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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 28th, 8 PM,
at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center

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 – June 23, 2004

ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED: Collingwood/Potomac, Collingwood Springs, Fairfax Residents, Hollin Glen, Hollin Hills, Huntington, Marlan Forest, Montebello, Mount Vernon Civic, Mount Vernon Farms, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Olde Mill Condos, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, River Towers, Sherwood Estates, Spring Bank, Stratford Landing, Stratford/Potomac IV, Sulgrave Manor, Wellington, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, William H. Randall.

PRESIDING: Mack Rhoades

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pat Rea reported that the FCFCA discussed a Ranger Force for security in our Parks and urged the completion of the Fairfax County Parkway. Gerry Connolly attended. All other reports were in *The Record*.

PARK SERVICE TIME: Dana Dirkes gave information on the Carillon Bell Concerts, Children, Junior Ranger and Trail Programs.

RESOLUTIONS: P & Z's "Nalls Road" passed 22-0-1. Their "Omni point Communications" was amended to "not oppose" if the surrounding associations are contacted. It passed 23-0-2. P & Z's "John Kelly" passed 25-0-0. "RZ 2003-MV-045 National Capital Land" and "D. R. Horton" provoked intense discussion. Diane Donley, who had met with South County Federation representatives, in whose territory these developments are proposed, made the P & Z's case for opposing them. What is done in the Lorton area affects us up here: transportation,

ANNOUNCEMENT

Have you checked the Calendar?

You can get the latest meeting information by going to the Council's web site, <http://www.mvcca.org>, and clicking on Calendar of Events. Changes in meeting schedules are updated immediately.

Correction:

We apologize for specifying incorrectly the month of Col. Peter Brinitzer's death, which was June 11, not April 11.

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traffic, school needs. **Dave Bolte** noted, "We are looking at the character of the developments". **Diane** felt that the PDH classification was not used creatively and did not create more open space or more livable lots. She feels it was used just to cram in more houses. The county staff opposes these developments at this point. **Dan Rinzel** agreed that what South County does affects us up here. Someone whose name is lost in the mists of time said the developers might as well build townhouses as far as the livability of these developments is concerned. The South County representatives said that south of Fort Belvoir was not our concern and that we were "not educated". **Diane** posed the question "should we accede to their wishes or do we take our own stand"? The Council stood up and supported P & Z 19-2-5 and 15-6-4.

JOHN BYER'S TIME: The Planning Commissioner stated that he did not agree with the South County representatives. He wants everyone's input. Those who are somewhat removed from an issue can often be more objective than the folks who are closely involved. He feels the Council rightly involves itself in all that goes on in the District. There cannot be secession or subdivision.

NEW BUSINESS: **Dallas Shawkey** wants all communications, notes, letters, e-mails, verbal exchanges, and so forth from a Co-chair or Co-chairs and from Committee Chairs made available to the Board and General Council. These factotums are not to take positions with "outsiders" without going through the Board and Council. The Board will work out the details of this.

SUPERVISOR'S TIME: **Charles Unger** substituted for **Gerry Hyland**: **Gerry** has a new Web Page. You may go directly to the page by entering the following:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/mvd/mvd.htm>, or go to the main Fairfax County Government Web Page (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov>), click on the link on the left hand menu for Board of Supervisors, then click on the Mount Vernon map when it appears.

EARL TIME: **Earl Flanagan**, Transportation Commissioner said a one million dollar Transit Study will be done for Route 1. There is no money for Route 1 until at least 2025. Six lanes from Woodlawn to Buckman Road is the most likely priority.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

No meeting held

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

No meeting held

Next meeting, Tuesday, September 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center. Topic: Long Distance Caregiving.

EDUCATION

No meeting held

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION

The environment and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday, July 7, 7:30 PM, Room E-114, Mt Vernon High School. Attending: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on the Potomac, Hollin Hall Village, Hollin Hills, Mt Vernon Manor (a.k.a. MVCCA co-chair Bergsagel), Mt Zephyr, Stratford Landing, Sulgrave Manor, Williamsburg Manor and Mt Vernon Gazette.

The **final meeting of the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Master Plan Steering Committee** was held on June 30. The Committee would like to thank the County Staff, the Contractors and especially the citizens whose applications of their expertise and time making this plan a reality. The final plan shown on maps, indicates current and projected increases from development, as well as projects that are believed to affect the amount and quality of water in the watershed.

