discuss the difference between a will and living will; why you should have a will regardless of your financial status; and what happens if you don't have a will. You're not too young or old to have a will.

• **December: Christmas Party!!!**

The next Consumer Affairs Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center. Topic: Identity Theft.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Zephyr, Riverside Estates, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac Sec IV, Wellington, Williamsburg Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North.

The chair began with a review of some of the public safety legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly and sent to the governor for signature. Of major interest is the several bills concerning DUI. These will have to be sorted out by the governor and returned for appropriate revision since they are overlap and in some cases direct different actions for the same offense. In general, the following will emerge when the bills are settled: (1) Criminalization of refusal to take a blood or breath test, (2) Elevated blood alcohol content (BAC) are redefined to from .25 to .20 and from .20 to .15 for purposes of additional penalties, (3) Increased penalties for a second conviction within 10 years: 10 days in jail; for a second conviction within 5 years: 20 days; for a third conviction within 10 years: 90 days; within 5 years: 180 days, (4) Creates a presumption against bail for certain DUI repeat offenders, (5) Driving on a DUI-restricted license with a BAC of .02 or above is a Class 1 misdemeanor, and (6) Allows for forfeiture of a vehicle solely owned and operated by an individual convicted of a third or subsequent DUI offense.

The District of Columbia is in the process of developing a law currently entitled 'Terrorism Prevention and Safety in Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 2003.' It would require the shippers of certain hazardous materials to obtain a permit and conform to routes, times and other safety conditions when traveling into and out of the District of Columbia. Our concern is the impact this

regulation would have on northern Virginia. For instance, would trucks/trailers or railroad cars have to wait outside the District for permits and/or wait outside until the time specified by the District for transit? We don't want to see these trailers waiting in neighborhoods and parking lots or railroad cars on sidings where they can become standing targets. Discussion by the chair with the staff of the DC Committee on Public Works indicates that the DC Council members sponsoring this are reviewing the testimony given at a public hearing on January 23 and working with the responsible Congressional committees to see how the bill can be tailored to meet their concerns. The Congress does not like having these materials moving so close to them.

The chair updated the committee on the progress on development of a proposal to establish a replication of the Delancey Street Foundation in Fairfax County. Nine members of the group that went to see the Delancey Street Foundation in San Francisco during January, met on March 27 to beginning evaluating the usefulness of the replication in Fairfax County.

The committee began work on a resolution to establish legislation to ban the use of cell phones that are not equipped with built-in speakers or a hands-free accessories. The chair had begun work on a draft resolution, but happened to be in District of Columbia municipal building that day and picked up a copy of the new DC law entitled the 'Distracted Driving Safety Act of 2004.' It has been signed by Mayor Williams and will become effective on July 1, 2004. It enhances driving safety by establishing distracted driving standards and allowing mobile telephones to be used while operating a moving motor vehicle only when equipped with built-in speakers or a hands-free accessory. The fine for violation is \$100. The law is so well written that the chair provided copies to the committee and will use it as a model for the preparation of a revised draft resolution to be presented at the next meeting.

The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6 in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center.

## SE – 2004 - MV- 010, Jerry Winchester, 6430 14th Street, New Alexandria.

WHEREAS, this proposal is to replace a house rendered uninhabitable because of damage from Hurricane Isabel with a new house;

WHEREAS, this new house will be in a floodplain as are most of the similar houses in New Alexandria;

WHEREAS, the new house containing 1500 square feet is no larger than the previous house of 1750 square feet;

WHEREAS, the impervious surface of the lot will be reduced from 2100 square feet to 1900 square feet;

WHEREAS, the proposed house will be one story, but must be constructed above the floodplain level so that the total height will only change from 20 feet to 24.5 feet;

WHEREAS, the new house will have no basement;

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

## RESOLUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

WHEREAS Fairfax County is limited in its taxing authority causing most of the revenue to come from real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS the Virginia Legislature has passed a bill authorizing Fairfax County to increase the Hotel Occupancy Tax to 4% from 2%; and

WHEREAS this tax rate is relatively low in comparison to the Hotel Occupancy Tax levied by other jurisdictions and not at a rate that would serve to impede business in Fairfax County.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations urges the Fairfax Board of Supervisors to apply the Hotel Occupancy Tax to its fullest 4% rate with proceeds to be used to reduce the real estate tax rate.