The MVCCA representative to the Steering Committee gave a summary of the final meeting. He stated that this plan is intended as a "living" document and meant to comply with federal Chesapeake Bay (C-Bay) requirements. It should be a guide for future developers and re-developers to improve our water quality and quantity situation. It promotes citizen homeowner participation to reduce the amount of water that reaches the perennial streams' banks and channels. The plan is the most accurate measure of science and future projections to date of what, in practical applications, needs to be done to be C-Bay compliant.

The next step for this watershed plan is for the Storm Water Division to vet it with other County Agencies. Dept of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) seems to be the most instrumental, as to whether, this plan will survive intact. The committee was reminded that this plan still needs MVCCA support and testimony. This plan is believed to go to the Planning Commission in the Fall 2004 for approval. Then to the Board of Supervisors.

The committee discussed the options for getting the word out to areas that are planned to participate in the "rain barrel" effort. Some areas have no civic or homeowners association and will probably need some assistance from MVCCA to gain the maximum number of participants on this device.

There is a stream cleanup on Pohick Creek on Wednesday, July 14, 2:30 -4 PM, immediately across from the Lorton Library on Richmond Highway and the stream will be monitored for biological activity on Wednesday, July 21, 2:30- 4 PM at the bridge just north of the Lorton Library and south of Gunston Plaza.

Next meeting: Sept 1, 7:30 Pm Room E-114 Mt Vernon High School

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

H/HS Committee met July 6 with 11 member associations represented: Belle Haven Terrace, Collingwood on Potomac, Hollin Glen, Hollindale, Hollin Hills, Mount Vernon, Stratford Landing, Stratford on Potomac, Sulgrave Manor, Williamsburg Manor, and Williamsburg Manor North.

Mount Vernon Hospital (IMVH) today:

IMVH Administrator and Inova Vice President Susan Herbert, our guest speaker, provided a “state of the hospital” update on developments and responded to our many questions with detailed information. While Inova Health System postpones major decisions, in Southeast and system-wide, concerning a “long-term” plan (i.e. for 2008 and beyond), enhancements of some IMVH services and facilities are underway. Overnight census of patients is now averaging better than in the past couple of years, with gains in patients attracted to regional centers of excellence such as Residential Psychiatric, Joint Replacement, and Rehabilitation services. Inova has regional approval to transfer 5 licensed psychiatric beds from Alexandria Hospital, expanding the total IMVH operating license to 237 beds, in order to expand the psychiatric residential treatment program here. (Construction has begun to reconfigure the present unit to accommodate 7 more patients, as staff prepares to coordinate with two Community Services Boards and appropriate jurisdictions.) Out-patient improvements include doubling capacity of the Wound Healing Center (now funded, for just under \$1 million), redesigning the patient experience for intake (scheduling and registration), and improving the physician experience as well (through efficiencies in scheduling and supporting operating rooms, etc). Attracting more doctors and patients helps to build a case for financial support for more extensive redesign and upgrade of facilities, esp. for imaging and diagnostic services, where emerging new techniques are sure to attract patients from our area. An Inova Low Vision Center (to be located off-site, at Prosperity Avenue) will be an extension of Inova Rehabilitation Center, treating macular degeneration and crediting revenue to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Two excellent young surgeons and a skilled anesthesiology team that have joined the staff in the past year are evidence of an improving foundation for further investments in facilities and services here.

Though the Hospital is projected to lose \$6.5 million this year, this represents a continuing decline in annual loss from the “perfect storm” conditions of 2002. Herbert credits the hard work of the hospital staff to provide quality care with ever-increasing cost-efficiency. She hopes to “beat expectations” in 2004.

The Committee expressed appreciation for Herbert’s effort to promote better dialogue between Inova and the community, as well as the medical staff, particularly through her participation in the Task Force (see below) as well as her periodic updates to the H/HS Committee. They applauded her informative, in-depth responses to questions in diverse areas: unreimbursable costs, appropriate security for psych unit expansion, need for private rooms among those with stroke and brain injury, possible upgrades in imaging and diagnostic equipment, etc.

Mount Vernon Hospital’s future: *[MVCCA’s position is stated in the Resolution, “Public Support for Saving Mount Vernon Hospital,” July 2003 MVCCA Record, on web site: www.MVCCA.org. Also in The Record are key developments in*

monthly H/HS Reports: July 2003—present. Supervisor Hyland’s Mount Vernon web page, under Hot Topics, now provides Hospital news that includes a link to the full text of the “Report of the Southeast Health Planning Task Force to the Community and the Trustees of the Inova Health System, March 1, 2004.”]

It is now one year since MVCCA’s Resolution called upon Inova to recognize its responsibility to plan for and invest in enhanced services at Mount Vernon Hospital to anchor healthcare delivery in the growing southeastern area of Fairfax County. It is four months since the Southeast Health Planning (SEHP) Task Force published its Report outlining a four-point Recommendation for such planning. MVCCA has long supported the position now expressed in the Report—“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.” Inova Trustees have not yet scheduled their consideration of the Report. H/HS reps and Chair Louise Cleveland (a member of the Task Force) continue to welcome your ideas on next steps.

Community meetings, open to the public:

Sept. 2, 7 p.m.: The Southeast Health Planning Task Force, which awaits Inova Trustees’ consideration of its Recommendation, meets at South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. The Task Force plans to meet quarterly, open to the public. Chair: Anne Andrews, 703-780-1773.

Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m.: H/HS Committee meets in Conf. Room C, 2nd floor of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. Two guest speakers provide an overview of human services delivered in Mount Vernon District and Region I: Human Services Region I Manager Ken Disselkoen and Mount Vernon Center for Community Mental Health Site Director Gary Lupton.

PLANNING & ZONING

The meeting was attended by 16 associations: Bellehaven Terrace, Collinwood Springs, Marlin Forest/ Marlan Heights, Mason Hill, Montebello, New Gum Springs, Newington, Newington Forest, Potomac Valley/River Bend Estates, Riverside Gardens, Stratford Landing, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington, Wellington Heights, and Wessynton.

The committee heard eight land use cases, passed five resolutions, heard one case for information only and tabled the following two cases: 1) Gunston Commerce Center was tabled because the developer wanted to place a restaurant or fast food store at the corner of Richmond Highway and Furnace Road and insists that it be rezoned from I-4 TO I-5 when a fast food store needs only the lower C-6 designation; and 2) Gunston Center LLC, located on the east side of Richmond Highway across from Bill Lynch’s Gunston Commerce Center, request a permit for a septic field, an Individual Sewage Disposal System, for Rich Minchik’s industrial/condo project that is located on the abutting parcel to the north. Both parcels are long narrow strips bounded on the east by railroad tracks and on the west by Richmond Highway. The office building is about 100 feet from a Prince William County sewer connection but proposes this septic field because of concern from Mason Neck that a sewer line on the

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east side of Richmond Highway may lead to further residential development in Mason Neck. This proposal was tabled so the concept of connecting to Prince William County's sewer could be considered further. The case, heard for information only, was a request to construct 18 single family houses on 7.3 acres off of Sydenstricker Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Associations represented: Mount Zephyr, Potomac Valley River Bend, Riverside Estates, Riverside Gardens, Southwood, Stratford Landing, Stratford on the Potomac Sect. IV, Waynewood, and Williamsburg Manor North. We were joined by Co-chair Al Bornmann.

The Committee reviewed the current version of the resolution to ban the use of hand-held electronic devices which was passed by the Committee in June. There were some proposed minor changes to consider. The chair explained that the Transportation Committee did not complete review of the draft resolution at its June meeting. It plans to complete final action at its meeting on July 6. The chair plans to attend that meeting. Assuming that the Transportation Committee concurs with the resolution, the resolution will be presented to the MVCCA Council for approval on July 28. The Chair noted that the District of Columbia's distracted driver law became effective July 1. The fine for drivers convicted of using hand-held electronic devices while driving is \$100. A similar law became effective in New Jersey on July 1. New York state already has such a law. The Chair had a meeting scheduled with the Acting Chief of Police on Friday, July 2 and asked for any subjects the Committee members wanted discussed with her. The primary item for the meeting is the selection of a site for the south Fairfax County Animal Control/Animal Shelter satellite station. Word has reached the Chair that a site identification effort is underway. The Committee has previously asked to participate in this. At the July 2 meeting, the Chair intends to review other MVCCA resolutions related to the Police Department for which County action has not been completed. These include: Two resolutions concerning establishing a traffic court at the South County Center, a resolution concerning continuing 'Operation Safe Corridor' on Richmond Hwy., and a resolution concerning small motorized vehicles. Additionally, the Chair will discuss gang issues in the Mount Vernon District, police patrols, police manpower and equipment concerns, pedestrian issues, vehicles speeding in neighborhoods, manning the Mount Vernon Station Jail, and Police perceptions of needs in the Mount Vernon District.