## **RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A REFERENDUM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A MEALS TAX**

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WHEREAS Fairfax County is limited in its taxing authority causing most of the revenue to come from real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS a meals tax is authorized to the extent that a meals tax and the state sales tax do not exceed 8.5% provided such a tax is approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and a referendum by Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS cities adjoining Fairfax County charge a meals tax at least a rate of 4% in addition to the state sales tax of 4.5% or such a combination so that the 8.5% combined level is not exceeded;

BE IT RESOLVED that Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to place this initiative to impose a meals tax to the highest authorized percentage on the ballot in November of 2004 with the proceeds to be used to reduce the real estate tax rate.

## **RESOLUTION: KINGS CROSSING INTERCHANGE**

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WHEREAS: the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) proposed a grade separated interchange design for the intersection of Route 1 and North/South Kings Highways as part of the current Route 1 Location Study, and

WHEREAS: the MVCCA adopted a resolution on December 18, 2001 that recommended an alternate grade separated interchange for the intersection of Route 1 and Kings Highways, north and south, and

WHEREAS: the MVCCA alternate design was supported overwhelmingly by the public at a subsequent VDOT public hearing, and

WHEREAS: the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to reject the VDOT design and called for a study to consider the MVCCA design among others, and

WHEREAS: a Work Study Group, including VDOT, was appointed by the County and developed three options:

**Option A**, the MVCCA design, a grade separated interchange with Route 1 traffic tunneled under local traffic on a circular Town Center.

**Option B**, a new proposal for a grade separated interchange, with Route 1 traffic tunneled under an elongated, figure 8 plaza for local traffic, and

**Option C** a new proposal for an at grade design that would eliminate the present intersection by keeping Richmond Highway and North/South Kings Highway separated at the Kings Crossing location, while permitting cross traffic only at the Southern end at Fairview Drive (extended to South Kings Highway) and at the Northern end at Shields Avenue; and

WHEREAS: an analysis by VDOT indicated that Option A provided the fewest intersections and best Level of Service (LOS), the far less costly Option C design, when properly modified, can achieve an acceptable standard for traffic flow; and

WHEREAS: Option C will be provided with traffic signals to permit pedestrian crossings across Richmond Highway and across North/South Kings Highway at the Kings Crossing location; and

WHEREAS: the final recommendation of the Work Study Group was unanimous in forwarding Option C for further design development with the proviso that action be taken to make the Kings Crossing location more of a recognizable landmark; and

WHEREAS: further modifications of the Option C concept, as developed by an ad hoc group of the Work Study Group, will provide the semblance of a readily identifiable location by the construction of a non-vehicular Traffic Circle designed to enhance pedestrian circulation and as a potential location for mass transit; and

WHEREAS: the greatest disadvantage of Option C appears to be the required displacement of current residences blocking the needed extension of Fairview Drive.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS: that the Mount Vernon District Supervisor recommend to the Virginia Department of Transportation a Kings Crossing Town Center design in accordance with the design Option C, as modified (sketch provided); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: portions of the money saved by the avoidance of a grade separated interchange must be invested to relocate and enhance the residential areas displaced by the construction of the Fairview Drive extension; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: the Option A design advanced by the MVCCA continue be retained by the County for possible future adoption, should future traffic demand exceed the ability of Option C to perform at LOS "D" or better.

# MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

## Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2004 through April 7, 2004

	Budget 2004	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
Balance Beginning Period		\$3,669.17	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Dues*	\$4,819	\$4,242	-\$577
Record Subscriptions	\$450	\$435	-\$15
Gala Income	\$3,972	\$0	-\$3,972
Knowles Plaque Donations <sup>1</sup>	N/A	\$615	\$615
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$9,241</b>	<b>\$5,292</b>	<b>-\$3,949</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
Record Expenses	\$4,700	\$1,325	-\$3,375
Administrative	\$696	\$95	-\$601
Gala	\$2,750	\$93	-\$2,657
Web Site	\$540	\$135	-\$405
Knowles Plaque	\$0	\$1,148	\$1,148
Membership	\$75	\$0	-\$75
Postage	\$480	\$100	-\$380
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$9,241</b>	<b>\$2,896</b>	<b>-\$6,345</b>
Balance Ending Period		\$4,929.43	

<sup>1</sup>Includes balance forward of \$440.00

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

## COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR MAY 2004

### MVCCA Board-WWMS-May 13 at 8:00 pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
5/4 T 7:30	HHS	MVH-BR	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
5/4 T 7:30	COAF	MVGC	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
9/1 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS L	George Bauer	703.768.1774
5/5 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE-114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
5/5 W 7:30	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
5/6 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
5/3 M 8:00	TRANS	WWMS MC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
5/3 M 7:30	PI/Z	WWMS LH	Diane Donley	703.780.2804

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