Committee members discussed some ongoing local neighborhood problems. These included car thefts, car vandalism, fireworks issues related to July 4, and recent damage to homes done by neighborhood minors.

The speaker for the evening was unable to make the meeting due to traffic and will be rescheduled for the fall. The Public Safety Committee's next meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 2 in Community Room #3, Mount Vernon Governmental Center. The speaker will be from the Fire Marshall's office.

TRANSPORTATION

The MVCCA Transportation Committee met on July 6, 2004 in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Mount Vernon Government Center. Attending were representatives of 19 member organizations (Belle Haven Terrace, Belle View, Berkshire, Collingwood Springs, Hollin Hall, Huntington, Milway Meadows, Montebello, Mount Vernon Manor, Mount Vernon on the Potomac, Mount Zephyr, Newington Forest, Riverside Gardens, Tauxemont, Waynewood, Wellington Heights, Wessynton, Williamsburg Manor North, Woodland Park) and two interested citizens.

The Committee considered a draft Traffic Congestion Resolution. It was agreed, that while the expense of building a Metro extension to Dulles Airport will divert scarce transportation funding from other needed transportation improvements, that problem should be dealt with separately in the next meeting, apart from the draft resolution under consideration. A revised draft was accepted in a vote of 18 For and 1 Against. The approved Traffic Congestion Resolution is printed elsewhere in the Record.

Next, the Committee considered the proposed Public Safety Resolution on Distracted Motor Vehicle Drivers. It was recommended that the Public Safety Committee add wording to the Resolution that the proposed law was intended to parallel the newly enacted law in the District of Columbia. The Committee then supported the Public Safety Resolution with a vote of 17 For, 1 Against and 1 Abstention.

The Committee discussed the advisability of Crossing Islands. It was decided that the matter of identifying specific locations should be referred to the pending Pedestrian Safety Board. The Committee recommended consideration of a pilot project at the Sherwood Hall/Richmond Highway intersection where currently pedestrians experience confusion on how best to cross Highway #1. A study should determine the best placement of a marked pedestrian crossing, supported by a Crossing Island as well as Medium Barriers to channel pedestrians into the safest crossing location. Principles that should be adopted encompass the concept that cross walks apart from traffic lights need to be reinforced, at a minimum, with Crossing Islands and Bus Stops need to be located near traffic lights to provide safety for passengers who need to cross the street to exit from or enter the bus. Committee members were apprised that Fairfax County police have been ticketing motorist who fail to provide the right-of-way to pedestrians as they turned the corner at the Beacon Hill intersection of Richmond Highway.

Mr. Earl Flanigan will provide a briefing at the next meeting on the latest considerations of the Route #1 Study Group which currently delayed a decision on the number of through lanes on Route #1 until a decision is made concerning proposed rail lines. He will also brief at the next meeting on details of the Transportation Initiative submitted by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors which encompasses a \$115 million transportation bond to be placed on next year's ballot..

A discussion followed on the existing problems on Huntington Avenue. In addition to the concerns considered at the June Meeting relating to the exit of a proposed additional Parking Garage, residents are also concerned about projected added traffic congestion caused by the erection of new highrise buildings. The Committee's approved resolution on Traffic Congestion meshes with these concerns.

Updating information was provided on a number of subjects:

- **Bellevue/GW Memorial Parkway Intersection:** Ms Audrey Calhoun has promised a response to our letter concerning improvements at that location. No further action can be taken on this matter until a response is received.
- **Aircraft Noise:** Fort Belvoir conducted a meeting on helicopter traffic noise; helicopters will also stay in the center of the river whenever possible. It was observed that a private medical evacuation helicopter operation in our area contributes added noise, and may not be as well controlled as the military operation. This will have to be monitored.
- **Pedestrian Safety Board:** We are awaiting appointments of Board members; one from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, two from the Lee District Supervisor and two from the Mount Vernon District Supervisor.
- **Mount Vernon Parking Study:** The National Park Service has reviewed the Consultant's layout of the proposed enlarged Parking Lot on the West side of the Parkway and elected to elongate the lot to save about 50% of the trees earmarked for cutting. The Stakeholder Panel supported the Park Service concept and recommended that lighting be placed throughout the entire lot area. Funding for the project will come from currently allocated operational funds. Project completion will coincide with the completion of the Mount Vernon Estate project in 2006.
- **Proffer for Old Mill Road Sidewalks:** Fairfax County is currently negotiating with the Mount Vernon Country Club at what rate the \$100,000 proffer will be paid. The Chair has asked the Supervisor's staff to ascertain if these funds will be used to pay for design or for construction. Aside from this project, the Committee also requested information on the specifics of the sidewalk to be constructed in connection with the renovation at the Bellehaven Country Club.
- **Sherwood Hall Lane cut-through to Route #1:** No action can be taken until all adjacent communities have appointed a representative. Currently one community has failed to do so.
- **Radford/Richmond Highway Intersection:** Plans for a building construction at that intersection had required the placement of a Service Road connecting Radford with the adjacent Potomac Square Shopping Center. This would provide access for Radford traffic to the traffic light currently controlling the exit from the Shopping Center as well as Buckman Road traffic. It was noted that the current site lay-out on the building construction site has failed to provide this Service Road. The Supervisor has been requested to check on this problem.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held at 8 PM on Tuesday (note change of day due to holiday) September 7, in the Mount Vernon Government Center (note change of location). Agenda to be announced.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly failed to allocate any significant funding for transportation improvements for the next fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the traffic situation in the DC Metropolitan area, including Fairfax County has been labeled by several national publications as the second worst in the nation, and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion throughout Fairfax County reflects the seriousness of this problem endemic to the entire Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion in the Richmond Highway corridor and Interstate Route #95 south of Fort Belvoir is particularly serious and requires special corrective actions within the Mount Vernon District and beyond, and

WHEREAS, construction of new homes in Fairfax County is continuing at a fast rate, along with its concomitant additions to the volume of traffic, and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of high density occupancy houses throughout Northern Virginia is aggravating traffic congestion problems, and

WHEREAS, the current large accumulation of unexpended developer proffer funds indicate a continuing, unacceptable lack of County action to provide the needed construction easements in a timely manner, and

WHEREAS, developers should be required to provide sufficient compensation in their proffers to address not only the local traffic requirements within their development, but to also address the additional traffic placed on the streets of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors take immediate action designed to curb the density of future home constructions throughout the County, until the future of traffic requirements and their funding is resolved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors decline to grant any further exceptions from existing ordinances which might aggravate traffic congestion within the County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that proffers offered towards traffic improvements will require a strict time limit for disbursement and be centrally monitored within the County government, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors develop appropriate cost statistics and guidelines to charge developers for required added transportation costs caused by new construction and that funds collected in the Mount Vernon District be placed in a separate Richmond Highway Development Fund designed to pay for or serve as seed money to improve transportation and traffic safety needs in the Richmond Highway corridor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a comprehensive Trip Generation Analysis be performed for each additional new housing construction project to indicate how many vehicles will be generated to serve as a basis for the amount of the proffer designed to encompass parking needs, pedestrian and bike accessibility, bus stops, traffic control devices and road improvements; road improvement needs to be determined by a Traffic Impact Assessment designed to retain a Level of Service (LOS) on adjacent roads and on Route #1 that is as high as possible, but no worse than LOS "D".

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"BELLAPAIS," (OUT OF TURN PLAN AMENDMENT)

WHEREAS, the Bellapais property, purchased by the McCormick-Goodhart family in 1947, is located immediately north of the Collingwood Museum;

WHEREAS, while it is currently zoned R-2 and could theoretically develop with 50 houses by-right, an Open Space easement with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (a state entity) covers the property and prohibits any subdivision;

WHEREAS, the McCormick-Goodhart family desires to sell the property and wants to put an additional layer of protection on the 25 acre parcel of land;

WHEREAS, an out-of-turn Comprehensive Plan amendment would restrict future possible rezoning of the property; and

WHEREAS, the amendment language does not include language addressing parking should an alternative use be permitted for the interior of Bellepais house;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations does not oppose the out of turn plan amendment but suggests that the amendment include language limiting clearing on the property for parking should an alternative use be permitted.

2332 APPLICATION, OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS AT BRYANT SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the applicant has filed a section 2232 request to replace an existing lighting pole at Bryant School at 2709 Popkins Lane with a cell phone tower;

WHEREAS, the existing lighting tower is 75 feet tall and the proposed replacement tower will be 25% taller (93 feet);

WHEREAS, the height and orientation of the current lights will not be affected by replacing the tower;

WHEREAS, the antennas used will be flush-mounted near the top of the tower;

WHEREAS, payments will be made to the school system and Bryant School as user fees;

WHEREAS, the applicant has now contacted the surrounding communities for comment and has received no negative comments; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations does not oppose the 2232 application.

SE 2004-MV- 018, PETROLEUM MARKETING GROUP, CITGO SERVICE STATION, 8158 OLD MOUNT VERNON ROAD

WHEREAS, the Citgo service station desires to place a canopy over its gas pumps;

WHEREAS, the canopy will not be lit at night;

WHEREAS, the canopy will permit using the gas pumps at the station in the rain without getting wet;

WHEREAS, the station will put in adequate planting in front of the station that does not now exist;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations does not oppose the Special Exception request.

SUN TRUST BANK, SEA 82-V-003, 5922 RICHMOND HWY

WHEREAS, as a result of the ramp redesign for the Woodrow Wilson bridge, the applicant has lost the parking spaces in front of the bank;

WHEREAS, during the construction the applicant must use reconstructed parking to the left of the bank building and enter the property from the back of the building;

WHEREAS, the lot will be increased in size;; and

WHEREAS, there will be an even exchange of property with VDOT and it is getting a few much needed extra spaces off-street parking spaces for customers;

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

2332 APPLICATION, MILESTONE COMMUNICATIONS, KOREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the applicant has filed a section 2232 request to create a cell phone tower in the shape of a fir tree at the back of the 4 acre property of the Korean Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, the proposed fir tree had a life-like quality to it in contrast to other cell tower proposals;

WHEREAS, the accompanying structure to the tree tower is 12 feet by 20 feet by 10 feet and will be enclosed by a tall chain length fence;

WHEREAS, the neighboring citizen associations have rejected both a 160 foot and a 140 foot tree tower but agree that a 120 foot tower would not affect their site views;

WHEREAS, the Newington Forest Association also agreed that this proposed tower would not affect their site views; antennas used will be flush-mounted near the top of the tower; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations does not oppose the 2232 application.

PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHEAST HEALTH PLANNING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) continues to affirm its support for the Mount Vernon Hospital at Parker's Lane as a keystone institution for the Mount Vernon District and for healthcare access in the entire southeastern area of Fairfax County (as expressed in our Resolution, "Public Support for Saving Mount Vernon Hospital," approved unanimously July 2003);

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WHEREAS, MVCCA has called upon the Inova Health System—in the 2003 Resolution and subsequent correspondence—to analyze and present to the public its projections of future needs in the rapidly growing and changing southeastern area and to present its analysis of both present and potential roles for Mount Vernon Hospital in anchoring the full range of services that need to be available here to people of all ages and conditions;

WHEREAS, the Southeast Health Planning Task Force received public data and such additional data as Inova was willing to share with members of the public, from February 2003 to February 2004; and whereas this Task Force concluded a year of work by approving and issuing its “Report to the Community and to the Trustees of Inova Health System” on March 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Report outlines an effective strategy for locating and delivering 24-hour emergency services, in-patient hospital services, and appropriate outpatient services (including those that require full hospital services to be located nearby) so as to be accessible to all the large, diverse, and growing population clusters in southeastern Fairfax County; whereas this strategy especially recognizes the need to build upon and enhance facilities and services at Mount Vernon Hospital so that it may continue to anchor high quality in-patient and out-patient care for residents of this area as well as to provide attractive Inova centers of excellence for patients from farther away; and whereas the Report further recommends that a Healthplex with 24-hour emergency services (sublicensed under Mount Vernon Hospital) be established in the Lorton/Laurel Hill area,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations, representing more than 70 neighborhood associations organized for nonpartisan civic activity, supports the four-point Recommendation for medical service delivery in southeastern Fairfax County that the Southeast Health Planning Task Force has delivered to the public and to the Trustees of the Inova Health System in its March 2004 Report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MVCCA urges the Trustees of Inova Health System to act in a timely manner to achieve a solid basis for public trust, constructive public dialogue, and ongoing public support during their planning process by specifying the location for key facilities as recommended in the Report and by committing substantial capital toward state-of-the-art renovation, expansion, or new construction as the final plan shall require.

DISTRACTED MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS

WHEREAS, population growth, growth in numbers of vehicles, and resulting traffic congestion in Northern Virginia require that drivers’ full attention be given to operating their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, ‘distracted driving’ is the result of unsafe operation of a vehicle caused by inattention; and

WHEREAS, in recent years there has been rapid growth in the number of and use by drivers of personal communications technologies, such as cellular telephones and other electronic devices, including pagers, hand-held computers, and video games; and

WHEREAS, the police of the various Northern Virginia jurisdictions have not been required to maintain statistics on the number of accidents in which the use of these devices is a factor; and

WHEREAS, empirical information and experience indicate that the use of these electronic devices by drivers has significantly contributed to the unsafe operation of vehicles and to the number of motor vehicle accidents; and

WHEREAS, drivers of operating vehicles should be discouraged from the use of electronic devices for other than emergency situations related to roadway safety or health issues; and

WHEREAS, drivers with a learner’s permit should not be permitted to use electronic devices while operating motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no direct fine for the use of these devices by drivers when operating a vehicle or when these devices are a factor in vehicular accidents, and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers should not use electronic devices except in emergency situations while operating school buses, because they must not only drive the bus but be responsible for order among the passengers; and

WHEREAS, hand-free accessories for cell phones are available that, when installed and used, permit the driver to keep both hands on the steering wheel when it is necessary to use a cell phone; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has implemented a law concerning distracted driving, and has set a fine of \$100 for drivers convicted of using hand held electronic devices while operating a vehicle.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens’ Associations (MVCCA) requests that the use of hand-held/portable electronic devices by drivers operating motor vehicles shall not be permitted in Fairfax County except in emergency situations or by emergency personnel, such as ambulance, fire and rescue, or police; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, appropriate fines should be established for violating these regulations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairfax County Police Department shall be required to keep in their vehicular accident reports whether a hand-held/portable electronic device was used by any of the motor vehicle drivers involved, as well as whether use of those devices was a factor in the vehicular accident; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA requests the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to request the County Executive to review this issue and prepare regulations for enactment by the Board of Supervisors or, where not permissible, prepare a request for the General Assembly to either enact appropriate legislation for the Commonwealth or permit Fairfax County to enact the regulations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Fairfax County should work with other jurisdictions in the Washington Metropolitan area to develop consistent distracted driver regulations to assist drivers in understanding and complying with them.

MOUNT VERNON COUNCIL OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS Treasurer's Report

For period from January 1, 2004 through July 8, 2004

	Budget 2004	Actual to Date	Budget to Actual (to date)
Balance Beginning Period		\$3,669.17	
RECEIPTS			
Dues*	\$4,819	\$4,671	-\$148
Record Subscriptions	\$450	\$480	\$30
Gala Income	\$3,972	\$4,265	\$293
Knowles Plaque Donations ¹	N/A	\$615	\$615
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$9,241	\$10,031	\$790
DISBURSEMENTS			
Record Expenses	\$4,700	\$2,486	-\$2,214
Administrative	\$696	\$355	-\$341
Gala	\$2,750	\$2,473	-\$277
Web Site	\$540	\$420	-\$120
Knowles Plaque	\$0	\$1,148	\$1,148
Membership	\$75	\$0	-\$75
Postage	\$480	\$200	-\$280
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$9,241	\$7,082	-\$2,159
Balance Ending Period		\$5,462.07	

¹Includes balance forward of \$440.00

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

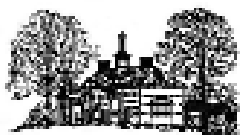
COMMITTEE CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2004

MVCCA Board-MVGC-September 9th at 8:00 pm

Date/Day/Time	Comm.	Place	Chair	Phone
9/7 T 7:30	H/HS	IMVH-C	Louise Cleveland	703.780.9151
9/7 T 7:30	COAF	MVGC	Queenie Cox	703.360.2414
9/1 W 7:30	BUDG	WWMS L	George Bauer	703.768.1774
9/8 W 7:30	ENVR	MVHSE-114	Jim Davis	703.799.3278
9/8 W 7:30	EDUC	WWMS L	Judy Harbeck	703.780.1883
9/2 Th 7:30	PSAF	MVGC	Dallas Shawkey	703.360.2185
9/7 T 8:00	TRANS	MVGC	Frank Cohn	703.780.5698
9/8 W 7:30	PL/Z	WWMS LH	Diane Donley	703.780.2804

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